

**Main Features**

**Monthly change (trend):**

Queensland	↑	0.4%
Australia	↑	0.5%

**Annual change (trend):**

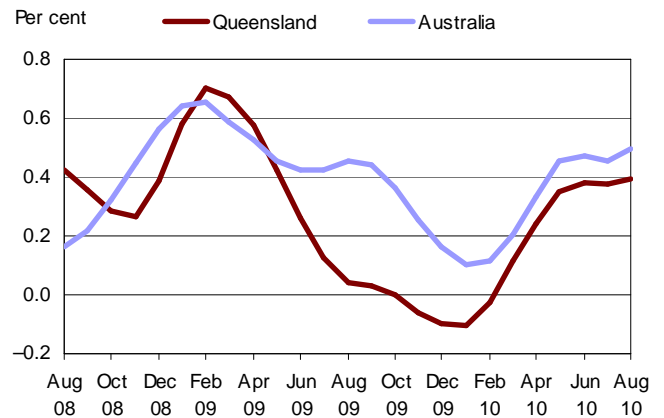
Queensland	↑	1.6%
Australia	↑	3.9%

**Commentary**

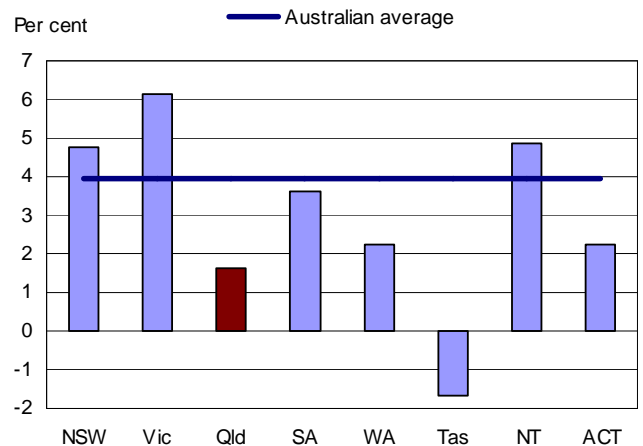
Note: Commentary on monthly figures is based on nominal values throughout and, as such, movements are affected by price and quantity changes.

- The trend estimate of Queensland's retail turnover increased 0.4% in August 2010, the sixth monthly increase in a row since March 2010. Australia's trend turnover also increased, by 0.5%, during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,138.2 million in July 2010 to \$4,154.5 million in August 2010.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in August 2010 mainly reflected higher spending in *cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services, food retailing and other retailing*. This higher spending was partially offset by lower spending on *household goods retailing*.
- Annually, the trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,088.8 million in August 2009 to \$4,154.5 million in August 2010. This represents a 1.6% rise in Queensland over the year to August 2010, well below the 3.9% growth for Australia (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the second-lowest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (1.6%). Victoria recorded the highest increase (6.1%), followed by Northern Territory (4.9%).
- *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in August 2010 (0.20 percentage point). *Household goods retailing* recorded the largest deduction from retail turnover in Queensland in the month (0.03 percentage point) (Figure 3).

**Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover**



**Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, August 2010**



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

