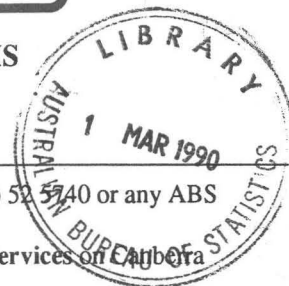




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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS  
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES  
DECEMBER QUARTER 1989**

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**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).

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1989**  
(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>
<b>Dairy products</b>									
Milk, carton, delivered(a)	1 litre	109	89	93	85	90	92	87	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	87	82	92	80	90	92	87	87
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	625	654	592	618	631	592	635	586
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	307	300	317	278	330	330	307	323
Butter	500 g	188	209	184	159	182	204	180	185
<b>Cereal products</b>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	134	133	116	106	136	123	138	133
Biscuits, dry	250 g	112	117	105	107	117	132	110	132
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	213	216	213	206	250	258	211	238
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	242	280	205	200	199	202	247	244
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	104	99	97	102	107	112	102	126
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>									
<b>Beef</b>									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	658	617	603	579	552	612	637	589
Rump steak	1 kg	1116	1084	1024	995	1014	985	897	1078
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	1030	929	903	983	928	893	964	1067
Chuck steak	1 kg	641	612	608	611	624	648	617	724
Silverside, corned	1 kg	709	694	604	620	637	648	678	595
<b>Lamb</b>									
Leg	1 kg	510	474	550	473	554	486	502	587
Loin chops	1 kg	599	701	659	612	686	589	607	712
Forequarter chops	1 kg	400	397	456	432	499	409	374	488
<b>Pork</b>									
Leg	1 kg	583	550	586	592	630	685	557	643
Loin chops	1 kg	725	719	735	719	744	843	692	809
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	323	304	334	303	346	339	278	343
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	254	272	263	269	294	301	240	308
Beef, corned	340 g can	220	227	217	206	241	241	235	231
Sausages	1 kg	323	397	432	339	366	378	308	432
Salmon, pink	210 g can	299	328	287	296	284	344	291	326
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>									
Oranges	1 kg	145	120	113	97	143	135	86	134
Bananas	1 kg	202	191	142	158	193	200	175	155
Potatoes	1 kg	153	197	130	180	122	93	142	164
Tomatoes	1 kg	287	304	198	336	298	412	268	363
Carrots	1 kg	187	174	124	124	108	192	173	196
Onions	1 kg	128	136	110	140	109	139	119	152
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>									
Peaches	825 g can	163	167	163	165	177	193	168	203
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	75	80	69	73	85	81	74	92
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	135	146	134	134	136	159	141	n.a.
<b>Confectionery</b>									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	197	190	193	180	205	216	205	219
<b>Other food</b>									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	177	192	204	225	193	235	176	254
Sugar, white	2 kg	217	202	200	201	234	225	210	250
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	195	197	189	176	193	210	191	207
Tea	250 g	150	150	141	135	152	149	145	160
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	452	440	444	434	465	458	437	468
Tomato sauce	600 ml	163	150	151	132	160	151	157	157
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	146	145	128	132	151	152	131	176
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	80	81	81	79	83	84	77	94
Baby food	125 g can	43	41	37	35	40	44	41	45
<b>Household supplies and services</b>									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	402	414	392	378	415	442	395	418
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	368	386	369	365	392	403	357	401
Facial tissues	pkt 224	196	197	202	188	195	202	196	194
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	311	323	309	325	330	333	296	348
Pet food	415 g	78	78	82	73	90	85	74	97
<b>Private motoring</b>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	59.6	57.9	56.4	58.6	62.0	67.1	59.9	63.0
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled (e)(f)	24 x 375 ml bottles	1710	1852	1987	1655	1997	1915	1872	2083
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	2048	1867	1918	1897	1928	2177	2064	n.a.
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	140	136	128	129	158	145	125	161
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (e)(g)	285 ml glass	128	125	118	116	154	131	131	162
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	217	197	188	209	232	168	200	226
<b>Personal care products</b>									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	135	141	133	132	146	146	136	141
Toothpaste	140 g	204	199	194	186	212	209	188	194

(a) Sydney 2 x 600ml bottles. (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. (e) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (f) Sydney 24 x 345 ml bottles, unchilled. Perth 24 x 375ml bottles, chilled. (g) Melbourne price not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification.

