

# Retail trade, December 2018

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.5%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.2%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 4.0%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 3.2%

## 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 0.5% in December 2018. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.2% in December 2018.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,384.8 million in November 2018 to \$5,411.3 million in December 2018.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in December 2018 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Other retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 4.0% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,201.1 million in December 2017 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the fourth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (4.0%). Australian Capital Territory recorded the highest increase (5.5%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.16 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.10 percentage point) in December 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 0.7% in December quarter 2018. Over the year to December quarter 2018, real retail turnover increased 2.0%.

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

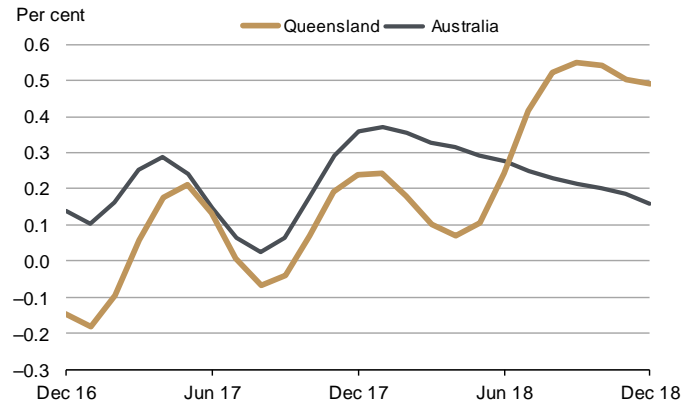


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, December 2018

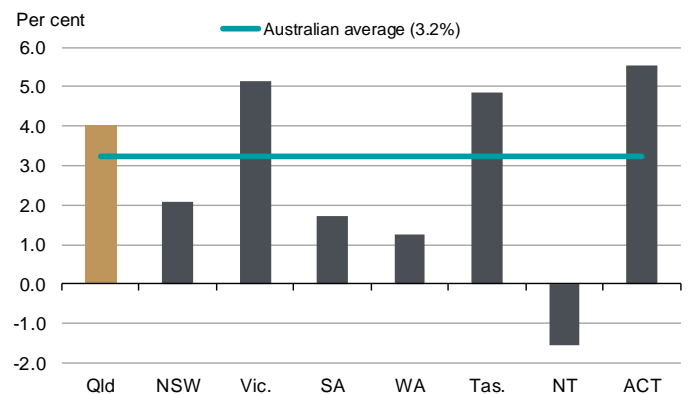


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, December 2018

