

Retail trade, May 2019

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Key data

Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.4%
 Australia ↑ 0.2%

Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 5.5%
 Australia ↑ 2.7%

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 0.4% in May 2019. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.2% in May 2019.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,494.8 million in April 2019 to \$5,519.5 million in May 2019.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in May 2019 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 5.5% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,233.9 million in May 2018 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (5.5%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.14 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.09 percentage point) in May 2019 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

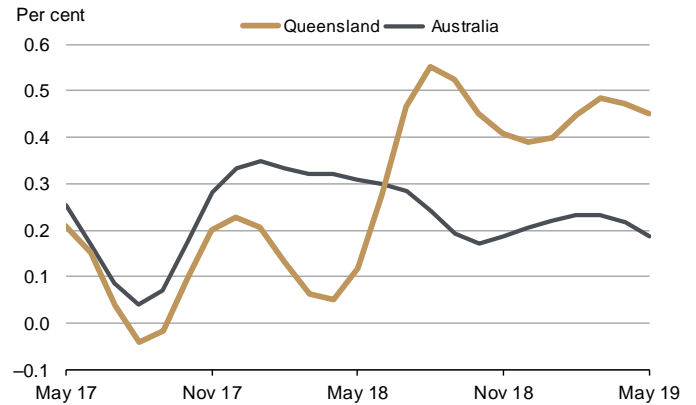


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, May 2019

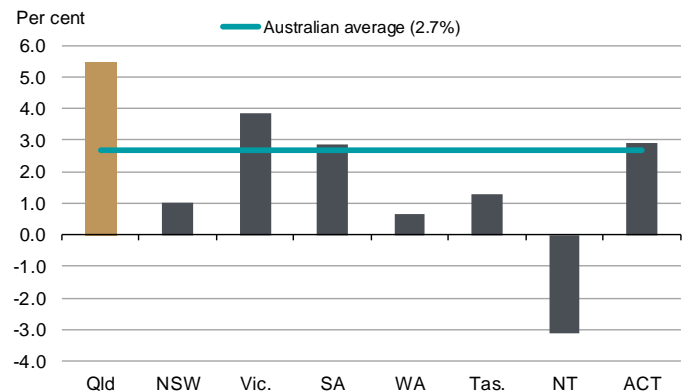


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, May 2019

