

# Monthly consumer price index

October 2025 | Economic brief

## Consumer price index (CPI)

National seasonally adjusted CPI increased by 0.3% in October 2025, to be 3.9% higher over the year.

National trimmed mean CPI increased by 0.3% in the month, to be 3.3% higher over the year (Chart 1). The increase in national trimmed mean is tracking higher than the December quarter forecast (3.2%) from the latest RBA Statement of Monetary Policy.

|   | Darwin | Australia |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Monthly change (original)               | ↑0.2%  | flat      |
| Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)    | n.a.   | ↑0.3%     |
| Year-ended change (original)            | ↑3.7%  | ↑3.8%     |
| Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted) | n.a.   | ↑3.9%     |

## Year-ended result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 3.7% over the year to October 2025 (Chart 2). This was fourth lowest result of the capital cities (Chart 3). In the other capital cities, CPI growth ranged from an increase of 3.3% in Melbourne to an increase of 5.2% in Brisbane. Nationally, CPI increased by 3.8%.

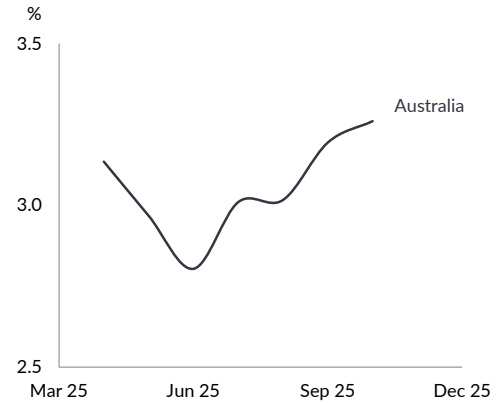
The largest contributors to the year-ended result for the Darwin CPI were housing (up by 5.0% contributing 0.88 ppt), food and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 3.2% contributing 0.62 ppt) and transportation (up by 4.5% contributing 0.52 ppt).

## Monthly result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 0.2% in October 2025. Darwin recorded the third highest result of the capital cities. The other capital cities ranged from a decline of 0.2% in Perth to an increase of 0.5% in Hobart. Nationally, CPI was flat.

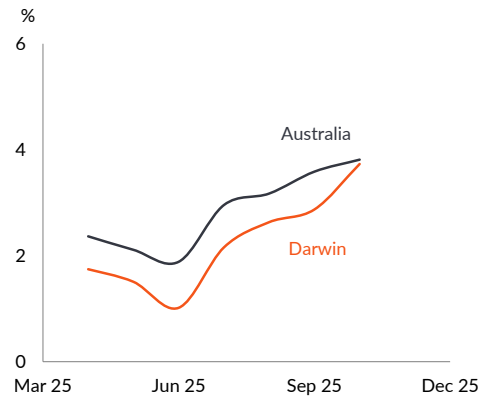
The greatest contributors to the monthly result for the Darwin CPI were transportation (up by 0.6% contributing 0.07 ppt), recreation and culture (up by 0.4% contributing 0.06 ppt) and housing (up by 0.3% contributing 0.05 ppt).

Chart 1: Trimmed mean consumer price index (monthly, year-ended change, seasonally adjusted)



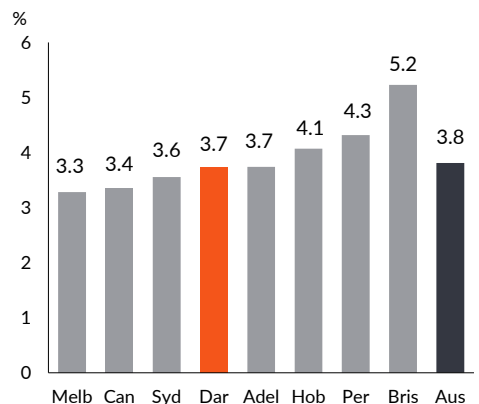
Source: DTF: ABS, Consumer Price Index

Chart 2: Consumer price index (monthly, year-ended change, original)



Source: DTF: ABS, Consumer Price Index

Chart 3: Capital cities consumer price index (monthly, year-ended change, original)



