

# Retail trade, March 2025

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## Key data

### Monthly change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↓ 0.4%  
Australia ..... ↑ 0.3%

### Annual change (seasonally adjusted):

Queensland..... ↑ 2.6%  
Australia ..... ↑ 4.3%

## 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 0.4% in March 2025. Australia's seasonally adjusted retail turnover increased 0.3% in March 2025.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's nominal retail turnover decreased from \$7,610.7 million in February 2025 to \$7,582.9 million in March 2025.
- The decrease in Queensland's nominal retail turnover in March 2025 reflected lower spending in Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services and Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing.
- The seasonally adjusted value of Queensland's retail turnover increased 2.6% over the previous 12 months, from \$7,387.2 million in March 2024 (Figure 2).
- Queensland recorded the seventh-largest annual growth in retail turnover of all states and territories (2.6%). Western Australia recorded the largest increase (5.7%).
- Food retailing recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Queensland in the month (0.67 of a percentage point). Food retailing recorded the largest contribution to retail turnover growth in Australia (0.30 of a percentage point) in March 2025 (Figure 3).
- In real terms (where the volume of retail turnover is measured, removing the effect of price movements), seasonally adjusted retail trade in Queensland decreased 0.6% in March quarter 2025. Over the year to March quarter 2025, real retail turnover increased 0.8%.

Figure 1 Monthly change in retail turnover

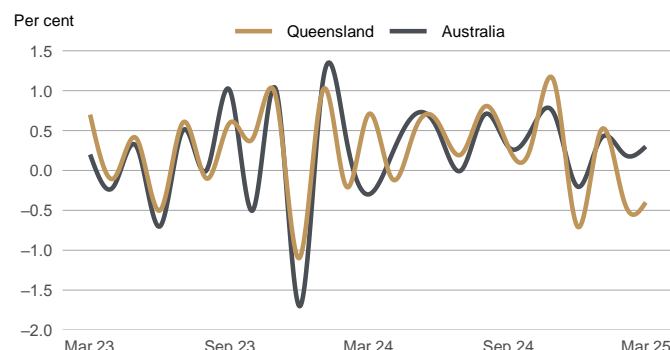


Figure 2 Annual change in retail turnover, March 2025

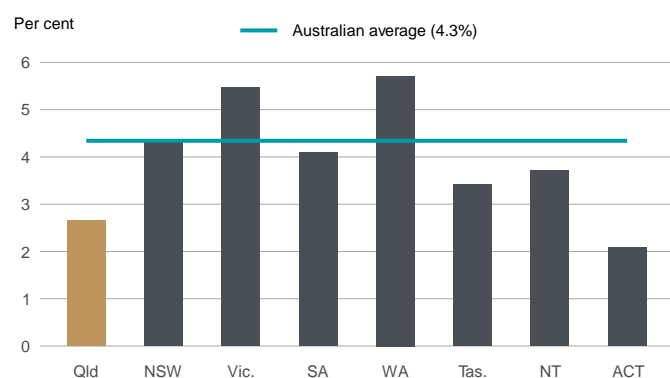


Figure 3 Monthly retail turnover contribution to growth by industry group, March 2025

