

## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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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 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 of 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.

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (6401.0)
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (6440.0).

#### FORTHCOMING ISSUE

The December quarter 2000 issue is expected to be released on 7 February 2001.

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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)	133	147	142	137	144	129	149	122
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	343	328	350	317	343	387	368	354
Butter (500 g) (a)	189	213	180	186	209	215	234	188
<b>Bread and cereal products</b>								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	236	246	217	219	221	239	224	233
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	156	170	176	174	160	198	191	159
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	294	273	293	282	364	355	310	292
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	342	322	273	268	276	274	298	340
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	153	159	153	147	177	175	173	161
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	790	821	799	859	882	789	909	850
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 223	1 113	1 104	1 202	1 143	1 080	1 227	1 235
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 214	1 140	1 080	1 209	1 287	1 099	1 293	1 253
Chuck steak (1 kg)	635	662	646	703	696	675	732	674
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	693	661	573	658	715	631	643	758
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	599	521	585	589	615	578	622	551
Loin chops (1 kg)	846	922	868	928	963	788	949	916
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	464	542	526	587	609	537	584	446
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	580	593	607	675	622	746	720	615
Loin chops (1 kg)	947	896	929	884	900	867	915	1 033
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	369	353	354	339	360	325	414	368
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	353	319	350	298	398	365	356	331
Sausages (1 kg)	435	494	442	454	551	476	473	428
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	252	260	249	248	264	275	274	255
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges (1 kg)	171	149	154	106	218	155	228	162
Bananas (1 kg)	242	236	220	232	286	235	287	219
Potatoes (1 kg)	109	135	112	75	135	103	135	121
Tomatoes (1kg)	331	324	290	386	321	409	421	353
Carrots (1 kg)	175	145	125	156	127	154	213	158
Onions (1 kg)	143	110	116	112	102	138	161	147
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>								
Peaches (825 g can)	202	223	212	213	217	225	243	207
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	119	117	120	113	126	132	120	118
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	134	133	139	123	146	156	162	132
<b>Snacks and confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	309	306	295	279	296	326	291	295
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	294	323	264	247	296	303	311	274
Sugar, white (2 kg)	218	209	212	201	235	261	221	224
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	245	260	247	239	241	272	250	255
Teabags (180 g pkt)	325	336	326	327	352	400	328	335
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	624	623	604	551	570	655	543	636
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	179	178	174	173	202	190	184	162
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	175	153	177	143	189	217	184	189
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	103	101	107	100	104	113	107	103
Baby food (120 g can)	63	71	67	63	68	79	68	63

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)	469	465	487	462	467	515	480	461
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	302	305	309	306	310	335	316	295
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	186	176	180	168	172	215	185	190
Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls) (e)	298	296	298	270	310	333	290	310
Pet food (400 g) (f)	95	95	99	87	100	113	93	90
<b>Private motoring</b>								
Petrol, super grade (1 litre) (g)	95.9	94.9	87.5	95.4	97.0	102.2	103.8	98.6
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	93.0	92.0	84.6	92.6	94.0	99.9	100.9	95.6
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (h)	2 261	2 026	2 490	2 300	2 465	2 224	2 528	2 271
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (i)	2 926	2 922	2 802	2 802	2 860	2 961	3 080	2 839
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (i)	201	241	211	239	274	255	262	206
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	184	205	196	204	267	222	231	176
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	371	368	311	385	411	296	370	309
<b>Personal care</b>								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	246	259	233	258	257	304	297	258
Toothpaste (140 g)	232	226	260	231	230	249	228	244

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

(b) Hobart and Darwin 680 g.

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

(d) 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 and  
Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g.  
Eggs in Adelaide have a minimum net  
weight of 55 g. Eggs in Darwin have  
minimum net weight of 54 g.

(e) Formerly 4 x 270 sheet rolls.

(f) Included in the 'Sport and other recreation'  
subgroup within the CPI.

(g) Includes lead replacement petrol where  
applicable.

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

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

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