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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER 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) (\$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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n.a. not available

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

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2 x 600ml	92	99	98	92	95	102	79	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	77	76	84	72	79	78	67	75
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	457	464	438	443	446	461	459	451
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	232	240	230	234	240	255	235	245
Butter	500g	163	176	161	161	160	188	178	190
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	107	109	95	89	106	100	111	114
Biscuits, dry	250g	95	103	89	99	97	105	100	112
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	163	167	154	160	169	175	156	168
Flour, self-raising	2kg	184	209	165	166	159	173	208	212
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	89	87	86	89	89	96	100	110
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	482	524	472	519	538	539	460	559
Rump steak	1kg	834	787	790	885	918	819	818	851
T-bone steak, with fillet(b)	1kg	764	680	733	783	827	798	756	789
Chuck steak	1kg	475	441	510	516	573	561	460	552
Silverside, corned	1kg	535	515	505	555	548	552	548	485
Sausages	1kg	255	288	325	302	283	322	276	320
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	445	433	511	420	500	424	439	463
Loin chops	1kg	502	554	581	527	584	477	526	551
Forequarter chops(c)	1kg	351	338	453	397	460	374	362	416
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	472	439	476	536	543	598	482	603
Loin chops	1kg	545	554	582	627	631	636	567	725
Chicken, frozen	1kg	266	282	268	287	280	320	227	325
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	216	231	201	226	195	233	210	244
Beef, corned	340g can	186	200	184	179	190	210	208	183
Salmon, pink	210g can	161	167	160	175	157	183	180	183
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	109	93	99	100	128	110	55	121
Bananas	1kg	334	337	263	301	238	361	334	164
Potatoes	1kg	84	73	81	90	76	61	86	93
Tomatoes	1kg	191	195	154	248	198	345	186	257
Carrots	1kg	88	91	68	80	67	122	90	129
Onions	1kg	105	76	102	103	102	109	101	151
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	134	138	135	137	143	149	137	157
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	71	74	64	71	78	78	78	78
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	82	95	87	92	87	106	95	108
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	155	172	152	154	153	174	180	188
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	151	178	182	202	171	205	178	234
Sugar, white	2 kg	148	145	138	145	152	153	155	172
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	147	150	150	144	134	159	163	163
Tea	250g	144	148	136	144	141	146	152	155
Coffee, instant	150g jar	537	515	540	504	545	555	555	526
Tomato sauce	600ml	123	105	112	105	104	104	129	126
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	118	123	121	123	131	132	130	158
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	66	66	64	65	68	67	68	71
Baby food	125g can	33	30	31	32	33	34	36	36
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	306	333	319	297	307	350	338	319
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	318	338	312	318	336	343	320	334
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	169	170	162	161	163	170	175	166
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	268	265	249	269	277	275	284	278
Pet food	415g	65	68	66	66	79	76	75	74
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	52.0	51.5	47.4	49.3	52.7	58.3	51.5	50.8
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	182	161	164	171	167	169	171	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(d)	1,712	1,687	1,602	1,584	1,606	1,784	1,771	2,038
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(e)	107	106	97	99	127	89	101	123
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	151	143	125	131	175	114	137	177
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	117	116	115	111	122	123	120	112
Toothpaste	140g	178	181	177	170	180	189	187	175

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (c) Brisbane price not comparable with previous periods due to change in specification. (d) Darwin 24 x 375ml bottles. (e) Hobart 225ml glass.