

Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2013

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Key data

Headline¹ CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.5%
 Australia..... ↑ 0.4%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 2.0%
 Australia..... ↑ 2.4%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.5%
 Annual..... ↑ 1.5%

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 0.5% in June quarter 2013, to be 2.0% 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 2013, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Housing*, *Health*, *Furnishings, household equipment and services* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from *Transport* and *Recreation and culture* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Housing* group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2013 (0.23 of a percentage point). Within the *Housing* category, *New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers* increased 1.8% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Transport* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2013 (-0.14 of a percentage point). Within the *Transport* category, *Automotive fuel* decreased by 3.0% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.5% in June quarter 2013, with an annual inflation rate of 1.5% (see Figure 2).

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	June qtr 2013		March qtr 2013	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.4	2.6	0.4	2.8
Melbourne	0.2	2.2	0.4	2.5
Brisbane	0.5	2.0	0.1	2.1
Adelaide	0.2	2.1	0.0	2.2
Perth	0.6	2.5	0.5	2.4
Hobart	0.4	1.8	0.3	1.0
Darwin	0.9	3.9	1.7	3.8
Canberra	0.6	2.2	0.1	2.2
Australia	0.4	2.4	0.4	2.5

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

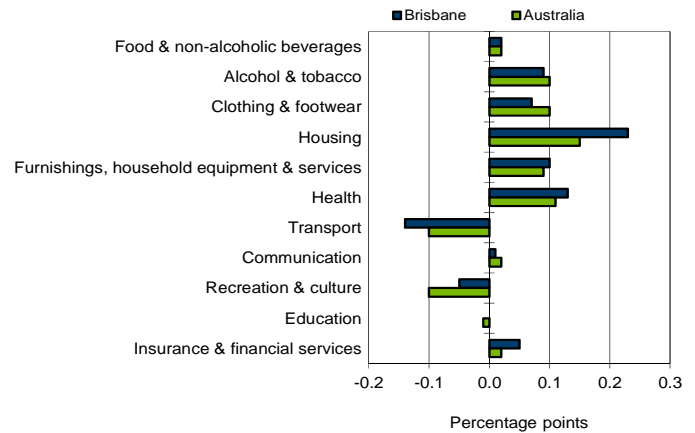


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

