

Retail trade, May 2015

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 0.2%
 Australia ↑ 0.2%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 3.5%
 Australia ↑ 4.4%

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 May 2015. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.2% in May 2015.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$4,946.8 million in April 2015 to \$4,956.0 million in May 2015.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in May 2015 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 3.5% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,790.2 million in May 2014 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the fifth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (3.5%). Australian Capital Territory recorded the highest increase (6.0%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.13 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.10 percentage point) in May 2015 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

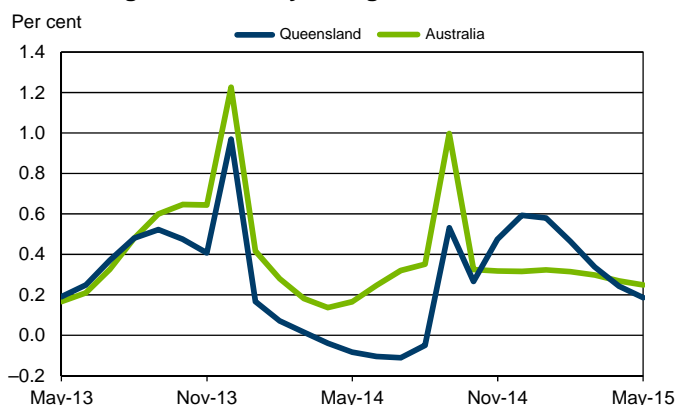


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, May 2015

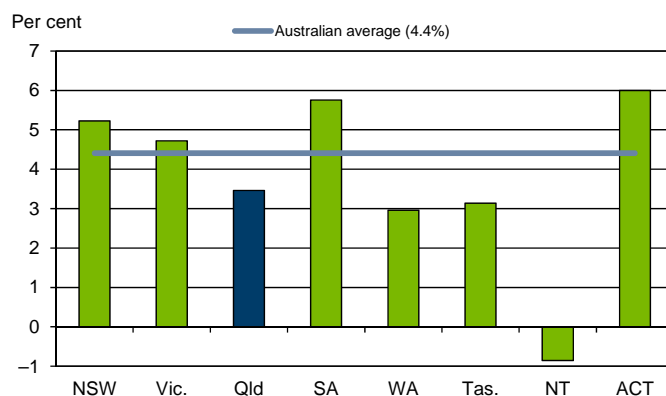


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, May 2015

