

# Retail Trade (ABS Cat No 8501.0)

**Latest month: September 2017**

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**Next release date (real): 6 February 2018**

## Recent performance – monthly nominal data

The nominal value of retail trade in Tasmania was estimated to be \$518.4 million in trend terms in September 2017, down 0.1 per cent compared with the previous month, but up 2.6 per cent from the level recorded one year earlier.

Nationally, retail turnover was estimated to be unchanged in September 2017 compared to the previous month, but was 2.0 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

All jurisdictions recorded an increase in turnover in September 2017 compared with one year earlier, except Western Australia where turnover was unchanged. Victoria recorded the highest growth rate over this period of 3.1 per cent (Table 1).

Compared to nationally, Tasmanian retail turnover was weak in trend terms from mid-2012 to early 2013. However, retail turnover in Tasmania has grown significantly since mid-2013 and kept pace with national growth (Chart 1).

The nominal value of expenditure on essential goods in Tasmania increased by 0.2 per cent in September 2017 compared to the previous month, and was 4.4 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier. Expenditure on essential goods refers to spending on food retailing and clothing, footwear and personal accessories.

Expenditure on discretionary goods decreased by 0.4 per cent in September 2017, compared to the previous month, but was 0.8 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier (Chart 2). Expenditure on discretionary goods includes spending on household goods, cafés, restaurants and takeaways, department stores and other retailing categories.

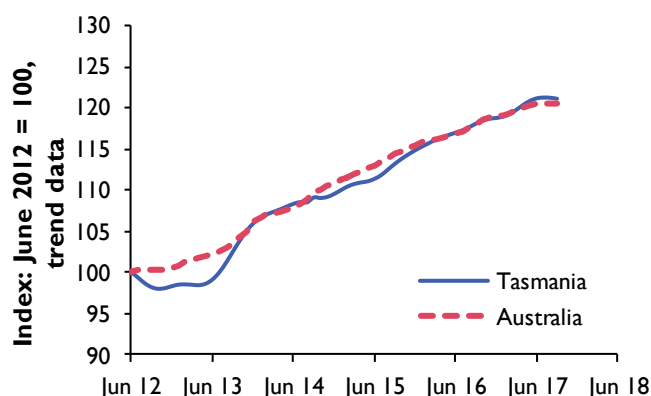
In September 2017, increases in the nominal value of spending from the previous month were recorded for two of the five retail sectors. The increases were recorded in food retailing (up 0.3 per cent) and cafés, restaurants and takeaways (up 0.2 per cent).

**Table 1: Percentage change in retail turnover by jurisdiction, September 2017, nominal trend data**

Nominal trend	monthly change (%)	annual change (%)
NSW	0.1	2.8
Vic	-0.1	3.1
Qld	0.0	0.5
SA	-0.1	2.3
WA	-0.3	0.0
<b>Tas</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
NT	-0.3	0.4
ACT	-0.2	1.8
<b>Aus</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>

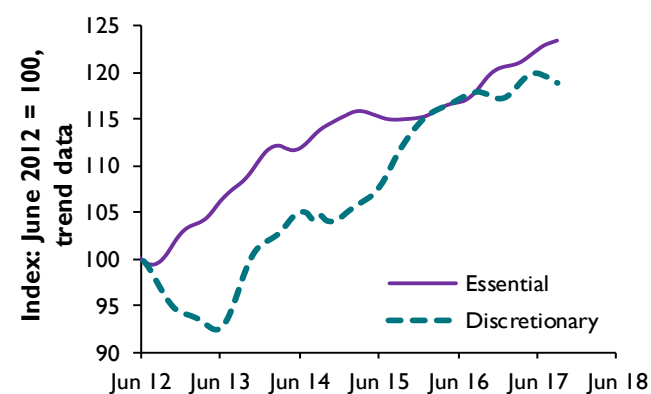
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**Chart 1: Retail turnover, Tasmania and Australia, nominal trend data**



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**Chart 2: Components of retail turnover, Tasmania, nominal trend data**



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Combined estimates for other retailing and department stores have been derived for Tasmania as the ABS does not release these data due to confidentiality reasons. In September 2017, the nominal value of spending in department stores and for other retailing categories was estimated to be unchanged compared to the previous month.

