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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1992**



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

1. This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the the Consumer Price Index for the eight capital cities.

2. The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eight groups which are in turn divided into subgroups. The selected items for which average prices are shown in this publication fall within the Food Group and the following non-food subgroups: household supplies and services; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care products. The items and varieties selected, however, do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups of the CPI.

Average prices

3. Prices shown are the averages of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands, etc. charged by a number of selected retailers in each city. The specified grades etc. and the retailers have been selected as representative to measure price change over time. Thus the prices do not purport to be the actual averages of all retail sales of these items. They should be regarded as no more than approximate indicators of price levels and price changes for the items concerned. Furthermore, the selected grades, brands, etc. for some items differ between cities and thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city*. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, fish, petrol and alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk are collected at the end of the quarter together with details of price changes during the quarter, and average prices calculated for the quarter. Prices for all other items are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

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A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

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(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	99	96	101	86	98	104	94	99
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	603	565	601	542	635	668	686	667
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	361	335	368	356	349	382	412	361
Butter	(b) 500 g	162	186	162	167	180	204	189	190
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	158	156	128	119	148	142	165	156
Biscuits, dry	250 g	131	129	127	129	139	155	160	134
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	278	295	290	280	306	326	317	304
Flour, self raising	2 kg	270	303	237	218	197	219	268	285
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	108	112	107	106	106	128	143	121
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	651	709	611	584	583	556	788	669
Rump steak	1 kg	1175	1090	1071	1079	1064	1015	1228	1029
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1083	965	952	1024	1032	961	1170	981
Chuck steak	1 kg	633	616	619	636	698	666	710	639
Silverside, corned	1 kg	734	678	627	616	683	686	684	798
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	513	517	560	462	525	493	558	509
Loin chops	1 kg	577	739	649	555	734	668	704	614
Forequarter chops	1 kg	367	389	459	417	494	438	523	390
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	540	509	509	586	618	706	663	515
Loin chops	1 kg	715	719	758	743	789	882	834	744
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	273	290	263	307	322	323	331	253
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	278	266	293	281	303	304	349	253
Beef corned	340 g can	229	227	234	217	239	277	262	261
Sausages	1 kg	315	406	454	354	364	424	418	319
Salmon, pink	210 g can	205	231	217	218	219	249	259	222
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	129	101	108	81	132	107	128	82
Bananas	1 kg	191	169	147	199	200	191	183	202
Potatoes	1 kg	70	82	67	69	105	58	82	66
Tomatoes	1 kg	195	181	156	247	214	252	238	190
Carrots	1 kg	122	106	72	109	98	109	154	129
Onions	1 kg	90	68	73	82	68	84	108	90
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	198	192	184	192	211	188	231	193
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	87	87	82	83	93	99	109	91
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	123	140	125	118	137	159	176	134
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	228	235	221	217	242	249	264	227
Other food									
Eggs	(c) 55g, 1 dozen	180	190	198	190	191	235	247	185
Sugar, white	2 kg	175	168	168	168	190	198	244	188
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	219	229	225	223	231	248	252	237
Tea	250 g	174	168	166	158	179	174	183	173
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	413	419	387	403	414	431	460	420
Tomato sauce	600 ml	195	182	184	143	189	172	201	200
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	152	156	134	136	130	151	191	159
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	82	92	87	86	96	98	106	87
Baby food	125 g can	50	46	47	46	50	55	53	53
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1kg	427	455	454	440	475	483	508	450
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	435	449	425	426	455	487	468	428
Facial tissues	pkt 224	240	242	238	242	250	244	266	241
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	296	308	311	301	314	316	338	309
Pet food	415 g	88	89	87	86	95	98	103	92
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	70.0	70.1	63.7	68.8	69.8	73.2	73.9	74.6
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(d)(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	1978	1901	1932	1797	2036	1987	2210	1982
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(e) 12 x 750 ml bottles	2380	2264	2252	2334	2291	2532	2825	2194
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(f) 285 ml glass	138	159	154	160	174	139	190	140
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(f) 285 ml glass	127	135	137	143	169	135	179	134
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	262	243	212	285	344	198	260	250
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	(g) 2 x 125 g	156	155	213	148	237	169	177	226
Toothpaste	140 g	212	217	215	230	221	226	244	223

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250g. (c) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 53 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (d) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (e) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles, chilled. (f) Hobart glass size 225 ml. (g) Brisbane, Perth, and Canberra: 4 x 125g.

