

Consumer Price Index, March quarter 2025

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.9%

Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.9%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 2.7%

Australia..... ↑ 2.4%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.1%

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 1.9% in March quarter 2025, resulting in a 2.7% 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 the eight capital cities for March quarter 2025, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of 'Housing', 'Food and non-alcoholic beverages', and 'Transport'. These were partly offset by detractions from the 'Recreation and culture', 'Clothing and footwear', and 'Communication' groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the 'Housing' group made the largest contribution to inflation in March quarter 2025 (1.31 percentage points). Within this group, the 'Electricity' subgroup increased 341.4% in the quarter due to the \$1,000 Queensland State Government rebate being used up by some households in the previous quarter.
- For Brisbane, the 'Recreation and culture' group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in March quarter 2025 (0.35 of a percentage point). Within this group, the 'International holiday travel and accommodation' subgroup decreased 9.2% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.1% in March quarter 2025, with an annual inflation rate of 2.6% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	March qtr 2025		December qtr 2024	
	Quarterly	Annual	Quarterly	Annual
Brisbane	1.9	2.7	0.6	1.8
Sydney	0.9	2.3	-0.1	2.4
Melbourne	0.9	2.3	0.1	2.5
Adelaide	0.5	2.2	-0.1	2.5
Perth	0.5	2.8	0.7	2.9
Hobart	0.8	1.4	1.5	1.5
Darwin	0.7	1.7	-0.1	1.7
Canberra	0.9	2.2	0.1	2.2
Australia	0.9	2.4	0.2	2.4

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, March quarter 2025

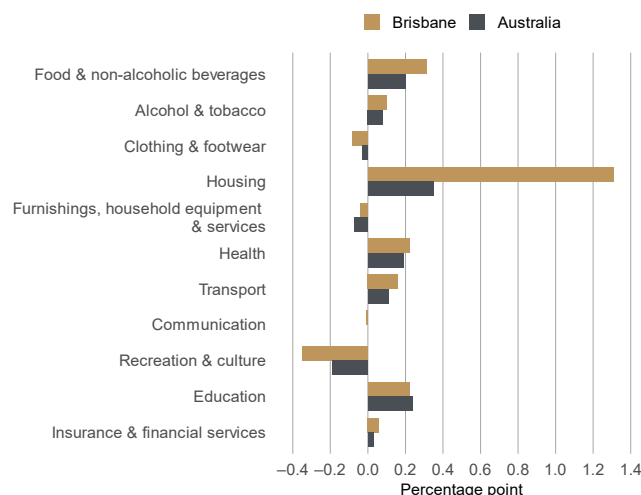


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

