

Summary

Headline¹ CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane	-0.2%
Australia ²	0.0%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane	2.4%
Australia	3.1%

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

Quarter	0.3%
Annual	1.9%

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) decreased 0.2% in December quarter 2011, to be 2.4% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the equal lowest increase while Adelaide and Canberra recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average for December quarter 2011, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Transport* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*, *Clothing and footwear*, *Health* and *Recreation and culture* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Transport* group made the largest contribution to inflation in December quarter 2011 (0.12 of a percentage point). Within the *Transport* category, *Automotive fuel* increased 1.4% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in December quarter 2011 (-0.28 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* category, *Fruit* decreased by 14.9% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.3% in December quarter 2011, with an annual inflation rate of 1.9% (see Figure 2).

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital City	December quarter 2011		September quarter 2011	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	-0.1	3.2	0.7	3.7
Melbourne	0.1	3.1	0.6	3.6
Brisbane	-0.2	2.4	0.3	3.1
Adelaide	-0.1	3.6	1.0	4.0
Perth	0.2	2.9	0.2	2.8
Hobart	0.1	3.2	0.8	3.2
Darwin	-0.4	2.4	0.7	2.8
Canberra	0.3	3.6	0.7	3.7
Australia	0.0	3.1	0.6	3.5

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

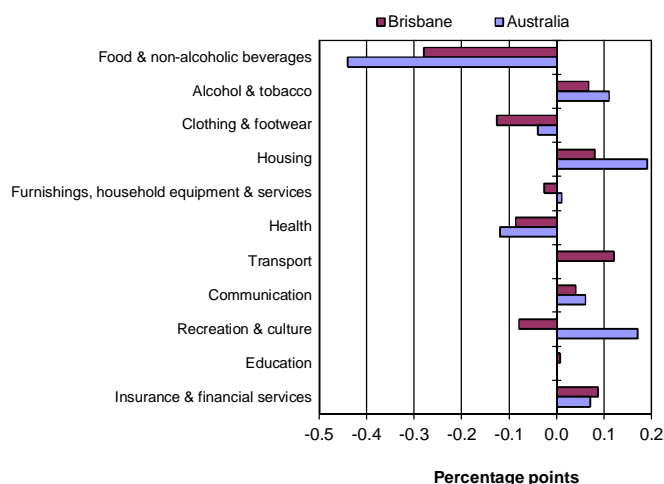


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

