

Summary

Headline¹ CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane	0.3%
Australia ²	0.6%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane	3.1%
Australia	3.5%

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

Quarter	0.5%
Annual	1.6%

¹ Headline CPI refers to All Groups.

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

Commentary

Note: This release introduces the 16th Series CPI that incorporates an updated weighting pattern, new commodity classification and some new analytical series. For more details refer to the ABS information paper (cat. no. 6470.0).

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.3% in September quarter 2011, to be 3.1% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the sixth-largest increase while Adelaide recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia. (see Table 1)
- Compared with the Australian average for September quarter 2011, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Recreation and culture*, *Clothing and Footwear*, *Alcohol and tobacco* and *Transport*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*, *Health* and *Furnishings, household equipment and services* groups (Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Recreation and culture* group made the largest contribution to inflation in September quarter 2011 (0.17 of a percentage point). Within the *Recreation and culture* category, *International holiday travel and accommodation* increased 5.3% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in September quarter 2011 (-0.09 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* category, *Vegetables* decreased by 7.8% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.5% in September quarter 2011, with an annual inflation rate of 1.6%.

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital City	September quarter 2011		June quarter 2011	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.7	3.7	1.0	3.8
Melbourne	0.6	3.6	0.7	3.6
Brisbane	0.3	3.1	1.0	3.8
Adelaide	1.0	4.0	1.0	3.9
Perth	0.2	2.8	1.3	3.0
Hobart	0.8	3.2	0.9	3.4
Darwin	0.7	2.8	1.0	3.1
Canberra	0.7	3.7	1.1	3.7
Australia	0.6	3.5	0.9	3.6

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

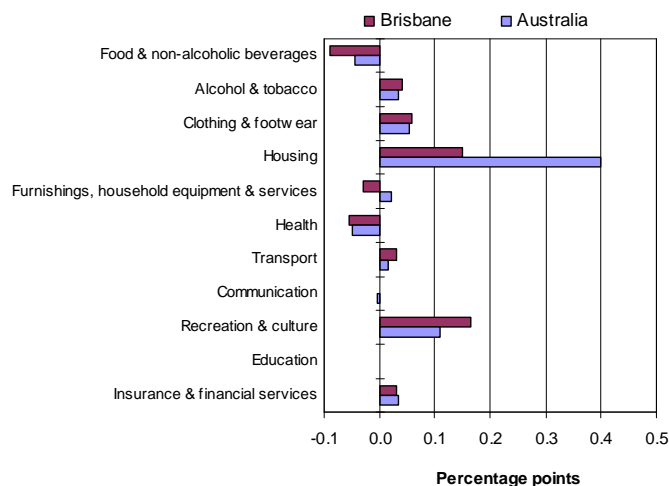


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

