

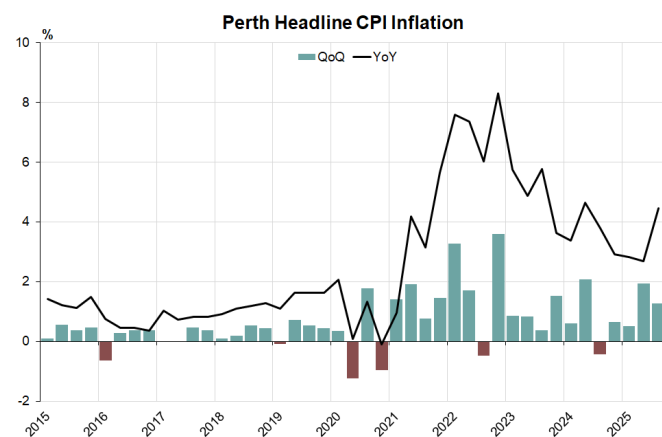
Western Australian Data Highlights

- The [RBA Monetary Policy Board](#) kept the cash rate target unchanged at 3.60% at its November meeting.
- The [Perth CPI](#) rose by 1.3% in Q3, to be 4.5% up through the year.
- Western Australian [employment](#) rose by 6.6k in September, while the unemployment rate was 4.3%.
- The Cotality Perth home value index rose 1.9% in October, to be up 9.4% YoY.

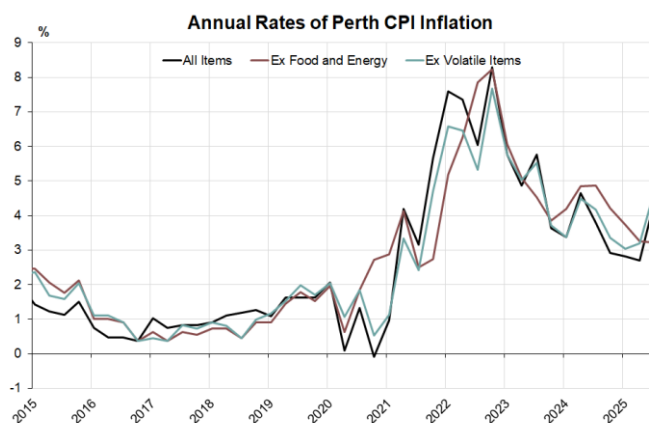
Perth CPI Q3 2025

- The Perth CPI rose by 1.3% in Q3 2025, taking the annual rate of consumer price inflation 1.8ppts higher to 4.5%, which is the highest level since mid-2024.
- Higher costs of new dwellings (+1.2% QoQ), rents (+1.6%), property rates and charges (+5.0% QoQ), tobacco (+4.3% QoQ) and automotive fuel (+5.3% QoQ) were the biggest contributors to the quarterly gain.
- Similar to other capital cities, the major contributor to the annual rise in the CPI was a 140.5% YoY increase in electricity prices, largely attributable to base effects from State and Commonwealth household electricity credits that suppressed electricity costs in September 2024.
- Other major contributors to annual inflation included a 6.4% YoY increase in rents and 5.5% rise in the cost of medical and hospital services.
- Of the indicators of core inflation, the CPI excluding food and energy was steady at 3.2%, while the CPI excluding volatile items (which includes electricity) jumped 0.5pptst to a two-year high of 4.7%.
- Annual goods price inflation (which includes electricity) jumped to 5.0%, the highest level since Q1 2023, while annual services price inflation edged up 0.1ppts to 3.9%, after falling to a 3.5-year low in Q2. Non-tradables price inflation rose to a one-year high of 6.2% in Q3, while tradables price inflation was 1.4%.

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Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics



Australian Interest Rates (%)			FX and Equities		
RBA Cash Rate Target	3.60	(0 pt)	AUD/USD	0.6545	(↓1%)
90-Day Bank Bills	3.64	(↑6 pt)	AUD/JPY	100.80	(↑3%)
3-year Australian Government Bond	3.60	(↑5 pt)			
10-year Australian Government Bond	4.30	(↓2 pt)	ASX200	8882	(↑33 pt)

Market Summary

- The RBA left the cash rate target unchanged at 3.60% as expected in November, following the upside surprise in the Q3 CPI. The RBA revised its inflation forecasts upward, with underlying inflation now projected to remain above the 2-3% inflation target band until the second half of 2026.
- Australian Government bond yields fell sharply in mid-October, following a quiet start to the month. The decline was initially driven by an escalation of US-China trade tensions and given further impetus by an unexpected increase in the Australian unemployment rate. Yields rebounded late in the month amid news of a sharp rise in Australian inflation in Q3 that saw traders trim their pricing for RBA cash rate cuts. Aussie bond yields are higher at the short end of the yield curve than they were at the start of the month due to the unwinding of cash rate cut expectations, but longer dated yields closed the month slightly lower.
- The Australian dollar appreciated against most members of the G10 currency basket in October and rose to its highest level against the Japanese yen since November last year. However, the Australian dollar posted its first monthly decline against the US dollar in three months.
- Australian equities rose for the sixth month in the past seven in October, with the ASX 200 peaking at a record high of 9,094 points on 21 October. However, the market fell back toward the end of the month, with most of the losses occurring after the release of the Q3 CPI report.

WATC Benchmark Bond Yields				
Maturity	Yield 31/10/2025		Spread to AGS 31/10/2025	
21 October 2026	3.55	(↑3 pt)	-1 pt	(↑2 pt)
21 October 2027	3.63	(↑5 pt)	+8 pt	(↓1 pt)
20 July 2028	3.72	(↑3 pt)	+15 pt	(↓1 pt)
24 July 2029	3.85	(↑1 pt)	+22 pt	(↓1 pt)
22 October 2030	4.03	(↑1 pt)	+25 pt	(↓3 pt)
22 October 2031	4.17	(-)	+28 pt	(↓2 pt)
21 July 2032	4.30	(-)	+34 pt	(↑2 pt)
20 July 2033	4.45	(↓1 pt)	+36 pt	(-)
24 October 2034	4.69	(↓1 pt)	+46 pt	(↓1 pt)
24 October 2035	4.74	(↓3 pt)	+44 pt	(↓1 pt)
21 October 2037	5.00	(↓3 pt)	+58 pt	(↑1 pt)
23 July 2041	5.25	(↓2 pt)	+62 pt	(↑1 pt)

