

# Retail trade, January 2019

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.2%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.1%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 3.4%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 2.8%

## 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 January 2019. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.1% in January 2019.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,385.1 million in December 2018 to \$5,394.8 million in January 2019.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in January 2019 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Other retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 3.4% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,215.8 million in January 2018 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the fourth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (3.4%). Australian Capital Territory recorded the highest increase (4.5%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.17 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.13 percentage point) in January 2019 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

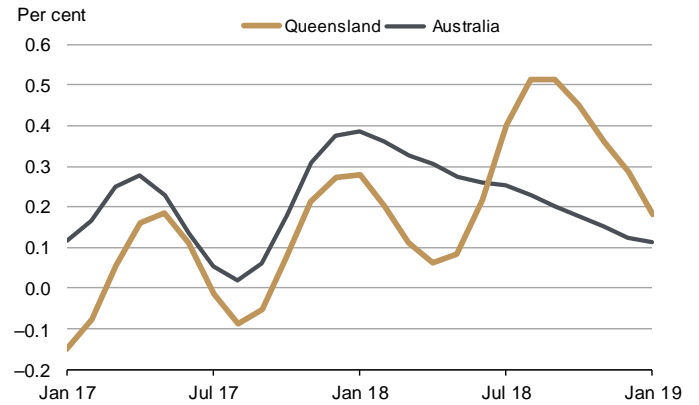


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, January 2019

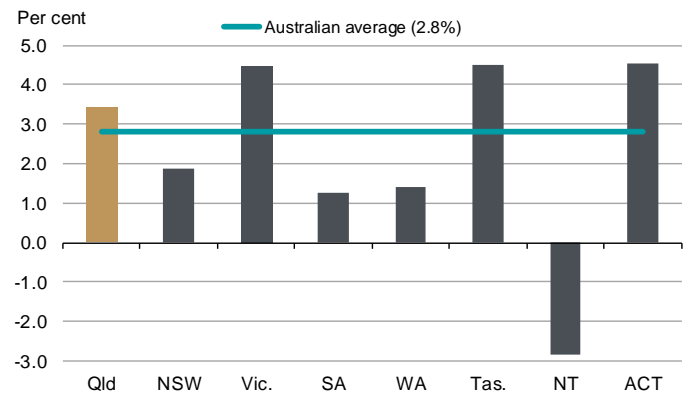


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, January 2019

