

# Retail trade, February 2021

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## Key data

### Monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↑ 1.1%  
 Australia ..... ↓ 0.8%

### Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↑ 12.1%  
 Australia ..... ↑ 9.1%

## 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 increased 1.1% in February 2021. Australia's seasonally adjusted retail turnover decreased 0.8% in February 2021.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$6,317.3 million in January 2021 to \$6,384.9 million in February 2021.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in February 2021 reflected higher 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 \$5,697.4 million in February 2020 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the third-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (12.1%). Northern Territory recorded the highest increase (16.4%).
- *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.79 percentage point). *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.13 percentage point) in February 2021 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

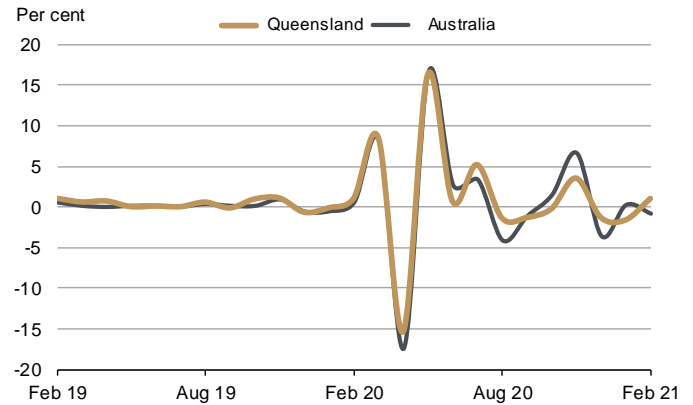


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, February 2021

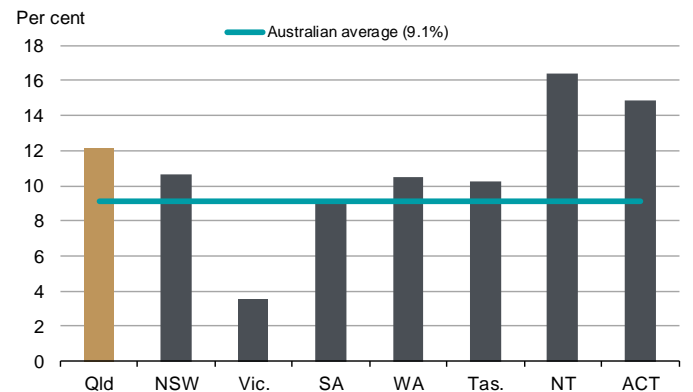


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, February 2021

