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Scope of publication

This bulletin contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index. 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 bulletin fall within the Food Group and the following subgroups: Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this bulletin do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups.

Average prices

3. Prices shown in this bulletin 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.

4. Prices for food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this bulletin for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for non-food items shown in this bulletin are collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

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 (quarterly) (6401.0)
Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6402.0)
Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin (6413.0)
A Guide to the Consumer Price Index

6. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available

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(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
Dairy produce								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600 ml	53	54	52	46	50	48	46
Milk, evaporated	410g can	29	30	28	31	31	30	31
Cheese, processed	250g	55	56	55	58	56	58	58
Butter	500g	94	88	93	91	88	90	96
Cereal products								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced	680g	54	47	46	56	54	52	57
Biscuits, dry	225g	41	41	39	42	47	47	41
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	68	70	71	70	84	76	72
Flour, self-raising	1kg	38	47	40	42	47	54	43
Rice	500g	35	37	37	37	39	39	37
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Rib, without bone	1kg	233	224	223	274	216	224	248
Rump steak	1kg	400	392	348	427	425	436	473
T-bone steak, without fillet (a)	1kg	367	310	336	374	344	402	414
Chuck steak	1kg	206	173	213	238	220	210	228
Silverside, corned	1kg	245	230	236	292	269	278	279
Sausages	1kg	134	147	140	135	150	161	136
Lamb								
Leg	1kg	257	228	295	260	305	288	285
Loin chops	1kg	281	262	310	312	310	301	347
Forequarter chops	1kg	207	197	276	285	267	265	266
Pork								
Leg	1kg	354	317	322	370	351	355	360
Chops	1kg	352	324	325	371	326	361	364
Chicken, frozen	1kg	169	188	192	203	185	208	180
Bacon	250g pkt	128	145	116	127	122	130	132
Beef, corned	340g can	88	96	92	87	95	101	95
Salmon, pink	220g can	90	100	96	97	101	104	94
Fruit and vegetables								
Oranges	1kg	55	44	59	55	61	59	35
Bananas	1kg	89	93	77	86	104	108	86
Potatoes	1kg	39	44	40	51	47	45	38
Tomatoes	1kg	150	167	121	145	150	204	156
Carrots	1kg	61	62	60	65	49	74	60
Onions	1kg	48	47	36	52	53	53	47
Peaches	825g can	56	63	63	63	67	71	62
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	42	43	40	45	48	45	43
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	52	56	59	62	61	61	60
Confectionery								
Chocolate, block	200g	82	80	81	85	82	84	84
Other food								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	99	110	114	121	116	133	99
Sugar	2kg	69	69	67	71	69	73	76
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	82	88	80	82	91	90	86
Tea	250g	78	74	77	79	80	81	81
Coffee, instant	150g jar	260	250	265	253	268	257	272
Tomato sauce	300ml (b)	71	73	41	39	43	43	72
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500g	75	87	83	81	85	88	76
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	450g	34	36	35	35	36	37	35
Baby food	125g can	17	19	19	19	20	20	19
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent	750g	104	111	112	110	119	116	108
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	93	96	95	94	102	99	96
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	61	62	62	63	65	65	65
Toilet paper	2x500 sheet rolls(c)	59	61	58	58	65	62	64
Pet food	405g	32	32	33	34	34	37	33
Alcoholic beverages								
Beer	740ml bottle	95	86	(d)112	89	89	93	91
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (e)	43	48	n.a.	42	43	42	45
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (f)	69	75	71	71	96	74	68
Personal care products								
Toilet soap	2x125g	51	52	51	50	59	55	51
Toothpaste	110g	59	59	61	61	63	62	62

(a) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml. (c) Brisbane, Adelaide and Hobart 2x550 sheets. (d) Beer prices in Brisbane were affected by an industrial dispute. This led to the import of beer from other sources which was sold at higher prices than local beer. (e) Adelaide and Hobart 225ml, Perth 200ml. Draught beer in Brisbane was not available at most outlets at the pricing date. (f) Brisbane, Adelaide and Hobart 1oz.