

Retail trade, August 2016

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.4%
Australia ↑ 0.1%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 2.4%
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 0.4% in August 2016. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.1% in August 2016.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,037.8 million in July 2016 to \$5,060.4 million in August 2016.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in August 2016 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 2.4% over the previous 12 months, from \$4,943.6 million in August 2015 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the sixth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (2.4%). Australian Capital Territory recorded the highest increase (5.8%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.17 percentage point). *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.11 percentage point) in August 2016 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

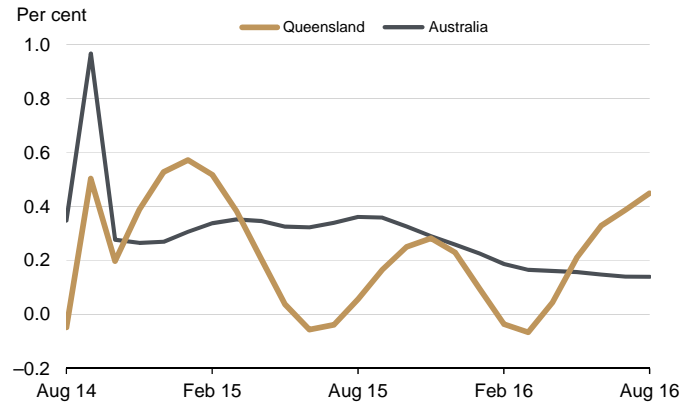


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, August 2016



Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, August 2016

