

# Consumer price index

September quarter 2024 | Economic brief

## Consumer price index (CPI)

	Darwin	8 Capital Cities
Quarterly change (original)	↑0.1%	↑0.2%
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑0.1%
Year-ended change (original)	↑2.2%	↑2.8%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑2.9%

### Quarterly result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 0.1% in the September quarter 2024. Darwin recorded the fourth lowest result of the capital cities. The other capital cities ranged from a decline of 1.1% in Hobart to an increase of 0.7% in Melbourne. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 0.2%.

The greatest contributors to the quarterly result for the Darwin CPI was food and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 0.8% contributing 0.16 ppt) partly offset by transportation (down by 2.2% subtracting 0.25 ppt) and recreation and culture (down by 1.9% subtracting 0.25 ppt) (Chart 1).

The increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages was driven by meals out and take away foods (up by 1.0% contributing 0.07 ppt), meat and seafoods (up by 1.5% contributing 0.04 ppt) and fruit and vegetables (up by 0.9% contributing 0.02 ppt).

The decline in recreation and culture was driven by holiday travel and accommodation (down by 4.4% subtracting 0.25 ppt).

The decline in transportation was driven by automotive fuel (down by 6.5% subtracting 0.25 ppt).

### Year-ended result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 2.2% over the year to the September quarter 2024 (Chart 2). This was third lowest result of the capital cities (Chart 3). In the other capital cities, CPI growth ranged from an increase of 0.7% in Hobart to an increase of 3.8% in Perth. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 2.8%.

The categories with the largest changes over the year were education (up by 7.8%) and alcohol and tobacco (up by 6.7%).

Chart 1: Consumer price index percentage point contribution (quarterly change, original)

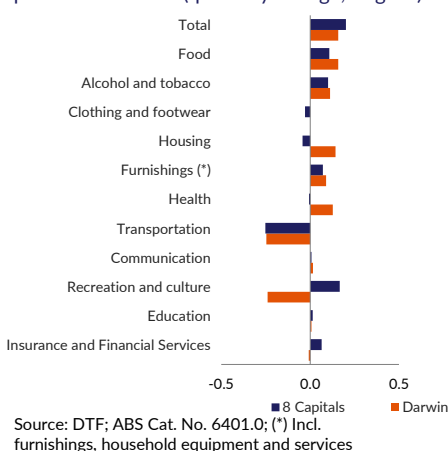


Chart 2: Consumer price index (year-ended change, original)

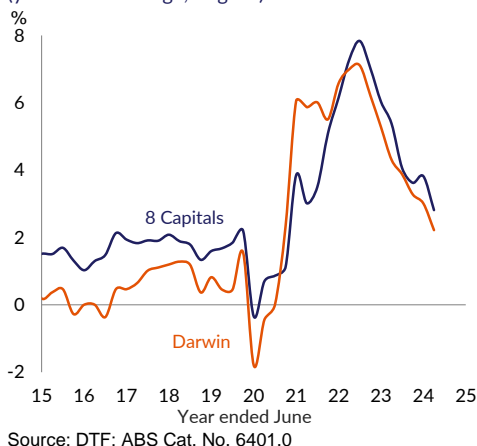
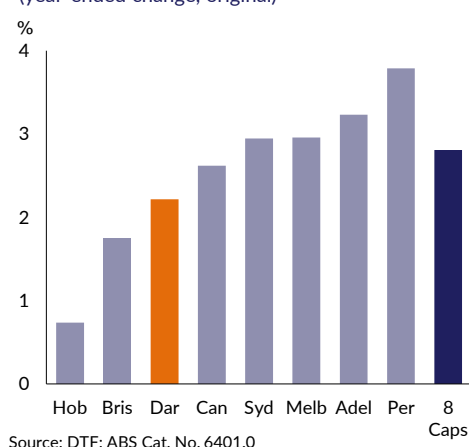


Chart 3: Capital cities consumer price index (year-ended change, original)



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Table 1: Consumer price index (original)

