

Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2020

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↓ 2.2%

Australia^(b)..... ↓ 1.9%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↓ 1.0%

Australia..... ↓ 0.3%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.3%

Annual..... ↑ 2.0%

(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) decreased 2.2% in June quarter 2020, resulting in a 1.0% decrease over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second-largest decrease 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 June quarter 2020, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Alcohol and tobacco* and *Clothing and footwear*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Furnishings, household equipment and services*, *Transport* and *Housing* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Alcohol and tobacco* group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2020 (0.17 of a percentage point). Within the *Alcohol and tobacco* group, *Wine* increased 3.8% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2020 (1.04 percentage points). Within the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group, *Child care* decreased 95.0% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.3% in June quarter 2020, with an annual inflation rate of 2.0% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	June qtr 2020		March qtr 2020	
	Quarterly	Annual	Quarterly	Annual
Brisbane	-2.2	-1.0	-0.1	1.8
Sydney	-2.3	-1.0	0.3	2.0
Melbourne	-1.8	0.3	0.8	2.7
Adelaide	-1.0	0.8	0.3	2.4
Perth	-1.2	0.1	0.4	2.1
Hobart	-1.4	1.3	0.4	3.4
Darwin	-2.5	-1.8	0.3	1.5
Canberra	-2.3	-0.6	0.4	2.0
Australia	-1.9	-0.3	0.3	2.2

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, June quarter 2020

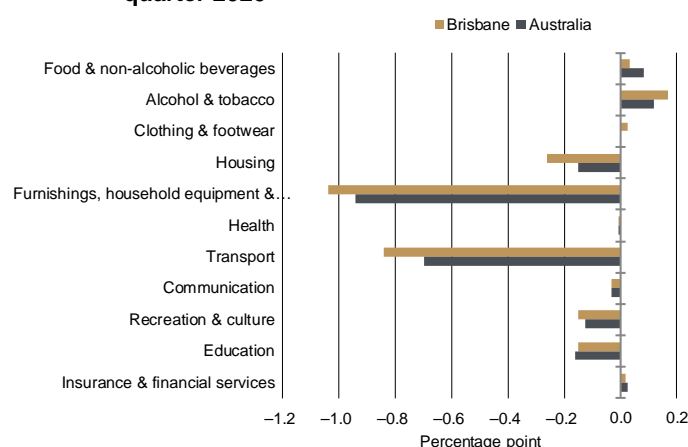


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