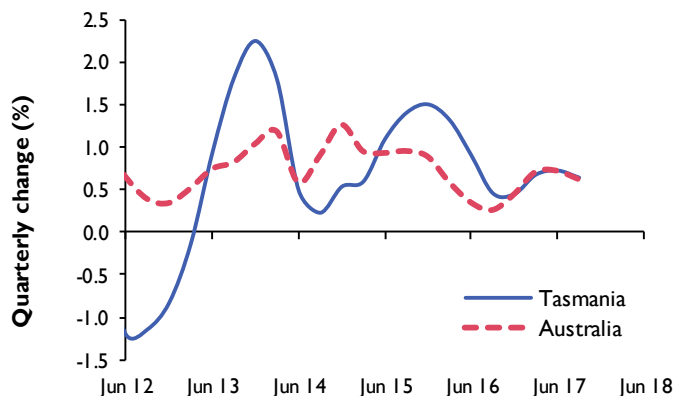
The Retail Trade Survey is a major input into the ABS estimates for household consumption in the State and National Accounts. Nationally, the ABS estimates that retail turnover is the equivalent of around one third of the household final consumption expenditure measured in the National Accounts series.

## Recent performance – quarterly real data

The ABS estimated that the real value of Tasmanian retail trade in trend terms in the September quarter 2017 was 0.6 per cent higher than the previous quarter and was 2.5 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

Nationally, the estimated real value of retail trade increased by 0.6 per cent in the September quarter 2017 compared to the previous quarter and was 2.5 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier (Chart 3).

**Chart 3: Quarterly retail trade growth, Tasmania and Australia, real trend data**



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**Table 2: Retail trade, Tasmania and Australia, nominal data**

Nominal data		Tasmania				Australia			
Trend		Sep 16	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Sep 16	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17
	value (\$million)	506	519	519	518	25 460	25 992	25 988	25 976
	monthly change (%)	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
	annual change (%)	4.3	3.4	3.0	2.6	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.0
<b>Retail by Sector, value (\$million)</b>									
	Cafés, restaurants and takeaways	53	58	58	58	3 608	3 681	3 680	3 678
	Food retailing	213	225	226	227	10 233	10 489	10 500	10 513
	Household goods	98	97	95	94	4 449	4 521	4 504	4 482
	Clothing, footwear and personal accessories	31	29	29	28	2 004	2 015	2 017	2 016
	Department stores and Other retailing *	111	111	111	111	5 166	5 286	5 287	5 285
<b>Retail by Sector, monthly change (%)</b>									
	Cafés, restaurants and takeaways	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
	Food retailing	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Household goods	0.9	-1.4	-1.3	-1.2	0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5
	Clothing, footwear and personal accessories	0.0	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0
	Department stores and Other retailing *	-0.7	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>Seasonally Adjusted Value</b>									
	value (\$million)	505	517	514	517	25 530	26 013	25 890	25 897
	monthly change (%)	0.2	-1.5	-0.6	0.6	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	0.0
	annual change (%)	4.1	3.1	2.0	2.3	3.7	3.5	2.1	1.4
<b>Original (year-total)</b>									
	value (\$million)	5 979	6 136	6 146	6 155	301 662	308 708	309 392	309 677
	year-to change (%)	5.3	3.5	3.2	2.9	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.7

\*The ABS has not released data for the other retailing and department stores sectors for Tasmania due to confidentiality reasons. The data provided here are derived using the published data for the other sectors.

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**Table 3: Changes in the value of retail trade by jurisdiction, September quarter 2017, real data**

Real data, 2015-16 prices	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aus	
<b>Trend</b>										
	value (\$million)	25 018	19 694	15 397	5 101	8 526	1 547	775	1 421	77 481
	quarterly change (%)	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.6	0.6
	yearly change (%)	3.0	3.7	1.2	3.5	0.7	2.5	0.6	2.4	2.5
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>										
	value (\$million)	25 006	19 649	15 411	5 074	8 515	1 543	773	1 416	77 387
	quarterly change (%)	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.1
	yearly change (%)	3.4	3.9	1.3	2.9	0.6	2.3	1.1	1.8	2.6
<b>Original (year-total)</b>										
	value (\$million)	98 813	77 698	61 500	20 124	33 955	6 118	3 103	5 634	306 945
	year-to change (%)	2.3	2.7	1.8	2.9	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.7	2.1

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