

Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2017

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.4%

Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.6%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.5%

Australia..... ↑ 1.8%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.6%

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 0.4% in September quarter 2017, to be 1.5% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the sixth-largest increase while Melbourne 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 2017, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Recreation and culture*, *Education* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by deductions from the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*, *Transport* and *Communication* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Recreation and culture* group made the largest contribution to inflation in September quarter 2017 (0.20 of a percentage point). Within the *Recreation and culture* group, *International holiday travel and accommodation* increased 4.7% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest deduction from inflation in September quarter 2017 (0.12 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Vegetables* decreased 12.5% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.6% in September quarter 2017, with an annual inflation rate of 1.2% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	September qtr 2017		June qtr 2017	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Brisbane	0.4	1.5	0.5	1.8
Sydney	0.7	1.9	0.4	2.2
Melbourne	0.5	2.2	0.1	2.2
Adelaide	1.1	1.8	0.1	1.6
Perth	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.7
Hobart	0.3	2.0	0.0	2.3
Darwin	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5
Canberra	0.9	2.1	0.0	2.1
Australia	0.6	1.8	0.2	1.9

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

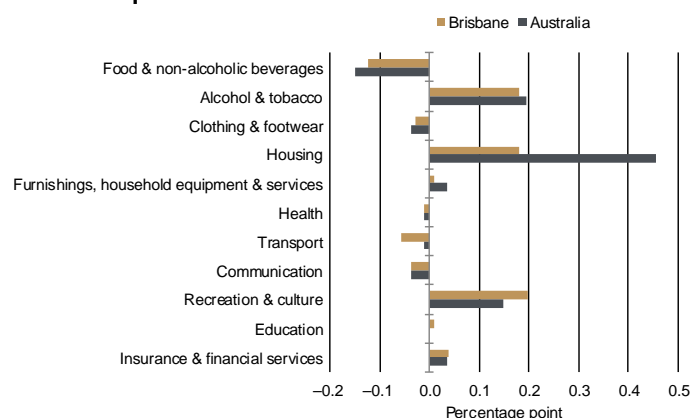


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

