

# Retail trade, February 2018

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.3%  
Australia ..... ↑ 0.4%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 1.7%  
Australia ..... ↑ 2.7%

## 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 0.3% in February 2018. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.4% in February 2018.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,224.2 million in January 2018 to \$5,240.4 million in February 2018.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in February 2018 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Household goods retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 1.7% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,152.8 million in February 2017 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the fifth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (1.7%). Victoria recorded the highest increase (4.9%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.18 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.13 percentage point) in February 2018 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

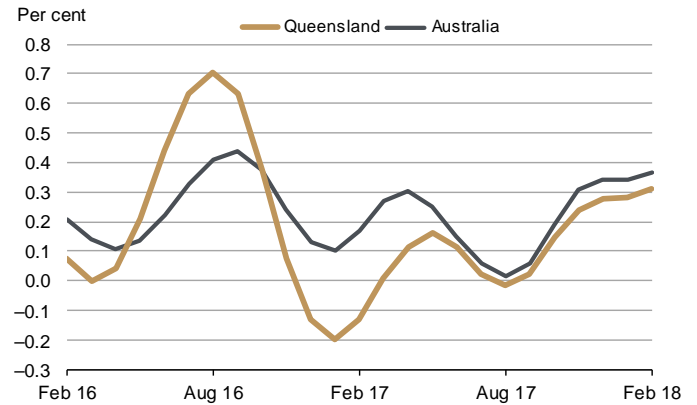


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, February 2018



Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, February 2018

