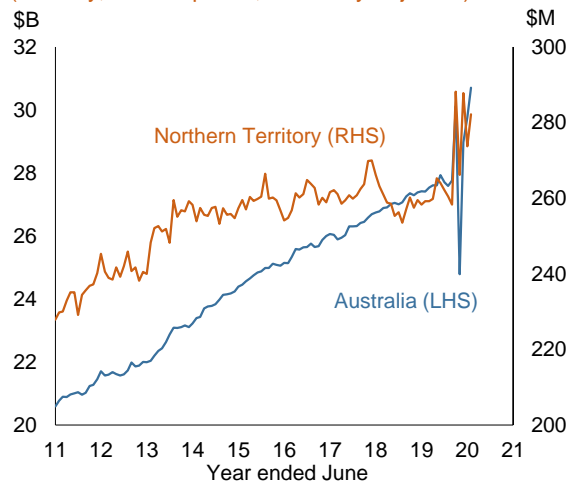


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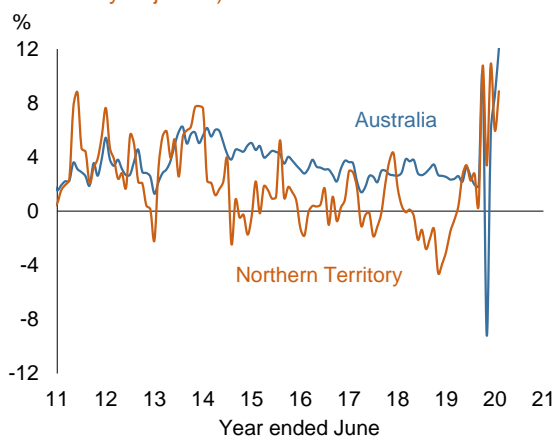
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Chart 1: Retail turnover  
(monthly, current prices, seasonally adjusted)



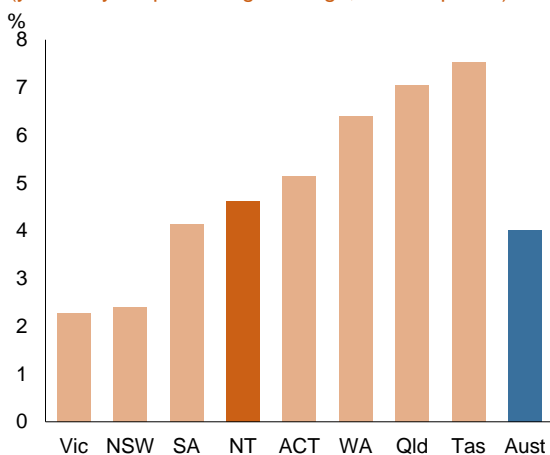
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Chart 2: Retail turnover  
(annual percentage change, current prices, seasonally adjusted)



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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)	↑3.1%	↑3.2%
Annual change (seasonally adjusted)	↑8.9%	↑12.0%
Year-on-year (original)	↑4.6%	↑4.0%

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 increased by 3.1 per cent to \$282 million in July 2020 compared with the previous month (Chart 1). This change reflects increased retail spending on 'clothing, footwear and personal accessories', 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food' and 'pharmaceutical, cosmetic and toiletry'.

The Territory recorded the third lowest result of the jurisdictions. With the exception of Victoria (down by 2.1 per cent), all jurisdictions reported an increase, ranging from 2.9 per cent in South Australia to 5.9 per cent in New South Wales. Nationally, retail trade turnover increased by 3.2 per cent to \$30.7 billion.

## Annual results

Retail trade in the Territory increased by 8.9 per cent in July 2020, compared with the same time last year (Chart 2). In other jurisdictions the annual increase ranged from 2.9 per cent in Victoria to 18.7 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, retail trade increased by 12.0 per cent.

The Territory's retail growth reflects increased spending in 'food retailing', 'clothing, footwear and personal accessory', 'other recreational goods' (including sport and camping equipment retailing, and entertainment media retailing) and 'pharmaceutical, cosmetic and toiletry, with declines in all other categories.

## Year-on-year results

In the year to July 2020, retail spending in the Territory increased by 4.6 per cent (to \$3.2 billion), ranking the fourth lowest of the jurisdictions. In other jurisdictions, increases ranged from 2.3 per cent in Victoria to 7.5 per cent in Tasmania (Chart 3). Nationally, retail spending increased by 4.0 per cent to \$338.8 billion over the same period.

The Territory's year-on-year result reflects increased spending in 'food retailing' (contributing 3.0 ppt) and 'other recreational goods' (0.4 ppt). This was partly offset by declines in all other categories, with 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food' being the largest detractor (minus 0.8 ppt).

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

	July 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	313	3 238	9.5%	9.2%	4.6%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	282	3 227	3.1%	8.9%	
Trend	– retail trade trend series was suspended from the February 2020 release				
<b>Australia</b>					
Original	30 008	338 834	5.0%	12.8%	4.0%
Seasonally adjusted <sup>4</sup>	30 705	338 069	3.2%	12.0%	
Trend	– retail trade trend series was suspended from the February 2020 release				
<b>Other jurisdictions (seasonally adjusted)</b>					
New South Wales	9 892	106 542	5.9%	13.5%	
Victoria	7 396	86 949	-2.1%	2.9%	
Queensland	6 431	69 478	5.0%	16.8%	
South Australia	2 030	22 146	2.9%	14.1%	
Western Australia	3 428	36 355	3.8%	18.4%	
Tasmania	656	7 032	4.2%	18.7%	
ACT	590	6 341	5.8%	16.6%	

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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