

## 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 December quarter 2003 issue is expected to be released on 11 February 2004.

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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)	155	157	159	157	164	148	182	144
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	354	349	359	346	371	372	380	382
Butter (500 g) (a)	250	242	218	214	226	232	243	240
<b>Bread and cereal products</b>								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	268	282	265	267	257	325	288	269
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	177	178	171	180	166	199	195	181
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	326	312	337	320	351	362	328	336
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	379	390	343	352	398	270	349	404
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	187	211	192	194	210	217	212	195
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	1 098	997	1 040	893	1 168	1 013	1 160	1 201
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 617	1 717	1 604	1 649	1 681	1 334	1 589	1 676
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 684	1 670	1 572	1 709	1 757	1 486	1 793	1 735
Chuck steak (1 kg)	883	871	841	914	942	896	911	950
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	720	657	662	718	750	701	690	743
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	919	901	871	902	891	838	900	915
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 479	1 470	1 431	1 418	1 474	1 333	1 502	1 554
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	819	796	838	821	867	812	841	787
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	602	659	579	675	802	786	702	696
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 132	1 074	1 075	1 140	1 175	1 110	1 121	1 216
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	355	384	352	411	405	376	457	381
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	397	352	419	360	377	347	430	438
Sausages (1 kg)	548	556	506	547	591	566	503	538
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	240	231	256	234	266	296	252	279
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges (1 kg)	227	224	209	115	266	202	303	190
Bananas (1 kg)	219	190	201	210	255	212	289	201
Potatoes (1 kg)	141	210	209	130	181	156	233	168
Tomatoes (1 kg)	282	275	245	323	282	324	371	255
Carrots (1 kg)	201	164	159	181	138	176	224	199
Onions (1 kg)	231	214	264	233	229	151	278	248
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>								
Peaches (825 g can)	212	240	234	232	222	252	254	250
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	138	142	145	128	140	157	138	139
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	153	149	160	140	153	160	184	169
<b>Snacks and confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	314	359	345	320	321	338	366	324
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d), (e)	311	315	307	320	387	379	420	329
Sugar, white (2 kg) (e)	211	217	222	201	243	277	228	226
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	273	272	281	249	262	303	284	287
Teabags (180 g pkt)	350	373	357	340	367	445	370	367
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	585	599	566	556	601	630	600	624
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	167	172	172	166	170	202	190	168
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	231	236	235	222	232	248	245	242
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	117	118	108	120	117	122	126	120
Baby food (120 g can)	73	74	72	71	76	84	77	78

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)	524	497	536	505	529	573	487	562
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	343	345	350	331	339	359	350	352
Facial tissues (pkt 180) (f)	222	213	198	204	207	211	211	222
Toilet paper (4 x 250 sheet rolls)	290	299	282	286	291	304	302	299
Pet food (400 g)	105	107	110	99	104	118	103	119
<b>Private motoring</b>								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	94.3	91.9	85.5	95.3	95.2	100.0	100.8	97.1
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	90.7	88.4	82.0	90.4	91.3	96.4	97.7	93.1
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (g)	2 367	2 379	2 572	2 401	2 742	2 689	2 775	2 256
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (h)	3 206	3 294	3 054	3 232	3 234	3 433	3 466	3 135
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	191	227	206	241	289	236	240	182
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	218	263	219	280	299	273	267	209
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	390	395	345	440	448	353	398	326
<b>Personal care</b>								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	254	252	247	277	251	274	251	239
Toothpaste (140 g)	232	230	240	232	229	237	258	235

(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 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.

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

(f) Formerly packet of 224 tissues.

(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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