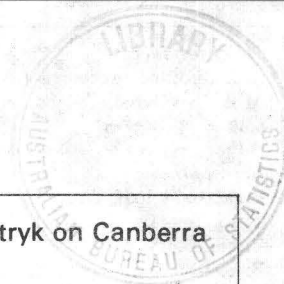




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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA MARCH QUARTER 1981



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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)	2x600ml	64	70	64	58	65	63	56
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	315	337	307	320	311	340	327
Cheese, processed	500g	130	129	131	130	133	135	135
Butter	500g	116	108	115	113	112	107	120
<i>Cereal products</i>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales, (b)	680g	68	62	63	68	72	70	76
Biscuits, dry	250g	54	60	51	59	56	59	57
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	85	85	86	90	100	93	91
Flour, self-raising	1kg	49	63	49	53	58	66	59
Rice, short grain	500g	35	36	38	38	34	37	38
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>								
<i>Beef</i>								
Rib, without bone	1kg	384	373	395	400	395	400	355
Rump steak	1kg	647	636	633	682	621	669	701
T-bone steak, without fillet (c)	1kg	599	543	570	623	539	616	633
Chuck steak	1kg	368	326	402	391	356	398	388
Silverside, corned	1kg	427	407	423	462	421	452	428
Sausages	1kg	221	238	254	240	218	256	231
<i>Lamb</i>								
Leg	1kg	358	307	401	350	399	348	358
Loin chops	1kg	386	376	421	396	415	362	427
Forequarter chops	1kg	291	271	395	346	386	317	326
<i>Pork</i>								
Leg	1kg	424	377	443	442	399	476	454
Loin chops	1kg	433	403	436	474	414	485	498
Chicken, frozen	1kg	218	243	238	246	224	238	217
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	174	190	156	171	147	174	170
Beef, corned	340g can	148	164	158	147	164	179	159
Salmon, pink	220g can	120	129	126	124	122	134	121
<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>								
Oranges	1kg	66	50	65	58	69	79	50
Bananas	1kg	103	101	83	92	111	114	105
Potatoes	1kg	61	54	66	64	51	58	60
Tomatoes	1kg	161	148	133	181	114	144	166
Carrots	1kg	81	57	80	57	48	80	82
Onions	1kg	57	52	63	58	54	66	64
Peaches	825g can	73	73	76	77	76	81	76
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	48	51	47	51	55	52	53
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	61	71	68	74	65	72	69
<i>Confectionery</i>								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	105	103	103	104	103	109	112
<i>Other food</i>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	139	134	142	154	140	154	145
Sugar, white	2 kg	95	93	89	96	91	99	101
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	106	107	111	101	102	107	112
Tea	250g	75	73	73	74	75	78	81
Coffee, instant	150g jar	288	281	295	291	286	298	303
Tomato sauce	600ml	84	80	78	80	80	84	88
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	87	93	101	103	97	98	94
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	45	44	43	42	43	46	47
Baby food	125g can	22	22	23	25	24	26	24
<i>Household supplies</i>								
Laundry detergent	1kg	182	192	201	188	201	206	198
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	134	144	143	139	144	146	144
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	77	75	76	76	83	80	84
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	70	79	74	74	78	80	71
Pet food	405g	43	42	42	44	40	43	44
<i>Motor vehicle operation</i>								
Petrol, super grade (d)	1 litre	33.2	34.8	31.3	35.3	34.2	34.8	35.8
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>								
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	114	96	99	103	97	102	106
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles	1113	1104	1014	1194	991	1093	1105
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (e)	56	57	58	52	70	50	56
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	83	85	83	85	116	80	83
<i>Personal care products</i>								
Toilet soap	2x125g	74	77	74	76	77	81	79
Toothpaste	110g	86	84	86	83	87	88	91

(a) Hobart price is for 2 x 600ml 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.