

# Retail Trade (ABS Cat No 8501.0)

**Latest month: December 2017**

**Release date: 6 February 2018**

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**Next release date (real): 8 May 2018**

## Recent performance – monthly nominal data

The nominal value of retail trade in Tasmania was estimated to be \$522.6 million in trend terms in December 2017, up 0.2 per cent compared with the previous month and up 2.8 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

Nationally, retail turnover was estimated to have increased by 0.2 per cent in December 2017 from the previous month, to be 2.0 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

The highest annual increase in turnover in December 2017 was recorded in South Australia (up 4.4 per cent). Decreases in turnover in this period were recorded in the Northern Territory (down 1.2 per cent) and Western Australia (down 0.6 per cent).

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 and services (food retailing and clothing, footwear and personal accessories) in Tasmania increased by 0.7 per cent in December 2017, compared to the previous month, and was 6.4 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

Expenditure on discretionary goods and services (household goods, cafés, restaurants and takeaways, department stores and other retailing categories) decreased by 0.2 per cent in December 2017, compared to the previous month, and was 0.7 per cent below the level recorded one year earlier (Chart 2).

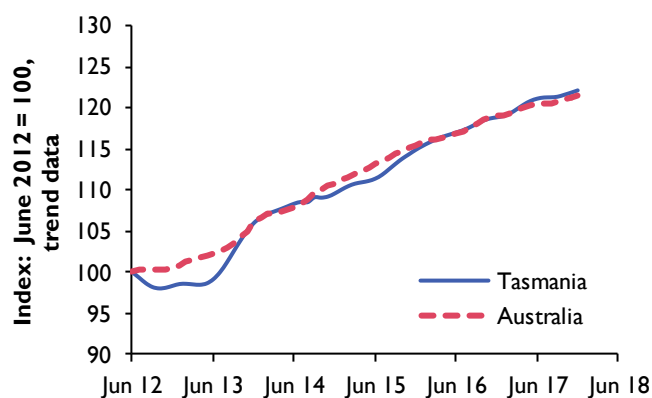
In December 2017, increases in the nominal value of spending were recorded for food retailing (up 0.8 per cent) and household goods (up 0.3 per cent). Decreases in the nominal value of spending from the previous month were recorded in clothing, footwear and personal accessories (down 0.4 per cent) and cafés, restaurants and takeaways (down 0.2 per cent).

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

| Nominal trend | monthly change (%) | annual change (%) |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| NSW           | 0.1                | 2.1               |
| Vic           | 0.5                | 3.9               |
| Qld           | 0.1                | 0.5               |
| SA            | 0.6                | 4.4               |
| WA            | 0.0                | -0.6              |
| <b>Tas</b>    | <b>0.2</b>         | <b>2.8</b>        |
| NT            | -0.2               | -1.2              |
| ACT           | 0.0                | 1.0               |
| <b>Aus</b>    | <b>0.2</b>         | <b>2.0</b>        |

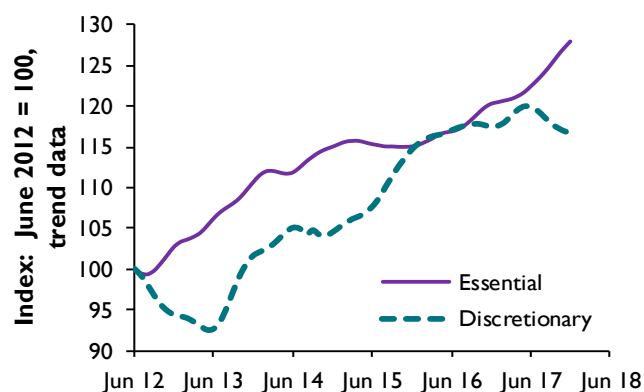
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**Chart 1: Retail turnover, Tasmania and Australia, nominal trend data**



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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 December 2017, the nominal value of spending in department stores and for other retailing categories was estimated to have decreased by 0.7 per cent compared to the previous month.

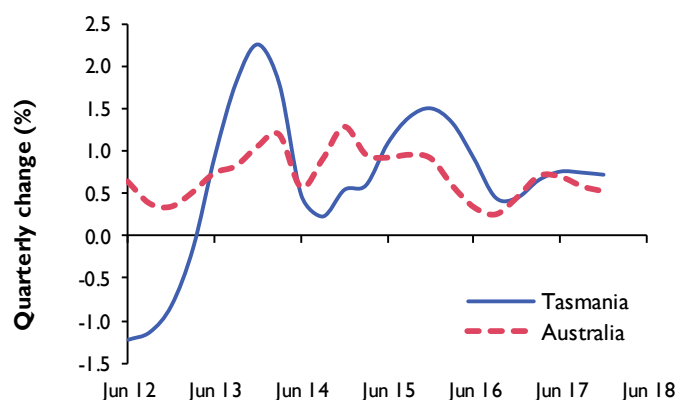
The Retail Trade Survey is a major input into the ABS estimates for household consumption in the State and National Accounts. Nationally, the ABS estimates that retail turnover is the equivalent of around one-third of the household final consumption expenditure measured in the National Accounts series.

