

RETAIL TRADE, AUGUST 2017

Summary

During August, nominal retail turnover:

- fell 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, nominal retail turnover rose 0.1%); and
- fell 0.6% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, nominal retail turnover also fell 0.6%).

Note: Retail turnover in current (nominal) prices incorporates changes in both prices and sales volumes.

Further Analysis

Trend

All states recorded an increase in August, except South Australia (fell 0.1%) and Queensland (remained unchanged).

Compared with a year earlier, nominal retail turnover was 2.7% higher in South Australia and 2.8% higher nationally (see Table 1, Chart 1 and 2).

Through the year to August 2017, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for Cafes, restaurants and take-away food services (up 8.7%), Household goods retailing (up 4.9%), Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (up 3.7%), 'Other retailing' (up 1.8%), and Food retailing (up 1.2%). A fall was recorded in Department stores (down 0.9%) (see Chart 3 for contributions to growth).

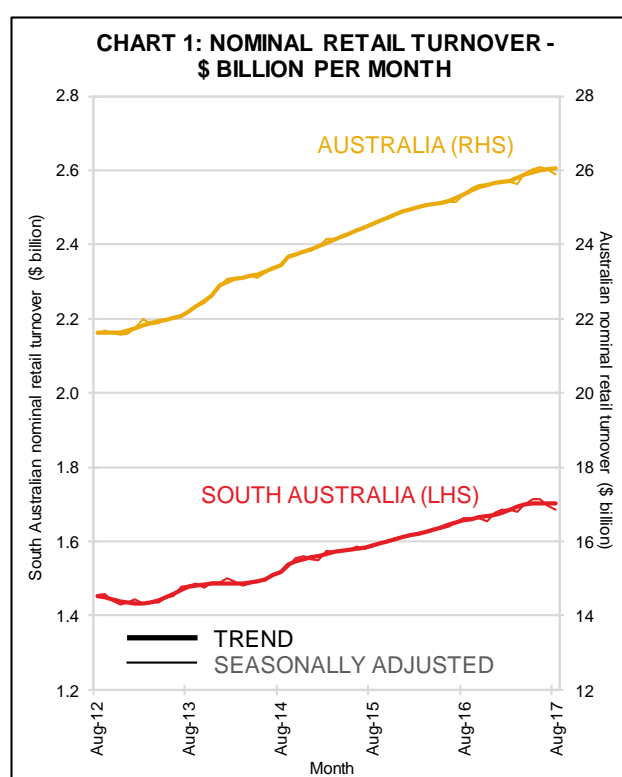
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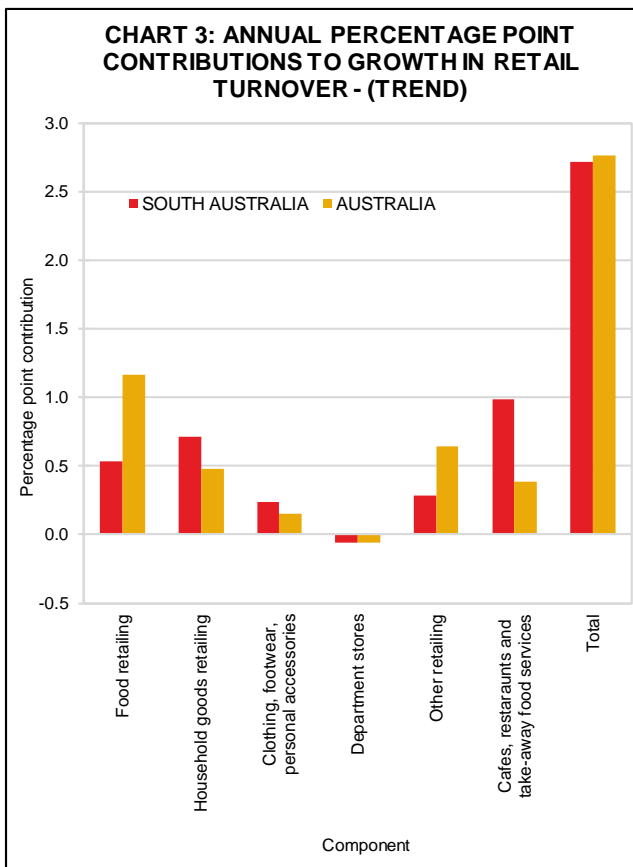
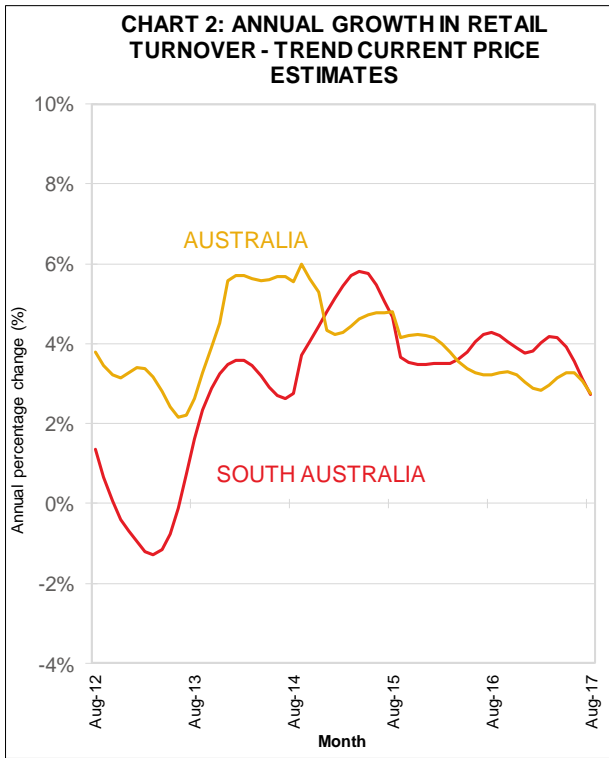
During August falls in nominal turnover were recorded in Victoria and Queensland (both down 0.8%), Tasmania (down 0.7%), South Australia and Western Australia (both down 0.6%) and New South Wales (down 0.2%).

Compared with a year earlier, nominal retail turnover was 1.4% higher in South Australia and 2.1% higher nationally.

TABLE 1: Trend Nominal Retail Turnover

| | Aug 17 (\$m) | Aug 17 vs Jul 17 (%) | Aug 17 vs Aug 16 (%) |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| NSW | 8,432.6 | 0.1 | 3.3 |
| VIC | 6,621.8 | 0.1 | 4.1 |
| QLD | 5,178.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| SA | 1,701.3 | -0.1 | 2.7 |
| WA | 2,854.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| TAS | 520.0 | 0.1 | 3.2 |
| AUS | 26,051.2 | 0.1 | 2.8 |





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