

Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2017

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.5%

Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.2%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.8%

Australia..... ↑ 1.9%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.2%

Annual..... ↑ 1.0%

(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 2017, to be 1.8% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the fifth-highest increase while Hobart 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 2017, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Furnishings, household equipment and services*, *Alcohol and tobacco*, *Housing*, *Insurance and financial services*, *Clothing and footwear* and *Health*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*, *Transport* and *Communication* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Health* group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2017 (0.15 of a percentage point). Within the *Health* group, *Medical and hospital services* increased 3.4% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2017 (0.05 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Fruit* decreased 6.9% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.2% in June quarter 2017, with an annual inflation rate of 1.0% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	June qtr 2017		March qtr 2017	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Brisbane	0.5	1.8	0.3	1.8
Sydney	0.4	2.2	0.4	2.4
Melbourne	0.1	2.2	0.9	2.5
Adelaide	0.1	1.6	0.4	2.0
Perth	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.0
Hobart	0.0	2.3	0.8	2.3
Darwin	0.3	0.5	-0.1	0.5
Canberra	0.0	2.1	0.6	2.3
Australia	0.2	1.9	0.5	2.1

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, June quarter 2017

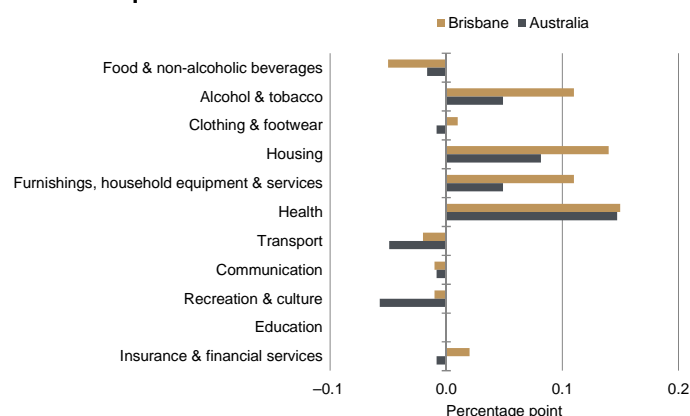


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

