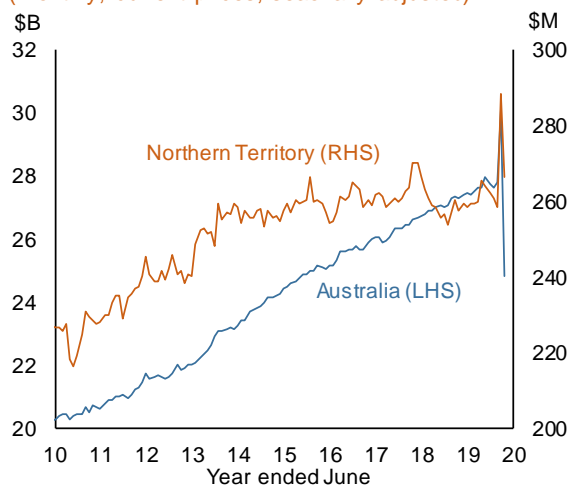


# Retail trade

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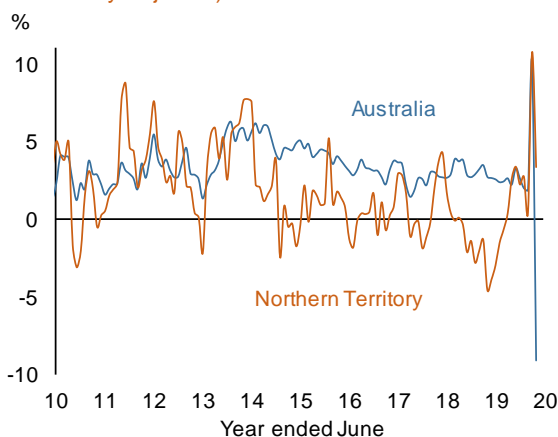
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Chart 1: Retail turnover  
(monthly, current prices, seasonally adjusted)



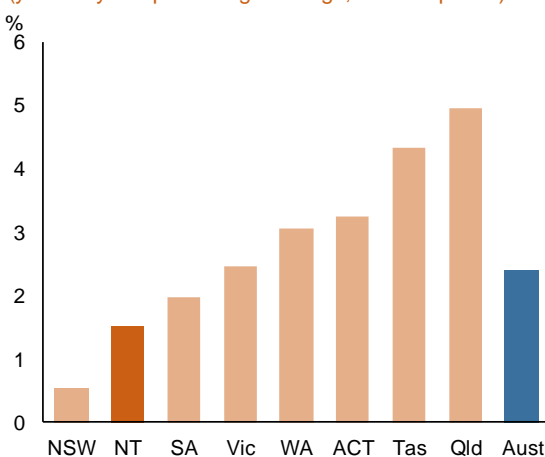
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Chart 2: Retail turnover  
(annual percentage change, current prices, seasonally adjusted)



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Chart 3: Retail turnover  
(year-on-year percentage change, current prices)



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Retail trade turnover (current prices)	NT	Aust
Monthly change (seasonally adjusted)	↓7.7%	↓17.7%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑3.4%	↓9.2%
Year-on-year (original)	↑1.5%	↑2.4%

In light of the impacts from COVID-19, the Australian Bureau of Statistics has suspended reporting on trend series due to the uncertainty and changes of retail activity that makes the data unreliable.

## Monthly results

Retail trade in the Territory decreased by 7.7 per cent to \$266 million in April 2020, compared to the previous month (Chart 1). This change was driven by declines in all categories, with the exception of spending on 'electrical and electronic goods retailing' (up 10.3 per cent).

The Territory recorded the smallest seasonally adjusted decrease of all the jurisdictions. In other jurisdictions, the monthly change ranged from a 21.1 per cent decrease in Victoria to a 14.6 per cent decrease in South Australia. Nationally, retail trade turnover decreased by 17.7 per cent to \$24.8 billion.

## Annual results

Retail trade in the Territory increased by 3.4 per cent in April 2020, compared to the same time last year (Chart 2). The changes in other jurisdictions ranged from a 13.2 per cent decline in Victoria to a 5.0 per cent decline in Queensland. Nationally, retail trade decreased by 9.2 per cent.

The increase in the Territory was driven by increases in 'electrical and electronic goods retailing', 'food retailing', 'newspaper and book' and 'other recreational goods', offset by declines in all other categories.

## Year-on-year results

In the year to April 2020, retail spending in the Territory increased by 1.5 per cent to \$3.2 billion, ranking the second lowest of jurisdictions. The Territory's year-on-year result was influenced by increased spending in 'food retailing' (contributing 1.5 percentage points), 'other recreational goods' (contributing 0.1 percentage points), and 'electrical and electronic goods retailing' (contributing 0.1 percentage points). The 9.7 per cent decline in the category of 'clothing, footwear and personal accessory' was the largest detractor, detracting 0.54 percentage points from total retail trade.

In other jurisdictions, the year-on-year increase ranged from 0.5 per cent in New South Wales to 5.0 per cent in Queensland (Chart 3). Nationally, retail spending increased by 2.4 per cent to \$331.7 billion over the same period.

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Table 1: Retail turnover (current prices, \$M)

	April 2020		Change		
	Month	Year to date	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
Original	252	3 166	-6.8%	3.2%	1.5%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	266	3 161	-7.7%	3.4%	
Trend	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
<b>Australia</b>					
Original	23 620	331 699	-19.0%	-8.9%	2.4%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	24 791	330 848	-17.7%	-9.2%	
Trend	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
<b>Other jurisdictions (seasonally adjusted)</b>					
New South Wales	7 735	104 445	-17.5%	-11.2%	
Victoria	6 190	86 320	-21.1%	-13.2%	
Queensland	5 237	67 357	-15.7%	-5.0%	
South Australia	1 677	21 568	-14.6%	-6.4%	
Western Australia	2 691	35 020	-16.8%	-5.5%	
Tasmania	517	6 791	-17.5%	-5.4%	
ACT	478	6 184	-14.9%	-5.2%	

1 Compares the latest month/quarter with the previous month/quarter.

2 Compares the latest month/quarter with the same month/quarter last year.

3 Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period.

4 Seasonal adjustment removes from a series influences that are systematic and calendar related.

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