Consumer Price Index, December quarter 2020

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Key data

**Headline** (a) CPI inflation change (quarterly):
- Brisbane: ↑ 1.1%
- Australia: ↑ 0.9%

**Headline** CPI inflation change (annual):
- Brisbane: ↑ 1.0%
- Australia: ↑ 0.9%

**Market sector goods and services (core CPI) inflation change (Australia):**
- Quarter: ↑ 0.9%
- 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) increased 1.1% in December quarter 2020, resulting in a 1.0% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the third-largest increase while Melbourne recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).

- Compared with the weighted average of eight capital cities for December quarter 2020, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of Housing, Alcohol and tobacco, Health, Food and non-alcoholic beverages, Insurance and financial services and Recreation and culture. These were partly offset by detractions from the Clothing and footwear, Transport and Communication groups (see Figure 1).

- For Brisbane, the Alcohol and tobacco group made the largest contribution to inflation in December quarter 2020 (0.41 of a percentage point). Within the Alcohol and tobacco group, Tobacco increased 11.3% in the quarter.

- For Brisbane, the Clothing and footwear group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in December quarter 2020 (0.03 of a percentage point). Within the Clothing and footwear group, Garments for women decreased 5.7% in the quarter.

- Australia’s CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.9% in December quarter 2020, with an annual inflation rate of 2.0% (see Figure 2).

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**Table 1** Percentage change in the CPI

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**Figure 1** Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, December quarter 2020

**Figure 2** CPI annual change, Australia

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