

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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CITIES

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NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the eight capital cities.

The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eleven 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; sport and other recreation; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care. The items and varieties selected, however, do not comprise all the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups of the CPI.

AVERAGE PRICES

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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for milk, bread, fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol and alcohol and are averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for all other items included in this publication are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

Commencing with the December quarter 1996, average retail prices are calculated using the geometric mean of the individual observations.

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| Item (Unit) | Sydney cents | Melbourne cents | Brisbane cents | Adelaide cents | Perth cents | Hobart cents | Darwin cents | Canberra cents |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Dairy and related products | | | | | | | | |
| Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre) | 144 | 152 | 151 | 149 | 157 | 136 | 165 | 135 |
| Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g) | 424 | 418 | 434 | 367 | 374 | 410 | 428 | 423 |
| Butter (500 g) (a) | 234 | 220 | 203 | 209 | 215 | 238 | 237 | 235 |
| Bread and cereal products | | | | | | | | |
| Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b) | 256 | 270 | 251 | 241 | 250 | 271 | 263 | 256 |
| Biscuits, dry (250 g) | 172 | 176 | 179 | 184 | 167 | 197 | 196 | 172 |
| Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g) | 304 | 294 | 294 | 287 | 376 | 365 | 318 | 305 |
| Flour, self raising (2 kg) | 351 | 340 | 288 | 265 | 292 | 285 | 304 | 362 |
| Rice, long grain (1 kg) | 166 | 189 | 169 | 158 | 185 | 188 | 180 | 171 |
| Meat and seafoods | | | | | | | | |
| Beef | | | | | | | | |
| Silverside roast (1 kg) (c) | 1 050 | 1 039 | 968 | 922 | 1 125 | 898 | 1 048 | 1 158 |
| Rump steak (1 kg) | 1 568 | 1 428 | 1 408 | 1 501 | 1 570 | 1 331 | 1 432 | 1 600 |
| T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg) | 1 593 | 1 501 | 1 368 | 1 543 | 1 647 | 1 274 | 1 517 | 1 654 |
| Chuck steak (1 kg) | 828 | 811 | 815 | 852 | 947 | 819 | 861 | 919 |
| Silverside, corned (1 kg) | 827 | 730 | 741 | 783 | 836 | 739 | 787 | 807 |
| Lamb | | | | | | | | |
| Leg (1 kg) | 734 | 666 | 724 | 687 | 736 | 651 | 717 | 724 |
| Loin chops (1 kg) | 1 165 | 1 125 | 1 132 | 1 120 | 1 206 | 1 087 | 1 204 | 1 290 |
| Forequarter chops (1 kg) | 669 | 672 | 672 | 691 | 748 | 682 | 695 | 691 |
| Pork | | | | | | | | |
| Leg (1 kg) | 683 | 689 | 706 | 714 | 761 | 771 | 721 | 714 |
| Loin chops (1 kg) | 1 128 | 1 078 | 1 105 | 1 117 | 1 098 | 989 | 1 111 | 1 172 |
| Chicken, frozen (1 kg) | 402 | 368 | 329 | 343 | 403 | 399 | 378 | 376 |
| Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt) | 397 | 377 | 384 | 401 | 392 | 388 | 446 | 399 |
| Sausages (1 kg) | 514 | 574 | 483 | 545 | 682 | 547 | 476 | 497 |
| Salmon, pink (210 g can) | 273 | 282 | 288 | 268 | 288 | 316 | 302 | 302 |
| Fresh fruit and vegetables | | | | | | | | |
| Oranges (1 kg) | 306 | 249 | 296 | 121 | 336 | 210 | 339 | 326 |
| Bananas (1 kg) | 280 | 288 | 265 | 283 | 273 | 254 | 281 | 249 |
| Potatoes (1 kg) | 137 | 182 | 175 | 116 | 160 | 105 | 181 | 143 |
| Tomatoes (1kg) | 358 | 340 | 311 | 386 | 329 | 325 | 453 | 365 |
| Carrots (1 kg) | 218 | 160 | 178 | 207 | 134 | 183 | 223 | 218 |
| Onions (1 kg) | 256 | 236 | 235 | 272 | 234 | 143 | 271 | 244 |
| Processed fruit and vegetables | | | | | | | | |
| Peaches (825 g can) | 202 | 226 | 216 | 205 | 205 | 225 | 233 | 209 |
| Pineapple, sliced (450 g can) | 123 | 118 | 119 | 115 | 130 | 133 | 127 | 126 |
| Peas, frozen (500 g pkt) | 153 | 140 | 153 | 142 | 157 | 157 | 155 | 152 |
| Snacks and confectionery | | | | | | | | |
| Chocolate, milk, block (250 g) | 308 | 338 | 331 | 293 | 320 | 357 | 297 | 341 |
| Other food | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs (1 dozen) (d) | 311 | 303 | 346 | 317 | 355 | 314 | 373 | 333 |
| Sugar, white (2 kg) | 257 | 233 | 236 | 217 | 257 | 286 | 242 | 261 |
| Jam, strawberry (500 g jar) | 267 | 270 | 254 | 257 | 268 | 284 | 303 | 269 |
| Teabags (180 g pkt) | 376 | 377 | 344 | 339 | 361 | 424 | 358 | 385 |
| Coffee, instant (150 g jar) | 643 | 638 | 599 | 581 | 668 | 651 | 635 | 649 |
| Tomato sauce (600 ml) | 167 | 184 | 185 | 172 | 186 | 191 | 193 | 178 |
| Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g) | 168 | 181 | 184 | 178 | 195 | 212 | 213 | 185 |
| Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g) | 109 | 114 | 106 | 109 | 108 | 121 | 121 | 110 |
| Baby food (120 g can) | 75 | 79 | 73 | 73 | 74 | 84 | 75 | 76 |



AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, Dec Qtr 2001 *continued*

| Item (Unit) | Sydney cents | Melbourne cents | Brisbane cents | Adelaide cents | Perth cents | Hobart cents | Darwin cents | Canberra cents |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Household supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Laundry detergent (1 kg) | 498 | 501 | 508 | 498 | 511 | 534 | 574 | 510 |
| Dishwashing detergent (500 ml) | 328 | 320 | 322 | 320 | 309 | 339 | 337 | 333 |
| Facial tissues (pkt 224) | 198 | 199 | 202 | 199 | 207 | 221 | 221 | 198 |
| Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls) | 338 | 333 | 333 | 299 | 332 | 354 | 346 | 347 |
| Pet food (400 g) | 104 | 105 | 99 | 91 | 111 | 119 | 101 | 103 |
| Private motoring | | | | | | | | |
| Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre) | 85.6 | 84.7 | 79.0 | 85.6 | 85.8 | 88.9 | 93.6 | 88.3 |
| Petrol, unleaded (1 litre) | 82.4 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 82.5 | 82.5 | 85.8 | 90.3 | 85.2 |
| Alcoholic drinks | | | | | | | | |
| Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (e) | 2 379 | 2 202 | 2 564 | 2 349 | 2 607 | 2 390 | 2 720 | 2 331 |
| Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (f) | 3 138 | 3 105 | 2 937 | 3 036 | 3 112 | 3 138 | 3 267 | 3 071 |
| Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (f) | 199 | 244 | 209 | 254 | 277 | 253 | 254 | 203 |
| Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (e) | 183 | 206 | 194 | 209 | 267 | 221 | 225 | 171 |
| Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml) | 394 | 371 | 326 | 424 | 433 | 316 | 380 | 327 |
| Personal care | | | | | | | | |
| Toilet soap (4 x 125 g) | 262 | 252 | 269 | 257 | 251 | 290 | 285 | 265 |
| Toothpaste (140 g) | 241 | 230 | 271 | 243 | 240 | 270 | 255 | 244 |

(a) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra
2 x 250 g.

(b) Hobart 680 g.

(c) Brisbane and Darwin prices relate to
topside roast. Adelaide price relates to
blade bolar roast.

(d) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and
Canberra have a net carton weight of 700 g
per dozen. Eggs in Adelaide have a
minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Perth
have a minimum net weight of 58 g. Eggs
in Hobart have a minimum net weight of
52 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net
weight of 54 g.

(e) Includes light and mid strength beer with an
alcoholic content equal to or less than 3.5%.

(f) Alcoholic content of full strength beer is
greater than 3.5%.

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