

Consumer price index

December 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.	↑0.3%
Year-ended change (original)	↑1.7%	↑2.4%
Year-ended change (seasonally adjusted)	n.a.	↑2.4%

Quarterly result (original)

The Darwin CPI declined by 0.1% in the December quarter 2024. Darwin recorded the equal lowest result of the capital cities, tied with Sydney and Adelaide. The other capital cities ranged from an increase of 0.1% in Melbourne and Canberra to an increase of 1.5% in Hobart. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 0.2%.

The greatest contributors to the quarterly result for the Darwin CPI were housing (down by 1.5% subtracting 0.28 ppt) and transportation (down by 1.6% subtracting 0.18 ppt) partly offset by alcohol and tobacco (up by 2.3% contributing 0.25 ppt) (Chart 1).

The decline in housing was driven by utilities (down by 6.7% subtracting 0.22 ppt), while the decline in transportation was driven by automotive fuel (down by 4.5% subtracting 0.16 ppt).

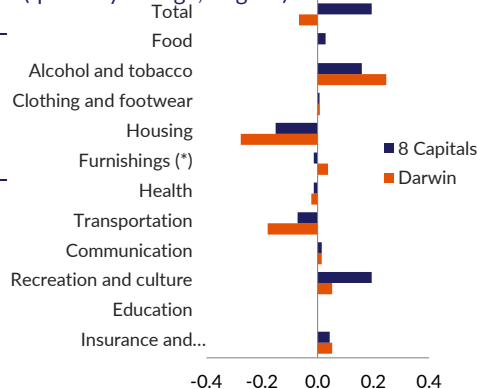
The increase in alcohol and tobacco was driven by tobacco (up by 6.4% contributing 0.22 ppt).

Year-ended result (original)

The Darwin CPI increased by 1.7% over the year to the December quarter 2024 (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 1.5% in Hobart to an increase of 2.9% in Perth. The eight capital cities' average CPI increased by 2.4%.

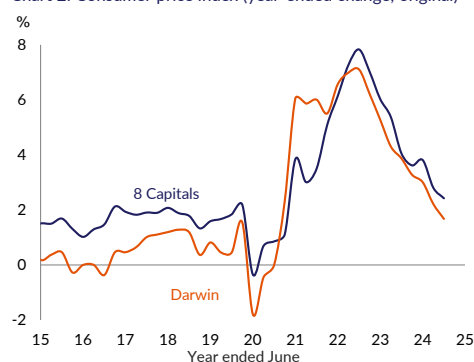
The categories with the largest changes over the year were education (up by 7.7%) and health (up by 5.7%).

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



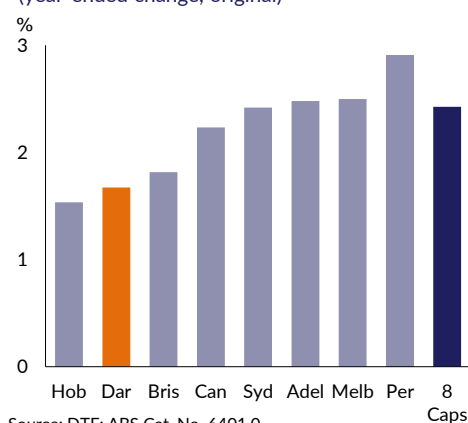
Source: DTF; ABS Cat. No. 6401.0; (*) Incl. furnishings, household equipment and services

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



Source: DTF; ABS Cat. No. 6401.0

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



Source: DTF; ABS Cat. No. 6401.0

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Table 1: Consumer price index (original)

