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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA DECEMBER QUARTER 1981

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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 six State capital cities and Canberra. Average prices for some selected food items for Darwin are published in the *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0). 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 subgroups: Household supplies and services; Motor vehicle operation; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this publication do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified sub-groups.

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 food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this publication for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for petrol are collected as at the middle of the first month of each quarter. Prices for all other non-food items listed in this publication are collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

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, Australia (6401.0)—issued quarterly

Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6402.0)

Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin (6413.0)

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index

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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(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>Dairy produce</i>								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	70	74	72	62	69	(a)64	64
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	354	370	347	353	324	366	374
Cheese, processed	500g	147	145	149	144	145	154	155
Butter	500g	133	123	131	130	129	132	142
<i>Cereal products</i>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	71	70	68	74	77	76	80
Biscuits, dry	250g	57	61	56	63	59	66	59
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	93	93	92	96	108	102	103
Flour, self-raising	1kg	54	65	51	55	61	66	59
Rice, short grain	500g	40	41	44	43	39	43	42
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>								
<i>Beef</i>								
Rib, without bone	1kg	372	381	389	398	409	403	408
Rump steak	1kg	637	635	594	678	628	663	676
T-bone steak, without fillet(c)	1kg	595	551	564	649	538	630	646
Chuck steak	1kg	354	333	395	383	368	391	407
Silverside, corned	1kg	417	412	409	448	415	448	427
Sausages	1kg	229	246	267	249	230	277	241
<i>Lamb</i>								
Leg	1kg	359	314	409	336	423	365	367
Loin chops	1kg	378	375	442	401	429	389	455
Forequarter chops	1kg	288	264	410	325	399	327	337
<i>Pork</i>								
Leg	1kg	450	411	448	456	457	516	464
Loin chops	1kg	467	446	451	517	461	528	496
Chicken, frozen	1kg	229	239	249	270	250	294	242
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	188	201	178	189	159	193	191
Beef, corned	340g can	148	161	156	146	162	178	155
Salmon, pink	220g can	119	124	125	128	130	140	129
<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>								
Oranges	1kg	72	59	72	65	90	93	49
Bananas	1kg	108	107	92	101	122	118	111
Potatoes	1kg	75	58	67	71	58	59	66
Tomatoes	1kg	196	169	146	166	221	231	178
Carrots	1kg	106	104	109	84	74	124	103
Onions	1kg	81	80	72	81	108	133	86
Peaches	825g can	80	81	85	85	87	91	86
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	56	55	51	56	58	59	58
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	73	78	75	85	79	90	83
<i>Confectionery</i>								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	109	106	104	109	100	112	112
<i>Other food</i>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	148	146	150	160	145	165	152
Sugar, white	2 kg	99	97	93	99	95	106	108
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	104	108	112	100	97	115	111
Tea	250g	79	78	74	76	74	82	82
Coffee, instant	150g jar	273	272	276	268	271	295	291
Tomato sauce	600ml	86	86	80	82	76	89	92
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	93	95	102	101	94	101	98
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	51	48	47	48	49	51	53
Baby food	125g can	25	25	24	27	29	29	26
<i>Household supplies</i>								
Laundry detergent	1kg	204	206	211	207	206	228	211
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	174	175	164	168	170	177	176
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	112	108	107	110	99	116	119
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	82	82	81	84	88	88	81
Pet food	405g	50	50	51	51	49	51	53
<i>Motor vehicle operation</i>								
Petrol, super grade(d)	1 litre	36.0	36.1	36.3	36.2	38.5	38.1	37.9
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>								
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	119	102	108	109	108	110	110
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles	1133	1176	1096	1072	1089	1115	1146
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(e)	60	62	64	(f)59	75	57	(g)59
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	89	95	88	91	120	87	(g)87
<i>Personal care products</i>								
Toilet soap	2x125g	76	79	75	76	76	85	81
Toothpaste	140g	108	102	102	107	103	117	116

(a) Price published in previous bulletin was for 2 x 600 ml cartons. (b) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (c) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (d) Prices are collected at the middle of the first month of the quarter. (e) Hobart 225 ml glass. (f) Prices published in previous periods were for 255 ml glass. (g) Not strictly comparable with previous periods.