RETAIL TRADE, JUNE 2016

Summary

During the month of June 2016, retail turnover in current prices:

- rose by 0.3% in South Australia in trend terms (rose by 0.2% nationally);
- was unchanged in South Australia in seasonally.

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 June quarter 2016. Chain volume or 'real' data removes the effect of price movements, and therefore provides a measure of the volume of retail trade.

During the June quarter 2016, <u>real</u> retail turnover:

- rose by 0.9% in South Australia in trend terms (rose 0.4% nationally);
- rose by 1.0% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (rose by 0.4% nationally).

Retail turnover in current prices incorporates both changes in prices and sales volumes. The base year for chain volume measures is 2013-14.

Further Analysis

Nominal retail turnover (monthly)

Trend

During June 2016, trend nominal retail turnover in South Australia rose 0.3%, following a rise of 0.3% in the previous month. Trend nominal retail turnover rose 0.2% nationally during June.

South Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales all recorded 0.3% growth in June, followed by Victoria (up 0.2%) and Western Australia (up 0.1%). Queensland recorded no growth in the month—see Table 1.

Compared with a year earlier, retail turnover was 3.8% higher in South Australia and 3.1% higher nationally.

Seasonally adjusted

During June 2016, seasonally adjusted nominal retail turnover in South Australia was unchanged, following a rise of 0.4% in May.

Compared with a year earlier, retail turnover was 3.1% higher in South Australia and 2.8% higher nationally.

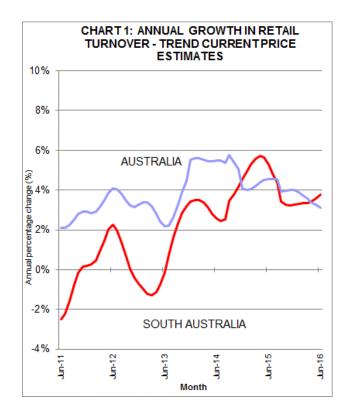


TABLE 1: Nominal Retail Turnover – Trend

	Jun 16	Jun 16 v May 16	Jun 16 v Jun 15	
	(\$m)	(% change)	(% change)	
NSW	8,091.4	0.3	4.2	
VIC	6,309.2	0.2	4.3	
QLD	4,986.2	0.0	0.9	
SA	1,636.8	0.3	3.8	
WA	2,816.8	0.1	8.0	
TAS	499.7	0.3	5.1	
AUS	25,052.1	0.2	3.1	

Through the year to June 2016, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for cafes, restaurants and take away food services (up 13%), 'other' retailing (up 6.0%), clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (up 5.9%), food retailing (up 2.7%) and department stores (up 0.9%). Turnover for household goods retailing declined in the year to June (down 1.4%).

Real retail turnover (quarterly)

Trend

The 0.9% rise in South Australian real retail turnover in the June quarter followed a rise of 0.8% in the previous quarter.

Compared with a year earlier, real retail turnover was 2.4% higher in South Australia, and 2.0% higher nationally—see Chart 2.

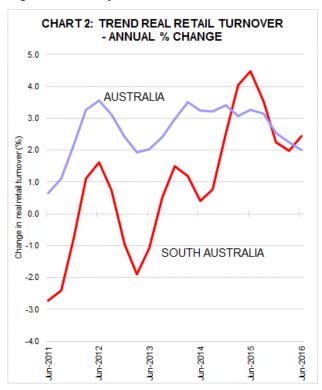


TABLE 2: Real Retail Turnover – Trend

	Jun qtr 16	Jun qtr 16 v Mar qtr 16	Jun qtr 16 v Jun qtr 15
	(\$m)	(% change)	(% change)
NSW	23,384	0.7	3.1
VIC	18,413	0.6	3.4
QLD	14,453	-0.1	-0.4
SA	4,754	0.9	2.4
WA	8,143	-0.1	-0.7
TAS	1,451	0.9	3.7
AUS	72,680	0.4	2.0

[#] Reference year for chain volume measures is 2013-14

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