### Recent performance – quarterly real data

The ABS estimated that the real value of Tasmanian retail trade in trend terms in the December quarter 2017 was 0.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter and was 2.9 per cent above the level recorded one year earlier.

Nationally, the estimated real value of retail trade increased by 0.5 per cent in the December quarter 2017 compared to the previous quarter and was 2.6 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                                       |   | Dec 16   | Oct 17 | Nov 17 | Dec 17 | Dec 16    | Oct 17  | Nov 17  | Dec 17  |
|   | value (\$million)                           | 509      | 520    | 521    | 523    | 25 650    | 26 056  | 26 109  | 26 170  |
|   | monthly change (%)                          | 0.1      | 0.2    | 0.2    | 0.2    | 0.1       | 0.2     | 0.2     | 0.2     |
|   | annual change (%)                           | 3.4      | 2.6    | 2.6    | 2.8    | 3.0       | 2.0     | 1.9     | 2.0     |
| <b>Retail by Sector, value (\$million)</b>  |   |          |        |        |        |           |         |         |         |
|   | Cafés, restaurants and takeaways            | 54       | 58     | 58     | 58     | 3 626     | 3 720   | 3 736   | 3 752   |
|   | Food retailing                              | 218      | 233    | 235    | 237    | 10 345    | 10 557  | 10 585  | 10 615  |
|   | Household goods                             | 100      | 94     | 95     | 95     | 4 484     | 4 483   | 4 488   | 4 498   |
|   | Clothing, footwear and personal accessories | 31       | 28     | 28     | 28     | 2 013     | 2 032   | 2 041   | 2 050   |
|   | Department stores and Other retailing *     | 106      | 108    | 107    | 106    | 5 183     | 5 264   | 5 259   | 5 254   |
| <b>Retail by Sector, monthly change (%)</b> |   |          |        |        |        |           |         |         |         |
|   | Cafés, restaurants and takeaways            | 0.4      | -0.2   | -0.2   | -0.2   | 0.0       | 0.4     | 0.4     | 0.4     |
|   | Food retailing                              | 0.6      | 1.1    | 1.0    | 0.8    | 0.3       | 0.2     | 0.3     | 0.3     |
|   | Household goods                             | 0.5      | -0.3   | 0.2    | 0.3    | -0.1      | 0.0     | 0.1     | 0.2     |
|   | Clothing, footwear and personal accessories | -1.3     | -1.1   | -1.1   | -0.4   | -0.1      | 0.3     | 0.4     | 0.5     |
|   | Department stores and Other retailing *     | -1.0     | -0.7   | -0.9   | -0.7   | 0.2       | -0.1    | -0.1    | -0.1    |
| <b>Seasonally Adjusted Value</b>            |   |          |        |        |        |           |         |         |         |
|   | value (\$million)                           | 511      | 521    | 530    | 522    | 25 624    | 26 064  | 26 390  | 26 261  |
|   | monthly change (%)                          | 0.9      | 0.5    | 1.7    | -1.6   | -0.1      | 0.5     | 1.3     | -0.5    |
|   | annual change (%)                           | 4.5      | 2.8    | 4.5    | 2.0    | 3.1       | 1.8     | 2.9     | 2.5     |
| <b>Original (year-total)</b>                |   |          |        |        |        |           |         |         |         |
|   | value (\$million)                           | 6 042    | 6 171  | 6 196  | 6 205  | 304 365   | 310 100 | 311 026 | 311 565 |
|   | year-to change (%)                          | 4.9      | 3.1    | 3.1    | 2.7    | 3.7       | 2.6     | 2.6     | 2.4     |

\*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, December quarter 2017, real data**

| Real data, 2015-16 prices    |                      | NSW    | Vic    | Qld    | SA     | WA     | Tas   | NT    | ACT   | Aus     |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| <b>Trend</b>                 |                      |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |         |
|                              | value (\$million)    | 25 090 | 19 915 | 15 436 | 5 163  | 8 489  | 1 560 | 772   | 1 421 | 77 847  |
|                              | quarterly change (%) | 0.5    | 1.0    | 0.3    | 0.9    | -0.1   | 0.7   | -0.2  | 0.2   | 0.5     |
|                              | yearly change (%)    | 2.9    | 4.1    | 0.8    | 4.0    | 0.4    | 2.9   | 0.1   | 1.9   | 2.6     |
| <b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>   |                      |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |         |
|                              | value (\$million)    | 25 124 | 20 007 | 15 464 | 5 196  | 8 488  | 1 566 | 772   | 1 425 | 78 042  |
|                              | quarterly change (%) | 0.6    | 1.8    | 0.4    | 2.4    | -0.2   | 1.5   | -0.1  | 0.7   | 0.9     |
|                              | yearly change (%)    | 2.9    | 4.4    | 0.3    | 5.0    | 0.3    | 3.1   | -0.5  | 2.1   | 2.5     |
| <b>Original (year-total)</b> |                      |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |         |
|                              | value (\$million)    | 99 542 | 78 640 | 61 539 | 20 396 | 33 958 | 6 168 | 3 096 | 5 663 | 309 002 |
|                              | year-to change (%)   | 2.4    | 3.3    | 1.1    | 3.5    | 0.0    | 2.2   | -0.2  | 2.0   | 2.1     |

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