

Retail trade, February 2019

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

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

Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 3.8%
Australia ↑ 2.9%

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 February 2019. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.2% in February 2019.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,406.6 million in January 2019 to \$5,420.5 million in February 2019.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in February 2019 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Other retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 3.8% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,223.1 million in February 2018 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the third-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (3.8%). Australian Capital Territory recorded the highest increase (4.3%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.18 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.18 percentage point) in February 2019 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

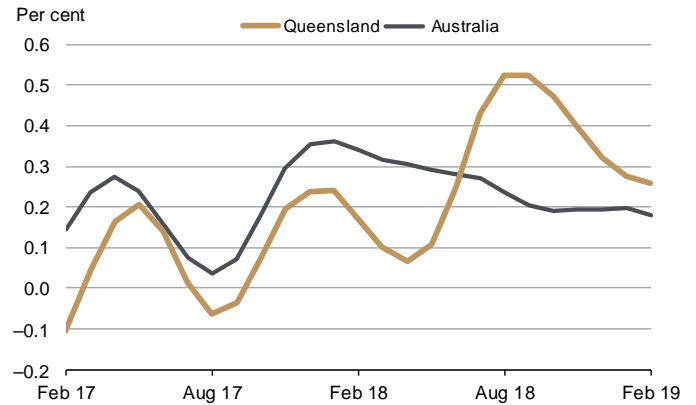


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, February 2019

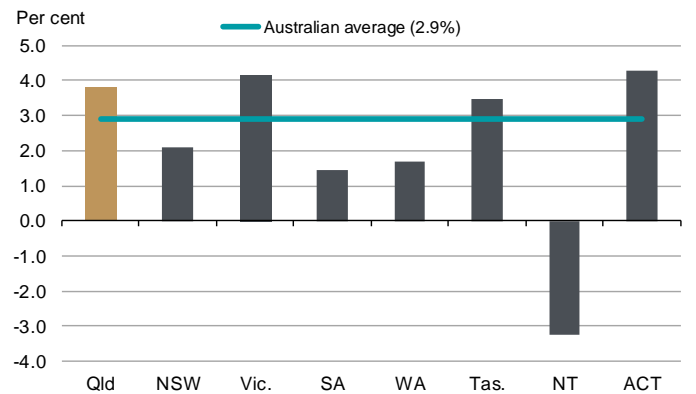


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, February 2019

