

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

EIGHT
CAPITAL
CITIES

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NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the eight capital cities.

The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eleven groups which are in turn divided into subgroups. The items for which average prices are shown in this publication comprise a selection of items from the CPI food group and the following non-food subgroups: household supplies; sport and other recreation; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care.

AVERAGE PRICES

Prices shown are the geometric means of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands, etc. charged by a number of selected retailers in each city. The items and the retailers have been selected as representative to measure price change over time rather than to measure the average prices of all retail sales of these items in each of the 8 capital cities. Therefore they should be regarded as no more than approximate indicators of price levels for the items concerned. Furthermore, the selected grades, brands, etc. for some items differ between cities and may also differ from one period to the next due to changes in product specifications. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter.*

Changes in the price levels of the items in this publication may differ from those in *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, (cat. no. 6401.0) because those indexes are adjusted to take account of changes in the quality of the items priced; no such adjustment is made to the price levels presented in this publication. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for milk, bread, fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol and alcohol and are averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for all other items included in this publication are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

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Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, cat. no. 6401.0
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series*, cat. no. 6440.0

FORTHCOMING ISSUE

The March quarter 2003 issue is expected to be released on 7 May 2003.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The weight of eggs priced in Hobart and Darwin are now 59 g to improve the comparability of prices across the capital cities. Previously the 52 g (Hobart) and 54 g (Darwin) eggs were priced.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Steve Whennan on Canberra 02 6252 6251, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Dairy and related products								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	154	156	159	154	159	146	176	145
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	381	385	360	372	375	388	409	396
Butter (500 g) (a)	236	228	204	199	232	261	240	254
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	256	279	251	267	257	278	274	264
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	169	175	170	171	162	197	185	170
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	341	339	332	334	364	382	349	351
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	363	369	288	278	335	265	272	379
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	181	194	169	178	201	201	191	186
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	1 076	989	1 011	1 005	1 135	916	1 056	1 164
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 547	1 521	1 479	1 497	1 505	1 327	1 482	1 534
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 587	1 533	1 362	1 533	1 696	1 358	1 606	1 607
Chuck steak (1 kg)	833	839	833	899	959	899	900	885
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	750	712	688	729	793	739	742	754
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	788	719	752	742	796	739	780	784
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 256	1 213	1 237	1 240	1 355	1 185	1 310	1 312
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	707	665	722	751	839	713	766	704
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	656	647	684	715	779	770	755	669
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 165	1 065	1 082	1 154	1 163	1 041	1 176	1 129
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	383	375	362	362	387	384	373	389
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	413	383	403	374	405	387	390	421
Sausages (1 kg)	524	585	488	539	702	535	450	496
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	248	257	262	238	260	308	264	273
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	280	259	188	115	303	177	286	286
Bananas (1 kg)	234	217	192	210	321	222	288	211
Potatoes (1 kg)	147	200	191	142	169	139	190	161
Tomatoes (1 kg)	399	386	339	397	356	386	429	373
Carrots (1 kg)	228	178	173	202	131	187	213	206
Onions (1 kg)	170	139	146	146	113	145	173	162
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	211	227	227	233	208	237	225	230
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	133	139	139	123	140	140	137	136
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	160	162	153	144	160	179	162	166
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	321	362	340	303	317	370	327	335
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d), (e)	277	298	304	250	336	345	389	286
Sugar, white (2 kg) (e)	205	224	218	199	243	276	228	230
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	265	261	260	252	248	299	290	287
Teabags (180 g pkt)	370	394	362	347	361	427	376	396
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	644	618	584	559	607	634	584	620
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	168	180	175	174	174	199	188	179
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	214	225	218	215	220	238	235	226
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	110	114	110	111	112	122	111	118
Baby food (120 g can)	77	78	73	71	75	84	78	78

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	481	504	510	500	512	526	498	517
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	351	331	349	320	322	358	354	353
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	209	214	208	202	205	222	224	220
Toilet paper (4 x 250 sheet rolls)	345	346	350	305	334	367	330	331
Pet food (400 g)	94	96	100	86	103	113	99	99
Private motoring								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	92.8	91.3	84.9	92.0	94.5	99.1	98.8	97.2
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	88.9	87.8	81.1	88.1	90.6	95.3	95.6	93.5
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (f)	2 440	2 270	2 634	2 361	2 595	2 464	2 796	2 347
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (g)	3 038	3 154	3 039	3 059	3 030	3 326	3 322	2 963
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (f)	184	216	204	218	278	230	236	177
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	206	253	218	261	287	264	262	206
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	400	377	335	422	449	340	392	337
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	285	267	267	239	257	327	265	281
Toothpaste (140 g)	236	220	265	239	241	254	252	258

(a) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra
2 x 250 g.

(b) Hobart 680 g.

(c) Brisbane and Darwin prices relate to
topside roast. Adelaide price relates to
blade bolar roast.

(d) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and
Canberra have a net carton weight of 700 g
per dozen. Eggs in Adelaide have a minimum
net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Perth have a
minimum net weight of 58 g. Eggs in
Hobart (formerly 52 g) and Darwin (formerly
54 g) have a minimum net weight of 59 g.

(e) Represents average price of brand name and
generic brand products. Formerly only
represented brand name products.

(f) Includes light and mid strength beer with an
alcoholic content equal to or less than 3.5%.

(g) Alcoholic content of full strength beer is
greater than 3.5%.

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