Consumer price index

June quarter 2025 | Economic brief

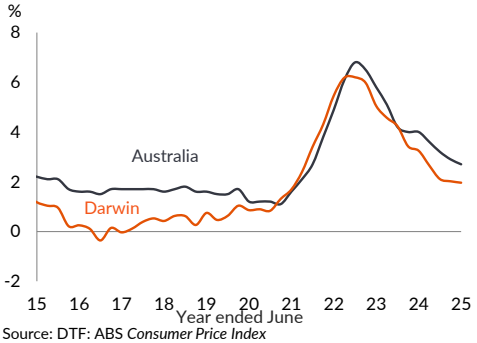
Consumer price index (CPI)

National seasonally adjusted CPI increased by 0.6% in the June quarter 2025, to be 2.0% higher over the year.

National trimmed mean CPI increased by 0.6% in the quarter, to be 2.7% higher over the year (Chart 1). Trimmed mean CPI is slightly above forecast in the latest RBA Statement of Monetary Policy.

	Darwin	Australia
Quarterly change (original)	⬆0.8%	⬆0.7%
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	⬆0.6%
Year-ended change (original)	⬆1.6%	⬆2.1%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	⬆2.0%

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



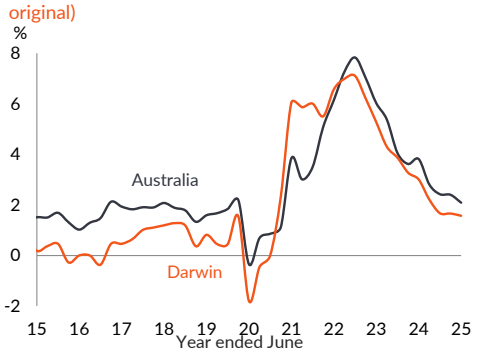
Source: DTF: ABS *Consumer Price Index*

Year-ended result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 1.6% over the year to the June quarter 2025 (Chart 2). This was the lowest result of the capital cities (Chart 3). In the other capital cities, CPI growth ranged from an increase of 1.6% in Canberra to an increase of 2.7% in Perth. Nationally, CPI increased by 2.1%.

The categories with the largest changes over the year were education (up by 5.1%) and alcohol and tobacco (up by 5.0%).

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



Source: DTF: ABS *Consumer Price Index*

Quarterly result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 0.8% in the June quarter 2025. Darwin recorded the fourth largest result of the capital cities. The other capital cities ranged from an increase of 0.3% in Canberra to an increase of 1.9% in Perth. Nationally, CPI increased by 0.7%.

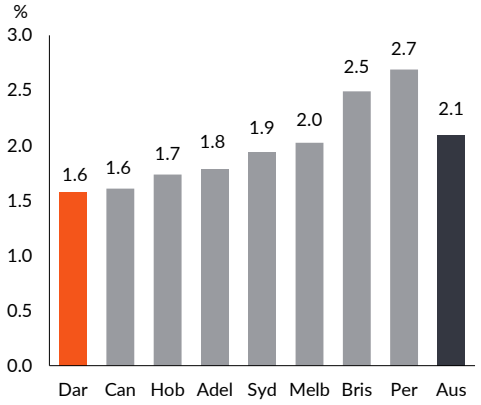
The greatest contributors to the quarterly result for the Darwin CPI were recreation and culture (up by 2.3% contributing 0.28 ppt), food and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 0.9% contributing 0.17 ppt) and furnishings, household equipment and services (up by 1.0% contributing 0.09 ppt).

The increase in recreation and culture was driven by holiday travel and accommodation (up by 2.5% contributing 0.14 ppt), sport and other recreation and culture (up by 2.0% contributing 0.08 ppt) and audio, visual and computing equipment and services (up by 2.5% contributing 0.06 ppt).

The increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages was driven by fruit and vegetables (up by 3.9% contributing 0.10 ppt), meals out and take away foods (up by 0.8% contributing 0.06 ppt) and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 1.9% contributing 0.03 ppt).

The increase in furnishings, household equipment and services was driven by non-durable household products (up by 1.1% contributing 0.03 ppt), household services (up by 0.8% contributing 0.02 ppt) and furniture and furnishings (up by 1.4% contributing 0.02 ppt).

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



Source: DTF; ABS *Consumer Price Index*

Table 1: Consumer price index (original)

	Period			Change		Contribution to change	
	Jun qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Jun qtr 25	Quarterly[1]	Year-ended[2]	Quarterly[1]	Year-ended[2]
Darwin	133.6	134.6	135.7	0.8%	1.6%	0.82 ppt	1.57 ppt
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	131.1	134.1	135.3	0.9%	3.2%	0.17 ppt	0.60 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	200.1	209.1	210.1	0.5%	5.0%	0.05 ppt	0.52 ppt
Clothing and footwear	99.0	99.6	101.8	2.2%	2.8%	0.06 ppt	0.08 ppt
Housing	124.7	125.1	125.4	0.2%	0.6%	0.04 ppt	0.10 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	124.2	125.5	126.8	1.0%	2.1%	0.09 ppt	0.19 ppt
Health	156.5	163.2	163.7	0.3%	4.6%	0.02 ppt	0.26 ppt
Transportation	138.1	136.1	136.5	0.3%	-1.2%	0.04 ppt	-0.11 ppt
Communication	77.6	78.1	78.2	0.1%	0.8%	0.00 ppt	0.02 ppt
Recreation and culture	120.5	114.3	116.9	2.3%	-3.0%	0.28 ppt	-0.39 ppt
Education	178.6	187.6	187.7	0.1%	5.1%	0.00 ppt	0.17 ppt
Insurance and financial services	136.7	138.5	140.1	1.2%	2.5%	0.06 ppt	0.13 ppt
Australia	138.8	140.7	141.7	0.7%	2.1%	0.71 ppt	2.09 ppt
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	134.0	136.7	138.0	1.0%	3.0%	0.17 ppt	0.52 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	200.7	210.7	212.1	0.7%	5.7%	0.04 ppt	0.39 ppt
Clothing and footwear	99.8	98.4	101.0	2.6%	1.2%	0.08 ppt	0.04 ppt
Housing	150.3	151.5	153.3	1.2%	2.0%	0.26 ppt	0.43 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	122.3	122.1	123.5	1.1%	1.0%	0.09 ppt	0.08 ppt
Health	166.5	170.8	173.3	1.5%	4.1%	0.10 ppt	0.28 ppt
Transportation	132.4	129.9	129.0	-0.7%	-2.6%	-0.08 ppt	-0.29 ppt
Communication	78.2	78.8	78.9	0.1%	0.9%	0.00 ppt	0.02 ppt
Recreation and culture	121.7	123.2	123.8	0.5%	1.7%	0.06 ppt	0.21 ppt
Education	162.2	171.2	171.2	0.0%	5.5%	0.00 ppt	0.26 ppt
Insurance and financial services	139.8	143.4	144.1	0.5%	3.1%	0.03 ppt	0.17 ppt
Trimmed mean CPI (seasonally adjusted)							
Darwin				0.6%	2.0%		
Australia				0.6%	2.7%		

n.a.: not available
1 Compares the latest quarter with the previous quarter.
2 Compares the latest quarter with the same quarter 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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