

**Main Features**

**Monthly change (trend):**

Queensland	↑	0.6%
Australia	↑	0.3%

**Annual change (trend):**

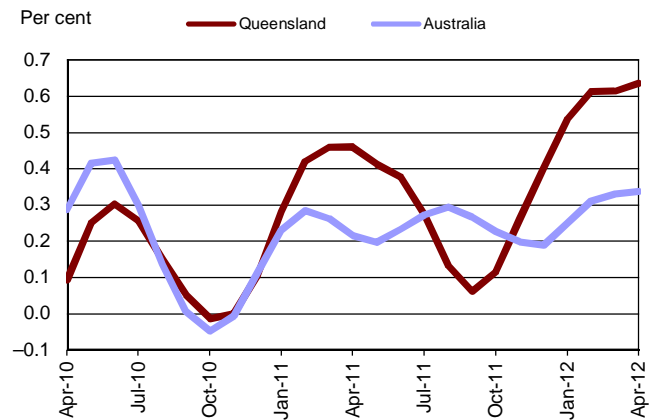
Queensland	↑	4.5%
Australia	↑	3.0%

**Commentary**

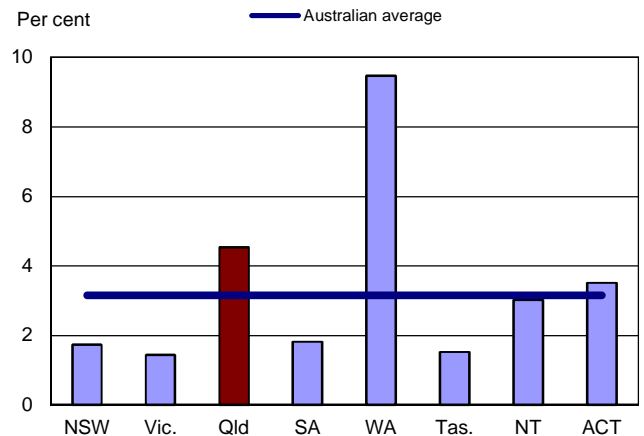
Note: Commentary on monthly figures is based on nominal values throughout and, as such, movements are affected by price and quantity changes.

- The trend estimate of Queensland's retail turnover increased 0.6% in April 2012. Australia's trend turnover also increased, by 0.3% during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,360.8 million in March 2012 to \$4,388.5 million in April 2012.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in April 2012 reflected higher spending in *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services, Household goods retailing, Other retailing, Food retailing* and *Department stores*. The only industry group that detracted from Queensland's retail turnover in the month of April was *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 4.5% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,198.7 million in April 2011 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the second-highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (4.5%). Western Australia had the highest increase (9.5%).
- *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.21 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.15 percentage point) in April 2012 (Figure 3).

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



**Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, April 2012**



**Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2012**

