



# Retail Trade, August 2012

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland.....↑ 0.2%  
 Australia .....↑ 0.2%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland.....↑ 5.0%  
 Australia .....↑ 3.7%

## Main findings

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 0.2% in August 2012. Australia's trend turnover also increased by 0.2% during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,448.5 million in July 2012 to \$4,457.9 million in August 2012.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in August 2012 mainly reflected higher spending in *Other retailing*, *Food retailing* and *Household goods retailing*. This increase in spending was partially offset by lower spending on *Department stores* and *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing* groups.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 5.0% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,247.3 million in August 2011 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the third-highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (5.0%). Western Australia had the highest increase (9.0%).
- Both *Other retailing* and *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.07 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.14 percentage point) in August 2012 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

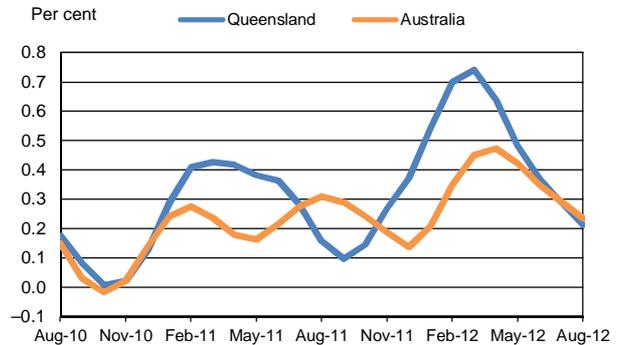


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, August 2012

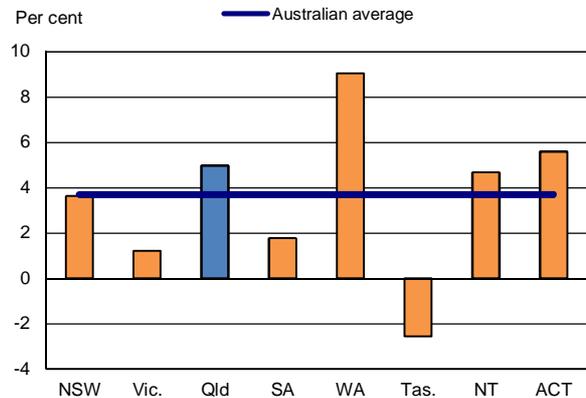


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, August 2012

