## Western Australian Economic Notes



# Wage Price Index, March 2020

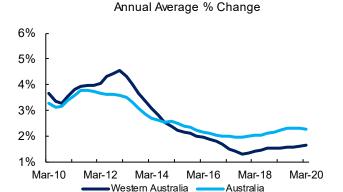
### **Key Facts**

#### Western Australia

- Western Australia's Wage Price Index increased by 0.4% over the quarter and rose by 1.7% in annual average terms to March 2020.
- The State's Public Sector Wage Price Index increased by 0.2% over the quarter and rose by 1.2% in annual average terms to March 2020.
- This compares with the State's Private Sector Wage Price Index, which increased by 0.5% over the quarter and rose by 1.8% over the year.

#### **Australia**

- Nationally, the Wage Price Index rose by 0.4% over the quarter and increased by 2.3% in annual average terms to March 2020.
- Over the year to March, the largest increase in Wage Price Index by State was 2.7% in Victoria. The smallest increase was 1.7% in Western Australia.
- Australia's Public Sector Wage Price Index increased by 0.5% over the quarter and rose by 2.4% in annual average terms to March 2020.
- Comparatively, Australia's Private Sector Wage Price Index increased by 0.4% over the quarter and rose by 2.2% during the year.



GROWTH IN WAGE PRICE INDEX

WAGE PRICE INDEX GROWTH BY SECTOR Western Australia, Quarterly % Change



#### WAGE PRICE GROWTH BY STATE March 2020

	Private Sector			Public Sector			Total		
		% Change Over:			% Change Over:			% Change Over:	
	Index	Year	Quarter	Index	Year	Quarter	Index	Year	Quarter
New South Wales	132.7	2.1%	0.4%	136.8	2.4%	0.5%	133.6	2.2%	0.4%
Victoria	134.6	2.5%	0.4%	139.6	3.5%	0.4%	135.6	2.7%	0.4%
Queensland	132.7	2.0%	0.4%	137.5	2.1%	1.2%	133.8	2.1%	0.6%
South Australia	134.7	2.5%	0.5%	134.6	1.7%	0.1%	134.6	2.3%	0.4%
Western Australia	131.5	1.8%	0.5%	138.2	1.2%	0.2%	132.8	1.7%	0.4%
Tasmania	136.1	2.8%	0.4%	132.6	1.6%	0.1%	135.0	2.4%	0.3%
Northern Territory	132.1	2.0%	0.4%	139.0	2.6%	0.1%	134.5	2.3%	0.3%
Australian Capital Territory	132.5	2.5%	0.4%	132.0	2.2%	0.7%	132.3	2.3%	0.5%
Australia	133.1	2.2%	0.4%	137.3	2.4%	0.5%	134.1	2.3%	0.4%