

# Consumer Price Index, March quarter 2014

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.6%  
Australia<sup>2</sup> ..... ↑ 0.6%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 3.1%  
Australia..... ↑ 2.9%

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

Quarter..... ↔ 0.0%  
Annual..... ↑ 2.1%

<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 0.6% in March quarter 2014, to be 3.1% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second-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 December quarter 2013, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Housing*, *Health*, *Alcohol and tobacco*, *Education*, *Transport*, *Communication* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Recreation and culture*, *Furnishings, household equipment and services* and *Clothing and footwear*, groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Alcohol and tobacco* group made the largest contribution to inflation in March quarter 2014 (0.25 of a percentage point). Within the *Alcohol and tobacco* group, *Tobacco* increased 6.4% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Recreation and culture* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in March quarter 2014 (-0.24 of a percentage point). Within the *Recreation and culture* group, *Domestic holiday travel and accommodation* decreased 6.4% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, remained steady in March quarter 2014, with an annual inflation rate of 2.1% (see Figure 2).

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital City	March qtr 2014		December qtr 2013	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Sydney	0.6	2.8	0.7	2.6
Melbourne	0.5	2.8	0.8	2.7
Adelaide	0.7	2.9	0.7	2.3
Perth	0.7	3.1	0.7	2.9
Hobart	0.5	2.8	1.0	2.6
Darwin	0.8	3.6	0.9	4.4
Canberra	0.5	2.6	1.0	2.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, March quarter 2014

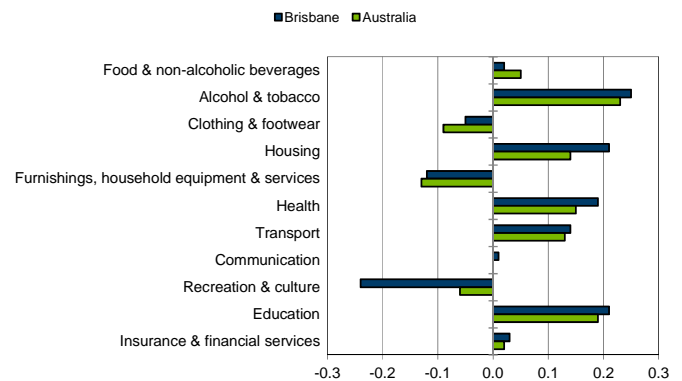


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

