

Consumer price index

March quarter 2025 | Economic brief

Consumer price index (CPI)

	Darwin	8 Capital Cities
Quarterly change (original)	↑0.7%	↑0.9%
Quarterly change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑0.9%
Year-ended change (original)	↑1.7%	↑2.4%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑2.4%

Quarterly result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 0.7% in the March quarter 2025. Darwin recorded the third lowest result of the capital cities. The other capital cities ranged from an increase of 0.5% in Adelaide and Perth to an increase of 1.9% in Brisbane. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 0.9%.

The greatest contributors to the quarterly result for the Darwin CPI were transportation (up by 2.4% contributing 0.28 ppt) and food and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 1.4% contributing 0.27 ppt) partly offset by recreation and culture (down by 3.7% subtracting 0.48 ppt) (Chart 1).

The increase in transportation was driven by automotive fuel (up by 7.2% contributing 0.26 ppt).

The increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages was driven by fruit and vegetables (up by 3.7% contributing 0.09 ppt) and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 3.4% contributing 0.05 ppt).

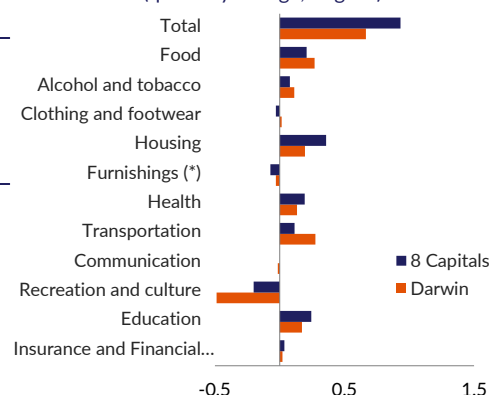
The decrease in recreation and culture was driven by holiday travel and accommodation (down by 6.1% subtracting 0.37 ppt).

Year-ended result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 1.7% over the year to the March quarter 2025 (Chart 2). This was second lowest result of the capital cities (Chart 3). In the other capital cities, CPI growth ranged from an increase of 1.4% in Hobart to an increase of 2.8% in Perth. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 2.4%.

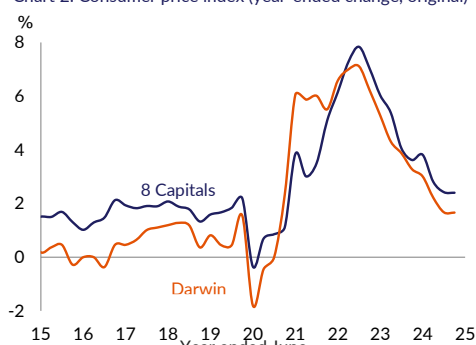
The categories with the largest changes over the year were alcohol and tobacco (up by 5.9%) and health (up by 5.2%).

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



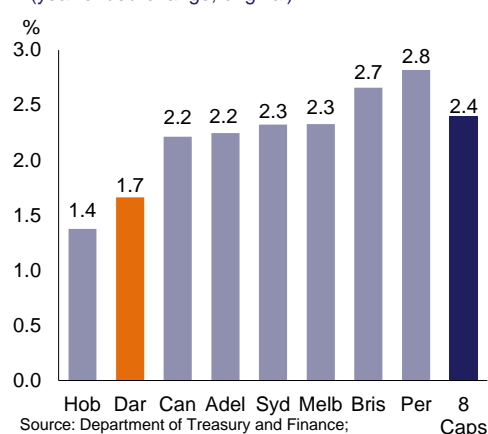
Source: DTF; ABS Consumer Price Index; (*) Incl. furnishings, household equipment and services

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



Source: DTF; ABS Consumer Price Index

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



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

Table 1: Consumer price index (original)

