

# Retail trade, January 2021

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## Key data

### Monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↓ 1.5%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 0.5%

### Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↑ 12.1%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 10.6%

## 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 1.5% in January 2021. Australia's seasonally adjusted retail turnover increased 0.5% in January 2021.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover decreased from \$6,413.8 million in December 2020 to \$6,317.1 million in January 2021.
- The decrease in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in January 2021 reflected lower spending in *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing* and *Department stores*.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 12.1% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,634.2 million in January 2020 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the fourth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (12.1%). Northern Territory recorded the highest increase (19.3%).
- *Other retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.32 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.65 percentage point) in January 2021 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

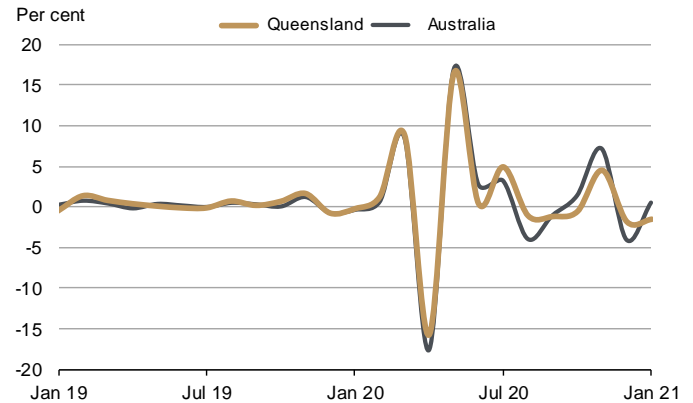


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, January 2021

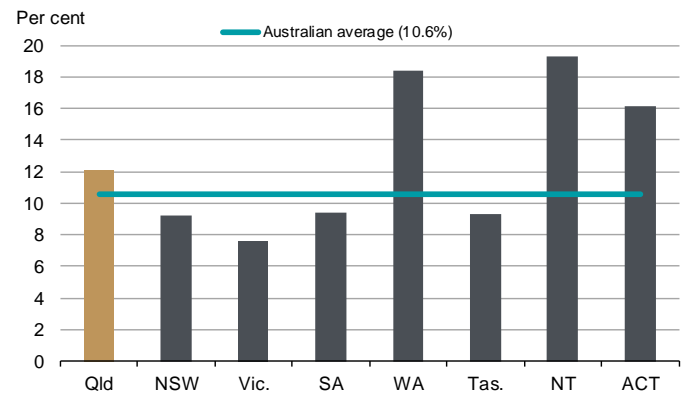


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, January 2021

