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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1989

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Scope of publication

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

2. The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eight 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 and services; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care products. 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

3. 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 thus the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, petrol and alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk are collected at the end of the quarter together with details of price changes during the quarter, and average prices calculated for the quarter. Prices for all other items are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

Related publications

5. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on request:

Consumer Price Index (6401.0)

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0)

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications*, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1989 (Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, delivered(a)	1 litre	102	88	93	85	90	90	87	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	86	82	92	80	90	90	86	85
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	573	623	575	565	599	620	589	582
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	293	295	302	270	305	320	301	312
Butter	500 g	192	205	173	163	174	203	191	179
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	132	129	114	104	128	122	134	129
Biscuits, dry	250 g	113	117	103	106	113	129	112	131
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	226	220	216	210	248	261	207	235
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	241	260	196	199	196	205	247	240
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	106	99	94	93	104	116	107	113
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	692	651	587	597	586	624	610	725
Rump steak	1 kg	1118	1090	1005	1008	957	986	929	1044
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	1017	921	887	986	927	934	959	1081
Chuck steak	1 kg	639	610	611	629	617	660	632	746
Silver-side, corned	1 kg	696	692	610	604	640	643	657	610
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	517	505	561	489	559	470	510	582
Loin chops	1 kg	602	730	659	626	706	594	580	710
Forequarter chops	1 kg	409	423	468	443	520	422	389	503
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	566	544	597	588	627	668	555	687
Loin chops	1 kg	714	714	723	701	733	835	684	821
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	290	308	287	336	334	295	263	366
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	252	269	244	271	252	298	244	312
Beef, corned	340 g can	214	219	215	198	227	235	222	221
Sausages	1 kg	309	391	432	345	363	362	304	427
Salmon, pink	210 g can	342	343	331	347	340	380	348	351
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	149	135	114	101	160	131	83	136
Bananas	1 kg	233	224	203	210	211	241	219	191
Potatoes	1 kg	122	129	111	138	112	83	99	125
Tomatoes	1 kg	393	388	324	397	369	516	377	451
Carrots	1 kg	235	233	176	215	118	177	232	223
Onions	1 kg	115	113	123	126	102	125	110	154
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	157	167	162	165	174	185	160	187
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	75	80	70	70	83	83	77	91
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	121	136	130	124	131	148	136	170
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	191	173	183	167	201	199	191	210
Other food									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	181	193	203	226	190	232	181	254
Sugar, white	2 kg	200	190	173	191	219	227	207	229
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	184	189	190	170	188	196	174	201
Tea	250 g	151	145	141	145	142	149	150	153
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	477	476	486	421	450	494	445	487
Tomato sauce	600 ml	161	143	140	118	155	144	157	154
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	144	133	123	132	147	139	125	162
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	81	80	83	80	81	84	78	94
Baby food	125 g can	42	39	36	35	39	42	40	44
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	378	396	378	364	387	411	365	412
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	377	378	359	361	394	403	367	392
Facial tissues	pkt 224	206	199	190	189	191	204	198	201
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	318	303	316	309	329	331	311	338
Pet food	415 g	78	78	81	73	89	92	76	99
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	55.9	55.5	53.5	56.6	61.5	68.5	56.8	63.8
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled (e)(f)	24 x 375 ml bottle	1636	1818	1942	1657	1956	1878	1876	2085
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	2025	1837	1926	1852	1946	2158	2041	n.a.
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	137	133	127	127	154	142	120	157
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (e)	285 ml glass	125	123	117	114	149	129	n.a.	157
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	212	192	187	202	228	164	196	228
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	135	138	132	129	143	143	130	144
Toothpaste	140 g	203	202	196	185	215	201	196	213

(a) Sydney 2 x 600ml bottles. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 53g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (e) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (f) Sydney 24 x 345 ml bottles, unchilled. Perth 24 x 345ml bottles, chilled.

