

Consumer Price Index, March quarter 2019

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.1%

Australia^(b)..... ↔ 0.0%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.5%

Australia..... ↑ 1.3%

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

Quarter..... ↓ 0.1%

Annual..... ↑ 1.4%

(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 0.1% in March quarter 2019, resulting in a 1.5% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the third-largest increase while Hobart recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).
- In March quarter 2019, Brisbane recorded strong contributions from the CPI groups of *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* and *Health*. These were partly offset by deductions from the *Recreation and culture*, *Transport* and *Clothing and footwear* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group made the largest contribution to inflation in March quarter 2019 (0.29 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Vegetables* increased 8.1% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Recreation and culture* group recorded the largest deduction from inflation in March quarter 2019 (0.29 of a percentage point). Within the *Recreation and culture* group, *Domestic holiday travel and accommodation* decreased 6.0% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, decreased 0.1% in March quarter 2019, with an annual inflation rate of 1.4% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	March qtr 2019		December qtr 2018	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Brisbane	0.1	1.5	0.5	1.5
Sydney	-0.1	1.3	0.4	1.7
Melbourne	0.1	1.2	0.5	2.0
Adelaide	0.1	1.3	0.5	1.6
Perth	-0.1	1.1	0.5	1.3
Hobart	-0.2	2.1	1.2	3.0
Darwin	-0.8	0.4	0.2	1.2
Canberra	0.1	1.8	0.7	2.5
Australia	0.0	1.3	0.5	1.8

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, Brisbane, March quarter 2019

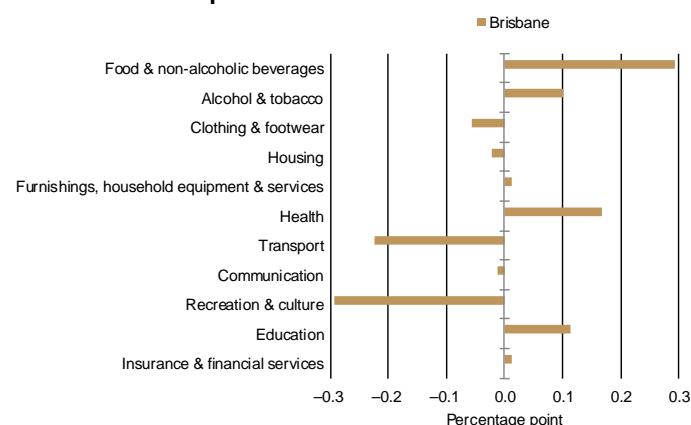


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

