

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	↑	1.4%
Australia	↑	0.9%

Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland	↑	5.0%
Australia	↑	5.8%

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 increased 1.4% between July 2009 and August 2009. Australia's seasonally adjusted retail turnover increased 0.9% during this period (Figure 1).
- Annually, the seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$3,938.3 million in August 2008 to \$4,136.3 million in August 2009. This was a 5.0% growth in Queensland over the year to August 2009, which was below the 5.8% growth for Australia.
- The increase in Queensland retail turnover in August largely reflected higher spending on food, household goods and department stores retailing. These increases were partly offset by a decline in spending in cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services.
- Queensland recorded the sixth-highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories. The Australian Capital Territory recorded the highest increase (8.3%) and Western Australia recorded the lowest increase (1.8%) (Figure 2).
- *Food retailing* and *Household good retailing* were the industry groups to record the largest positive contribution to retail turnover for Queensland during August 2009 (1.1 and 0.4 percentage points respectively). *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest negative contributions to retail turnover for Queensland with a 0.3 percentage points deduction (Figure 3).

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

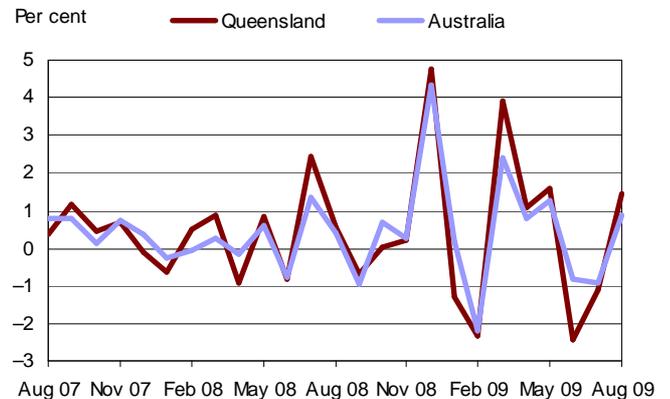


Figure 2: Annual change in seasonally adjusted retail turnover by state and territory, August 2009

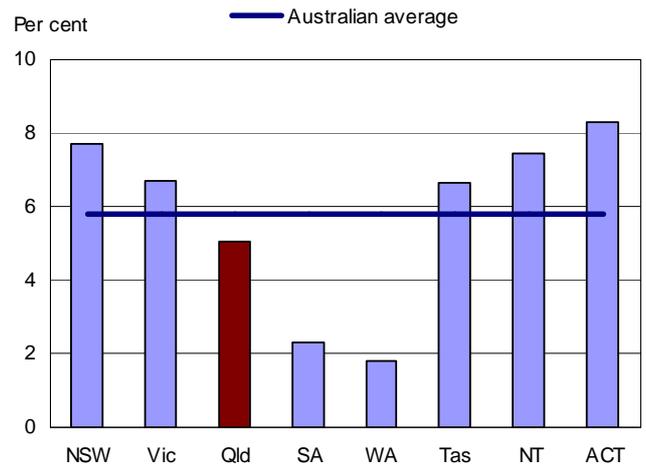


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, August 2009

