

# Consumer Price Index, December quarter 2016

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.5%

Australia<sup>(b)</sup>..... ↑ 0.5%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.6%

Australia..... ↑ 1.5%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.5%

Annual..... ↑ 0.8%

(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 0.5% in December quarter 2016, to be 1.6% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the third-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 2016, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Insurance and financial services* and *Alcohol and tobacco*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Furnishings, household equipment and services*, *Clothing and footwear* and *Health* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Alcohol and tobacco* group made the largest contribution to inflation in December quarter 2016 (0.28 of a percentage point). Within the *Alcohol and tobacco* group, *Tobacco* increased 8.2% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in December quarter 2016 (0.10 of a percentage point). Within the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group, *Household textiles* decreased 5.8% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.5% in December quarter 2016, with an annual inflation rate of 0.8% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

| Capital city     | December qtr 2016 |            | September qtr 2016 |            |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
|                  | Quarterly         | Yearly     | Quarterly          | Yearly     |
| <b>Brisbane</b>  | <b>0.5</b>        | <b>1.6</b> | <b>0.6</b>         | <b>1.5</b> |
| Sydney           | 0.5               | 1.8        | 1.0                | 1.7        |
| Melbourne        | 0.7               | 1.5        | 0.5                | 1.4        |
| Adelaide         | 0.3               | 1.3        | 0.8                | 1.2        |
| Perth            | 0.4               | 0.4        | 0.4                | 0.5        |
| Hobart           | 0.8               | 1.3        | 0.7                | 1.3        |
| Darwin           | -0.1              | -0.4       | 0.4                | 0.0        |
| Canberra         | 0.6               | 1.8        | 0.8                | 1.4        |
| <b>Australia</b> | <b>0.5</b>        | <b>1.5</b> | <b>0.7</b>         | <b>1.3</b> |

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

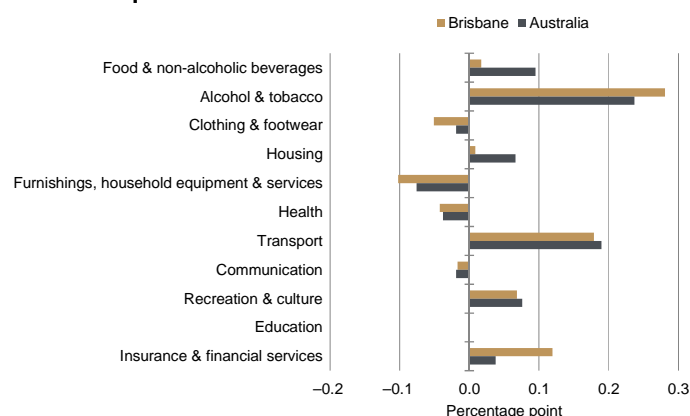


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