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Table 1: Consumer price index (original)

|   | Period      |              |              | Change               |                         | Contribution to change |                         |
|---|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Oct 24      | Sep 25       | Oct 25       | Monthly <sup>1</sup> | Year-ended <sup>2</sup> | Monthly <sup>1</sup>   | Year-ended <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Darwin</b>                                 | <b>96.6</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.2</b> | <b>0.2%</b>          | <b>3.7%</b>             | <b>0.18 ppt</b>        | <b>3.73 ppt</b>         |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages              | 96.9        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 0.0%                 | 3.2%                    | 0.01 ppt               | 0.62 ppt                |
| Alcohol and tobacco                           | 95.6        | 100.0        | 99.2         | -0.8%                | 3.8%                    | -0.08 ppt              | 0.40 ppt                |
| Clothing and footwear                         | 97.7        | 100.0        | 102.0        | 2.0%                 | 4.3%                    | 0.05 ppt               | 0.12 ppt                |
| Housing                                       | 95.5        | 100.0        | 100.3        | 0.3%                 | 5.0%                    | 0.05 ppt               | 0.88 ppt                |
| Furnishings, household equipment and services | 97.9        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 0.0%                 | 2.1%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.18 ppt                |
| Health  | 95.7        | 100.0        | 100.4        | 0.4%                 | 4.9%                    | 0.02 ppt               | 0.29 ppt                |
| Transportation                                | 96.3        | 100.0        | 100.6        | 0.6%                 | 4.5%                    | 0.07 ppt               | 0.52 ppt                |
| Communication                                 | 99.2        | 100.0        | 99.9         | -0.1%                | 0.7%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.02 ppt                |
| Recreation and culture                        | 96.8        | 100.0        | 100.4        | 0.4%                 | 3.7%                    | 0.06 ppt               | 0.46 ppt                |
| Education                                     | 95.1        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 0.0%                 | 5.2%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.17 ppt                |
| Insurance and financial services              | 98.9        | 100.0        | 100.1        | 0.1%                 | 1.2%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.06 ppt                |
| <b>Australia</b>                              | <b>96.3</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>0.0%</b>          | <b>3.8%</b>             | <b>-0.01 ppt</b>       | <b>3.82 ppt</b>         |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages              | 97.0        | 100.0        | 100.2        | 0.2%                 | 3.2%                    | 0.03 ppt               | 0.56 ppt                |
| Alcohol and tobacco                           | 95.8        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 0.0%                 | 4.4%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.29 ppt                |
| Clothing and footwear                         | 97.0        | 100.0        | 102.2        | 2.2%                 | 5.4%                    | 0.07 ppt               | 0.18 ppt                |
| Housing                                       | 93.7        | 100.0        | 99.2         | -0.8%                | 5.9%                    | -0.18 ppt              | 1.25 ppt                |
| Furnishings, household equipment and services | 98.7        | 100.0        | 100.7        | 0.7%                 | 2.1%                    | 0.06 ppt               | 0.16 ppt                |
| Health  | 96.2        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 0.0%                 | 4.0%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.27 ppt                |
| Transportation                                | 97.6        | 100.0        | 100.3        | 0.3%                 | 2.7%                    | 0.03 ppt               | 0.30 ppt                |
| Communication                                 | 99.1        | 100.0        | 99.8         | -0.2%                | 0.8%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.02 ppt                |
| Recreation and culture                        | 96.8        | 100.0        | 99.8         | -0.2%                | 3.2%                    | -0.02 ppt              | 0.39 ppt                |
| Education                                     | 94.9        | 100.0        | 100.0        | 0.0%                 | 5.4%                    | 0.00 ppt               | 0.25 ppt                |
| Insurance and financial services              | 97.8        | 100.0        | 100.2        | 0.2%                 | 2.5%                    | 0.01 ppt               | 0.14 ppt                |
| <b>Trimmed mean CPI (seasonally adjusted)</b> |             |              |              |                      |                         |                        |                         |
| Darwin  | n.a         | n.a          | n.a          | n.a.                 | n.a.                    |                        |                         |
| Australia                                     | 101.6       | 104.6        | 105.0        | 0.3%                 | 3.3%                    |                        |                         |

n.a.: not available

1 Compares the latest month with the previous month.

2 Compares the latest month with the same month last year.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS *Consumer Price Index*

| Term                 | Definition   |
|----------------------|--|
| Consumer price index | The consumer price index tracks changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services that is representative of expenditure by metropolitan households. |

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