

Retail trade, April 2014

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 0.2%
 Australia ↑ 0.4%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 4.4%
 Australia ↑ 6.0%

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 April 2014. Australia's trend turnover increased by 0.4% during the month (Figure 1).
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$4,815.1 million in March 2014 to \$4,825.7 million in April 2014.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in April 2014 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Household goods retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 4.4% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,621.3 million in April 2013 (Figure 2).
- Tasmania recoded the highest increase (9.4%) in annual growth in retail trade of all states and territories, followed by New South Wales (8.9%), Victoria (7.2%), the Northern Territory (6.8%) and Queensland (4.4%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.17 percentage point). *Food retailing* also recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.14 percentage point) in April 2014 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

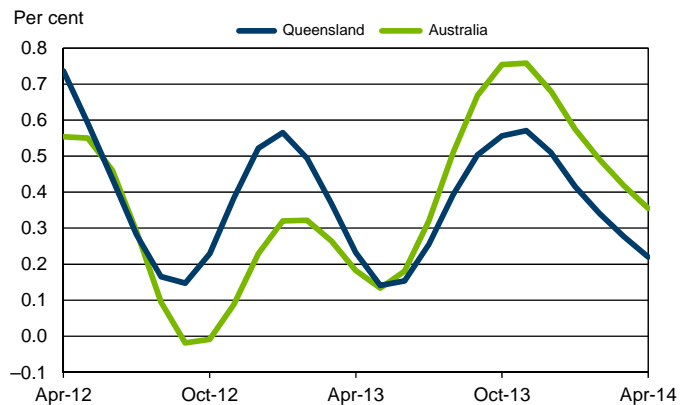


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, April 2014

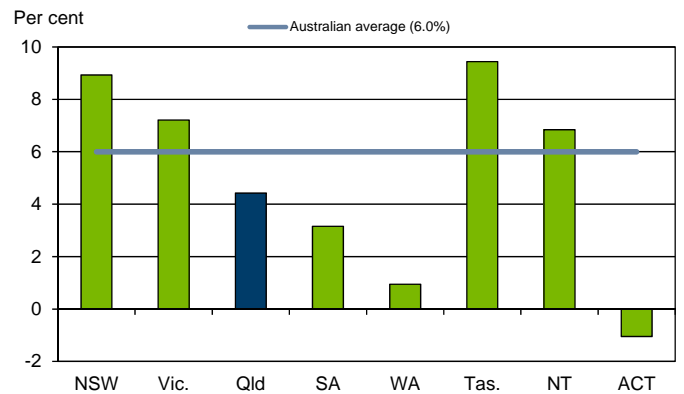


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2014

