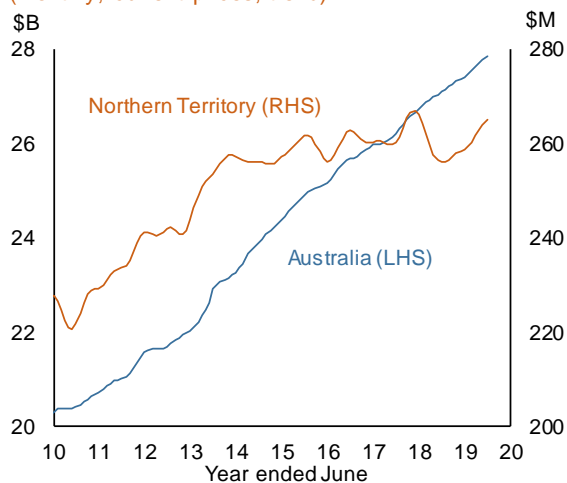


# Retail trade

December quarter 2019

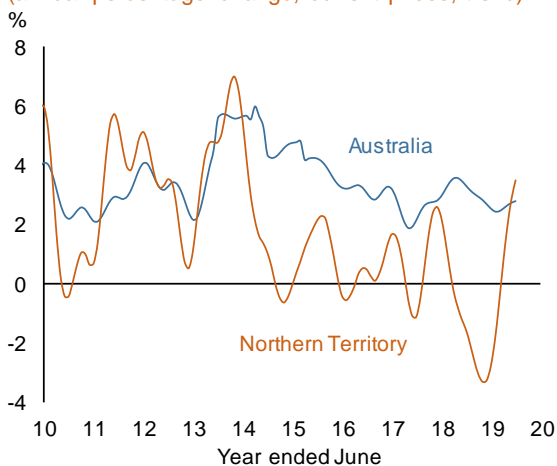
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Chart 1: Retail turnover (monthly, current prices, trend)



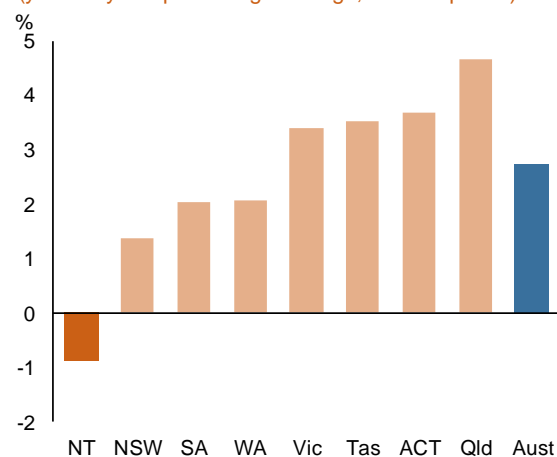
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Chart 2: Retail turnover (annual percentage change, current prices, trend)



Source: ABS Cat. No. 8501.0; DTF

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)	▲0.4%	▲0.3%
Annual change (trend)	▲3.5%	▲2.8%
Year-on-year (original)	▼0.9%	▲2.7%

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

### Monthly results (trend data)

Retail trade in the Territory increased by 0.4 per cent to \$265 million in December 2019 compared to the previous month (Chart 1). The categories of household goods, food retailing and Pharmaceutical, cosmetic and toiletry increased in the month, partially offset by declines in the other categories, with the exception of newspapers and books and other recreational goods which was flat in the month.

In other jurisdictions, the monthly increase ranged from 0.1 per cent in New South Wales and South Australia to 0.9 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, retail trade turnover increased by 0.3 per cent to \$27.8 billion.

