

Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2016

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Key data

Headline^(a) CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.5%
 Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.4%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.5%
 Australia..... ↑ 1.0%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.2%
 Annual..... ↑ 1.2%

(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 0.5% in June quarter 2016, to be 1.5% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane 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 2016, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Furnishings, household equipment and services*, *Alcohol and tobacco* and *Health*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*, *Communication* and *Recreation and culture* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Health* group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2016 (0.18 of a percentage point). Within the *Health* group, *Medical and hospital services* increased 4.1% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2016 (0.07 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Coffee, tea and cocoa* decreased 7.2% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes volatile items, increased 0.2% in June quarter 2016, with an annual inflation rate of 1.2% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

| Capital city | June qtr 2016 | | March qtr 2016 | |
|------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| | Quarterly | Yearly | Quarterly | Yearly |
| Brisbane | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Sydney | 0.6 | 0.9 | -0.2 | 1.3 |
| Melbourne | 0.4 | 1.4 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Adelaide | 0.5 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 0.7 |
| Perth | 0.3 | 0.5 | -0.6 | 0.7 |
| Hobart | 0.0 | 1.2 | -0.2 | 1.3 |
| Darwin | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.9 | -0.3 |
| Canberra | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Australia | 0.4 | 1.0 | -0.2 | 1.3 |

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, June quarter 2016

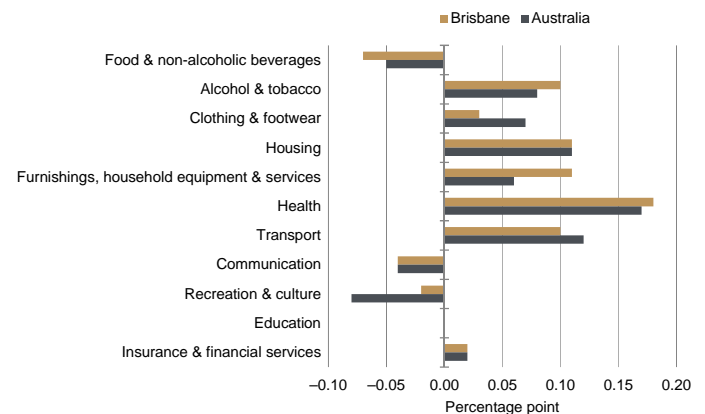


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

