



Main Features

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland	↑	0.1%
Australia	↑	0.4%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland	↑	4.2%
Australia	↑	6.3%

Commentary

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

- The trend estimates of Queensland's retail turnover increased 0.1% in November 2009. This followed an upward revised growth of 0.1% in October 2009. Growth in retail spending in Queensland has weakened considerably from fiscal stimulus-induced peaks reached in early 2009. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.4% from October 2009 to November 2009 (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland retail turnover increased from \$4,100.9 million in October 2009 to \$4,103.5 million in November 2009.
- The increase in Queensland retail turnover in November reflected higher spending in food, household goods, department stores, clothing, footwear and personal accessories. This growth was partially offset by falls of spending in cafes, restaurants and takeaway food as well as other retail spending.
- Annually, the trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$3,939.9 million in November 2008 to \$4,103.5 million in November 2009. This was a 4.2% growth in Queensland over the year to November 2009, which was below the 6.3% growth for Australia.
- Queensland recorded the third-lowest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories. New South Wales recorded the highest increase (9.3%) and South Australia recorded the lowest increase (3.6%) (Figure 2).
- Household goods retailing and Food retailing recorded the largest positive contributions to retail turnover for Queensland (0.10 and 0.09 percentage points respectively). Food retailing and Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services recorded the largest positive contributions to retail turnover for Australia at the same period (0.17 and 0.13 percentage points respectively) (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover, November 2007 to November 2009

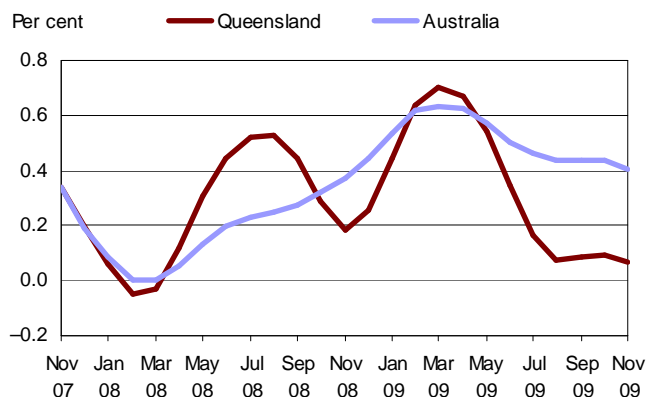


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover by state and territory, November 2009

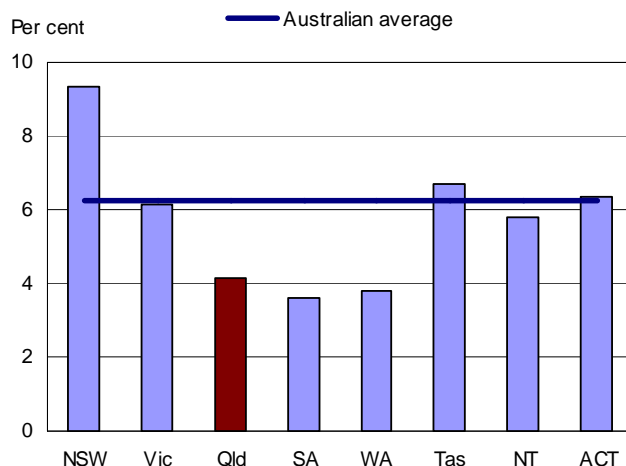


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, November 2009

