

Note: The Retail Trade trend series have been suspended as at November 2008 as it is not possible to determine the trend in retail turnover through the period affected by the Government's stimulus package and other influences associated with global economic conditions.

Main Features

Monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland	↑	0.8%
Australia	↑	0.3%

Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland	↑	8.2%
Australia	↑	6.8%

Commentary

Note: Commentary on monthly figures is based on nominal values throughout and, as such, movements are affected by price and quantity changes.

- In seasonally adjusted terms, Queensland's retail turnover grew 0.8% between March 2009 and April 2009. Australia's seasonally adjusted retail turnover grew 0.3% during this period (Figure 1).
- Annually, the seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$3,706.3 million in April 2008 to \$4,011.8 million in April 2009. This represented an 8.2% growth in Queensland over the year to April 2009, which was above the 6.8% growth for Australia.
- Slower growth in nominal retail turnover in April 2009 in Queensland largely reflected a decline in spending in discretionary areas such as department stores and clothing and soft goods, as well as weaker growth in spending on cafes, restaurants and takeaway foods in the month.
- Queensland recorded the fourth-highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories. The Northern Territory recorded the highest increase (12.5%) and Western Australia recorded the lowest increase (1.2%) (Figure 2).
- *Household good retailing* and *Other retailing* were the two industry groups to make the largest positive contribution to retail turnover for Queensland during April 2009, while for Australia *Household good retailing* and *Clothing and soft good retailing* were the largest (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in seasonally adjusted retail turnover, April 2007 to April 2009

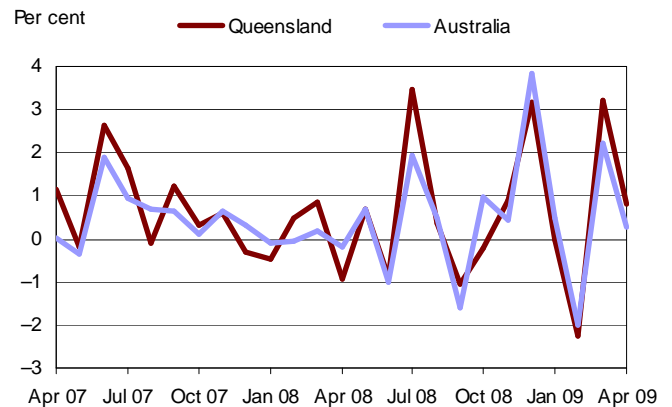


Figure 2: Annual change in seasonally adjusted retail turnover by state and territory, April 2009

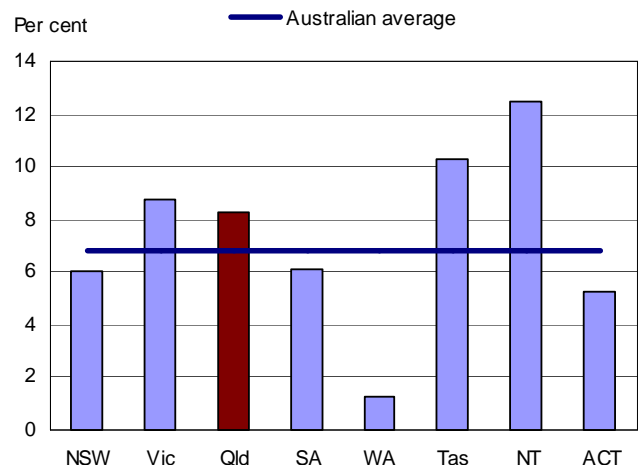


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2009

