

## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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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, butter, bread, fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, margarine, 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).

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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
- *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods*, cat. no. 6461.0.

#### FORTHCOMING ISSUE

The September quarter 2003 issue is expected to be released on 5 November 2003.

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
<b>Dairy and related products</b>								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	157	156	159	157	161	148	180	144
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	371	363	356	361	370	385	398	382
Butter (500 g) (a)	232	234	205	206	220	261	239	248
<b>Bread and cereal products</b>								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	270	285	263	268	258	303	287	268
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	176	181	174	181	168	199	194	178
Breakfast cereal, corn based (525 g) (c)	333	327	338	325	383	392	370	339
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	388	416	375	342	386	271	370	429
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	194	214	193	195	205	217	219	200
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (d)	1 113	1 028	1 055	1 004	1 063	958	1 149	1 206
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 559	1 596	1 525	1 542	1 576	1 365	1 484	1 608
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 690	1 580	1 547	1 623	1 703	1 398	1 721	1 696
Chuck steak (1 kg)	881	850	845	892	953	895	907	945
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	733	686	683	746	798	699	777	763
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	857	788	818	812	853	769	852	825
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 378	1 372	1 356	1 343	1 467	1 230	1 386	1 419
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	785	757	779	790	870	740	818	727
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	608	662	628	668	808	767	723	688
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 189	1 073	1 102	1 138	1 191	1 072	1 142	1 197
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	402	415	367	367	390	367	420	410
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	415	359	417	382	382	378	452	429
Sausages (1 kg)	537	515	506	537	698	530	473	505
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	235	259	251	240	274	312	265	272
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges (1 kg)	249	213	184	132	359	199	314	208
Bananas (1 kg)	229	211	196	216	259	196	286	218
Potatoes (1 kg)	160	196	221	122	181	154	229	152
Tomatoes (1 kg)	379	348	340	414	358	392	450	346
Carrots (1 kg)	232	178	185	202	138	174	219	218
Onions (1 kg)	207	184	219	197	160	143	225	222
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>								
Peaches (825 g can)	213	227	225	229	224	258	233	227
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	139	142	145	129	140	152	140	140
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	162	170	157	155	169	172	179	160
<b>Snacks and confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	310	349	339	323	322	328	293	297
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs (1 dozen) (e), (f)	327	314	338	308	394	374	407	313
Sugar, white (2 kg) (f)	218	229	223	204	244	265	224	232
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	284	258	273	263	271	313	289	280
Teabags (180 g pkt)	361	378	343	351	349	437	352	373
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	640	618	598	557	590	682	582	642
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	168	178	168	163	183	184	180	177
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	231	235	229	221	222	249	237	236
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	116	118	103	117	115	122	123	117
Baby food (120 g can)	74	76	72	69	72	82	77	74

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
<b>Household supplies</b>								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	540	541	515	499	485	555	530	577
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	339	337	327	324	322	365	338	345
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	188	195	193	184	213	211	185	199
Toilet paper (4 x 250 sheet rolls)	296	299	300	296	305	294	306	310
Pet food (400 g)	109	103	105	100	101	111	100	108
<b>Private motoring</b>								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	90.9	89.1	80.1	90.9	91.7	95.8	101.6	93.7
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	88.3	86.3	76.8	86.2	88.4	92.4	98.8	89.8
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (g)	2 301	2 291	2 594	2 463	2 712	2 675	2 737	2 268
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (h)	3 062	3 238	3 064	3 179	3 121	3 419	3 395	3 032
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	189	220	206	231	284	235	238	187
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	214	258	221	269	294	271	266	214
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	408	385	341	436	449	347	396	346
<b>Personal care</b>								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	287	289	286	273	273	319	300	284
Toothpaste (140 g)	234	249	243	224	231	254	265	251

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

(b) Hobart 680 g.

(c) Formerly 550 g.

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

(e) Eggs in all capital cities have a minimum  
net carton weight of 700 g per dozen eggs,  
except Adelaide where they have a minimum  
net carton weight of 600 g per dozen.

(f) Represents average price of brand name and  
generic brand products.

(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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