

# Cost of Living Snapshot



## Consumer Price Index – September Quarter 2022

Nationally the inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, was 1.8% in the September Quarter, making an annual rate of 7.3%. In Adelaide it was higher at 2.6% for the quarter, and 8.4% for the year.

The most significant price rises in Adelaide were for food and energy, with food prices reflecting national increases but with electricity and gas price increases well above the national averages in both the September Quarter and over the year.

	September Quarter CPI Increase		Annual CPI Increase (Sept 2021 – Sept 2022)	
	Adelaide %	Australia %	Adelaide %	Australia %
Food	3.1	3.2	9.5	10.0
Fruit and Vegetables	5.4	4.5	16.8	16.2
Housing	6.2	3.2	14.0	10.5
Rent	1.5	1.3	4.4	2.8
Utilities	12.1	4.8	13.1	6.0
• Electricity	12.8	3.2	14.5	3.2
• Water	3.0	2.6	3.0	2.6
• Gas	17.5	10.9	15.6	16.6
Health	0.1	0.3	1.5	2.7
Transport	-1.5	-0.4	10.4	9.2
• Petrol	-6.4	-4.3	19.8	18.0
<b>CPI All Groups</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>

While the increase in energy prices is alarming, the national comparison hides some very big differences between states. Electricity prices increased by 25% in Sydney, 30% in Hobart, but decreased massively in Perth (after previous large rises).