

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 deductions 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 deduction 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).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	September qtr 2021		June qtr 2021	
	Quarterly	Annual	Quarterly	Annual
Brisbane	1.3	3.9	0.8	4.9
Sydney	0.7	2.9	0.8	4.1
Melbourne	0.8	2.9	0.3	2.9
Adelaide	0.7	2.5	0.5	2.8
Perth	0.8	3.2	1.9	4.2
Hobart	0.3	3.0	1.1	3.6
Darwin	1.5	5.9	1.0	6.1
Canberra	1.3	3.7	0.8	4.8
Australia	0.8	3.0	0.8	3.8

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, September quarter 2021

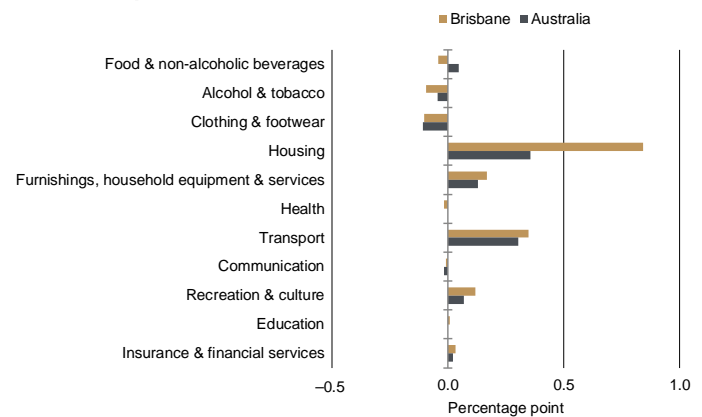


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

