

Australian retail turnover rises 0.2 pct in February

SYDNEY, April 3 (Xinhua) -- Australia's retail turnover rose 0.2 percent in February, following a rise of 0.3 percent in January, according to data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on Tuesday.

The Australian retail trade at the current price rose to 20.99 billion in February, compared to 20.95 billion in January, the ABS said.

The largest contributor to the rise was other retailing, up 1.8 percent, followed by food retailing and department stores, it said.

Turnover fell in clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing, cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services and household goods retailing.

Economists had forecast a rise of 0.2 percent for the month of February.