

Retail trade, April 2021

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Key data

Monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↑ 0.3%
 Australia ↑ 1.1%

Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↑ 21.6%
 Australia ↑ 25.0%

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 0.3% in April 2021. Australia's seasonally adjusted retail turnover increased 1.1% in April 2021.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover increased from \$6,349.7 million in March 2021 to \$6,366.2 million in April 2021.
- The increase in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in April 2021 reflected higher spending in *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* and *Other retailing*.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's retail turnover increased by 21.6% over the previous 12 months, from \$5,235.6 million in April 2020 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the sixth-highest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (21.6%). Victoria recorded the highest increase (28.1%).
- *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.49 percentage point). *Food retailing* recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.55 percentage point) in April 2021 (Figure 3).

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

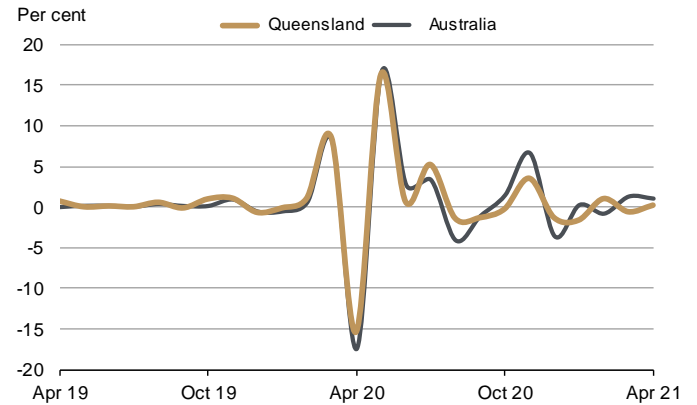


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, April 2021

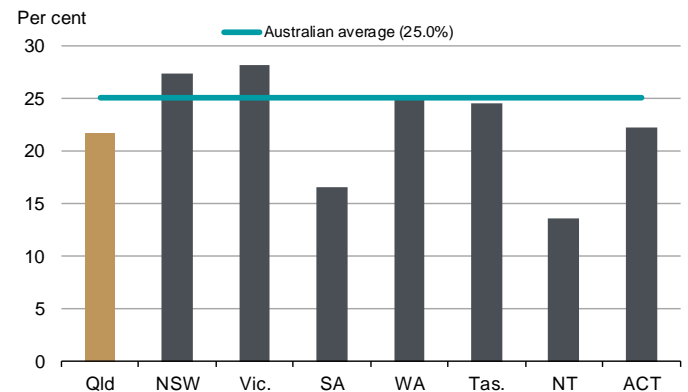


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, April 2021

