

Retail trade, August 2017

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ↔ 0.0%
 Australia ↑ 0.1%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 1.2%
 Australia ↑ 2.8%

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 2017. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.1% in August 2017.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,175.6 million in July 2017 to \$5,178.0 million in August 2017.
- Queensland's change in nominal retail turnover in August 2017 mainly reflected higher spending in *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing* and *Household goods retailing*. This was offset by lower spending mainly in *Food retailing* and *Department stores*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 1.2% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,118.7 million in August 2016 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the seventh-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (1.2%). Victoria recorded the highest increase (4.1%).
- *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.05 percentage point). *Other retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.07 percentage point) in August 2017 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

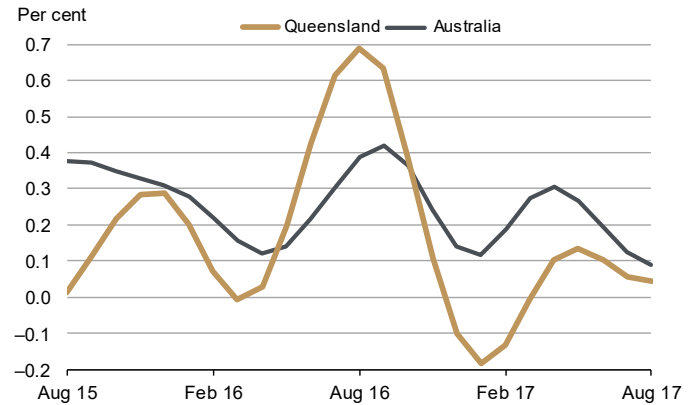


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, August 2017

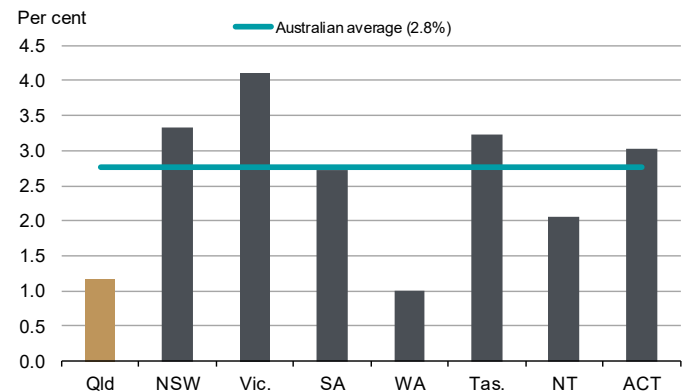


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, August 2017

