

Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2018

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.4%
 Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.4%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.7%
 Australia..... ↑ 2.1%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.2%
 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 0.4% in June quarter 2018, resulting in a 1.7% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the sixth-largest increase while Canberra 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 2018, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Transport, Recreation and culture, Furnishings, household equipment and services* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* and *Communication* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Transport* group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2018 (0.29 of a percentage point). Within the *Transport* group, *Automotive fuel* increased 7.4% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2018 (0.11 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Vegetables* decreased 3.9% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.2% in June quarter 2018, with an annual inflation rate of 1.1% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	June qtr 2018		March qtr 2018	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Brisbane	0.4	1.7	0.1	1.7
Sydney	0.4	2.1	0.3	2.1
Melbourne	0.4	2.5	0.9	2.2
Adelaide	0.4	2.7	0.4	2.3
Perth	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.9
Hobart	0.4	2.4	0.7	2.0
Darwin	0.4	1.2	0.0	1.1
Canberra	0.4	2.8	0.8	2.4
Australia	0.4	2.1	0.4	1.9

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, June quarter 2018

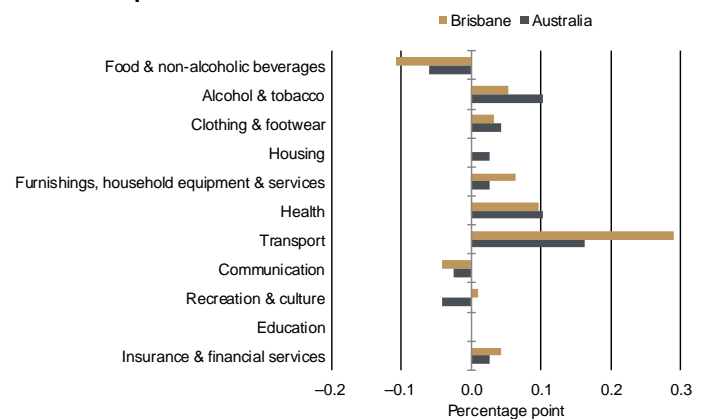


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

