



## Consumer Price Index, September 2015

### Key Facts

#### Capital Cities

##### Perth

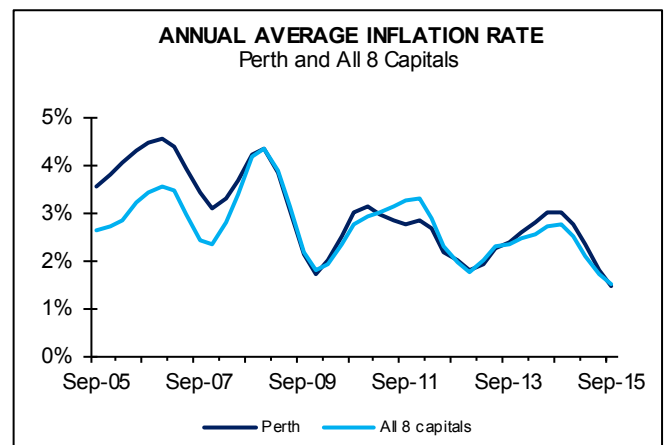
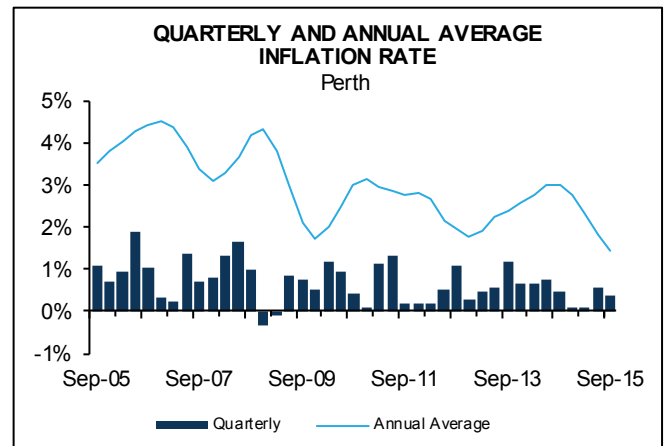
Perth's Consumer Price Index increased by 0.4% over the quarter, and rose by 1.4% in annual average terms to September 2015. In year-ended terms<sup>1</sup>, Perth's CPI grew by 1.1%.

- The main contributors to quarterly growth in Perth's CPI were 'housing', 'transport' and 'alcohol and tobacco'.
- The main detractor from Perth's quarterly CPI growth was 'food and non-alcoholic beverages' (detracting 0.1 percentage points).

##### Australia

Nationally, the Consumer Price Index rose by 0.5% over the quarter and increased by 1.5% in annual average terms to September 2015. In year-ended terms, the national CPI grew by 1.5%.

- The main contributors to the national quarterly growth were 'housing', 'alcohol and tobacco' and 'recreation and culture'.
- The main component that detracted from national growth was 'communication' (detracting 0.06 percentage points).
- In annual average terms to September, the largest increase in CPI by capital city was 1.8% in Sydney. The smallest increase was 0.8% in Canberra.



**INFLATION RATES BY CITY**  
September 2015

	% Change	
	Quarter	Annual Average
Sydney	0.3%	1.8%
Melbourne	0.5%	1.3%
Brisbane	0.7%	1.6%
Adelaide	0.3%	1.3%
Perth	0.4%	1.4%
Hobart	0.6%	0.9%
Darwin	0.4%	0.8%
Canberra	0.2%	0.8%
<b>All 8 capitals</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year-ended growth (which compares the latest quarter of data to the same quarter a year earlier) is also reported for comparison with figures quoted in the media and financial markets (which are often in year-ended terms).

**INFLATION RATES BY CATEGORY**  
September 2015

	<b>Perth</b>		<b>All 8 Capitals</b>	
	<b>% Change</b>		<b>% Change</b>	
	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Annual Average</b>
Food/non-alcoholic beverages	-0.7%	1.2%	0.1%	1.3%
Alcohol/tobacco	1.3%	6.4%	1.3%	5.6%
Clothing/footwear	-1.1%	1.5%	-1.1%	-1.0%
Housing	0.8%	1.5%	0.6%	2.6%
Furnishings/household contents	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%	1.3%
Health	0.3%	3.7%	0.3%	4.5%
Transport	1.3%	-2.6%	0.1%	-3.2%
Communication	-1.9%	-3.8%	-2.0%	-3.8%
Recreation/culture	0.3%	1.7%	0.8%	1.2%
Education	0.2%	5.0%	0.2%	5.4%
Insurance/Finance	-0.4%	1.3%	0.5%	2.0%
<b>All groups</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

## Categories

### Price Changes

- Between the June and September quarters, the largest increase in prices by category in Perth was 1.3% for transport. The largest decrease was 1.9% for communication.
- In annual average terms to September 2015, the largest increase in prices in Perth was 6.4% for alcohol and tobacco. The largest fall was 3.8% for communication.
- Across all eight capital cities, the largest quarterly rise in prices by category was 1.3% for alcohol and tobacco. The largest decrease was 2.0% for communication.
- In annual average terms to September 2015, the largest rise in prices by category was 5.6% for alcohol and tobacco. The largest decrease nationally was 3.8% for communication.

### Underlying Inflation

- Both the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Reserve Bank of Australia produce estimates of underlying inflation that attempt to strip out items whose prices tend to be volatile, and the effects of abnormal price movements.
- The Australian Bureau of Statistics' index of prices 'excluding volatile items' increased by 2.1% in annual average terms and by 0.5% over the quarter to September 2015.
- The Reserve Bank of Australia's estimate of trimmed mean inflation was 0.3% over the quarter and 2.1% on an annual basis in the September quarter.
- The Bank's weighted median inflation estimate was 0.3% for the quarter and 2.2% annualised.

**ANALYTICAL SERIES**  
September 2015

	<b>% Change</b>	
	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Annual Average</b>
Excl. housing/insurance	0.3%	1.1%
Excl. volatile items	0.5%	2.1%
Market goods/services	0.3%	1.9%
Tradables	0.3%	-0.2%
Non-tradables	0.4%	2.5%
RBA trimmed mean	0.3%	2.1%
RBA weighted median	0.3%	2.2%