### Annual results (trend data)

Retail trade in the Territory increased by 3.5 per cent in annual terms. Nationally, retail trade increased by 2.8 per cent (Chart 2). The increase in the Territory was driven by increases across most retail categories, with the exception of Pharmaceutical, cosmetic and toiletry and Clothing, footwear and personal accessory. The largest contributors in annual terms were:

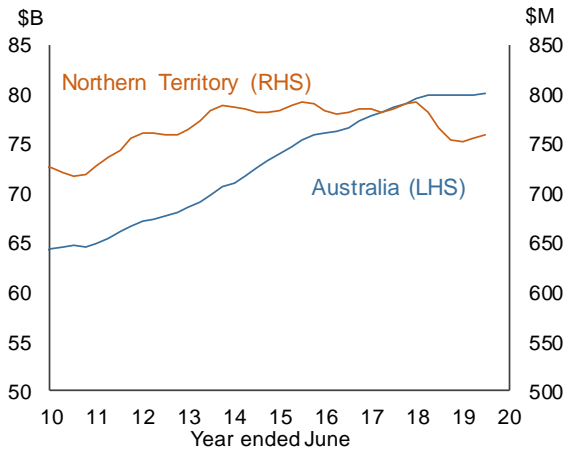
- Food retailing (contributing 1.56 percentage points)
- Household goods (contributing 0.31 percentage points).
- Other recreational goods (contributing 0.31 percentage points).

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

In 2019, retail spending in the Territory declined by 0.9 per cent to \$3.1 billion, reporting the only decline of the jurisdictions. In other jurisdictions growth ranged from 1.4 per cent in New South Wales to 4.7 per cent in Queensland (Chart 3). Nationally, retail spending increased by 2.7 per cent to \$329.6 billion over the same period.

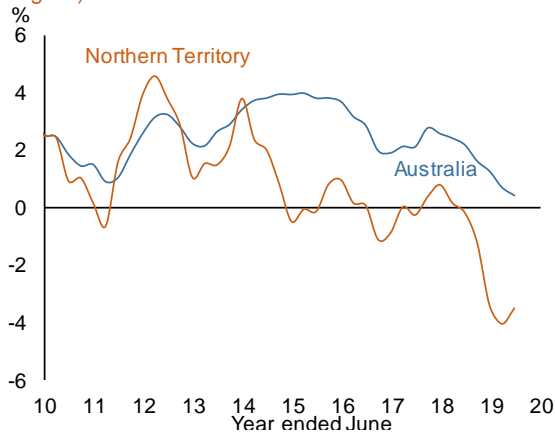
The Territory's year-on-year result was influenced by decreased spending in all categories, except for 'food retailing' (contributing 0.42 percentage points).

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)	↑0.6%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↓0.9%	↑0.1%
Year on year (original)	↓3.5%	↑0.4%

The following analysis uses chain volume data, which has been adjusted to remove inflationary effects. The Australian 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 increased by 0.6 per cent to \$759 million in the December quarter 2019 (Chart 4). This was the fifth largest quarterly increase of the jurisdictions, which ranged from a 0.4 per cent decline in South Australia to a 1.5 per cent increase in Tasmania.

Territory retail turnover declined by 0.9 per cent in annual terms and was the third lowest result of all jurisdictions, which ranged from a 1.4 per cent decline in New South Wales to a 2.2 per cent increase in Queensland.

Nationally, retail trade turnover increased by 0.2 per cent in the quarter to \$80.1 billion, and increased by 0.1 per cent compared to December 2018.

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

In 2019, retail trade turnover in the Territory decreased by 3.5 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 0.7 per cent decline in New South Wales to a 2.1 per cent increase in Queensland. Nationally, retail trade increased by 0.4 per cent to \$319.9 billion over the same period.

## Retail trade December quarter 2019

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

	December 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	789	3 018	-1.9%	-0.1%	-3.5%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	762	3 019	1.4%	-0.1%	
Trend	759	3 019	0.6%	-0.9%	
<b>Australia</b>					
Original	89 257	319 861	14.8%	0.4%	0.4%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	80 186	319 692	0.5%	0.4%	
Trend	80 055	319 681	0.2%	0.1%	

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

	December 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	286	3 117	7.4%	1.9%	-0.9%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	264	3 116	-0.4%	2.5%	
Trend	265	3 117	0.4%	3.5%	
<b>Australia</b>					
Original	35 192	329 563	19.2%	2.4%	2.7%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	27 765	329 577	-0.5%	2.7%	
Trend	27 836	329 580	0.3%	2.8%	

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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