	Period				Change	
	Mar qtr 24	Dec qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Year average	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Darwin	132.4	133.7	134.6	133.9	0.7%	1.7%
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	129.5	132.2	134.1	132.4	1.4%	3.6%
Alcohol and tobacco	197.5	206.8	209.1	204.6	1.1%	5.9%
Clothing and footwear	96.4	99.2	99.6	99.2	0.4%	3.3%
Housing	124.4	123.8	125.1	124.8	1.1%	0.6%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	123.4	125.9	125.5	125.3	-0.3%	1.7%
Health	155.1	159.4	163.2	159.8	2.4%	5.2%
Transportation	137.9	132.9	136.1	135.6	2.4%	-1.3%
Communication	78.1	78.4	78.1	78.0	-0.4%	0.0%
Recreation and culture	117.6	118.7	114.3	117.9	-3.7%	-2.8%
Education	178.5	178.6	187.6	180.9	5.0%	5.1%
Insurance and financial services	135.5	137.8	138.5	137.4	0.5%	2.2%
8 Capitals	137.4	139.4	140.7	139.5	0.9%	2.4%
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	132.4	135.1	136.7	135.2	1.2%	3.2%
Alcohol and tobacco	197.8	208.2	210.7	205.8	1.2%	6.5%
Clothing and footwear	96.8	99.2	98.4	99.1	-0.8%	1.7%
Housing	148.6	149.0	151.5	150.2	1.7%	2.0%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	121.3	123.2	122.1	122.8	-0.9%	0.7%
Health	164.1	166.0	170.8	167.4	2.9%	4.1%
Transportation	131.2	128.6	129.9	130.1	1.0%	-1.0%
Communication	78.8	79.0	78.8	78.7	-0.3%	0.0%
Recreation and culture	121.1	125.2	123.2	123.4	-1.6%	1.7%
Education	161.9	162.8	171.2	164.8	5.2%	5.7%
Insurance and financial services	138.1	142.7	143.4	141.9	0.5%	3.8%
RBA underlying measures of inflation (seas. adjusted)						
Weighted median					0.7%	3.0%
Trimmed mean					0.7%	2.9%

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

	Period				Contribution to change	
	Mar qtr 24	Dec qtr 24	Mar qtr 25	Year average	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²
Darwin	132.4	133.7	134.6	133.9	0.67 ppt	1.66 ppt
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	129.5	132.2	134.1	132.4	0.27 ppt	0.66 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	197.5	206.8	209.1	204.6	0.11 ppt	0.62 ppt
Clothing and footwear	96.4	99.2	99.6	99.2	0.01 ppt	0.09 ppt
Housing	124.4	123.8	125.1	124.8	0.18 ppt	0.10 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	123.4	125.9	125.5	125.3	-0.03 ppt	0.15 ppt
Health	155.1	159.4	163.2	159.8	0.14 ppt	0.30 ppt
Transportation	137.9	132.9	136.1	135.6	0.28 ppt	-0.13 ppt
Communication	78.1	78.4	78.1	78.0	-0.01 ppt	0.00 ppt
Recreation and culture	117.6	118.7	114.3	117.9	-0.48 ppt	-0.37 ppt
Education	178.5	178.6	187.6	180.9	0.17 ppt	0.17 ppt
Insurance and financial services	135.5	137.8	138.5	137.4	0.03 ppt	0.11 ppt
8 Capitals	137.4	139.4	140.7	139.5	0.93 ppt	2.40 ppt
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	132.4	135.1	136.7	135.2	0.21 ppt	0.56 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	197.8	208.2	210.7	205.8	0.08 ppt	0.45 ppt
Clothing and footwear	96.8	99.2	98.4	99.1	-0.03 ppt	0.06 ppt
Housing	148.6	149.0	151.5	150.2	0.36 ppt	0.42 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	121.3	123.2	122.1	122.8	-0.07 ppt	0.06 ppt
Health	164.1	166.0	170.8	167.4	0.19 ppt	0.27 ppt
Transportation	131.2	128.6	129.9	130.1	0.12 ppt	-0.11 ppt
Communication	78.8	79.0	78.8	78.7	-0.01 ppt	0.00 ppt
Recreation and culture	121.1	125.2	123.2	123.4	-0.20 ppt	0.21 ppt
Education	161.9	162.8	171.2	164.8	0.24 ppt	0.27 ppt
Insurance and financial services	138.1	142.7	143.4	141.9	0.03 ppt	0.21 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.

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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