

# Consumer Price Index, December quarter 2015

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.4%  
 Australia<sup>(b)</sup>..... ↑ 0.4%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.7%  
 Australia..... ↑ 1.7%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.8%  
 Annual..... ↑ 1.8%

(a) Headline CPI refers to All Groups.  
 (b) Australia refers to the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

## Main findings

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.4% in December quarter 2015, to be 1.7% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the fourth-highest increase while Sydney 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 2015, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Alcohol and tobacco*, *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*, *Furnishings, household equipment and services* and *Clothing and footwear*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Transport*, *Communication* and *Health* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Alcohol and tobacco* group made the largest contribution to inflation in December quarter 2015 (0.33 of a percentage point). Within the *Alcohol and tobacco* group, *Tobacco* increased 7.5% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Transport* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in December quarter 2015 (0.2 of a percentage point). Within the *Transport* group, *Automotive fuel* decreased 7.1% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.8% in December quarter 2015, with an annual inflation rate of 1.8% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	December qtr 2015		September qtr 2015	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Sydney	0.3	2.0	0.3	1.9
Melbourne	0.7	1.9	0.5	1.4
Adelaide	0.2	1.0	0.3	1.1
Perth	0.5	1.5	0.4	1.1
Hobart	0.9	1.8	0.6	1.1
Darwin	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4
Canberra	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.6
<b>Australia</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, December quarter 2015

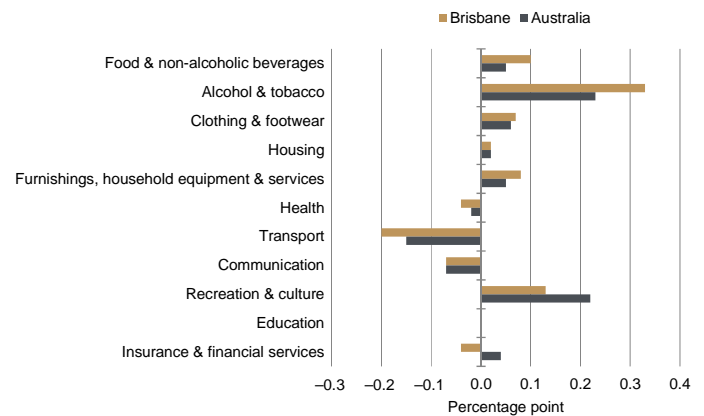


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

