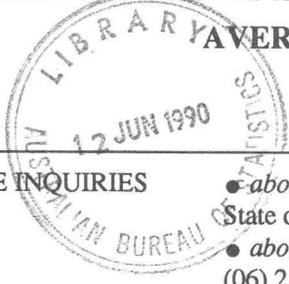


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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1990

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Scope of publication

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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)
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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, MARCH QUARTER 1990
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Darwin</i>
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, delivered(a)	1 litre	110	91	93	87	92	92	87	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	87	84	92	80	92	92	87	87
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	627	647	622	616	648	659	642	664
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	321	311	312	293	350	342	327	342
Butter	500 g	192	212	183	168	192	206	191	180
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	140	135	114	106	137	129	141	136
Biscuits, dry	250 g	119	122	111	106	123	133	118	128
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	229	231	231	217	253	257	219	251
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	244	283	215	201	202	212	251	247
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	111	100	99	99	106	117	109	131
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	694	619	613	591	565	626	652	649
Rump steak	1 kg	1154	1102	1036	1044	992	951	962	1053
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	1075	950	896	975	908	873	985	1034
Chuck steak	1 kg	628	613	607	628	609	651	603	710
Silverside, corned	1 kg	725	692	613	621	634	657	684	610
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	523	505	554	505	570	477	509	590
Loin chops	1 kg	622	745	667	651	684	596	595	755
Forequarter chops	1 kg	411	425	461	475	515	403	402	521
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	570	562	583	578	610	693	555	658
Loin chops	1 kg	741	731	724	717	727	844	731	830
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	311	320	291	331	330	345	261	353
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	234	274	258	262	301	319	245	320
Beef, corned	340 g can	230	224	228	204	241	252	238	232
Sausages	1 kg	326	406	432	344	358	383	323	433
Salmon, pink	210 g can	282	287	255	268	276	305	273	300
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	154	106	128	93	164	152	84	136
Bananas	1 kg	239	197	166	182	198	198	211	167
Potatoes	1 kg	94	89	78	83	119	71	77	95
Tomatoes	1 kg	293	239	227	227	195	297	269	291
Carrots	1 kg	192	130	149	112	99	152	177	175
Onions	1 kg	117	105	116	123	93	129	106	137
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	156	171	171	171	180	192	169	201
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	75	81	71	74	84	82	78	92
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	132	150	131	128	147	160	139	167
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	201	193	191	187	209	216	204	217
Other food									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	172	177	205	225	191	241	174	254
Sugar, white	2 kg	218	205	205	205	238	229	220	268
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	196	206	196	179	200	208	195	204
Tea	250 g	162	167	161	146	165	165	159	171
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	447	440	459	409	468	472	453	456
Tomato sauce	600 ml	167	150	142	131	160	156	166	165
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	143	137	123	127	157	149	132	174
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	76	82	79	74	84	84	70	95
Baby food	125 g can	42	41	37	37	41	45	42	43
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	401	424	399	372	426	431	396	405
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	376	391	378	370	408	411	381	404
Facial tissues	pkt 224	205	199	198	184	198	209	196	197
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	321	325	318	312	335	354	305	347
Pet food	415 g	89	85	85	80	95	90	78	104
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	64.2	61.7	59.9	61.8	64.8	69.9	65.3	65.0
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled (e)(f)	24 x 375 ml bottles	1747	1872	2052	1667	2031	1974	1911	2135
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	2085	1901	1981	1943	1973	2243	2095	n.a.
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	142	140	132	134	161	148	128	164
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (e)(g)	285 ml glass	130	125	121	120	157	133	125	165
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	219	202	191	221	240	171	203	230
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	141	146	133	132	151	149	133	145
Toothpaste	140 g	195	209	187	181	218	208	199	205

(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 375ml bottles, chilled. (g) Canberra price not comparable with previous periods.

