

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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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 selected items for which average prices are shown in this publication fall within the Food Group and the following non-food subgroups: household supplies; sport and other recreation; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care. The items and varieties selected, however, do not comprise all the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups of the CPI.

AVERAGE PRICES

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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. 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).

Commencing with the December quarter 1996, average retail prices are calculated using the geometric mean of the individual observations.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, Jun Qtr 2001

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)	135	145	141	136	146	131	151	128
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	363	353	333	329	341	378	378	366
Butter (500 g) (a)	217	233	168	185	213	226	239	217
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)(c)	250	258	242	238	240	260	248	246
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	166	170	178	176	163	196	191	167
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	274	281	264	288	331	374	314	310
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	346	336	285	275	287	281	315	354
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	169	181	164	158	188	186	184	169
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (d)	929	999	888	866	931	869	1 021	981
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 448	1 388	1 302	1 409	1 334	1 222	1 350	1 398
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 439	1 442	1 268	1 336	1 374	1 209	1 395	1 445
Chuck steak (1 kg)	742	746	711	794	772	751	814	801
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	751	728	666	764	767	726	792	804
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	662	640	662	642	683	635	678	682
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 024	1 112	1 017	984	1 063	928	1 019	1 144
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	587	647	609	675	683	649	680	628
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	619	647	610	691	700	709	711	647
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 033	1 015	966	945	985	912	970	1 118
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	333	341	320	342	386	401	424	353
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	361	326	367	363	402	388	402	370
Sausages (1 kg)	475	558	477	531	626	549	455	487
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	254	261	266	280	318	313	296	297
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	238	194	191	125	343	215	325	208
Bananas (1 kg)	177	181	165	179	257	177	290	171
Potatoes (1 kg)	133	205	165	111	153	107	167	145
Tomatoes (1kg)	390	362	372	437	345	392	499	386
Carrots (1 kg)	228	163	182	204	130	197	240	230
Onions (1 kg)	202	173	208	191	141	134	209	189
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	209	213	213	219	205	226	234	201
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	124	125	120	117	137	134	122	123
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	145	143	146	132	152	165	163	152
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	328	335	343	294	314	363	326	316
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (e)	300	330	293	263	313	305	350	302
Sugar, white (2 kg)	250	227	230	218	262	283	229	263
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	256	259	263	230	269	307	264	262
Teabags (180 g pkt)	351	365	348	323	360	425	358	366
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	635	635	613	582	678	691	631	644
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	169	180	168	166	210	210	192	179
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	174	167	179	170	182	195	155	184
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	108	104	104	111	99	113	118	112
Baby food (120 g can)	69	76	67	63	67	82	68	69

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	505	513	500	514	509	573	511	509
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	314	317	311	305	303	351	338	317
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	198	203	207	191	195	222	219	204
Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls)	349	331	338	308	323	365	333	324
Pet food (400 g)	94	91	101	88	97	109	93	92
Private motoring								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre) (f)	97.5	94.8	87.1	98.0	97.0	100.1	106.4	100.8
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	94.3	91.7	84.0	95.0	93.9	97.4	103.5	97.8
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (g)	2 297	2 155	2 542	2 407	2 554	2 380	2 695	2 277
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (h)	3 090	3 062	3 000	3 069	2 991	3 060	3 240	3 011
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	198	242	208	247	274	255	261	203
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	176	200	194	202	267	224	230	173
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	386	373	320	409	422	315	376	325
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	248	259	226	257	273	331	309	256
Toothpaste (140 g)	237	226	267	241	248	277	270	241

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

(b) Hobart 680 g.

(c) Darwin formerly 680 g.

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

(e) Eggs in Sydney and Canberra have a net
carton weight of 700 g per dozen. Eggs in
Melbourne and Perth have a minimum net
weight of 61 g. Eggs in Brisbane have a
minimum net weight of 59 g. Eggs in
Adelaide have a minimum net weight of
55 g. Eggs in Hobart have a minimum net
weight of 52 g. Eggs in Darwin have
minimum net weight of 54 g.

(f) Formerly included super petrol where
applicable.

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

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

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