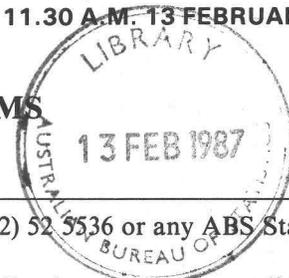




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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES DECEMBER QUARTER 1986



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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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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1986
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2 x 600ml	92	99	98	92	80	102	80	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	77	76	84	72	79	78	67	78
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	448	478	445	451	451	448	453	474
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	229	238	237	221	236	253	231	239
Butter	500g	166	176	162	161	162	190	178	191
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	109	107	95	91	101	102	114	115
Biscuits, dry	250g	91	103	88	96	96	105	87	114
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	168	175	164	168	185	191	158	191
Flour, self-raising	2kg	184	208	155	167	162	180	207	204
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	89	85	84	94	94	100	94	117
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1kg	501	535	484	513	496	532	459	556
Rump steak	1kg	853	828	840	877	849	857	860	876
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	787	705	772	797	809	800	776	868
Chuck steak	1kg	475	451	520	542	521	570	475	580
Silverside, corned	1kg	549	532	529	534	542	577	557	545
Sausages	1kg	254	299	349	299	276	330	268	312
Lamb									
Leg	1kg	430	405	496	394	441	421	375	476
Loin chops	1kg	469	534	578	504	569	466	455	558
Forequarter chops	1kg	303	317	419	372	430	379	309	413
Pork									
Leg	1kg	516	474	489	544	527	607	516	608
Loin chops	1kg	580	589	587	636	614	658	599	695
Chicken, frozen	1kg	258	283	251	296	266	310	251	332
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	228	241	209	234	213	245	201	239
Beef, corned	340g can	183	197	186	177	189	215	197	184
Salmon, pink	210g can	188	213	188	209	209	231	191	231
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	128	91	112	111	136	121	63	134
Bananas	1kg	149	148	110	137	173	164	121	165
Potatoes	1kg	99	83	85	95	83	75	99	106
Tomatoes	1kg	287	280	231	324	297	446	306	320
Carrots	1kg	107	122	82	97	74	162	122	140
Onions	1kg	102	86	83	111	111	132	102	165
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	132	135	135	132	144	150	138	154
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	67	74	64	70	77	78	73	80
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	83	95	82	88	86	113	94	108
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	159	171	165	160	163	175	171	187
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	154	169	183	204	168	199	177	236
Sugar, white	2 kg	148	145	140	144	153	153	152	175
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	157	157	165	143	160	169	169	174
Tea	250g	142	144	135	139	142	152	139	151
Coffee, instant	150g jar	494	529	525	499	538	554	502	520
Tomato sauce	600ml	125	118	115	106	117	122	116	127
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	109	122	114	127	123	138	105	154
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	65	68	65	66	70	71	64	74
Baby food	125g can	33	31	32	33	33	33	34	36
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	321	332	320	303	326	362	318	343
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	311	336	313	304	337	338	322	344
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	172	176	166	161	159	177	167	183
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	263	261	236	253	268	273	261	280
Pet food	415g	68	72	68	69	79	78	66	82
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	54.9	54.9	51.5	52.2	57.3	64.4	55.4	55.0
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	185	166	167	173	171	174	176	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled(d)	12x750ml bottles	1,780	1,749	1,629	1,606	1,642	1,889	1,818	2,119
Draught beer, full strength, public bar(e)	285ml glass	110	109	99	101	130	92	104	123
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	156	145	129	136	179	136	141	183
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	116	119	117	113	115	124	116	116
Toothpaste	140g	178	177	173	163	177	186	188	175

(a) Perth price relates to 1 litre carton, delivered. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Darwin 24 x 375ml bottles. (e) Hobart 225ml glass.