

# Consumer Price Index, March quarter 2022

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## Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 2.2%

Australia<sup>(b)</sup>..... ↑ 2.1%

### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 6.0%

Australia..... ↑ 5.1%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 1.7%

Annual..... ↑ 4.2%

(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 2.2% in March quarter 2022, resulting in a 6.0% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second-largest increase while Perth recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).
- Compared with the weighted average of eight capital cities for March quarter 2022, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Health, Food and non-alcoholic beverages, Alcohol and tobacco, Transport, Education and Furnishings, household equipment and services*. These were partly offset by deductions from the *Clothing and footwear* and *Recreation and culture* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Housing* group made the largest contribution to inflation in March quarter 2022 (0.60 of a percentage point). Within the *Housing* group, *New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers* increased 6.0% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Clothing and footwear* group recorded the largest deduction from inflation in March quarter 2022 (0.06 of a percentage point). Within the *Clothing and footwear* group, *Footwear for women* decreased 7.3% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 1.7% in March quarter 2022, with an annual inflation rate of 4.2% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	March qtr 2022		December qtr 2021	
	Quarterly	Annual	Quarterly	Annual
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Sydney	1.7	4.4	1.2	3.1
Melbourne	2.3	4.5	1.1	2.5
Adelaide	1.9	4.7	1.5	3.3
Perth	3.3	7.6	1.4	5.7
Hobart	2.0	5.8	2.2	4.5
Darwin	2.1	5.5	0.8	6.0
Canberra	2.2	5.4	1.0	4.0
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, March quarter 2022

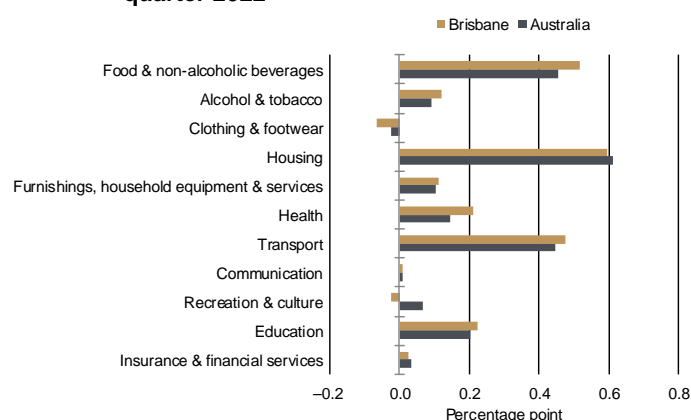


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

