

# Consumer price index

March quarter 2023 | Economic brief

## Consumer price index (CPI)

	Darwin	8 Capital Cities
Quarterly change (%)	↑1.3%	↑1.4%
Annual change (%)	↑6.2%	↑7.0%
Year-on-year change (%)	↑6.7%	↑7.1%

### Quarterly result

The Darwin CPI increased by 1.3% in the March quarter 2023. Darwin recorded the fourth largest result of the capital cities. The other capital cities ranged from an increase of 0.9% in Perth to an increase of 1.9% in Brisbane. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 1.4%.

The greatest contributors to the quarterly result for the Darwin CPI were food and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 2.1% contributing 0.39 ppt), alcohol and tobacco (up by 2.0% contributing 0.24 ppt) and health (up by 3.9% contributing 0.21 ppt) (Chart 1).

The increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages was driven by meals out and take away foods (up by 1.8% contributing 0.13 ppt), other food (up by 2.5% contributing 0.07 ppt) and fruit and vegetables (up by 2.5% contributing 0.06 ppt).

The increase in alcohol and tobacco was driven by alcoholic drinks (up by 2.9% contributing 0.22 ppt).

The increase in health was driven by medical, dental and hospital services (up by 3.5% contributing 0.14 ppt).

### Annual result

Darwin CPI increased by 6.2% (Chart 2). This was equal third lowest result of the capital cities, tied with Canberra. In the other capital cities, CPI growth ranged from an increase of 5.8% in Perth to an increase of 7.9% in Adelaide. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 7.0%.

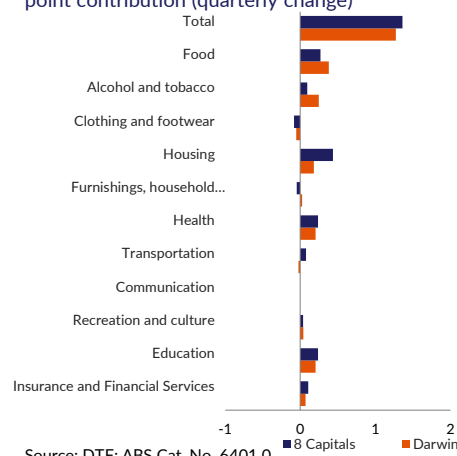
The categories with the largest annual changes were recreation and culture (up by 11.8%) and food and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 8.2%).

### Year-on-year result

Darwin CPI increased by 6.7% in the year to March 2023, the second lowest result of the capital cities (Chart 3). In the other capital cities, CPI growth ranged from an increase of 6.6% in Canberra to an increase of 7.8% in Adelaide. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 7.1%.

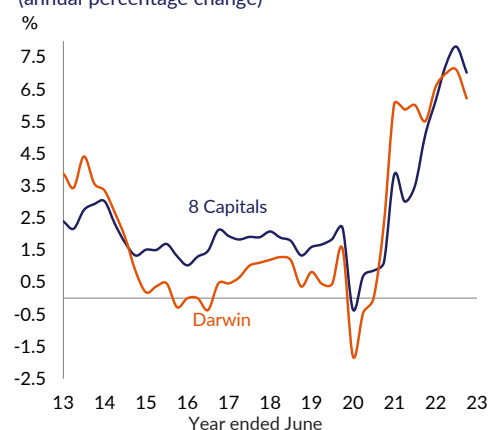
The largest price increases were in transportation (up by 11.0%) and food and non-alcoholic beverages (up by 8.2%). There were no price decreases in the year.

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



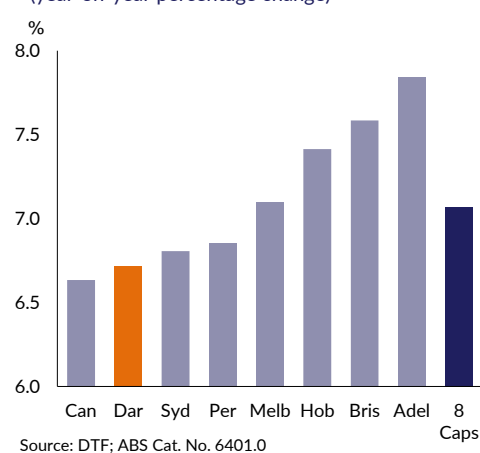
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Chart 2: Consumer price index (annual percentage change)



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Chart 3: Capital cities consumer price index (year-on-year percentage change)



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Table 1: Consumer price index

