

Retail trade, August 2018

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 0.2%
 Australia ↑ 0.2%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland ↑ 1.9%
 Australia ↑ 3.4%

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 0.2% in August 2018. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.2% in August 2018.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,259.3 million in July 2018 to \$5,271.2 million in August 2018.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in August 2018 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 1.9% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,173.7 million in August 2017 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the sixth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (1.9%). Victoria recorded the highest increase (5.6%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.13 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.09 percentage point) in August 2018 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

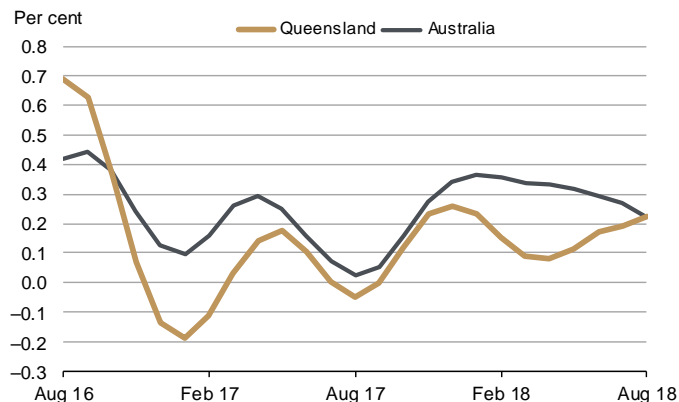


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, August 2018



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

