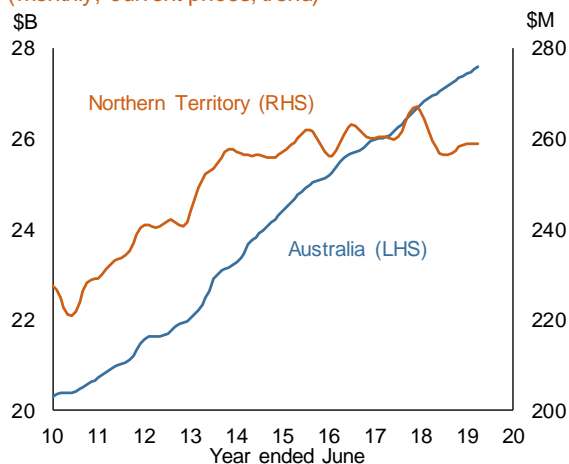


# Retail trade

September quarter 2019

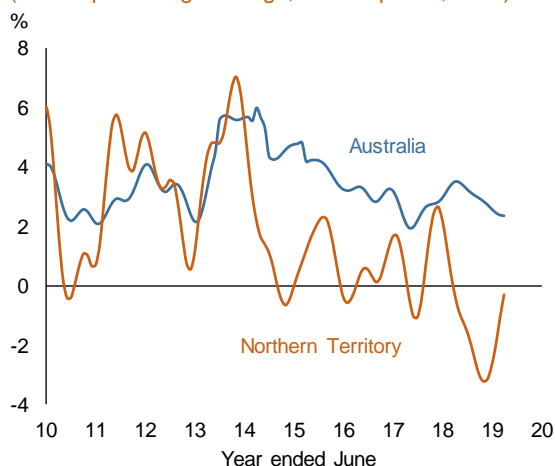
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Chart 1: Retail turnover (monthly, current prices, trend)



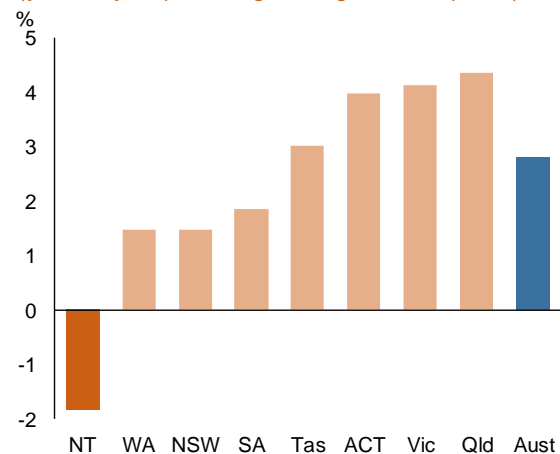
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Chart 2: Retail turnover (annual percentage change, current prices, trend)



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



Source: ABS Cat. No. 8501.0; DTF

## Retail trade turnover (current prices)

	NT	Aust
Monthly change (trend)	flat	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↓0.3%	↑2.4%
Year-on-year (original)	↓1.8%	↑2.8%

The following analysis uses current price data, which has not been adjusted for inflation effects.

### Monthly results (trend data)

Retail trade in the Territory was unchanged at \$259 million in September 2019 compared to the previous month (Chart 1). The categories of household goods and cafes, restaurants and takeaway foods increased in the month, which was offset by declines in the other categories, with the exception of newspapers and books which was flat in the month.

The Territory was the only jurisdiction to record no increase in the month. In other jurisdictions, the monthly increase ranged from 0.1 per cent in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales to 0.5 per cent in Western Australia. Nationally, retail trade turnover increased by 0.2 per cent to \$27.6 billion.

### Annual results (trend data)

Retail trade in the Territory decreased by 0.3 per cent in annual terms. Nationally, retail trade increased by 2.4 per cent (Chart 2). The decrease in the Territory was driven by declines across all retail categories, with the exception of cafes, restaurants and takeaway food (contributing 0.77 percentage points). The largest detractors in annual terms were:

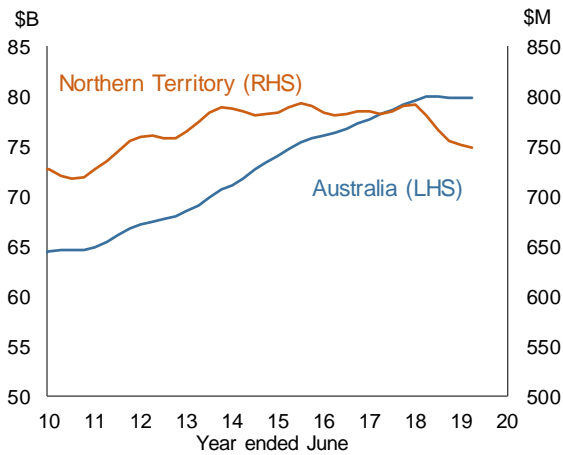
- Pharmaceutical, cosmetic and toiletry (detracting 0.81 percentage points); and
- Household goods (detracting 0.66 percentage points).

