

Main Features

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland	↑	0.5%
Australia	↑	0.4%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland	↑	2.6%
Australia	↑	2.7%

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 0.5% in April 2011, the fifth consecutive monthly increase. Australia's trend turnover increased by 0.4% during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,175.4 million in March 2011 to \$4,197.8 million in April 2011.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in April 2011 mainly reflected higher spending in *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services, Other retailing, and Household goods retailing*. This higher spending was marginally offset by lower spending on *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing*.
- Annually, the trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,090.6 million in April 2010 to \$4,197.8 million in April 2011. This was a 2.6% rise in Queensland over the year to April 2011 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the third-highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (2.6%). Western Australia had the highest increase (5.9%).
- *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover in Queensland in the month (0.15 percentage point) in April 2011 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

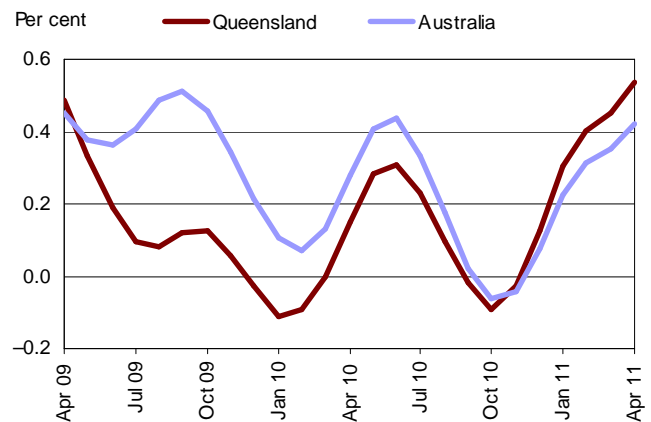


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, April 2011

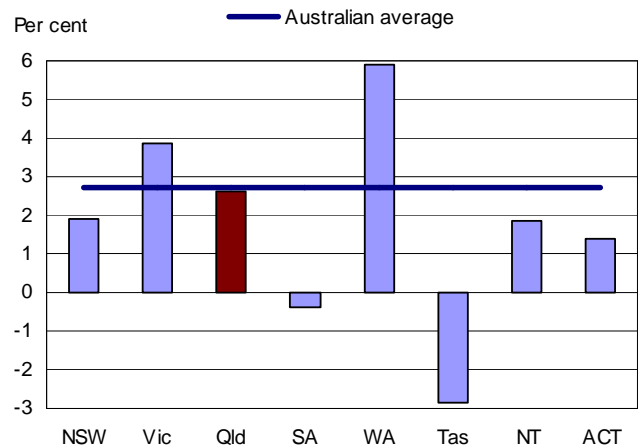


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2011

