

# Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2013

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.3%  
 Australia..... ↑ 1.2%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 2.2%  
 Australia..... ↑ 2.2%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.8%  
 Annual..... ↑ 1.6%

<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 1.3% in September quarter 2013, to be 2.2% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the fourth-highest 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 September quarter 2013, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Housing*, *Alcohol and tobacco*, *Clothing and footwear* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* and *Health* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Housing* group made the largest contribution to inflation in September quarter 2013 (0.58 of a percentage point). Within the *Housing* group, *Electricity* increased 18.9% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in September quarter 2013 (-0.03 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Vegetables* decreased by 6.5% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.8% in September quarter 2013, with an annual inflation rate of 1.6% (see Figure 2).

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	September qtr 2013		June qtr 2013	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	1.2	2.1	0.4	2.6
Melbourne	1.4	2.4	0.2	2.2
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Adelaide	1.4	2.0	0.2	2.1
Perth	1.2	2.6	0.6	2.5
Hobart	0.9	2.0	0.4	1.8
Darwin	0.9	3.4	0.9	3.9
Canberra	0.6	1.7	0.6	2.2
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>

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

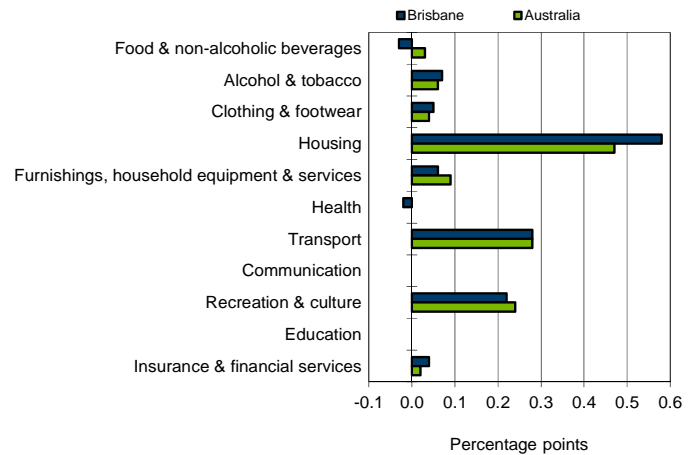


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

