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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA DECEMBER QUARTER 1980

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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. 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. Average prices are shown, for the first time, for 'petrol, super grade', which is an item within the Motor vehicle operation sub-group.

3. 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

4. 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.

5. 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

6. 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.*

7. 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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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1980**  
(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	2 x 600ml	64	66	63	55	61	56	56
Milk, powdered, full cream	300g can	97	105	102	102	97	106	100
Cheese, processed	250g	64	66	69	69	67	70	70
Butter	500g	112	108	113	110	106	104	114
<i>Cereal products</i>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(a)	680g	67	59	60	65	68	67	73
Biscuits, dry	250g	52	58	50	56	54	57	55
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	84	86	82	90	98	91	89
Flour, self-raising	1kg	46	56	47	49	52	59	53
Rice, short grain	500g	35	37	37	36	34	38	38
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>								
<i>Beef</i>								
Rib, without bone	1kg	390	377	389	394	390	401	389
Rump steak	1kg	640	634	616	684	612	674	690
T-bone steak, without fillet(b)	1kg	599	559	558	632	547	637	631
Chuck steak	1kg	373	335	405	384	375	423	395
Silverside, corned	1kg	432	408	408	468	406	461	423
Sausages	1kg	222	234	241	239	206	256	218
<i>Lamb</i>								
Leg	1kg	356	301	402	332	382	370	372
Loin chops	1kg	356	376	411	357	380	387	449
Forequarter chops	1kg	281	270	391	310	336	330	339
<i>Pork</i>								
Leg	1kg	419	372	420	421	375	478	432
Loin chops	1kg	419	406	417	459	370	479	436
Chicken, frozen	1kg	201	230	218	244	208	237	211
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	163	194	151	164	142	173	160
Beef, corned	340g can	150	164	159	146	162	178	160
Salmon, pink	220g can	118	125	120	121	122	131	120
<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>								
Oranges	1kg	58	50	68	59	67	79	48
Bananas	1kg	96	88	71	89	108	114	99
Potatoes	1kg	58	52	57	60	50	53	59
Tomatoes	1kg	133	130	94	112	176	166	137
Carrots	1kg	75	58	62	56	49	76	75
Onions	1kg	54	51	52	56	58	60	63
Peaches	825g can	70	76	74	74	74	81	73
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	47	49	45	48	52	51	50
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	59	69	63	73	63	72	68
<i>Confectionery</i>								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	101	101	99	104	99	105	106
<i>Other food</i>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	139	127	136	146	129	150	145
Sugar, white	2 kg	94	96	89	95	91	97	99
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	102	106	108	99	104	108	108
Tea	250g	76	78	75	73	75	76	81
Coffee, instant	150g jar	291	295	302	292	285	298	294
Tomato sauce	300ml (c)	83	84	47	48	46	49	86
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	84	97	97	97	99	89	89
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	44	44	40	40	43	41	45
Baby food	125g can	21	24	23	24	23	25	24
<i>Household supplies</i>								
Laundry detergent	1kg	176	191	190	183	191	196	183
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	134	140	137	134	137	141	134
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	75	77	74	73	79	76	80
Toilet paper	2 x 550 sheet rolls	71	71	72	74	75	75	70
Pet food	405g	40	42	41	43	42	41	43
<i>Motor vehicle operation</i>								
Petrol, super grade(d)	1 litre	32.0	30.9	30.6	30.5	31.8	33.7	35.1
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>								
Beer, chilled	740ml bottle	108	95	98	101	96	100	103
Beer, unchilled	12 x 740ml bottles	1,032	1,079	1,000	994	990	1,091	1,070
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (e)	52	55	56	50	68	50	54
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (f)	81	84	81	83	113	78	79
<i>Personal care products</i>								
Toilet soap	2 x 125g	73	81	72	73	77	81	79
Toothpaste	110g	80	85	80	79	83	83	88

(a) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (b) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (c) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml. (d) Prices are collected at the middle of the first month of the quarter. (e) Adelaide 255ml. and Hobart 225ml. (f) Brisbane and Hobart 1oz.