Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2021

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Key data

Headline(a) CPI inflation change (quarterly):
Brisbane...........................................................↑ 1.3%
Australia(b)........................................................↑ 0.8%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):
Brisbane...........................................................↑ 3.9%
Australia...........................................................↑ 3.0%

Market sector goods and services (core CPI) inflation change (Australia):
Quarter............................................................↑ 0.8%
Annual..............................................................↑ 2.1%

(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 1.3% in September quarter 2021, resulting in a 3.9% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second-largest increase while Darwin 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 2021, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of Housing, Recreation and culture, Transport, Furnishings, household equipment and services, Insurance and financial services and Education. These were partly offset by detractions from the Clothing and footwear, Alcohol and tobacco and Food and non-alcoholic beverages groups (see Figure 1).

• For Brisbane, the Housing group made the largest contribution to inflation in September quarter 2021 (0.84 of a percentage point). Within the Housing group, New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers increased 7.9% in the quarter.

• For Brisbane, the Clothing and footwear group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in September quarter 2021 (0.10 of a percentage point). Within the Clothing and footwear group, Garments for infants and children decreased 7.9% in the quarter.

• Australia’s CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.8% in September quarter 2021, with an annual inflation rate of 2.1% (see Figure 2).