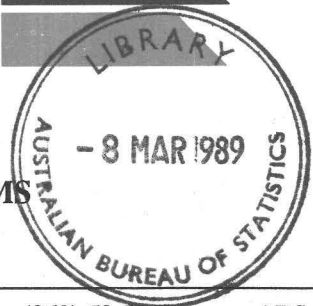


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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
DECEMBER QUARTER 1988**

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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)*

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(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, delivered(a)	1 Litre	102	86	90	81	88	88	82	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	88	80	89	77	87	88	82	84
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	565	584	549	534	529	523	573	573
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	264	281	265	252	279	302	264	288
Butter	500 g	184	194	172	164	167	192	188	209
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	126	123	108	101	120	116	129	126
Biscuits, dry	250 g	109	117	100	109	110	122	107	133
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	215	213	201	196	219	237	194	216
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	225	251	198	188	176	194	237	229
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	97	95	94	92	102	116	100	125
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	617	563	542	563	575	583	536	628
Rump steak	1 kg	986	982	912	973	906	997	843	973
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	933	826	849	897	857	896	855	950
Chuck steak	1 kg	562	544	555	616	592	653	547	709
Silverside, corned	1 kg	634	612	587	573	595	644	636	597
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	481	457	496	450	551	451	471	544
Loin chops	1 kg	550	623	605	572	661	564	568	683
Forequarter chops	1 kg	365	369	450	422	512	400	358	474
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	542	512	537	551	560	652	529	633
Loin chops	1 kg	661	676	675	663	649	731	648	749
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	281	305	283	309	323	343	258	339
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	230	250	225	246	252	272	246	272
Beef, corned	340 g can	211	220	206	206	228	238	219	215
Sausages	1 kg	297	373	394	331	336	371	321	377
Salmon, pink	210 g can	303	323	289	309	316	362	297	331
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	150	147	129	109	150	132	89	157
Bananas	1 kg	152	158	102	131	184	158	138	155
Potatoes	1 kg	101	108	83	115	124	82	99	125
Tomatoes	1 kg	221	264	181	264	234	332	231	307
Carrots	1 kg	162	176	100	147	109	199	160	186
Onions	1 kg	192	202	186	235	159	169	198	251
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	149	150	154	156	170	166	151	174
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	74	77	67	72	80	82	74	88
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	108	121	105	112	110	140	118	131
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	200 g	179	185	180	174	187	198	182	187
Other food									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	205	186	196	203	181	218	207	247
Sugar, white	2 kg	172	167	158	162	178	180	172	189
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	184	188	179	177	182	191	184	190
Tea	250 g	143	145	138	141	144	155	148	149
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	482	491	465	455	475	503	466	438
Tomato sauce	600 ml	140	136	122	124	147	137	138	128
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	128	136	122	135	130	161	124	143
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	72	75	78	76	80	84	67	89
Baby food	125 g can	40	35	35	36	37	39	40	40
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	364	379	355	342	371	403	365	380
Dishwashing detergent(e)	1 litre	364	383	357	356	380	407	358	381
Facial tissues	pkt 224	183	185	175	185	183	196	180	192
Toilet paper(f)	4 x 300 sheet rolls	294	308	308	296	304	343	287	304
Pet food	415 g	78	80	80	77	88	95	79	99
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	50.6	49.9	49.4	54.1	53.6	60.7	54.1	57.7
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled (g)(h)	24 x 375 ml bottle	1537	1781	1871	1646	1771	1828	1788	2207
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	1949	1781	1807	1793	1866	2048	1963	n.a.
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	127	123	121	116	139	135	120	144
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (g)	285 ml glass	116	115	110	132	132	126	n.y.a.	143
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	191	180	173	180	197	158	179	212
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	129	134	124	125	139	147	126	141
Toothpaste	140 g	191	204	192	186	214	220	194	211

(a) Sydney 2 x 600ml bottles. Brisbane, Hobart and Canberra prices not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 53g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. The prices for Melbourne and Darwin are not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification. (e) Price not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification. (f) All cities now relate to 4 x 300 sheet rolls. All cities except for Darwin are not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification. (g) New specification. Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (h) Sydney 24 x 345 ml bottles, unchilled. Perth 24 x 345 ml bottles, chilled.

