



Main Features

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland	↑	0.1%
Australia	↑	0.1%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland	↑	0.9%
Australia	↑	3.7%

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 estimate of Queensland's retail turnover increased 0.1% in April 2010, following an upward revised increase of 0.1% in March 2010. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.1% during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,088.6 million in March 2010 to \$4,091.4 million in April 2010.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in April 2010 reflected higher spending in food, as well as in cafes, restaurants and takeaway. This higher spending was partially offset by lower spending on household goods, department stores, other retailing, and clothing, footwear and personal accessories.
- Annually, the trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,054.2 million in April 2009 to \$4,091.4 million in April 2010. This represents a 0.9% rise in Queensland over the year to April 2010, well below the 3.7% growth for Australia.
- Queensland recorded the lowest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (0.9%). Northern Territory recorded the highest increase (5.7%), followed by the Australian Capital Territory (5.3%) (Figure 2).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in April 2010 (0.19 percentage point). *Household goods retailing* recorded the largest deduction from retail turnover in Queensland in the month (0.14 percentage point) (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

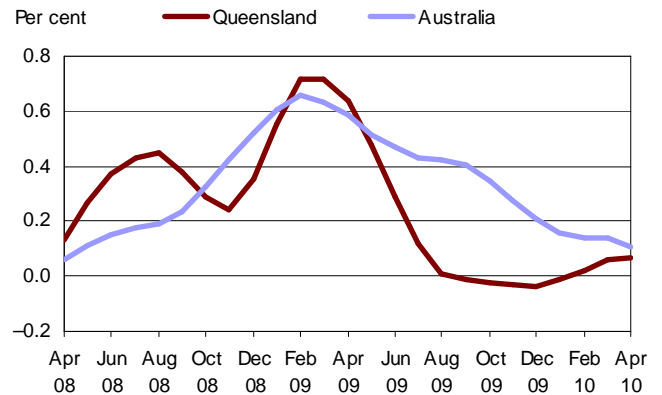


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, April 2010

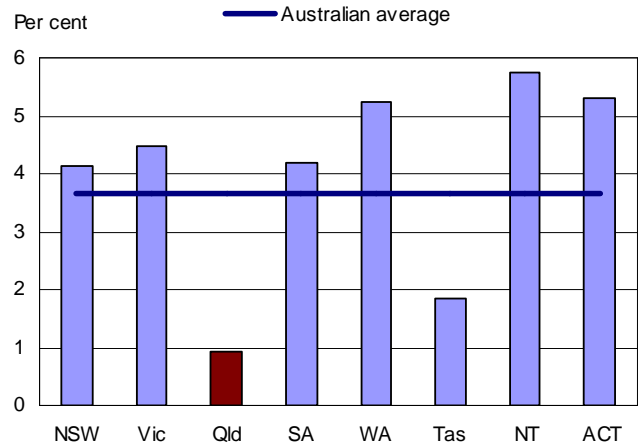


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2010