	Period				Change		
	Mar qtr 22	Dec qtr 22	Mar qtr 23	Year average	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Darwin</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>128.2</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	116.4	123.3	125.9	123.0	2.1%	8.2%	8.2%
Alcohol and tobacco	174.9	180.7	184.4	179.9	2.0%	5.4%	3.9%
Clothing and footwear	91.0	95.7	93.9	94.0	-1.9%	3.2%	3.2%
Housing	115.3	120.0	121.2	119.4	1.0%	5.1%	6.7%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	116.1	123.2	123.6	121.8	0.3%	6.5%	7.6%
Health	140.2	143.1	148.7	143.5	3.9%	6.1%	3.2%
Transportation	128.0	133.9	133.5	133.4	-0.3%	4.3%	11.0%
Communication	76.0	76.8	76.9	76.7	0.1%	1.2%	1.1%
Recreation and culture	104.6	116.5	116.9	114.3	0.3%	11.8%	7.2%
Education	154.5	155.4	166.0	157.8	6.8%	7.4%	7.2%
Insurance and financial services	119.7	123.9	125.5	123.2	1.3%	4.8%	6.2%
<b>8 Capitals</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>130.8</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	118.2	125.6	127.6	124.6	1.6%	8.0%	8.0%
Alcohol and tobacco	178.2	184.0	186.1	182.9	1.1%	4.4%	3.8%
Clothing and footwear	93.4	99.0	96.4	97.2	-2.6%	3.2%	3.8%
Housing	129.0	139.0	141.7	137.3	1.9%	9.8%	10.0%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	113.5	121.7	121.1	119.7	-0.5%	6.7%	7.3%
Health	149.6	151.8	157.6	152.6	3.8%	5.3%	3.5%
Transportation	121.5	125.9	126.7	125.2	0.6%	4.3%	8.5%
Communication	76.5	77.3	77.4	77.3	0.1%	1.2%	1.1%
Recreation and culture	111.3	120.6	120.9	117.2	0.2%	8.6%	6.8%
Education	146.0	146.1	153.9	148.0	5.3%	5.4%	4.8%
Insurance and financial services	119.8	125.2	127.6	124.2	1.9%	6.5%	4.8%
<b>RBA underlying measures of inflation</b>							
Weighted median					1.2%	5.8%	
Trimmed mean					1.2%	6.6%	

Table 2: Consumer price index contribution to change

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<b>Darwin</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>128.2</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>1.26 ppt</b>	<b>6.21 ppt</b>	<b>6.72 ppt</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	116.4	123.3	125.9	123.0	0.39 ppt	1.46 ppt	1.45 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	174.9	180.7	184.4	179.9	0.24 ppt	0.67 ppt	0.50 ppt
Clothing and footwear	91.0	95.7	93.9	94.0	-0.05 ppt	0.08 ppt	0.09 ppt
Housing	115.3	120.0	121.2	119.4	0.18 ppt	1.03 ppt	1.37 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	116.1	123.2	123.6	121.8	0.03 ppt	0.62 ppt	0.73 ppt
Health	140.2	143.1	148.7	143.5	0.21 ppt	0.33 ppt	0.18 ppt
Transportation	128.0	133.9	133.5	133.4	-0.03 ppt	0.47 ppt	1.16 ppt
Communication	76.0	76.8	76.9	76.7	0.00 ppt	0.03 ppt	0.03 ppt
Recreation and culture	104.6	116.5	116.9	114.3	0.04 ppt	1.10 ppt	0.69 ppt
Education	154.5	155.4	166.0	157.8	0.20 ppt	0.23 ppt	0.22 ppt
Insurance and financial services	119.7	123.9	125.5	123.2	0.07 ppt	0.25 ppt	0.31 ppt
<b>8 Capitals</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>130.8</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>1.38 ppt</b>	<b>7.02 ppt</b>	<b>7.07 ppt</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	118.2	125.6	127.6	124.6	0.27 ppt	1.34 ppt	1.35 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	178.2	184.0	186.1	182.9	0.09 ppt	0.37 ppt	0.33 ppt
Clothing and footwear	93.4	99.0	96.4	97.2	-0.09 ppt	0.11 ppt	0.13 ppt
Housing	129.0	139.0	141.7	137.3	0.43 ppt	2.24 ppt	2.31 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	113.5	121.7	121.1	119.7	-0.04 ppt	0.60 ppt	0.66 ppt
Health	149.6	151.8	157.6	152.6	0.24 ppt	0.34 ppt	0.23 ppt
Transportation	121.5	125.9	126.7	125.2	0.07 ppt	0.47 ppt	0.91 ppt
Communication	76.5	77.3	77.4	77.3	0.00 ppt	0.03 ppt	0.03 ppt
Recreation and culture	111.3	120.6	120.9	117.2	0.03 ppt	0.88 ppt	0.66 ppt
Education	146.0	146.1	153.9	148.0	0.23 ppt	0.25 ppt	0.22 ppt
Insurance and financial services	119.8	125.2	127.6	124.2	0.11 ppt	0.37 ppt	0.27 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

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