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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES DECEMBER QUARTER 1987

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

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 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 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)

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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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1987
(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>
Dairy products									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2 x 600 ml	96	84	102	98	83	108	90	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	83	78	87	75	83	83	76	82
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	498	531	482	499	522	514	528	523
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	241	248	222	242	252	269	250	275
Butter	500 g	180	186	171	164	154	164	183	200
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	113	106	100	94	115	107	119	119
Biscuits, dry	250 g	99	104	91	94	101	102	99	115
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	188	186	179	175	210	204	182	202
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	212	229	176	178	162	188	221	223
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	92	88	84	94	97	105	93	116
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	521	533	506	515	510	574	472	599
Rump steak	1 kg	871	863	837	894	818	901	820	937
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	832	718	780	809	764	842	773	877
Chuck steak	1 kg	497	484	521	568	533	583	485	637
Silverside, corned	1 kg	566	564	547	554	532	591	583	532
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	437	425	480	439	494	448	402	513
Loin chops	1 kg	484	567	562	547	570	511	482	620
Forequarter chops	1 kg	324	347	439	411	453	416	324	457
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	504	490	515	521	514	629	497	586
Loin chops	1 kg	610	618	633	644	597	682	606	729
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	262	305	269	309	311	333	227	355
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	224	244	209	241	216	270	230	266
Beef, corned	340 g can	204	213	204	199	210	225	216	205
Sausages	1 kg	265	318	339	314	270	342	295	356
Salmon, pink	210 g can	226	237	217	229	243	255	230	251
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	120	106	93	93	134	147	69	118
Bananas	1 kg	113	120	79	102	129	153	104	153
Potatoes	1 kg	76	64	59	80	84	75	71	96
Tomatoes	1 kg	215	240	165	314	273	332	221	268
Carrots	1 kg	116	121	84	105	76	172	125	139
Onions	1 kg	92	86	75	104	100	143	100	144
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	138	137	134	141	154	159	136	162
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	72	76	65	72	80	82	72	79
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	88	98	87	95	92	126	99	121
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	200 g	165	163	163	159	166	173	172	190
Other food									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	159	167	181	188	168	200	164	235
Sugar, white	2 kg	158	154	148	155	163	167	158	180
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	173	172	175	160	171	188	175	184
Tea	250 g	143	144	135	146	141	154	143	151
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	462	475	487	449	464	487	482	489
Tomato sauce	600 ml	126	118	132	119	133	137	131	142
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	117	114	108	121	128	130	116	144
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	73	72	74	76	73	78	73	85
Baby food	125 g can	38	32	34	36	36	38	37	40
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	357	364	339	323	359	380	350	378
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	340	362	341	333	354	372	332	361
Facial tissues	pkt 224	171	169	166	166	165	191	169	181
Toilet paper	6 x 500 sheet rolls	266	282	265	273	283	296	261	321
Pet food	415 g	72	75	71	72	80	86	68	89
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	55.4	57.1	54.5	52.8	57.8	62.5	58.5	57.1
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750 ml bottle	201	180	184	189	186	195	192	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled(e)	12 x 750 ml bottles	1974	1838	1816	1795	1869	2008	1995	2322
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	123	118	113	110	140	130	113	136
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	174	160	152	151	192	143	160	204
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	122	124	118	114	129	137	118	128
Toothpaste	140 g	188	193	182	180	189	205	187	193

(a) Melbourne and Perth prices relate to 1 litre carton, delivered. Hobart price relates to 2 x 600 ml cartons, delivered. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Eggs in cities other than Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Melbourne have a minimum net weight of 56 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. (e) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles.