



AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1988

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the 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 drinks; 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 alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk 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

Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available

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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>Darwin</i>
Dairy products									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2 x 600 ml	98	84	102	98	84	112	90	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	84	79	87	75	84	85	76	82
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	505	529	492	498	535	515	519	510
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	244	246	244	238	251	262	257	247
Butter	500 g	183	191	174	157	154	177	190	193
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	116	107	101	93	118	110	120	122
Biscuits, dry	250 g	102	108	95	99	105	114	97	119
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	192	188	185	175	209	209	181	179
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	214	230	183	182	174	185	229	221
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	91	92	91	90	98	105	94	116
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	544	531	516	514	531	560	490	624
Rump steak	1 kg	899	899	860	897	867	910	857	974
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	848	740	800	822	802	853	812	878
Chuck steak	1 kg	488	488	520	556	538	573	466	677
Silverside, corned	1 kg	571	571	551	539	547	586	563	564
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	461	440	494	430	494	430	431	531
Loin chops	1 kg	517	588	584	557	608	491	539	590
Forequarter chops	1 kg	341	359	459	430	480	382	339	474
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	516	499	493	535	530	626	500	593
Loin chops	1 kg	623	639	654	669	589	702	600	728
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	259	280	274	276	285	360	227	253
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	226	240	213	230	230	261	247	265
Beef, corned	340 g can	201	215	204	196	210	228	202	205
Sausages	1 kg	264	334	360	316	280	347	308	382
Salmon, pink	210 g can	244	270	250	257	280	294	255	290
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	119	108	121	94	155	121	68	124
Bananas	1 kg	117	126	93	107	132	156	109	149
Potatoes	1 kg	71	62	61	68	82	56	66	92
Tomatoes	1 kg	226	259	183	224	309	333	233	341
Carrots	1 kg	130	109	122	91	83	166	130	147
Onions	1 kg	77	76	73	84	82	134	90	143
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	135	143	127	135	158	159	139	165
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	73	77	67	74	83	83	75	84
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	94	98	95	99	100	127	94	114
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	200 g	166	177	165	166	172	189	180	191
Other food									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	165	163	190	183	168	207	166	238
Sugar, white	2 kg	165	159	149	159	167	170	165	178
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	169	176	175	149	167	188	171	169
Tea	250 g	146	145	134	139	147	150	144	156
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	455	494	498	464	470	502	475	444
Tomato sauce	600 ml	141	127	127	120	130	135	127	128
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	120	120	118	119	120	143	112	139
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	71	72	75	76	77	83	70	85
Baby food	125 g can	38	31	33	34	32	38	37	36
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	352	368	348	333	363	397	349	371
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	343	360	338	333	359	374	343	362
Facial tissues	pkt 224	179	184	173	182	181	193	178	193
Toilet paper	6 x 500 sheet rolls	272	287	274	282	280	315	250	313
Pet food	415 g	71	74	73	70	83	84	72	82
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	57.4	55.0	53.3	55.3	58.3	64.1	60.7	59.4
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750 ml bottle	203	183	187	192	190	198	196	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled(e)	12 x 750 ml bottles	1995	1875	1829	1833	1908	2080	2035	2363
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	125	121	116	113	142	134	117	138
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	177	167	155	155	195	145	169	209
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	121	126	120	115	131	137	116	129
Toothpaste	140 g	192	191	188	180	190	206	192	185

(a) Melbourne and Perth prices relate to 1 litre carton, delivered. Hobart price relates to 2 x 600 ml cartons, delivered. From 1 March, Adelaide prices are for cartoned milk. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Eggs in cities other than Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Melbourne have a minimum net weight of 56 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. (e) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles.

