

# Retail trade, December 2019

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## Key data

### Monthly change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.5%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.3%

### Annual change (trend):

Queensland..... ↑ 5.0%  
 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 0.5% in December 2019. Australia's trend turnover increased 0.3% in December 2019.
- The trend value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$5,636.3 million in November 2019 to \$5,664.4 million in December 2019.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in December 2019 mainly reflected higher spending in *Food retailing* and *Other retailing*.
- The trend value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 5.0% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,395.9 million in December 2018 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the second-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (5.0%). Tasmania recorded the highest increase (6.4%).
- *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.11 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.10 percentage point) in December 2019 (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 2019. Over the year to December quarter 2019, real retail turnover increased 2.2%.

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

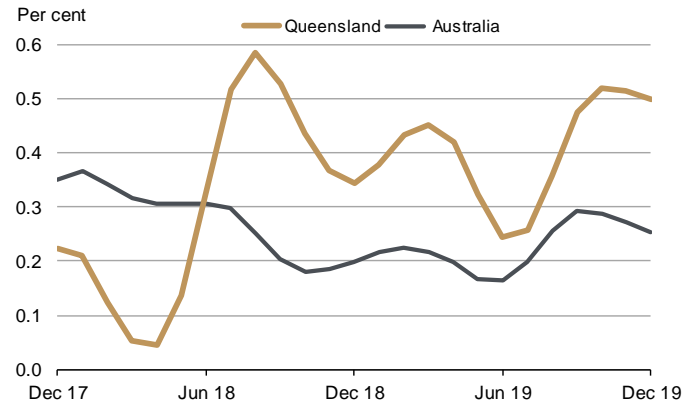


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, December 2019

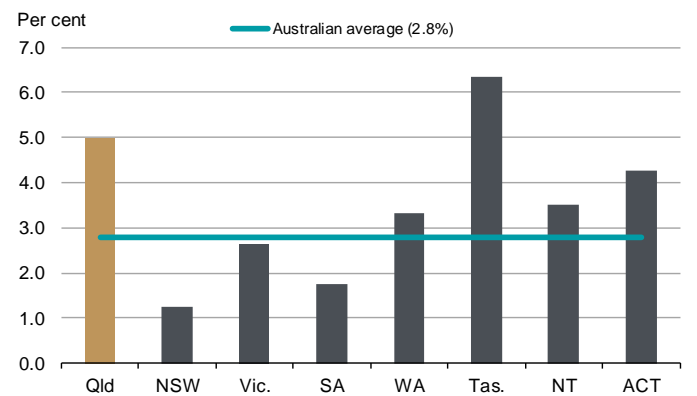


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, December 2019

