

RETAIL TRADE, SEPTEMBER 2017

Summary

During the month of September 2017, retail turnover in current prices:

- fell by 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (was unchanged nationally);
- rose by 0.7% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (was unchanged nationally).

In addition to the monthly release of nominal retail turnover data, the ABS has this month also released chain volume retail turnover data for the September quarter 2017. Chain volume or 'real' data removes the effect of price movements, and therefore provides a measure of the volume of retail trade.

During the September quarter 2017, real retail turnover:

- rose by 0.7% in South Australia in trend terms (rose 0.6% nationally);
- fell by 0.5% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (rose by 0.1% nationally).

Retail turnover in current prices incorporates both changes in prices and sales volumes. The base year for chain volume measures is 2015-16.

Further Analysis

Nominal retail turnover (monthly)

Trend

During September 2017, trend nominal retail turnover in South Australia fell 0.1%, following a fall of 0.1% in the previous month. Trend nominal retail turnover was unchanged nationally during September.

All states, with the exception of NSW (up 0.1%) and Queensland (unchanged), recorded a fall in the month in September—see Table 1.

Compared with a year earlier, retail turnover was 2.3% higher in South Australia and 2.0% higher nationally.

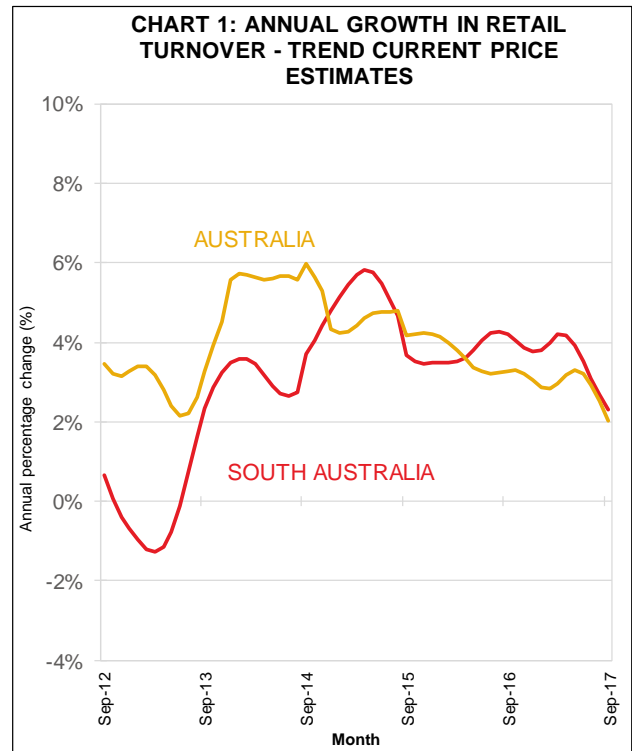


TABLE 1: Nominal Retail Turnover – Trend

	Sep 17 (\$m)	Sep 17 v Aug 17 (% change)	Sep 17 v Sep 16 (% change)
NSW	8,423.5	0.1	2.8
VIC	6,593.6	-0.1	3.1
QLD	5,175.6	0.0	0.5
SA	1,698.5	-0.1	2.3
WA	2,828.3	-0.3	0.0
TAS	518.4	-0.1	2.6
AUS	25,975.5	0.0	2.0

Through the year to September 2017, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for cafes, restaurants and take away food services (up 10%), clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (up 4.3%), household goods retailing (up 2.4%), food retailing (up 1.4%) and 'other' retailing (up 0.3%). Turnover for department stores declined in the year to September (down 1.6%).

Real retail turnover (quarterly)

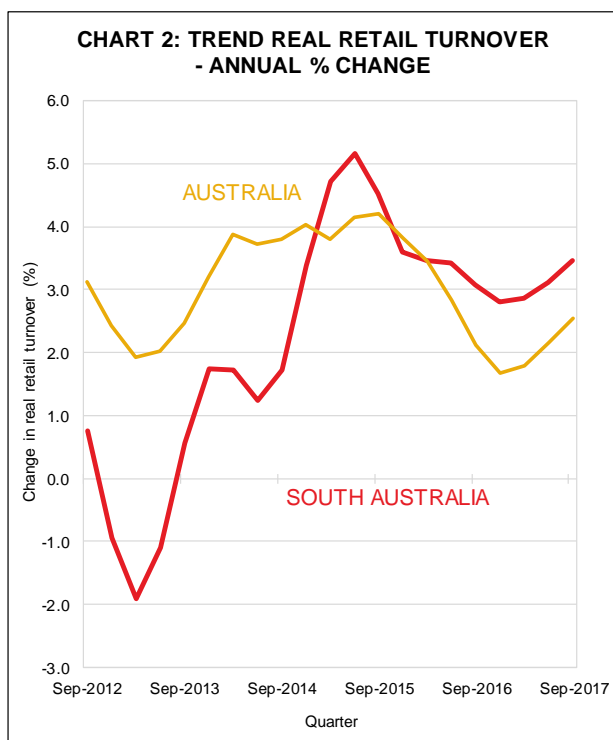


TABLE 2: Real Retail Turnover – Trend

	Sep qtr 17 (\$m)	Sep qtr 17 v Jun qtr 17 (% change)	Sep qtr 17 v Sep qtr 16 (% change)
NSW	25,018.3	0.9	3.0
VIC	19,693.7	0.8	3.7
QLD	15,397.4	0.2	1.2
SA	5,101.3	0.7	3.5
WA	8,526.4	0.3	0.7
TAS	1,547.2	0.6	2.5
AUS	77,481.2	0.6	2.5

Reference year for chain volume measures is 2015-16

3 November 2017

Next release of ABS cat. no. 8501.0 is 5 December 2017