### Year-on-year change (original data)

In the year to September 2019, retail spending in the Territory declined by 1.8 per cent to \$3.1 billion, reporting the only decline of the jurisdictions. All other jurisdictions reported growth, which ranged from 1.5 per cent in Western Australia and New South Wales to 4.4 per cent in Queensland (Chart 3). Nationally, retail spending increased by 2.8 per cent to \$327.1 billion over the same period.

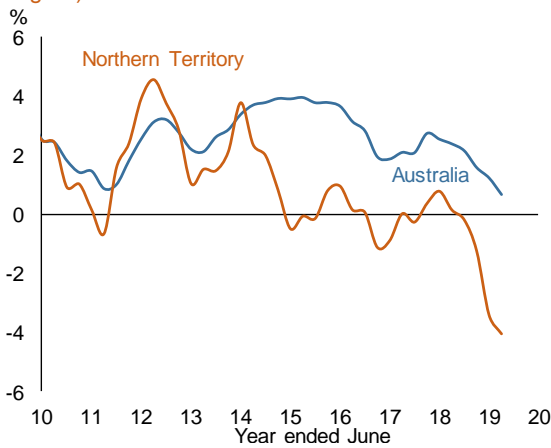
The Territory's year-on-year result was influenced by declined spending in all categories, except for 'food retailing' (contributing 0.27 percentage points).

Chart 4: Retail turnover (quarterly, inflation adjusted, trend)



Source: ABS Cat. No. 8501.0

Chart 5: Change in retail turnover (year-on-year percentage change, inflation adjusted, original)



Source: ABS Cat. No. 8501.0

## Retail trade turnover (inflation adjusted)

	NT	Aust
Quarterly change (trend)	↓0.3%	flat
Annual change (trend)	↓4.1%	↓0.1%
Year on year (original)	↓4.1%	↑0.7%

The following analysis uses chain volume data, which has been adjusted to remove inflationary effects. The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) does not publish inflation adjusted data for the components of Territory retail trade.

### Quarterly and annual results (trend)

In inflation adjusted terms, the Territory's trend retail trade turnover declined by 0.3 per cent to \$749 million in the September quarter 2019 (Chart 4). This was the largest quarterly decline of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a 0.2 per cent decline in New South Wales to a 0.2 per cent increase in Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory.

Territory retail turnover declined by 4.1 per cent in annual terms and was the lowest result of all jurisdictions.

Nationally, retail trade turnover was unchanged in the quarter at \$79.8 billion, and decreased by 0.1 per cent compared to September 2018.

### Year-on-year results (original)

In the year to September 2019, retail trade turnover in the Territory decreased by 4.1 per cent to \$3.0 billion (Chart 5).

The Territory recorded the largest year-on-year decline of all jurisdictions. In other jurisdictions, the change ranged from a 0.6 per cent decline in Western Australia to a 2.0 per cent increase in Queensland. Nationally, retail trade increased by 0.7 per cent to \$319.5 billion over the same period.

## Retail trade September quarter 2019

Table 1: Retail turnover (inflation adjusted, \$M)\*

	September 2019		Change		
	Quarter	Year to date	Quarterly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
Original	804	3 019	6.9%	-3.4%	-4.1%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	750	3 019	-0.5%	-3.6%	
Trend	749	3 022	-0.3%	-4.1%	
<b>Australia</b>					
Original	77 718	319 496	0.9%	-0.1%	0.7%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	79 829	319 450	-0.1%	-0.2%	
Trend	79 842	319 528	0.0%	-0.1%	

Table 2: Retail turnover (current prices, \$M)

	September 2019		Change		
	Month	Year to date	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>					
Original	262	3 095	-7.3%	0.0%	-1.8%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	259	3 094	0.1%	0.2%	
Trend	259	3 093	0.0%	-0.3%	
<b>Australia</b>					
Original	26 584	327 084	-1.9%	2.0%	2.8%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	27 592	327 398	0.2%	2.5%	
Trend	27 563	327 347	0.2%	2.4%	

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.

\*Data only published quarterly.

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