

# Retail Trade, February 2013

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ..... ↑ 0.7%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.4%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland ..... ↑ 5.5%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 3.2%

## 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 0.7% in February 2013. Australia's trend turnover increased by 0.4% during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,547.3 million in January 2013 to \$4,576.9 million in February 2013.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in February 2013 mainly reflected higher spending in all industry groups, primarily *Household goods retailing*, *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* and *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 5.5% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,337.3 million in February 2012 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the second-highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (5.5%). Western Australia recorded the highest increase (6.0%).
- *Household goods retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.18 percentage point). *Household goods retailing* also recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.12 percentage point) in February 2013 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

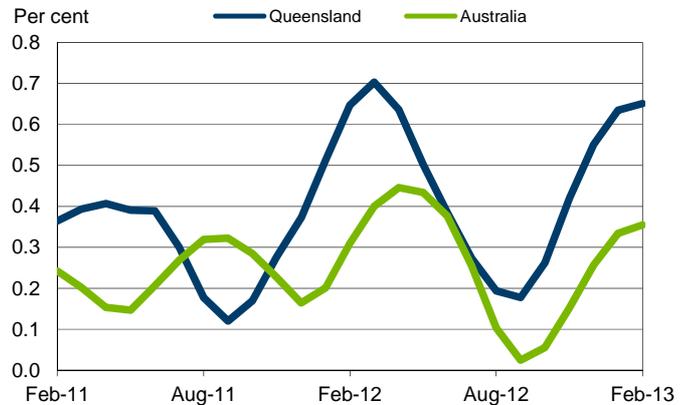


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, February 2013

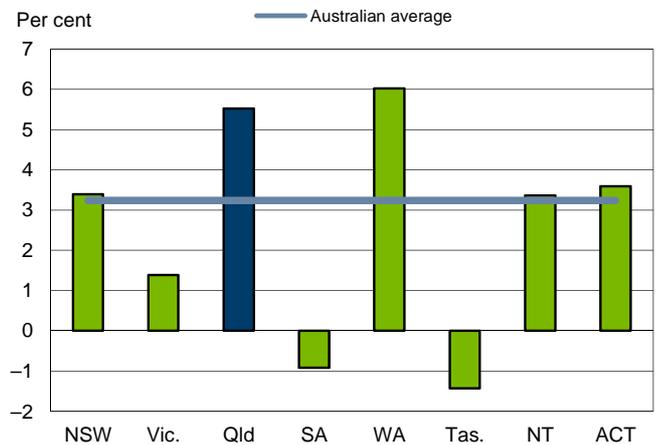


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, February 2013

