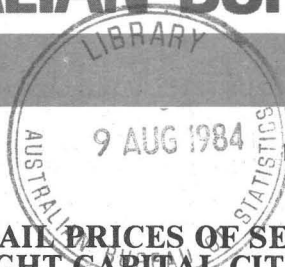




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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE QUARTER 1984

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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)

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, JUNE QUARTER 1984
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	82	86	88	76	80	86	76	..
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	68	67	77	64	70	70	66	71
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	420	484	440	450	416	443	470	481
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	225	215	201	213	201	229	232	230
Butter	500g	161	159	150	153	146	171	174	173
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	88	97	83	83	94	93	100	100
Biscuits, dry	250g	73	78	70	78	76	84	81	84
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	135	133	124	124	135	135	133	141
Flour, self-raising	2kg	155	170	138	136	139	153	166	184
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	82	79	73	74	78	90	87	96
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	463	472	441	471	482	492	468	508
Rump steak	1kg	744	711	708	769	781	771	780	716
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	724	673	662	689	694	708	711	760
Chuck steak	1kg	438	418	471	466	465	475	444	511
Silverside, corned	1kg	487	488	479	509	495	520	485	530
Sausages	1kg	250	257	312	281	245	311	269	354
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	381	340	428	355	446	396	392	439
Loin chops	1kg	405	439	477	424	477	432	426	533
Forequarter chops	1kg	296	276	448	342	405	353	310	462
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	450	374	439	473	508	524	464	509
Loin chops	1kg	508	469	536	579	520	593	533	681
Chicken, frozen	1kg	231	263	254	274	247	295	277	305
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	215	241	181	187	164	223	224	209
Beef, corned	340g can	176	178	176	166	174	201	199	180
Salmon, pink	220g can	130	137	129	141	132	149	141	146
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	116	117	101	108	163	174	92	158
Bananas	1kg	114	125	98	112	145	137	110	122
Potatoes	1kg	57	47	55	68	68	54	65	82
Tomatoes	1kg	116	115	96	112	179	207	119	164
Carrots	1kg	69	64	79	60	63	107	71	107
Onions	1kg	100	83	95	87	87	87	104	137
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	113	113	107	114	106	121	116	137
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	65	66	59	58	64	66	71	70
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	80	91	92	85	80	105	99	107
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	143	138	135	131	129	147	155	148
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	154	170	164	183	154	184	166	214
Sugar, white	2 kg	128	123	116	123	119	133	133	136
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	131	127	131	125	114	134	140	147
Tea	250g	138	149	133	127	125	144	140	148
Coffee, instant	150g jar	293	323	318	311	292	331	289	334
Tomato sauce	600ml	115	105	95	96	111	119	121	111
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	104	123	112	118	124	109	125	133
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	58	54	58	55	52	61	66	67
Baby food	125g can	28	24	27	28	29	29	31	32
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	271	281	262	252	276	277	285	287
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	219	233	224	217	216	246	234	235
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	147	147	145	133	147	153	160	152
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls (d)	253	257	234	243	244	180	278	269
Pet food	405g	58	58	55	55	59	64	59	68
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	48.7	47.6	47.4	47.1	45.7	50.6	47.9	49.2
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	158	131	142	145	137	138	144	..
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(e)	1,500	1,460	1,424	1,362	1,339	1,440	1,487	1,678
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(f)	88	84	84	82	97	68	83	102
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	118	115	109	113	148	98	114	159
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	96	96	90	89	93	100	101	95
Toothpaste	140g	138	138	129	136	135	147	149	142

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Hobart 4 x 500 sheet rolls. (e) Darwin 24x375ml bottles. (f) Hobart 225ml glass.