

# Retail Trade, May 2013

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ..... ↑ 0.3%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.2%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland ..... ↑ 4.2%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 2.6%

## 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 0.3% in May 2013. Australia's trend turnover increased by 0.2% during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased from \$4,594.6 million in April 2013 to \$4,607.5 million in May 2013.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in May 2013 mainly reflected higher spending in, *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services*, and *Household goods retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 4.2% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,420.5 million in May 2012 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the second-highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (4.2%). Western Australia recorded the highest increase (4.3%).
- *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.20 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.13 percentage point) in May 2013 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

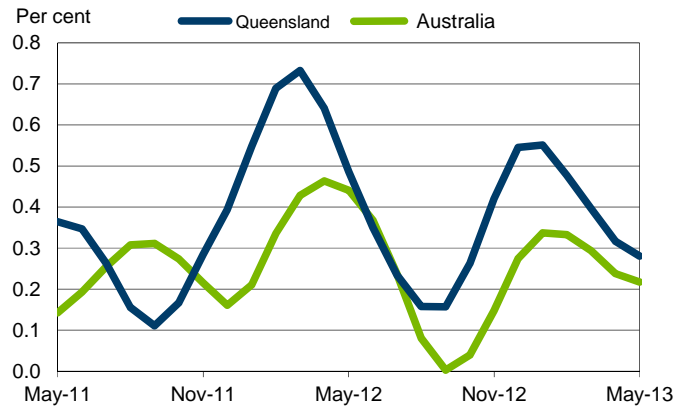


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, May 2013

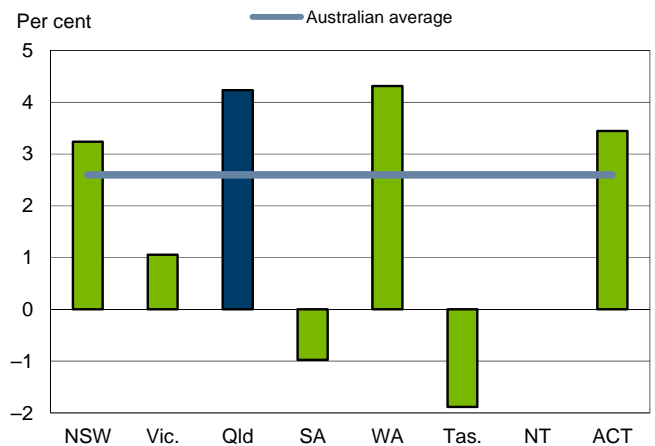


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, May 2013

