

Retail Trade, August 2013

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ↔ 0.0%
 Australia ↔ 0.0%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 3.1%
 Australia ↑ 1.7%

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 remained mostly unchanged in August 2013. Australia's trend turnover also remained mostly unchanged during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover decreased from \$4,593.8 million in July 2013 to \$4,593.6 million in August 2013.
- The marginal decrease in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in August 2013 mainly reflected lower spending in *Department stores* and higher spending in *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 3.1% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,455.4 million in August 2012 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the highest annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories (3.1%). The Northern Territory recorded the second-highest increase (2.9%).
- *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.03 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.04 percentage point) in August 2013 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

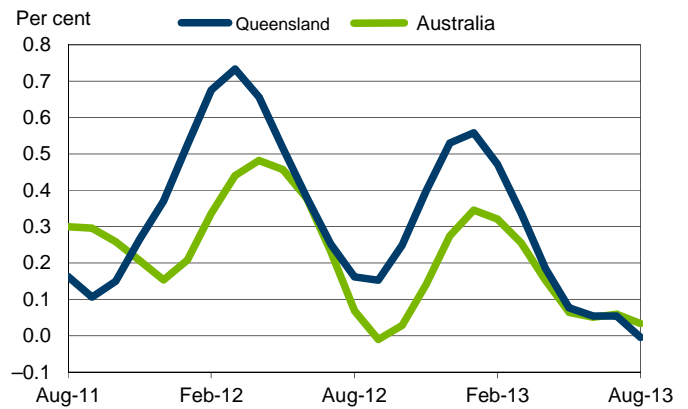


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, August 2013

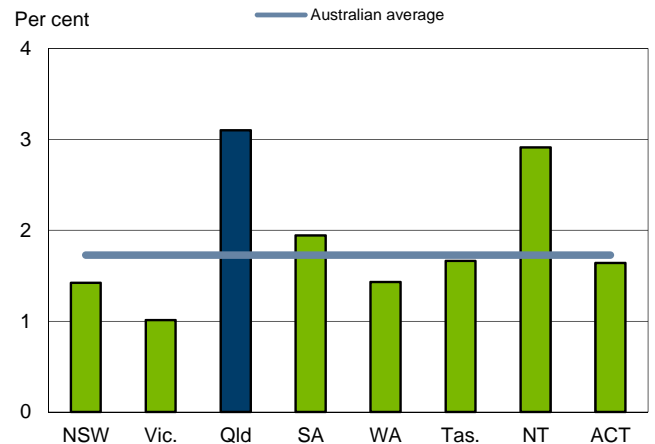


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, August 2013

