

Retail trade, April 2018

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.1%
Australia ↑ 0.3%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 1.4%
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 0.1% in April 2018. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.3% in April 2018.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,227.6 million in March 2018 to \$5,231.1 million in April 2018.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in April 2018 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Other retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 1.4% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,160.6 million in April 2017 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the seventh-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (1.4%). Victoria recorded the highest increase (4.8%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.06 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.17 percentage point) in April 2018 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

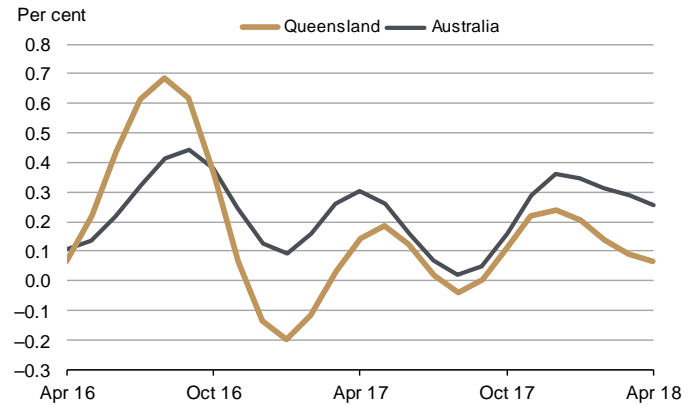


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, April 2018

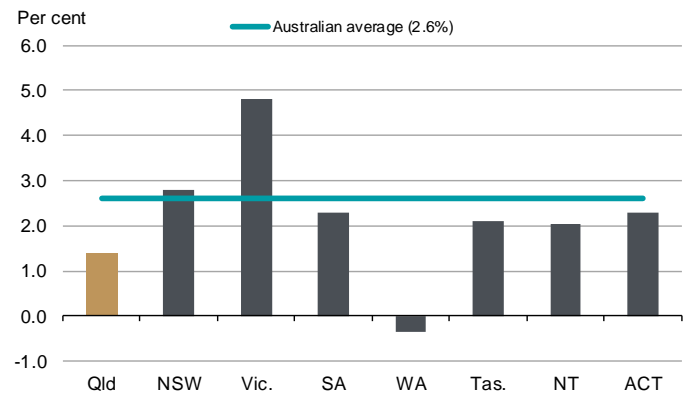


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2018

