

Retail trade, April 2020

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Key data

Monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↓ 15.7%
 Australia ↓ 17.7%

Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↓ 5.0%
 Australia ↓ 9.2%

Main findings

Note: Commentary on monthly figures is based on nominal values throughout and, as such, movements are affected by price and quantity changes.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19 the ABS has suspended the trend series from February 2020. All results are therefore presented in seasonally adjusted terms.

- The seasonally adjusted estimate of Queensland's retail turnover decreased 15.7% in April 2020. Australia's seasonally adjusted retail turnover decreased 17.7% in April 2020.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover decreased from \$6,209.1 million in March 2020 to \$5,237.3 million in April 2020.
- The decrease in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in April 2020 reflected lower spending in *Food retailing* and *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services*.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's retail turnover decreased by 5.0% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,513.7 million in April 2019 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the smallest annual decline in retail turnover of all states and territories (down 5.0%). Northern Territory was the only state or territory to record an increase (3.4%).
- *Household goods retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.49 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest detraction to retail turnover growth in Queensland (down 8.09 percentage points) in April 2020 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

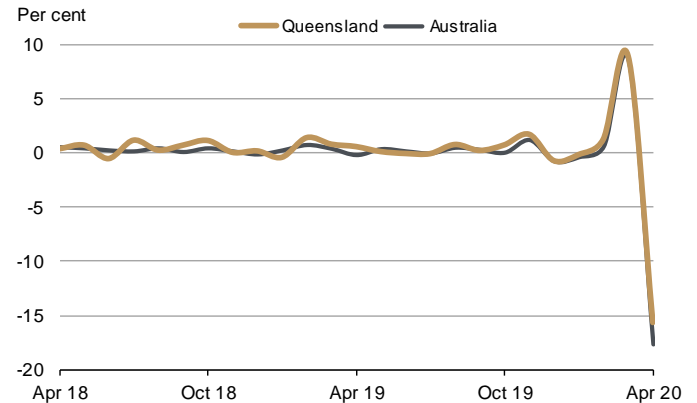


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, April 2020

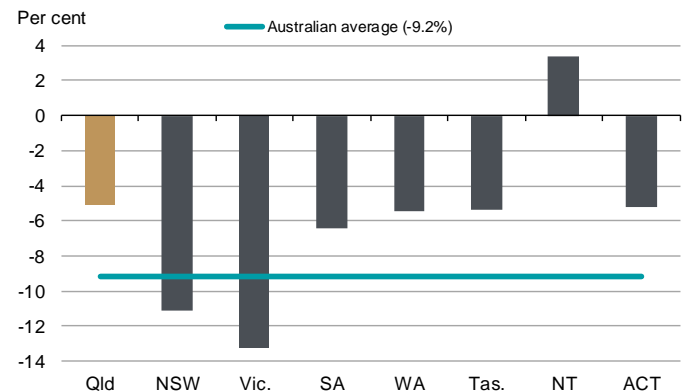


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2020

