

# Consumer Price Index, December quarter 2021

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.6%  
Australia<sup>(b)</sup>..... ↑ 1.3%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 4.3%  
Australia..... ↑ 3.5%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 1.4%  
Annual..... ↑ 2.6%

(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 1.6% in December quarter 2021, resulting in a 4.3% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the fourth-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 December quarter 2021, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Housing*, *Transport*, *Clothing and footwear*, *Furnishings, household equipment and services*, *Alcohol and tobacco* and *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Health* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Housing* group made the largest contribution to inflation in December quarter 2021 (0.59 of a percentage point). Within the *Housing* group, *New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers* increased 6.4% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Health* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in December quarter 2021 (0.02 of a percentage point). Within the *Health* group, *Pharmaceutical products* decreased 1.8% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 1.4% in December quarter 2021, with an annual inflation rate of 2.6% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	December qtr 2021		September qtr 2021	
	Quarterly	Annual	Quarterly	Annual
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Sydney	1.2	3.1	0.7	2.9
Melbourne	1.1	2.5	0.8	2.9
Adelaide	1.5	3.3	0.7	2.5
Perth	1.4	5.7	0.8	3.2
Hobart	2.2	4.5	0.3	3.0
Darwin	0.8	6.0	1.5	5.9
Canberra	1.0	4.0	1.3	3.7
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>

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

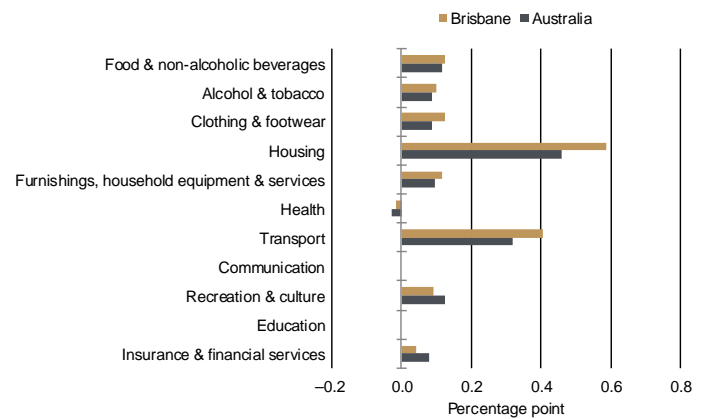


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

