

Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2016

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.6%
 Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.7%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.5%
 Australia..... ↑ 1.3%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.4%
 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 0.6% in September quarter 2016, to be 1.5% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second-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 September quarter 2016, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Recreation and culture*, *Clothing and footwear* and *Alcohol and tobacco*. These were partly offset by deductions from the *Transport*, *Communication* and *Health* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group made the largest contribution to inflation in September quarter 2016 (0.26 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Fruit* increased 19.4% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Transport* group recorded the largest deduction from inflation in September quarter 2016 (0.12 of a percentage point). Within the *Transport* group, *Automotive fuel* decreased 4.5% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.4% in September quarter 2016, with an annual inflation rate of 1.2% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

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

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

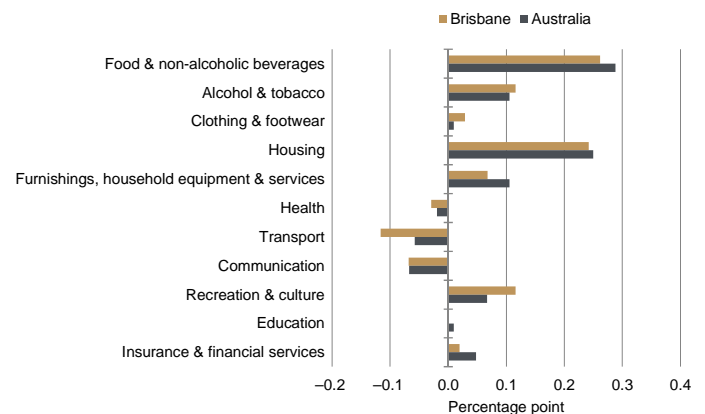


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

