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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
DECEMBER QUARTER 1985**

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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)

The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0) (\$2.50, \$3.70 incl. postage)

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.

Symbols and other usages

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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>	<i>Darwin</i>
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2 x 600ml	88	97	90	88	88	94	76	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	72	73	78	69	75	74	66	74
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	451	466	441	433	444	463	460	460
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	204	214	227	212	220	229	246	219
Butter	500g	167	170	160	154	154	176	181	164
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	101	100	92	91	102	95	110	111
Biscuits, dry	250g	85	96	89	89	98	99	101	100
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	155	156	145	153	170	164	170	161
Flour, self-raising	2kg	180	195	158	160	155	175	212	186
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	81	78	76	77	77	89	92	94
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	466	498	451	517	516	543	425	531
Rump steak	1kg	798	793	758	847	833	832	815	828
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	747	654	698	776	783	773	729	796
Chuck steak	1kg	440	443	480	518	533	527	449	521
Silverside, corned	1kg	514	510	494	504	515	540	516	530
Sausages	1kg	241	274	313	294	268	302	255	328
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	373	333	430	340	443	389	367	437
Loin chops	1kg	359	440	498	397	490	396	423	517
Forequarter chops	1kg	251	244	569	298	405	330	276	378
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	494	443	485	514	558	594	506	576
Loin chops	1kg	538	530	553	603	583	641	548	726
Chicken, frozen	1kg	259	278	252	264	274	304	279	284
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	229	229	185	216	190	249	224	224
Beef, corned	340g can	185	201	183	179	193	204	213	185
Salmon, pink	220g can	169	179	164	179	170	185	180	185
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	114	91	98	105	141	130	66	110
Bananas	1kg	123	124	84	119	128	130	114	136
Potatoes	1kg	72	59	58	70	70	61	69	95
Tomatoes	1kg	178	164	145	217	290	362	166	246
Carrots	1kg	108	99	90	86	72	124	116	112
Onions	1kg	72	61	53	64	65	91	72	83
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	119	116	127	121	139	136	132	143
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	70	71	63	68	74	75	81	74
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	78	89	87	88	90	96	106	106
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	150	150	148	145	147	151	173	159
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	166	179	173	195	162	198	184	221
Sugar, white	2 kg	133	131	128	132	134	141	145	153
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	148	145	146	143	140	149	156	152
Tea	250g	151	145	144	149	149	157	166	154
Coffee, instant	150g jar	410	409	420	399	412	396	452	376
Tomato sauce	600ml	123	114	108	102	115	116	134	120
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	123	131	132	125	136	133	138	126
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	60	58	62	61	60	61	70	65
Baby food	125g can	30	28	28	32	32	32	36	34
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	297	307	295	289	313	346	320	283
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	340	358	349	344	365	377	355	346
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	161	156	156	159	171	166	173	157
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	256	276	247	267	253	254	280	233
Pet food	415g	64	64	61	63	72	68	70	69
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	54.6	51.6	51.0	52.7	53.0	58.1	54.7	54.2
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	171	147	151	161	153	153	159	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(d)	1,628	1,604	1,514	1,469	1,486	1,526	1,692	1,907
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(e)	99	96	92	93	114	79	95	119
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	134	133	118	123	158	107	130	177
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	111	112	107	107	114	110	118	105
Toothpaste	140g	163	171	161	150	158	172	178	151

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Darwin 24 x 375ml bottles. (e) Hobart 225ml glass.