	Period				Change		
	Sep qtr 23	Jun qtr 24	Sep qtr 24	Year average	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Year-ended <sup>2</sup>	Year-average <sup>3</sup>
<b>Darwin</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>133.8</b>	<b>132.8</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	128.2	131.1	132.2	130.2	0.8%	3.1%	3.2%
Alcohol and tobacco	189.5	200.1	202.2	198.9	1.0%	6.7%	7.3%
Clothing and footwear	95.4	99.0	98.9	97.6	-0.1%	3.7%	2.9%
Housing	123.8	124.7	125.7	124.5	0.8%	1.5%	2.3%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	123.9	124.2	125.4	124.1	1.0%	1.2%	0.0%
Health	150.7	156.5	160.0	155.6	2.2%	6.2%	5.4%
Transportation	138.5	138.1	135.1	137.5	-2.2%	-2.5%	1.7%
Communication	78.1	77.6	78.0	78.0	0.5%	-0.1%	1.2%
Recreation and culture	118.7	120.5	118.2	118.9	-1.9%	-0.4%	1.0%
Education	165.7	178.6	178.7	175.4	0.1%	7.8%	7.4%
Insurance and financial services	130.9	136.7	136.5	135.4	-0.1%	4.3%	6.4%
<b>8 Capitals</b>	<b>135.3</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	130.5	134.0	134.8	133.1	0.6%	3.3%	3.7%
Alcohol and tobacco	190.7	200.7	203.4	199.5	1.3%	6.7%	6.6%
Clothing and footwear	97.4	99.8	99.1	98.4	-0.7%	1.7%	1.0%
Housing	146.0	150.3	150.1	149.1	-0.1%	2.8%	4.7%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	122.6	122.3	123.4	122.1	0.9%	0.7%	-0.1%
Health	158.7	166.5	166.3	164.1	-0.1%	4.8%	4.9%
Transportation	130.7	132.4	129.5	130.9	-2.2%	-0.9%	2.7%
Communication	78.7	78.2	78.6	78.7	0.5%	-0.1%	1.3%
Recreation and culture	120.8	121.7	123.3	121.8	1.3%	2.1%	0.9%
Education	153.0	162.2	162.8	160.0	0.4%	6.4%	5.5%
Insurance and financial services	133.2	139.8	141.5	138.7	1.2%	6.2%	7.2%
<b>RBA underlying measures of inflation (seas. adjusted)</b>							
<b>Weighted median</b>					<b>0.9%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	
<b>Trimmed mean</b>					<b>0.8%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	

Table 2: Consumer price index contribution to change (original)

	Period				Contribution to change		
	Sep qtr 23	Jun qtr 24	Sep qtr 24	Year average	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Year-ended <sup>2</sup>	Year-average <sup>3</sup>
<b>Darwin</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>133.8</b>	<b>132.8</b>	<b>0.15 ppt</b>	<b>2.22 ppt</b>	<b>3.08 ppt</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	128.2	131.1	132.2	130.2	0.16 ppt	0.58 ppt	0.59 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	189.5	200.1	202.2	198.9	0.11 ppt	0.75 ppt	0.84 ppt
Clothing and footwear	95.4	99.0	98.9	97.6	0.00 ppt	0.10 ppt	0.08 ppt
Housing	123.8	124.7	125.7	124.5	0.15 ppt	0.29 ppt	0.41 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	123.9	124.2	125.4	124.1	0.09 ppt	0.11 ppt	0.00 ppt
Health	150.7	156.5	160.0	155.6	0.13 ppt	0.34 ppt	0.29 ppt
Transportation	138.5	138.1	135.1	137.5	-0.25 ppt	-0.29 ppt	0.18 ppt
Communication	78.1	77.6	78.0	78.0	0.01 ppt	0.00 ppt	0.03 ppt
Recreation and culture	118.7	120.5	118.2	118.9	-0.25 ppt	-0.06 ppt	0.11 ppt
Education	165.7	178.6	178.7	175.4	0.00 ppt	0.24 ppt	0.23 ppt
Insurance and financial services	130.9	136.7	136.5	135.4	-0.01 ppt	0.21 ppt	0.32 ppt
<b>8 Capitals</b>	<b>135.3</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>0.22 ppt</b>	<b>2.81 ppt</b>	<b>3.57 ppt</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	130.5	134.0	134.8	133.1	0.10 ppt	0.56 ppt	0.63 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	190.7	200.7	203.4	199.5	0.09 ppt	0.48 ppt	0.49 ppt
Clothing and footwear	97.4	99.8	99.1	98.4	-0.02 ppt	0.06 ppt	0.03 ppt
Housing	146.0	150.3	150.1	149.1	-0.03 ppt	0.62 ppt	1.04 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	122.6	122.3	123.4	122.1	0.07 ppt	0.06 ppt	-0.01 ppt
Health	158.7	166.5	166.3	164.1	-0.01 ppt	0.31 ppt	0.31 ppt
Transportation	130.7	132.4	129.5	130.9	-0.25 ppt	-0.10 ppt	0.29 ppt
Communication	78.7	78.2	78.6	78.7	0.01 ppt	0.00 ppt	0.03 ppt
Recreation and culture	120.8	121.7	123.3	121.8	0.16 ppt	0.26 ppt	0.11 ppt
Education	153.0	162.2	162.8	160.0	0.02 ppt	0.28 ppt	0.24 ppt
Insurance and financial services	133.2	139.8	141.5	138.7	0.07 ppt	0.34 ppt	0.40 ppt

n.a.: not available

1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.

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

3 Compares the 4 quarters up to and including the latest quarter with the previous 4 quarters.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 6401.0

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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