

# Consumer Price Index, March quarter 2013

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.1%  
 Australia..... ↑ 0.4%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 2.1%  
 Australia..... ↑ 2.5%

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

Quarter..... ↓ 0.1%  
 Annual..... ↑ 1.3%

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

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

## Main findings

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.1% in March quarter 2013, to be 2.1% 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 March quarter 2013, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*, *Alcohol and tobacco*, *Health*, *Transport* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from *Clothing and footwear*, *Housing*, *Furnishings, household equipment and services* and *Recreation and culture* (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Education* group made the largest contribution to inflation in March quarter 2013 (0.19 of a percentage point). Within the *Education* category, *Secondary Education* increased 6.0% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Clothing and footwear* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in December quarter 2012 (-0.19 of a percentage point). Within the *Clothing and footwear* category, *Garments for infants and children* decreased by 10.7% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, decreased 0.1% in March quarter 2013, with an annual inflation rate of 1.3% (see Figure 2).

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	March qtr 2013		December qtr 2012	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.4	2.8	0.1	2.5
Melbourne	0.4	2.5	0.4	2.1
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Adelaide	0.0	2.2	0.4	2.1
Perth	0.5	2.4	0.3	2.1
Hobart	0.3	1.0	0.4	1.0
Darwin	1.7	3.8	0.0	2.5
Canberra	0.1	2.2	0.4	1.7
<b>Australia</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, March quarter 2013

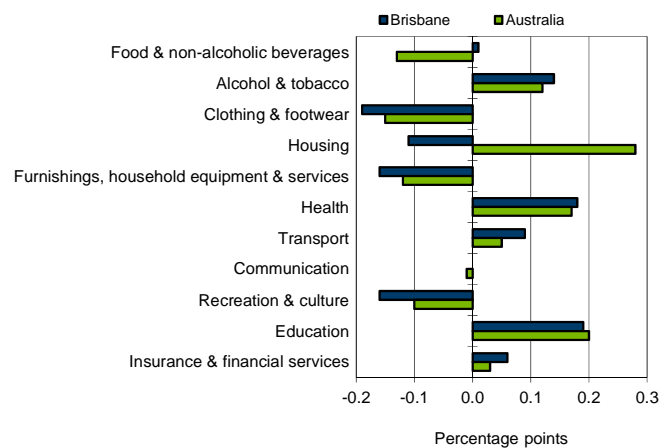


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

