



Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2012

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Key data

Headline¹ CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane ↑ 0.6%
Australia ↑ 0.5%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane ↑ 0.9%
Australia ↑ 1.2%

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

Quarter ↑ 0.3%
Annual ↑ 1.0%

¹ Headline CPI refers to All Groups.

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

Main findings

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.6% in June quarter 2012, to be 0.9% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second lowest increase while Darwin recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).
- Compared with the weighted average of eight capital cities for June quarter 2012, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Furnishings, household equipment and services*, *Housing*, *Alcohol and tobacco*, *Clothing and footwear* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from *Recreation and culture*, *Communication* and *Transport* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2012 (0.19 of a percentage point). Within the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* category, *Household textiles* increased 10.0% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Recreation and culture* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2012 (-0.04 of a percentage point). Within the *Recreation and culture* category, *Audio, visual and computing equipment* decreased by 3.7% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.3% in June quarter 2012, with an annual inflation rate of 1.0% (see Figure 2).

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	June qtr 2012		March qtr 2012	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.6	1.3	0.1	1.6
Melbourne	0.5	1.2	0.0	1.4
Brisbane	0.6	0.9	0.2	1.3
Adelaide	0.3	1.2	-0.1	1.8
Perth	0.5	1.1	0.2	1.9
Hobart	-0.4	0.8	0.3	2.1
Darwin	0.9	1.6	0.3	1.7
Canberra	0.6	1.2	-0.4	1.6
Australia	0.5	1.2	0.1	1.6

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, June quarter 2012

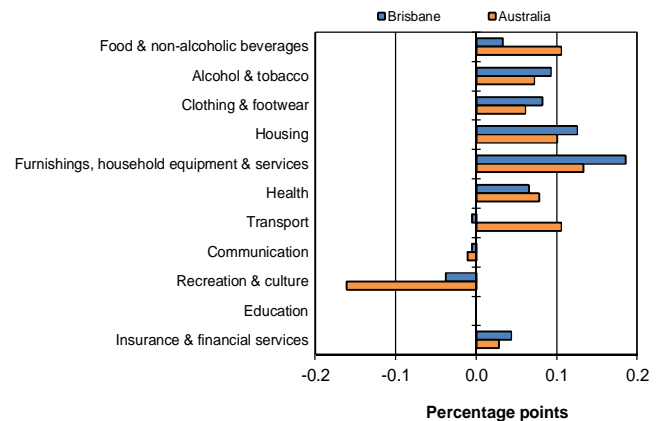


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

