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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES DECEMBER 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) (\$2.50, \$3.70 incl. postage)

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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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1984
(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>
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	82	86	88	77	82	86	76	..
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	69	67	77	64	71	70	66	71
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	441	474	409	436	429	434	486	463
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	219	207	206	194	205	224	218	233
Butter	500g	156	157	141	148	148	170	172	162
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	91	89	83	85	95	92	102	104
Biscuits, dry	250g	72	80	74	78	80	85	84	89
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	144	139	130	135	154	145	142	139
Flour, self-raising	2kg	161	173	134	134	135	159	173	176
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	81	78	73	73	78	89	87	96
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	467	488	466	491	481	512	460	483
Rump steak	1kg	780	764	740	802	761	815	785	771
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	751	619	673	716	688	767	724	741
Chuck steak	1kg	432	434	479	458	482	505	454	496
Silverside, corned	1kg	511	489	490	505	467	532	487	487
Sausages	1kg	247	265	299	283	253	295	266	369
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	402	339	445	341	430	402	397	410
Loin chops	1kg	410	440	518	415	454	432	458	494
Forequarter chops	1kg	300	276	548	330	375	366	332	421
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	485	435	485	489	529	566	485	536
Loin chops	1kg	539	524	553	581	545	629	519	672
Chicken, frozen	1kg	260	251	264	263	242	284	230	293
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	210	240	180	190	171	230	213	211
Beef, corned	340g can	173	178	172	166	173	202	186	178
Salmon, pink	220g can	136	140	135	146	134	158	153	153
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	100	92	93	111	137	121	58	119
Bananas	1kg	120	113	95	121	153	116	119	115
Potatoes	1kg	52	39	34	58	65	47	47	61
Tomatoes	1kg	253	270	205	305	250	407	257	306
Carrots	1kg	68	79	58	67	60	116	80	95
Onions	1kg	89	90	65	97	101	104	97	117
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	109	107	108	109	112	121	120	125
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	66	66	60	63	68	70	74	72
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	80	92	90	85	83	102	97	103
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	142	144	139	144	139	146	164	163
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	153	171	162	178	158	190	170	217
Sugar, white	2 kg	133	128	127	130	129	137	143	138
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	131	128	131	123	119	133	145	138
Tea	250g	143	146	139	141	146	148	156	143
Coffee, instant	150g jar	367	353	348	338	355	367	393	348
Tomato sauce	600ml	117	111	100	100	112	114	125	104
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	111	124	107	114	120	120	98	145
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	56	55	57	57	53	60	64	62
Baby food	125g can	30	26	25	30	29	28	33	32
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	260	278	263	252	273	269	275	251
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre(d)	233	315	232	301	217	245	230	243
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	160	156	148	146	157	163	167	155
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls(e)	225	246	220	233	242	175	274	279
Pet food	415g	60	60	58	59	64	67	63	70
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	48.9	47.2	46.7	47.8	47.7	51.8	48.9	49.7
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	161	137	144	148	140	141	146	..
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(f)	1,526	1,500	1,436	1,383	1,361	1,405	1,548	1,798
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(g)	90	88	86	85	101	70	86	106
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	122	118	110	115	147	99	118	166
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	98	102	93	96	102	106	106	104
Toothpaste	140g	147	151	144	140	135	152	154	142

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Melbourne and Adelaide prices relate to reformulated liquids and are not comparable with previously published prices. (e) Hobart 4 x 500 sheet rolls. (f) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles. (g) Hobart 225ml glass.