

# Retail trade, August 2015

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ..... ↔ 0.0%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.2%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland ..... ↑ 3.4%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 4.3%

## 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 was largely unchanged in August 2015. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.2% in August 2015.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$4,943.0 million in July 2015 to \$4,944.3 million in August 2015.
- Queensland's nominal retail turnover in August 2015 mainly reflected higher spending in *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing* and *Department stores*. This was offset by lower spending mainly in *Food retailing* and *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 3.4% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,780.2 million in August 2014 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the fifth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (3.4%). New South Wales recorded the highest increase (5.5%).
- *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.03 percentage point). *Other retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.06 percentage point) in August 2015 (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Monthly change in retail turnover

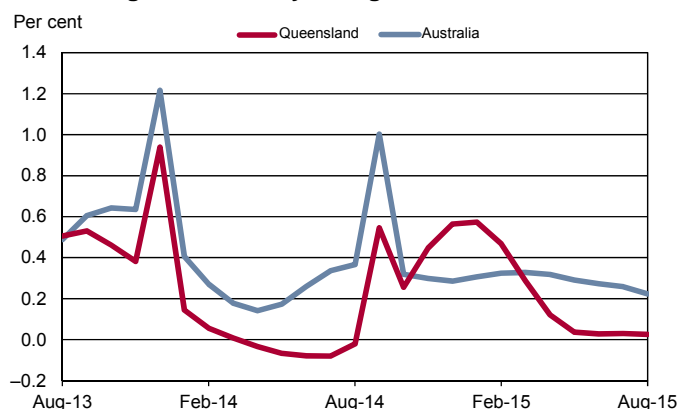


Figure 2: Annual change in retail turnover, August 2015

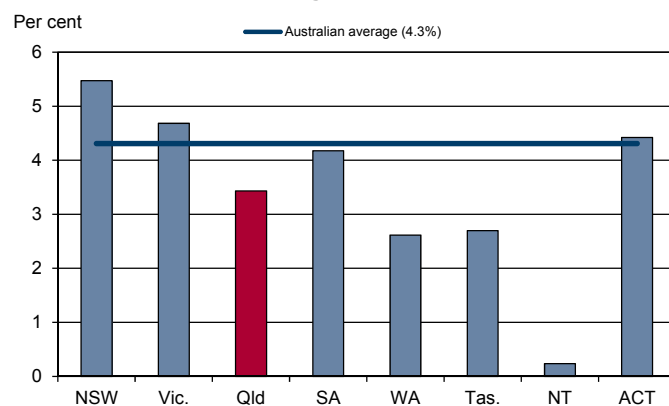


Figure 3: Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, August 2015

