

SUMMARY

During the December quarter 2022:

- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.9% nationally and rose 1.7% in Adelaide; and
- Annual CPI inflation to the December quarter 2022 was 7.8% nationally and 8.6% in Adelaide.

The average of the Reserve Bank of Australia's two measures of underlying inflation was 6.4% for the year to the December quarter 2022.

FURTHER ANALYSIS

The annual increase in the national CPI of 7.8% was up from 7.3% in the previous quarter.

For Adelaide the annual increase of 8.6% was up from 8.4% recorded in the previous quarter—see Chart 1. Adelaide's annual increase was the highest of the eight capital cities.

Above national average annual CPI increases were recorded for Adelaide (up 8.6%), Perth (up 8.3%) and Melbourne (up 8.0%), while below national average increases were recorded for Brisbane and Hobart (both up 7.7%), Sydney (up 7.6%), and Canberra and Darwin (both up 7.1%)—see Table 1.

CHART 1:
CPI % CHANGE THROUGH THE YEAR

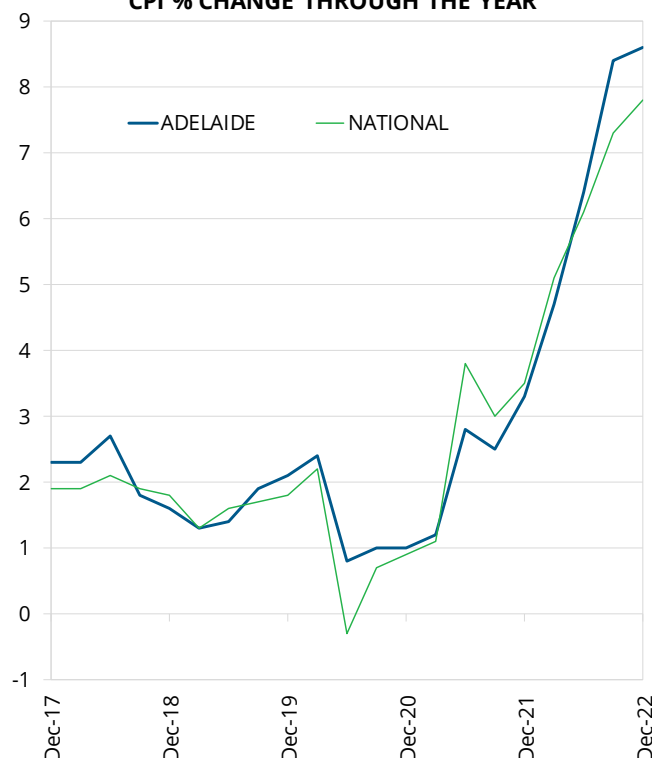


TABLE 1: CPI movement by Capital City

	Dec Qtr 22 vs Sep Qtr 22 (%)	Dec Qtr 22 vs Dec Qtr 21 (%)
Sydney	1.8	7.6
Melbourne	1.6	8.0
Brisbane	1.5	7.7
Adelaide	1.7	8.6
Perth	3.6	8.3
Hobart	1.5	7.7
Darwin	0.9	7.1
Canberra	1.2	7.1
National - headline	1.9	7.8
National - underlying*	1.7	6.4

* Average of RBA trimmed mean and weighted median measures

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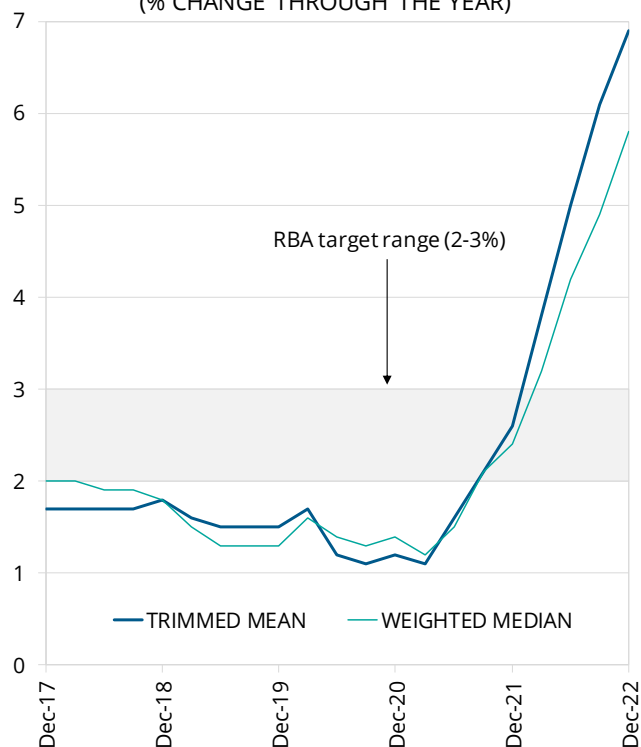
Nationally, the rise in the CPI during the December quarter reflected the impact of rising prices for Domestic holiday travel and accommodation (up 13%), Electricity (up 8.6%), New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (up 1.7%), International holiday travel and accommodation (up 7.6%), Restaurant meals (up 2.2%) and Other financial services (up 2.1%). The most significant offsetting price fall was for Vegetables (down 10%) followed by Fruit (down 2.9%).

In Adelaide, the rise in the CPI during the December quarter reflected the impact of rising prices for Domestic holiday travel and accommodation (up 14%), New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (up 2.6%), Automotive fuel (up 4.5%), Restaurant meals (up 2.5%) and International holiday travel and accommodation (up 4.3%). These rises were partially offset by price falls for Vegetables (down 10%) and Fruit (down 2.9%).

The Reserve Bank of Australia's measures of 'underlying' inflation show annual growth of 5.8% for the weighted median and 6.9% for the trimmed mean. The RBA monitors these two series as part of the process of determining official interest rates.

The ABS notes that the rises seen for domestic and international travel were "notably higher than historical December quarter movements".

CHART 2:
"UNDERLYING" INFLATION MEASURES
(% CHANGE THROUGH THE YEAR)



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TABLE 2: Per cent changes in CPI by component group, December quarter 2022

	National % change In quarter	Adelaide % change In quarter	National % change In year	Adelaide % change In year
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.9	1.0	9.2	9.8
Alcohol and tobacco	1.2	1.2	4.4	4.2
Clothing & Footwear	2.6	1.3	5.3	5.3
Housing	1.9	1.4	10.7	12.7
Furnishings, household equipment & services	1.8	1.6	8.4	9.0
Health	0.8	0.9	3.8	2.7
Transport	1.7	2.3	8.0	9.3
Communication	-0.5	-0.4	1.3	1.3
Recreation and culture	5.4	5.0	9.0	9.3
Education	0.1	0.1	4.6	4.2
Insurance & financial services	2.0	2.0	5.0	5.9
All Groups	1.9	1.7	7.8	8.6