

# Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2020

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 2.3%  
 Australia<sup>(b)</sup>..... ↑ 1.6%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.6%  
 Australia..... ↑ 0.7%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.5%  
 Annual..... ↑ 1.7%

(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 2.3% in September quarter 2020, resulting in a 0.6% 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 2020, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Transport, Furnishings, household equipment and services, Housing, Education, Recreation and culture* and *Insurance and financial services*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages, Health* and *Communication* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group made the largest contribution to inflation in September quarter 2020 (1.18 percentage points). Within the *Furnishings, household equipment and services* group, *Child care* increased significantly in the quarter. This follows the end of the 'Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package', which temporarily made child care free in the June 2020 quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in September quarter 2020 (0.06 of a percentage point). Within the *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* group, *Breakfast cereals* decreased 5.1% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.5% in September quarter 2020, with an annual inflation rate of 1.7% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	September qtr 2020		June qtr 2020	
	Quarterly	Annual	Quarterly	Annual
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Sydney	1.8	0.3	-2.3	-1.0
Melbourne	0.9	0.7	-1.8	0.3
Adelaide	1.0	1.0	-1.0	0.8
Perth	1.8	1.3	-1.2	0.1
Hobart	1.0	1.7	-1.4	1.3
Darwin	1.7	-0.4	-2.5	-1.8
Canberra	2.3	1.0	-2.3	-0.6
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

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

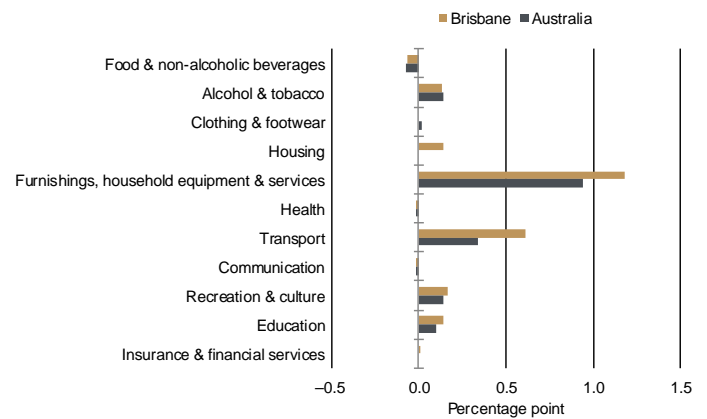


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

