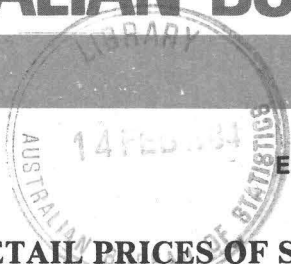




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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES DECEMBER QUARTER 1983

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

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 beverages; 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 completely comparable from city to city.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, petrol and packaged alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk and bar sales of alcoholic beverages 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)

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1983
(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>	<i>Darwin</i>
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	79	86	84	76	79	80	76	90
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	439	482	427	453	420	438	454	467
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	223	220	206	234	211	224	216	227
Butter	500g	165	161	154	160	151	170	176	173
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	82	91	80	81	87	88	92	96
Biscuits, dry	250g	67	76	71	76	75	76	75	81
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	118	120	114	120	132	122	125	127
Flour, self-raising	2kg	153	160	117	121	132	151	151	158
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	81	82	77	74	81	86	88	93
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	454	476	426	458	463	501	435	553
Rump steak	1kg	753	707	706	750	752	780	748	793
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	688	623	621	673	663	721	666	725
Chuck steak	1kg	423	412	475	465	458	486	432	512
Silverside, corned	1kg	478	469	447	505	470	514	444	488
Sausages	1kg	234	260	301	288	255	290	268	353
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	355	312	425	331	414	383	367	403
Loin chops	1kg	348	367	460	382	418	428	369	459
Forequarter chops	1kg	259	213	432	287	378	342	278	349
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	443	388	463	481	503	524	432	516
Loin chops	1kg	498	470	527	566	487	598	446	615
Chicken, frozen	1kg	241	266	239	283	264	295	241	274
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	210	238	182	195	181	216	224	209
Beef, corned	340g can	175	181	175	169	175	196	192	179
Salmon, pink	220g can	128	146	121	132	135	143	141	143
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	80	73	82	86	115	111	53	97
Bananas	1kg	105	98	69	108	148	130	95	115
Potatoes	1kg	82	74	81	87	76	72	99	95
Tomatoes	1kg	177	178	133	178	243	276	168	219
Carrots	1kg	102	111	108	90	73	134	113	119
Onions	1kg	127	118	126	126	108	124	136	160
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	100	109	91	109	113	113	109	119
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	65	65	58	62	65	64	68	72
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	89	89	89	93	82	96	99	105
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	138	135	134	138	128	135	159	149
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	155	181	158	186	155	183	162	213
Sugar, white	2 kg	126	124	117	125	119	131	132	136
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	126	131	132	127	111	131	140	147
Tea	250g	111	114	106	109	109	110	111	111
Coffee, instant	150g jar	342	322	331	326	326	344	343	338
Tomato sauce	600ml	112	106	95	104	106	119	118	106
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	92	114	111	112	119	105	113	121
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	63	53	54	52	51	59	62	63
Baby food	125g can	27	25	27	27	28	29	30	31
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	248	267	261	257	266	270	271	270
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	205	224	206	226	214	220	227	227
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	148	146	138	140	147	151	155	145
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls (d)(e)	261	251	251	245	232	170	266	273
Pet food	405g	56	57	52	54	57	60	59	65
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	45.4	46.5	46.1	47.9	45.8	51.1	48.2	48.0
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	151	124	134	135	131	133	137	...
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(f)	1,447	1,399	1,377	1,276	1,296	1,389	1,431	1,607
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(g)	82	80	79	76	92	66	76	94
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	113	112	102	107	141	96	105	151
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	89	94	83	88	90	97	90	87
Toothpaste	140g(e)	139	144	131	139	139	140	148	140

(a) Darwin price relates to 2x600ml cartons sold in shops. (b) Perth and Darwin prices relate to milk loaves. (c) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart without fillet. (d) Hobart 4x500 sheet rolls. (e) Not comparable with previously published prices due to change in specification. (f) Darwin 24x375ml bottles. (g) Hobart 225ml glass.