

Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2019

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Key data

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

Brisbane..... ↑ 0.6%
 Australia^(b)..... ↑ 0.6%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane..... ↑ 1.7%
 Australia..... ↑ 1.6%

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

Quarter..... ↑ 0.4%
 Annual..... ↑ 1.6%

(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 0.6% in June quarter 2019, resulting in a **1.7% increase over the year**. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the third-largest increase while Hobart recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).
- Compared with the weighted average of eight capital cities for June quarter 2019, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Recreation and culture*, *Transport* and *Alcohol and tobacco*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Housing*, *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* and *Communication* groups (see Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Transport* group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2019 (0.42 of a percentage point). Within the *Transport* group, *Automotive fuel* increased 10.7% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Housing* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2019 (0.15 of a percentage point). Within the *Housing* group, *Electricity* decreased 5.1% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.4% in June quarter 2019, with an annual inflation rate of 1.6% (see Figure 2).

Table 1 Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	June qtr 2019		March qtr 2019	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Brisbane	0.6	1.7	0.1	1.5
Sydney	0.7	1.7	-0.1	1.3
Melbourne	0.5	1.3	0.1	1.2
Adelaide	0.5	1.4	0.1	1.3
Perth	0.7	1.6	-0.1	1.1
Hobart	0.6	2.3	-0.2	2.1
Darwin	0.8	0.8	-0.8	0.4
Canberra	0.3	1.7	0.1	1.8
Australia	0.6	1.6	0.0	1.3

Figure 1 Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, June quarter 2019

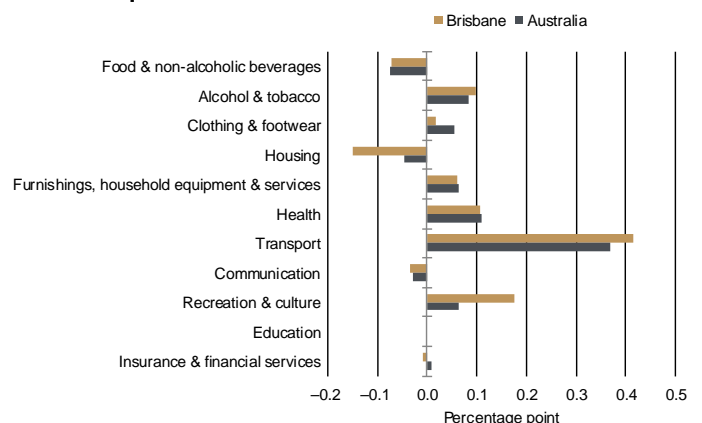


Figure 2 CPI annual change, Australia

