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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS  
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES  
DECEMBER QUARTER 1994**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Scope of publication**

1. This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in 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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. 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).

**Related publications**

5. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on request:

*Consumer Price Index (6401.0) - issued quarterly*

*A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)*

*The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0)*

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1994**  
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melb.</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
<b>Dairy products</b>									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	105	108	107	102	106	115	99	109
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g	427	467	436	457	441	505	510	451
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	359	337	342	333	334	387	400	373
Butter	(b) 500 g	174	170	155	159	162	209	198	174
<b>Cereal products</b>									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	170	156	153	128	150	154	178	170
Biscuits, dry	250 g	139	136	132	142	139	161	166	136
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	303	310	310	310	358	365	359	302
Flour, self raising	2 kg	294	325	232	195	210	240	268	311
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	123	111	115	107	121	132	151	120
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>									
<b>Beef</b>									
Silverside Roast	(c) 1 kg	829	793	782	749	830	724	1061	808
Rump steak	1 kg	1236	1085	1139	1124	1077	1169	1307	1145
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1159	997	999	1097	1113	1069	1235	1098
Chuck steak	1 kg	616	612	635	668	633	671	789	624
Silverside, corned	1 kg	705	671	654	665	731	698	678	762
<b>Lamb</b>									
Leg	1 kg	607	503	503	476	516	482	595	532
Loin chops	1 kg	682	778	713	637	759	640	801	652
Forequarter chops	1 kg	433	407	461	448	507	444	611	395
<b>Pork</b>									
Leg	1 kg	563	536	569	596	584	645	716	540
Loin chops	1 kg	771	680	771	747	764	767	855	826
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	277	314	288	331	312	333	360	272
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	284	290	290	244	309	319	331	251
Beef corned	340 g can	247	249	257	248	245	291	272	276
Sausages	1 kg	354	359	430	370	413	384	407	298
Salmon, pink	210 g can	217	264	232	247	244	304	277	253
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>									
Oranges	1 kg	191	157	102	85	174	97	153	75
Bananas	1 kg	222	204	184	240	230	222	190	208
Potatoes	1 kg	109	120	106	95	122	71	112	109
Tomatoes	1 kg	263	235	187	306	263	290	332	260
Carrots	1 kg	171	151	100	129	129	142	184	165
Onions	1 kg	108	116	78	109	102	98	149	112
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>									
Peaches	825 g can	189	192	175	185	198	210	223	188
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	88	86	80	85	95	102	112	94
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	133	134	142	121	138	164	175	136
<b>Confectionery</b>									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	243	241	229	228	241	255	271	256
<b>Other food</b>									
Eggs	(d) 55 g, 1 dozen	192	197	216	170	192	259	257	190
Sugar, white	2 kg	203	198	197	191	211	234	263	211
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	234	249	233	239	249	259	279	242
Tea	250 g	177	177	174	165	173	197	184	184
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	526	535	534	521	521	601	562	538
Tomato sauce	600 ml	174	184	194	166	198	198	209	183
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	160	154	130	138	154	148	179	159
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	90	95	101	90	95	108	112	89
Baby food	125 g can	56	52	51	53	55	64	58	54
<b>Household supplies and services</b>									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	436	444	447	447	463	499	491	458
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	362	333	331	372	373	393	391	366
Facial tissues	pkt 224	173	167	173	175	180	200	192	185
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheet rolls	293	289	286	285	275	336	297	304
Pet food	410 g	91	93	95	92	98	108	99	92
<b>Private motoring</b>									
Petrol, leaded	1 litre	67.8	69.4	60.3	70.8	69.2	75.8	73.4	71.5
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	65.8	67.4	58.3	68.7	67.2	73.8	71.4	69.5
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2043	1781	2124	1894	2131	2232	2246	2035
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2521	2384	2412	2493	2411	2588	2945	2459
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	153	162	164	175	192	159	203	156
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	141	139	151	158	186	148	194	146
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	298	254	236	311	355	209	287	268
<b>Personal care products</b>									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	158	152	149	147	157	168	176	153
Toothpaste	140 g	211	221	215	233	239	251	248	237

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250 g. (c) Adelaide price relates to blade bolar roast. (d) Eggs in Sydney have a net carton weight of 700 g per dozen. Eggs in 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 50 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (e) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (f) Darwin, chilled. (g) Hobart glass size 225 ml.

