

# Retail trade, September 2018

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.3%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.2%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 2.3%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 3.5%

## 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 September 2018. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.2% in September 2018.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,278.6 million in August 2018 to \$5,292.8 million in September 2018.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in September 2018 mainly reflected higher spending in *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* and *Food retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 2.3% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,172.9 million in September 2017 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the sixth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (2.3%). Victoria recorded the highest increase (5.9%).
- *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.12 percentage point). *Other retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.09 percentage point) in September 2018 (Figure 3).
- In real terms (where the volume of retail turnover is measured, removing the effect of price movements), trend retail trade in Queensland increased 0.3% in September quarter 2018. Over the year to September quarter 2018, real retail turnover increased 1.2%.

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

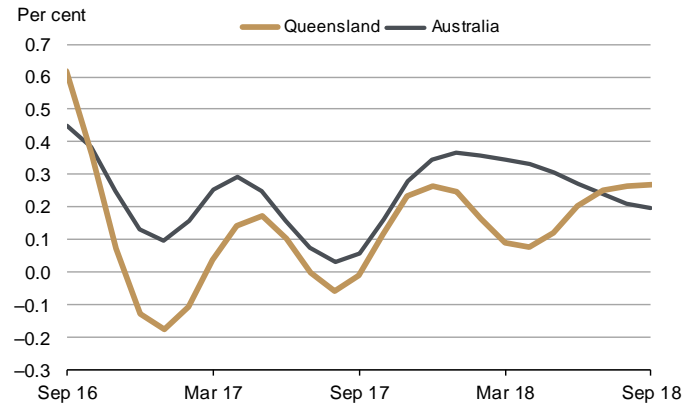


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, September 2018



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

