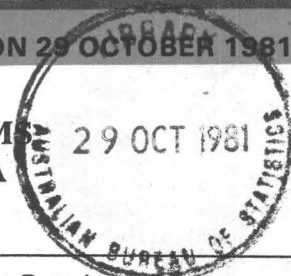




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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1981



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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) which is available free of charge 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(a)	2 x 600 ml	68	73	68	61	68	66	64
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	343	364	341	352	340	372	363
Cheese, processed	500 g	139	138	145	140	141	145	146
Butter	500 g	128	119	122	123	123	123	135
<i>Cereal products</i>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680 g	69	70	65	69	75	72	77
Biscuits, dry	250 g	56	60	54	61	58	63	60
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	89	92	90	93	104	103	98
Flour, self-raising	1 kg	52	62	51	53	61	67	57
Rice, short grain	500 g	38	38	42	40	36	41	40
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>								
<i>Beef</i>								
Rib, without bone	1 kg	370	390	396	413	426	411	378
Rump steak	1 kg	613	633	585	668	619	656	670
T-bone steak, without fillet(c)	1 kg	585	559	546	635	591	619	631
Chuck steak	1 kg	364	336	394	398	418	405	392
Silverside, corned	1 kg	410	418	412	456	455	443	423
Sausages	1 kg	227	241	261	245	227	278	229
<i>Lamb</i>								
Leg	1 kg	367	336	425	370	443	360	395
Loin chops	1 kg	397	414	451	450	454	385	472
Forequarter chops	1 kg	306	285	422	365	430	339	355
<i>Pork</i>								
Leg	1 kg	430	380	437	449	423	492	447
Loin chops	1 kg	442	423	427	504	421	506	489
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	229	233	225	260	233	271	220
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	186	194	167	181	154	184	181
Beef, corned	340 g can	149	162	156	148	162	177	157
Salmon, pink	220 g can	118	121	119	126	124	136	127
<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>								
Oranges	1 kg	74	59	68	60	87	84	52
Bananas	1 kg	95	96	86	85	124	126	91
Potatoes	1 kg	62	59	68	71	55	47	58
Tomatoes	1 kg	192	194	155	158	242	238	180
Carrots	1 kg	96	96	98	84	64	89	91
Onions	1 kg	210	203	224	223	217	177	207
Peaches	825 g can	78	78	84	85	86	88	83
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	53	55	50	54	58	58	56
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	71	75	72	81	71	83	79
<i>Confectionery</i>								
Chocolate, milk, block	200 g	103	102	100	102	100	108	112
<i>Other food</i>								
Eggs	55 g, 1 dozen	148	145	149	160	145	163	153
Sugar, white	2 kg	96	97	92	98	95	105	104
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	103	104	110	99	96	109	109
Tea	250 g	76	73	72	75	72	79	80
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	272	271	281	268	273	302	289
Tomato sauce	600 ml	82	84	80	82	79	85	87
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	92	94	101	100	96	105	94
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	47	47	45	46	46	49	51
Baby food	125 g can	24	25	24	25	27	27	26
<i>Household supplies</i>								
Laundry detergent	1 kg	192	199	206	197	207	212	205
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	155	168	162	167	160	176	165
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	103	98	97	101	103	107	104
Toilet paper	2 x 550 sheet rolls	76	77	77	79	84	80	79
Pet food	405 g	42	42	44	44	43	43	45
<i>Motor vehicle operation</i>								
Petrol, super grade(d)	1 litre	33.2	34.7	35.5	35.9	37.8	38.1	37.6
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>								
Beer, chilled	750 ml bottle	118	100	107	109	106	104	110
Beer, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	1160	1152	1087	1088	1066	1127	1146
Draught beer, public bar	285 ml glass(e)	59	60	62	53	73	52	56
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	87	91	86	86	118	81	83
<i>Personal care products</i>								
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	75	76	73	75	76	82	77
Toothpaste	140 g	106	104	96	105	101	113	110

(a) Hobart price is 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) Adelaide 255 ml and Hobart 225 ml.