



Main Features

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland	↑	0.0%
Australia	↑	0.3%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland	↑	3.7%
Australia	↑	5.9%

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 were largely unchanged in December 2009. This was the fifth consecutive month in which no growth was recorded. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.3% from November 2009 to December 2009 (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland retail turnover increased slightly from \$4,092.5 million in November 2009 to \$4,094.4 million in December 2009.
- The slight increase in Queensland retail turnover in December 2009 reflected higher spending in household goods, clothing, footwear and personal accessories, and department stores. This higher spending was offset by falls in spending on food, cafes, restaurants and takeaway food as well as other retail spending.
- Annually, the trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$3,950.0 million in December 2008 to \$4,094.4 million in December 2009. This was a 3.7% growth in Queensland over the year to December 2009, which was below the 5.9% growth for Australia.
- Queensland recorded the second-lowest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories. New South Wales recorded the highest increase (9.2%) and South Australia recorded the lowest increase (2.8%) (Figure 2).
- Household goods retailing recorded the largest positive contribution to retail turnover in Queensland in December 2009 (0.11 percentage point). Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services recorded the largest positive contribution to retail turnover in Australia in this month (0.18 percentage point) (Figure 3).

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

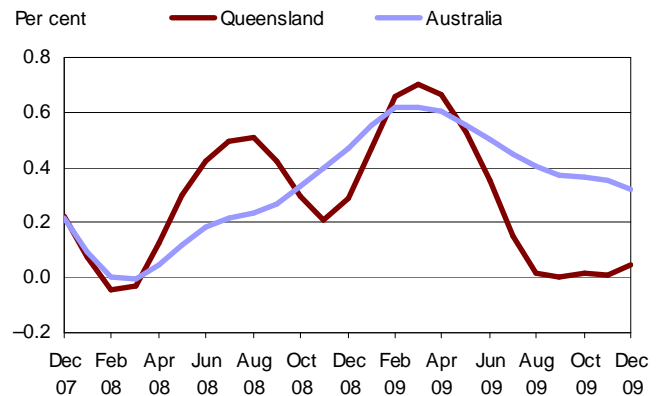


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover by state and territory, December 2008 to December 2009

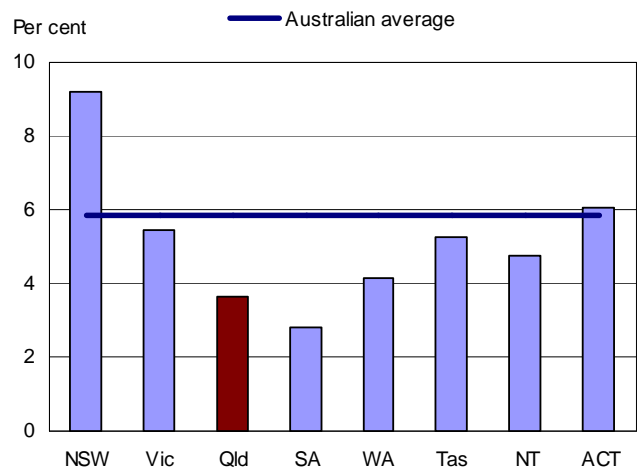


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, December 2009

