

Summary

Headline¹ CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane	1.3%
Australia ²	1.6%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane	3.6%
Australia	3.3%

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

Quarter	0.4%
Annual	1.8%

¹ Headline CPI refers to All Groups.

² Australia refers to the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

Commentary

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 1.3% in March quarter 2011, to be 3.6% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the equal-largest increase in headline consumer prices for all capital cities in Australia, equal to Adelaide, which rose 3.6% over the year (Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average for March quarter 2011, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Food* and *Health*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Household contents & services*, *Recreation* and *Clothing and footwear* groups (Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Food* group made the largest contribution to inflation in the March quarter 2011 (0.54 of a percentage point). Within the *Food* category, *Vegetables* increased 24.6% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Household contents & services* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in the March quarter 2011 (-0.15 of a percentage point). Within the *Household contents & services* category, *Furniture* decreased by 6.5% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.4% in the March quarter 2011, with annual inflation of 1.8%.

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital City	March quarter 2011		December quarter 2010	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	1.6	3.2	0.3	2.4
Melbourne	1.7	3.5	0.6	3.1
Brisbane	1.3	3.6	0.5	3.0
Adelaide	1.6	3.6	0.3	2.5
Perth	1.1	2.6	0.1	2.6
Hobart	1.3	2.9	0.1	2.3
Darwin	1.1	3.0	-0.1	2.4
Canberra	1.5	3.0	0.5	2.1
Australia	1.6	3.3	0.4	2.7

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, March quarter 2011

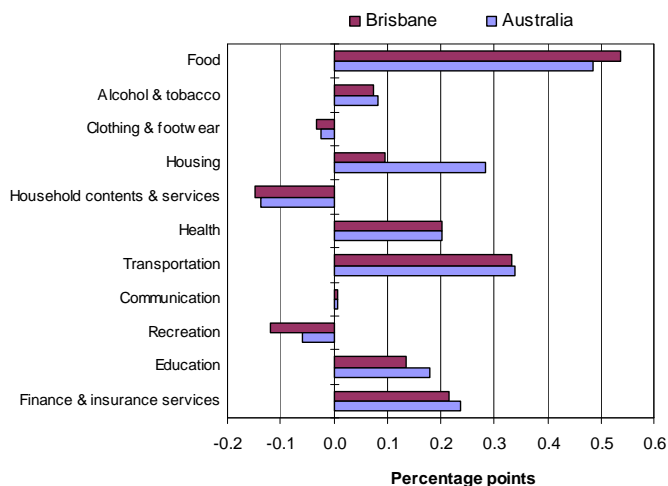


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

