

# Retail Trade (ABS Cat No 8501.0)

Latest month: April 2018

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## Recent performance

The nominal value of retail trade in Tasmania was estimated to be \$526.0 million in trend terms in April 2018, up 0.2 of a percentage point compared with the previous month and up 2.1 per cent from the level recorded one year earlier.

Nationally, retail turnover was estimated to have increased by 0.3 per cent in April 2018 compared to the previous month, to be 2.6 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

The highest annual increase in turnover in April 2018 was recorded in Victoria (up 4.8 per cent) (Table 1), while Western Australia recorded a decrease over this period of 0.4 per cent.

Compared to nationally, 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 0.1 per cent in April 2018 compared to the previous month, to be 5.8 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 increased by 0.2 per cent in April 2018, compared to the previous month, but was 1.4 per cent below 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.

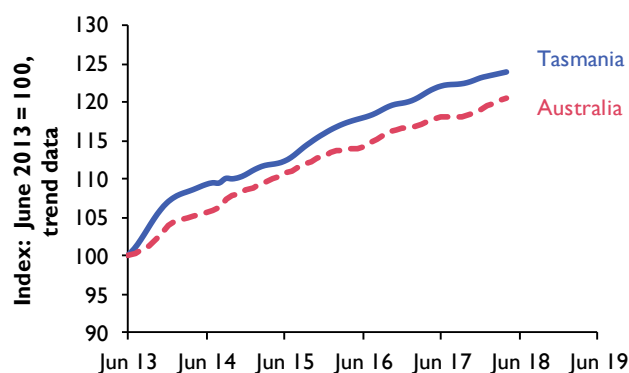
In April 2018, a decrease in the nominal value of spending was recorded for cafés, restaurants and takeaway (down 0.2 per cent). The nominal value of spending from the previous month for food retailing remained unchanged.

**Table 1: Percentage change in retail turnover by jurisdiction, April 2018, nominal trend data**

Nominal	monthly change (%)	annual change (%)
<i>trend</i>		
NSW	0.4	2.8
Vic	0.4	4.8
Qld	0.1	1.4
SA	-0.1	2.3
WA	0.0	-0.4
<b>Tas</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
NT	0.7	2.0
ACT	0.6	2.3
<b>Aus</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>

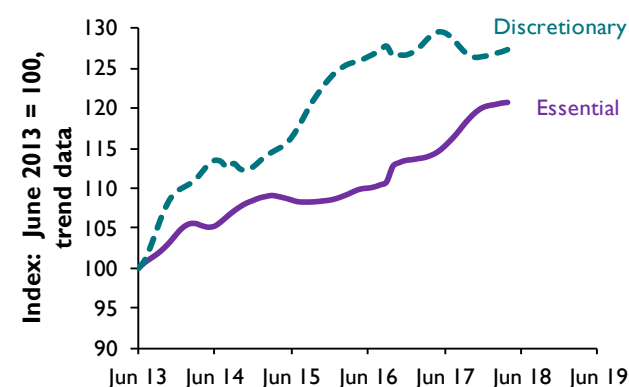
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**Chart 1: Retail turnover, Tasmania and Australia, nominal trend data**



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



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In April 2018, the categories that were estimated to have recorded an increase in the nominal value of spending from the previous month were other retailing and department stores (up 0.3 per cent), clothing, footwear and personal accessories (up 0.4 per cent) and household goods (up 0.4 per cent). 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.

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.

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

Nominal data	Tasmania				Australia			
	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	Apr 17	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18
<b>Trend</b>								
value (\$million)	515	524	525	526	25 867	26 396	26 473	26 541
monthly change (%)	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
annual change (%)	3.3	2.6	2.4	2.1	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.6
<b>Retail by Sector, value (\$million)</b>								
Cafés, restaurants and takeaways	57	56	56	55	3 666	3 759	3 765	3 769
Food retailing	221	237	237	237	10 436	10 718	10 761	10 805
Household goods	100	97	97	98	4 512	4 580	4 600	4 618
Clothing, footwear and personal accessories	29	27	27	27	1 999	2 050	2 048	2 044
Department stores and Other retailing *	108	108	108	108	5 255	5 290	5 298	5 306
<b>Retail by Sector, monthly change (%)</b>								
Cafés, restaurants and takeaways	1.4	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Food retailing	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Household goods	-0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Clothing, footwear and personal accessories	-0.7	-0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Department stores and Other retailing *	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
<b>Seasonally Adjusted Value</b>								
value (\$million)	514	525	524	528	25 880	26 442	26 444	26 557
monthly change (%)	1.2	0.4	-0.2	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.4
annual change (%)	2.8	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.6
<b>Original (year-total)</b>								
value (\$million)	6 075	6 231	6 254	6 262	306 001	312 840	313 945	314 245
year-to change (%)	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.8	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.

SOURCE: RETAIL TRADE, AUSTRALIA, ABS CAT NO 8501.0; TABLES 3, 13

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