	Period				Change		
	Dec qtr 23	Sep qtr 24	Dec qtr 24	Year average	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Darwin	131.5	133.8	133.7	133.4	-0.1%	1.7%	2.5%
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	128.1	132.2	132.2	131.3	0.0%	3.2%	3.0%
Alcohol and tobacco	195.9	202.2	206.8	201.7	2.3%	5.6%	6.6%
Clothing and footwear	95.9	98.9	99.2	98.4	0.3%	3.4%	3.7%
Housing	123.3	125.7	123.8	124.7	-1.5%	0.4%	1.7%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	123.3	125.4	125.9	124.7	0.4%	2.1%	0.5%
Health	150.8	160.0	159.4	157.8	-0.4%	5.7%	5.5%
Transportation	139.0	135.1	132.9	136.0	-1.6%	-4.4%	-0.4%
Communication	78.4	78.0	78.4	78.0	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%
Recreation and culture	119.4	118.2	118.7	118.8	0.4%	-0.6%	0.2%
Education	165.8	178.7	178.6	178.6	-0.1%	7.7%	7.7%
Insurance and financial services	133.0	136.5	137.8	136.6	1.0%	3.6%	5.4%
8 Capitals	136.1	139.1	139.4	138.7	0.2%	2.4%	3.2%
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	131.2	134.8	135.1	134.1	0.2%	3.0%	3.3%
Alcohol and tobacco	196.1	203.4	208.2	202.5	2.4%	6.2%	6.5%
Clothing and footwear	97.9	99.1	99.2	98.7	0.1%	1.3%	1.6%
Housing	147.5	150.1	149.0	149.5	-0.7%	1.0%	3.4%
Furnishings, household equipment and services	121.4	123.4	123.2	122.6	-0.2%	1.5%	0.3%
Health	159.6	166.3	166.0	165.7	-0.2%	4.0%	4.7%
Transportation	130.5	129.5	128.6	130.4	-0.7%	-1.5%	1.4%
Communication	79.0	78.6	79.0	78.7	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%
Recreation and culture	121.2	123.3	125.2	122.8	1.5%	3.3%	1.6%
Education	152.9	162.8	162.8	162.4	0.0%	6.5%	5.9%
Insurance and financial services	135.4	141.5	142.7	140.5	0.8%	5.4%	6.5%
RBA underlying measures of inflation (seas. adjusted)							
Weighted median					0.5%	3.4%	
Trimmed mean					0.5%	3.2%	

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

	Period				Contribution to change		
	Dec qtr 23	Sep qtr 24	Dec qtr 24	Year average	Quarterly ¹	Year-ended ²	Year-average ³
Darwin	131.5	133.8	133.7	133.4	-0.07 ppt	1.67 ppt	2.54 ppt
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	128.1	132.2	132.2	131.3	0.00 ppt	0.59 ppt	0.56 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	195.9	202.2	206.8	201.7	0.25 ppt	0.59 ppt	0.74 ppt
Clothing and footwear	95.9	98.9	99.2	98.4	0.01 ppt	0.10 ppt	0.10 ppt
Housing	123.3	125.7	123.8	124.7	-0.28 ppt	0.07 ppt	0.31 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	123.3	125.4	125.9	124.7	0.04 ppt	0.19 ppt	0.04 ppt
Health	150.8	160.0	159.4	157.8	-0.02 ppt	0.31 ppt	0.30 ppt
Transportation	139.0	135.1	132.9	136.0	-0.18 ppt	-0.51 ppt	-0.05 ppt
Communication	78.4	78.0	78.4	78.0	0.01 ppt	0.00 ppt	0.02 ppt
Recreation and culture	119.4	118.2	118.7	118.8	0.05 ppt	-0.08 ppt	0.02 ppt
Education	165.8	178.7	178.6	178.6	0.00 ppt	0.23 ppt	0.23 ppt
Insurance and financial services	133.0	136.5	137.8	136.6	0.05 ppt	0.18 ppt	0.27 ppt
8 Capitals	136.1	139.1	139.4	138.7	0.22 ppt	2.42 ppt	3.16 ppt
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	131.2	134.8	135.1	134.1	0.04 ppt	0.51 ppt	0.57 ppt
Alcohol and tobacco	196.1	203.4	208.2	202.5	0.17 ppt	0.43 ppt	0.47 ppt
Clothing and footwear	97.9	99.1	99.2	98.7	0.00 ppt	0.05 ppt	0.05 ppt
Housing	147.5	150.1	149.0	149.5	-0.16 ppt	0.22 ppt	0.76 ppt
Furnishings, household equipment and services	121.4	123.4	123.2	122.6	-0.01 ppt	0.12 ppt	0.03 ppt
Health	159.6	166.3	166.0	165.7	-0.01 ppt	0.26 ppt	0.30 ppt
Transportation	130.5	129.5	128.6	130.4	-0.08 ppt	-0.17 ppt	0.15 ppt
Communication	79.0	78.6	79.0	78.7	0.01 ppt	0.00 ppt	0.02 ppt
Recreation and culture	121.2	123.3	125.2	122.8	0.19 ppt	0.41 ppt	0.20 ppt
Education	152.9	162.8	162.8	162.4	0.00 ppt	0.28 ppt	0.26 ppt
Insurance and financial services	135.4	141.5	142.7	140.5	0.05 ppt	0.29 ppt	0.36 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.

Caution is advised when using monthly data for the Territory, which is often derived from small samples and highly volatile. Although all due care has been exercised in the preparation of this material, no responsibility is accepted for any errors or omission.

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