

Consumer Price Index, December quarter 2020

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.1%
 Australia^(b)..... ↑ 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).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	December qtr 2020		September qtr 2020	
	Quarterly	Annual	Quarterly	Annual
Brisbane	1.1	1.0	2.3	0.6
Sydney	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.3
Melbourne	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.7
Adelaide	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0
Perth	-1.0	-0.1	1.8	1.3
Hobart	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.7
Darwin	0.6	0.0	1.7	-0.4
Canberra	0.8	1.1	2.3	1.0
Australia	0.9	0.9	1.6	0.7

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

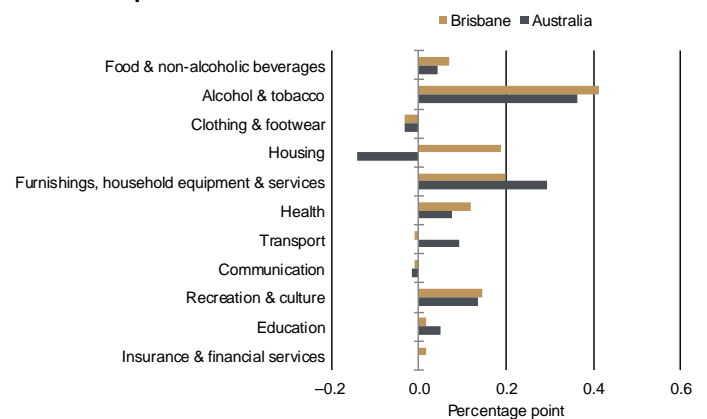


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

