



Queensland  
Government

INFORMATION BRIEF

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

DECEMBER QUARTER 2009

ABS 6401.0

Released: 27 January 2010, 10:30am (AEST)

Summary

Headline<sup>1</sup> CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane	0.3%
Australia <sup>2</sup>	0.5%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane	2.5%
Australia	2.1%

Market sector goods and services (core CPI) inflation change (Australia):

Quarter	0.6%
Annual	1.6%

<sup>1</sup> Headline CPI refers to All Groups.

<sup>2</sup> Australia refers to the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

Commentary

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.3% in the December quarter 2009, remaining 2.5% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the third-largest increase in headline consumer prices for all capital cities in Australia, behind Darwin and Hobart (Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average for the December quarter 2009, Brisbane recorded stronger positive contributions to the CPI group of *Household contents and services*. The negative contributions to the Brisbane CPI groups were for *Clothing and footwear*, *Health*, *Transportation* and *Communication* (Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Food* group made the largest positive contribution to growth in the December quarter (0.19 of a percentage point). Within the *Food* category, *Fruit* increased 16.1% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Transportation* group recorded the largest contribution to the decrease of growth in the December quarter (0.12 of a percentage point). Within this category, *Automotive fuel* decreased by 2.4% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.6% in the December quarter, with annual growth of 1.6%.

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI, September quarter 2009 and December quarter 2009

Capital City	December quarter 2009		September quarter 2009	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.6	2.2	1.1	1.3
Melbourne	0.6	1.8	0.6	0.6
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Adelaide	0.3	2.0	1.1	1.4
Perth	0.6	2.1	0.8	1.2
Hobart	0.6	2.6	1.2	1.8
Darwin	-0.1	3.0	1.9	2.7
Canberra	0.4	2.3	0.9	1.4
<b>Australia</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, December quarter 2009

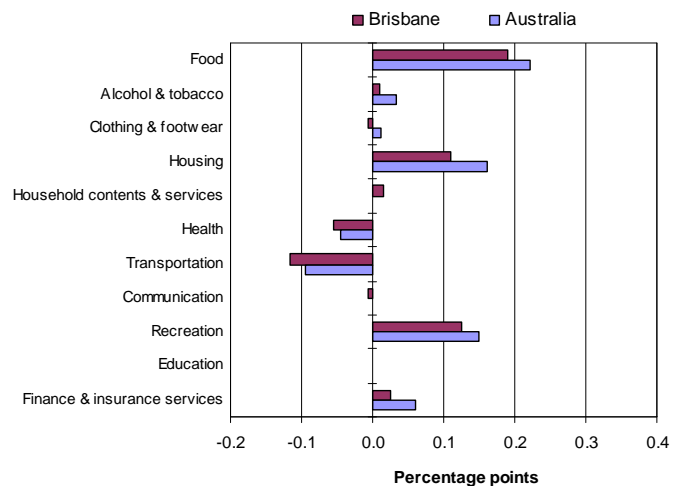


Figure 2: CPI annual change, quarterly, Australia, December quarter 2004 to December quarter 2009

