

RETAIL TRADE, SEPTEMBER 2016

Summary

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

- rose by 0.3% in South Australia in trend terms (rose by 0.2% nationally); and
- rose by 0.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (rose by 0.6% 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 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 September quarter 2016, real retail turnover:

- rose by 0.6% in South Australia in trend terms (rose 0.2% nationally); and
- rose by 0.1% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (fell 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 2014-15.

Further Analysis

Nominal retail turnover (monthly)

Trend

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

All states recorded rises in trend retail turnover in September (except WA, which recorded a fall of 0.1%). The strongest rise was recorded in Queensland (up 0.6%) followed by South Australia (up 0.3%)—see Table 1.

Compared with a year earlier, retail turnover was 4.3% higher in South Australia and 2.8% higher nationally.

Seasonally adjusted

During September 2016, seasonally adjusted nominal retail turnover in South Australia rose 0.3% following a rise of 0.4% in August.

Compared with a year earlier, retail turnover was 4.4% higher in South Australia and 3.3% higher nationally.

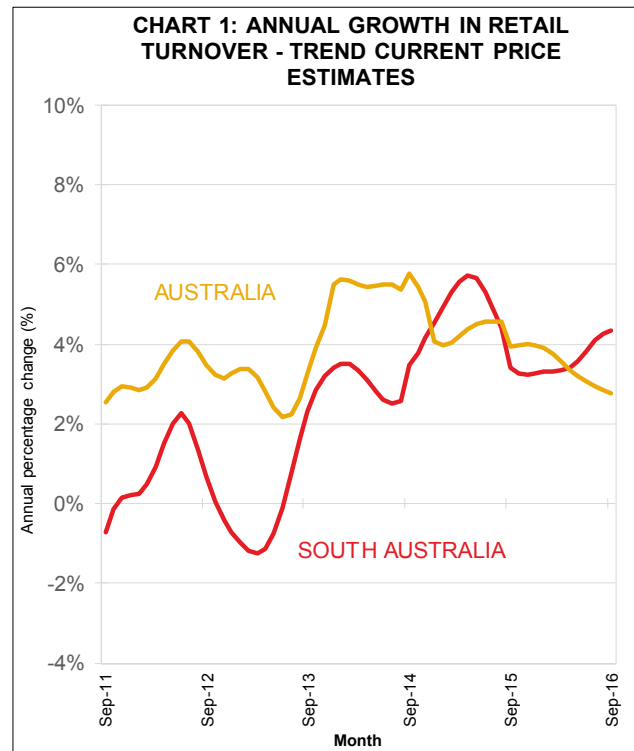


TABLE 1: Nominal Retail Turnover – Trend

| | Sep 16 (\$m) | Sep 16 v Aug 16 (% change) | Sep 16 v Sep 15 (% change) |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| NSW | 8,123.4 | 0.2 | 3.3 |
| VIC | 6,313.1 | 0.2 | 2.6 |
| QLD | 5,105.5 | 0.6 | 3.1 |
| SA | 1,654.1 | 0.3 | 4.3 |
| WA | 2,808.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| TAS | 501.0 | 0.1 | 3.8 |
| AUS | 25,223.4 | 0.2 | 2.8 |

Through the year to September 2016, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for cafes, restaurants and take away food services (up 13%), 'other' retailing (up 8.6%), clothing, footwear and personal accessory (up

7.1%) and food retailing (up 3.5%). Turnover declined in the year to September for department stores (down 4.6%) household goods retailing (down 1.0%).

Real retail turnover (quarterly)

Trend

The 0.6% rise in South Australian real retail turnover in the September quarter followed a rise of 0.8% in the previous quarter.

Compared with a year earlier, real retail turnover was 2.7% higher in South Australia and 1.5% higher nationally—see Chart 2.

TABLE 2: Real Retail Turnover – Trend

| | Sep qtr 16 | Sep qtr 16 v Jun qtr 16 | Sep qtr 16 v Sep qtr 15 |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | (\$m) | (% change) | (% change) |
| NSW | 23,829 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| VIC | 18,599 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| QLD | 14,828 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| SA | 4,854 | 0.6 | 2.7 |
| WA | 8,300 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| TAS | 1,477 | 0.4 | 3.0 |
| AUS | 73,999 | 0.2 | 1.5 |

Reference year for chain volume measures is 2014-15

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