

Consumer Price Index, December quarter 2017

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.8%
 Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.6%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.9%
 Australia..... ↑ 1.9%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.4%
 Annual..... ↑ 1.1%

(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 0.8% in December quarter 2017, to be 1.9% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the sixth-largest increase while Adelaide 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 2017, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Transport, Alcohol and tobacco, Recreation and culture, Clothing and footwear* and *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Furnishings, household equipment and services, Communication* and *Health* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Transport* group made the largest contribution to inflation in December quarter 2017 (0.32 of a percentage point). Within the *Transport* group, *Automotive fuel* increased 10.6% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in December quarter 2017 (0.05 of a percentage point). Within the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group, *Household textiles* decreased 6.0% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.4% in December quarter 2017, with an annual inflation rate of 1.1% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	December qtr 2017		September qtr 2017	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Brisbane	0.8	1.9	0.4	1.5
Sydney	0.7	2.2	0.7	1.9
Melbourne	0.7	2.2	0.5	2.2
Adelaide	0.7	2.3	1.1	1.8
Perth	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8
Hobart	1.0	2.1	0.3	2.0
Darwin	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.6
Canberra	0.6	2.2	0.9	2.1
Australia	0.6	1.9	0.6	1.8

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

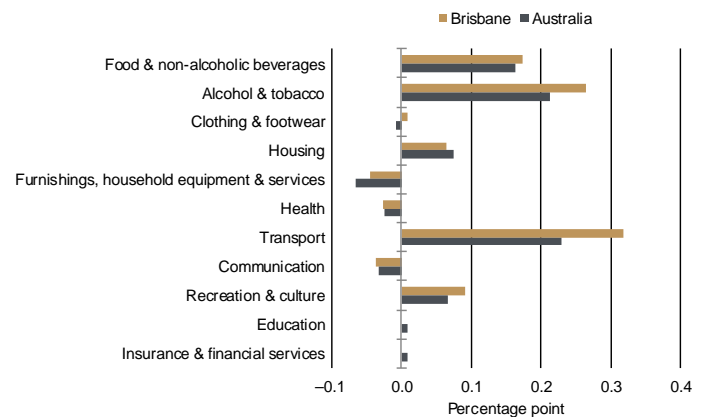


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

