

Household spending, March 2026

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Monthly Household Spending Indicator*, released 05 May 2026, 11:30 am (AEST)

Key data

Monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland.....↑ 1.9%

Australia↑ 1.6%

Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland.....↑ 9.4%

Australia↑ 6.3%

Main findings

Note: Commentary on spending estimates are based on seasonally adjusted nominal values unless otherwise stated.

- In seasonally adjusted terms, Queensland’s household spending increased 1.9% in March 2026. Australia’s household spending increased 1.6% over the month.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland’s household spending increased 9.4% over the year, from \$15,323.1 million in March 2025 to \$16,769.0 million in March 2026. Australia’s household spending increased 6.3% over the year.
- In seasonally adjusted terms, Queensland recorded the largest growth in household spending over the year to March 2026 of all states and territories (9.4%) (Figure 1).
- Seasonally adjusted household spending in Queensland on discretionary items in March 2026 increased 9.1% over the year. Household spending on essential (non-discretionary items) increased 10.1% over the same period (Figure 2).
- In seasonally adjusted terms, 'Transport' recorded the largest contribution to household spending growth in Queensland over the year to March 2026 (2.23 percentage points). 'Transport' recorded the largest contribution to household spending growth in Australia over the year (1.45 percentage points) (Figure 3).
- In seasonally adjusted volume terms, household spending in Queensland increased 4.4% over the year to March 2026. Australia increased 2.8% over the same period.

Figure 1 Annual change in household spending, March 2026

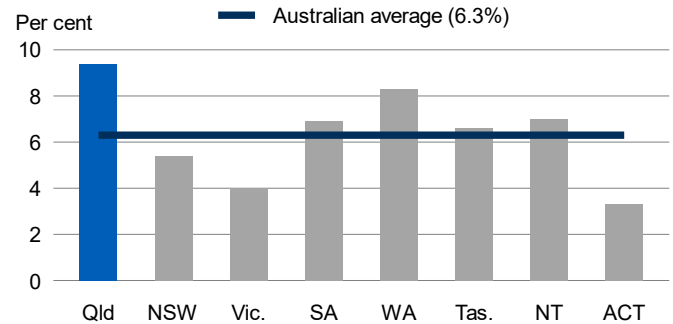


Figure 2 Annual change in discretionary and essential household spending, Queensland

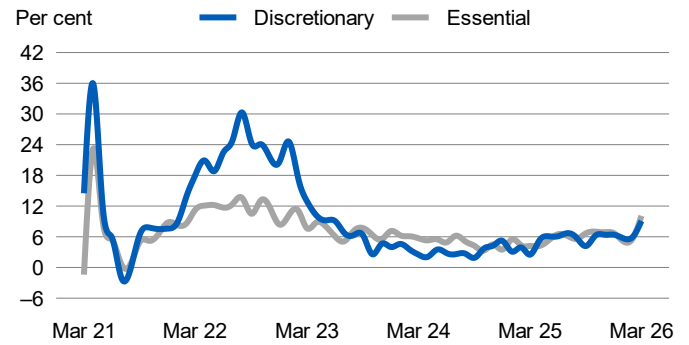
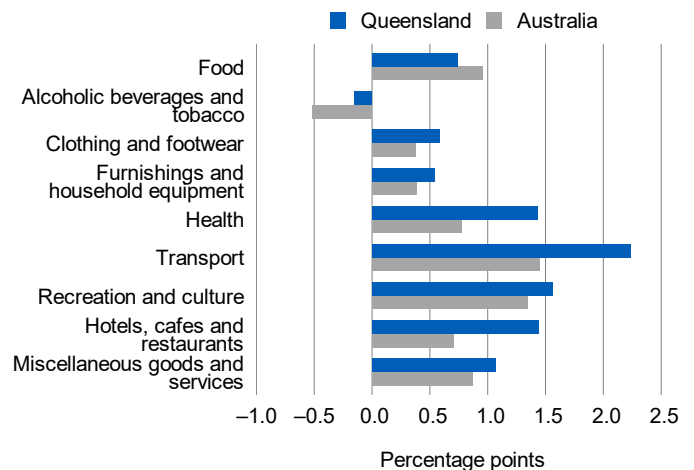


Figure 3 Annual household spending contribution to growth by category, March 2026



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