



AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1984

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in 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 beverages; 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 packaged alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk and bar sales of alcoholic beverages 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)—issued quarterly

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.

Symbols and other usages

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(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	82	86	85	76	80	82	76	
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	70	67	75	64	70	68	66	71
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	451	490	428	458	426	438	462	469
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	224	218	219	239	209	218	228	238
Butter	500g	164	160	151	157	147	170	174	173
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	86	95	82	85	92	92	97	100
Biscuits, dry	250g	69	78	69	78	75	83	79	85
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	119	129	117	127	133	127	133	133
Flour, self-raising	2kg	155	170	144	141	145	151	168	178
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	82	78	79	76	77	89	88	97
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	461	467	436	462	473	489	478	518
Rump steak	1kg	757	711	724	743	783	779	788	790
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	714	672	638	671	679	753	719	772
Chuck steak	1kg	420	403	472	445	432	479	427	533
Silverside, corned	1kg	495	480	467	485	484	526	494	520
Sausages	1kg	245	257	308	265	249	307	271	349
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	386	334	441	351	438	395	394	414
Loin chops	1kg	408	426	483	425	465	441	441	495
Forequarter chops	1kg	296	267	463	335	408	353	326	436
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	439	394	458	477	494	560	473	596
Loin chops	1kg	509	475	538	563	506	625	520	589
Chicken, frozen	1kg	250	265	249	282	249	288	256	294
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	203	232	177	191	180	223	221	208
Beef, corned	340g can	177	180	176	169	175	194	191	181
Salmon, pink	220g can	126	143	129	142	132	146	141	146
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	93	108	100	87	129	161	57	132
Bananas	1kg	116	109	81	111	145	118	108	119
Potatoes	1kg	82	70	80	85	67	60	96	109
Tomatoes	1kg	145	148	123	141	178	208	149	231
Carrots	1kg	101	88	113	78	68	112	108	120
Onions	1kg	130	119	127	112	112	137	128	172
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	103	98	100	106	102	112	107	131
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	66	66	59	63	65	65	72	75
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	83	92	89	90	81	101	100	106
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	144	142	141	139	134	142	158	160
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	154	172	161	183	154	174	166	214
Sugar, white	2 kg	126	123	120	125	119	133	132	136
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	126	127	133	126	109	132	141	148
Tea	250g	120	122	112	116	112	119	126	121
Coffee, instant	150g jar	332	332	334	333	315	338	364	339
Tomato sauce	600ml	113	110	93	105	102	118	114	106
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	99	120	104	125	116	106	116	131
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	56	51	57	55	54	56	65	66
Baby food	125g can	26	24	26	28	27	28	30	32
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	255	271	269	256	273	270	285	281
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	225	231	201	226	211	239	215	232
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	143	145	138	140	146	150	153	146
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls(d)	254	247	232	254	220	180	279	272
Pet food	405g	54	56	56	56	57	61	59	68
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	45.6	45.7	45.5	47.7	45.8	51.9	48.1	48.4
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	154	127	138	141	134	137	141	
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(e)	1,479	1,429	1,391	1,327	1,334	1,467	1,469	1,658
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(f)	84	82	80	79	94	68	79	99
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	114	113	105	111	143	96	108	154
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	90	96	86	92	91	94	93	91
Toothpaste	137g	137	138	130	138	138	143	154	144

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Perth and Darwin prices relate to milk loaves. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Hobart 4x500 sheet rolls. (e) Darwin 24x375ml bottles. (f) Hobart 225ml glass.