

# Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2018

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.4%  
 Australia<sup>(b)</sup>..... ↑ 0.4%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.8%  
 Australia..... ↑ 1.9%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.5%  
 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 September quarter 2018, resulting in a 1.8% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the sixth-largest 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 September quarter 2018, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Recreation and culture*, *Insurance and financial services* and *Alcohol and tobacco*. These were partly offset by deductions from the *Furnishings, household equipment and services*, *Communication* and *Health* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Recreation and culture* group made the largest contribution to inflation in September quarter 2018 (0.29 of a percentage point). Within the *Recreation and culture* group, *International holiday travel and accommodation* increased 5.3% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group recorded the largest deduction from inflation in September quarter 2018 (0.10 of a percentage point). Within the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group, *Child care* decreased 9.7% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.5% in September quarter 2018, with an annual inflation rate of 1.1% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	September qtr 2018		June qtr 2018	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Sydney	0.6	2.0	0.4	2.1
Melbourne	0.2	2.2	0.4	2.5
Adelaide	0.3	1.8	0.4	2.7
Perth	0.5	1.2	0.2	1.1
Hobart	0.6	2.7	0.4	2.4
Darwin	0.6	1.3	0.4	1.2
Canberra	0.6	2.5	0.4	2.8
<b>Australia</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>

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

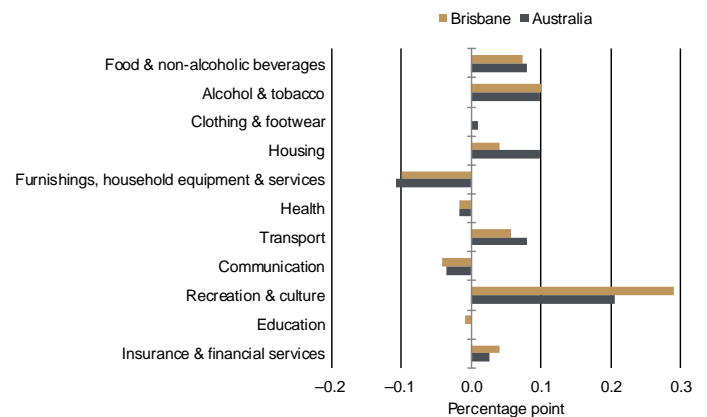


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

