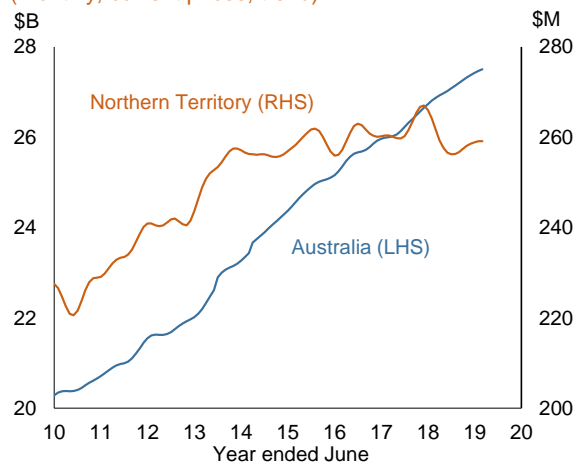


Retail trade

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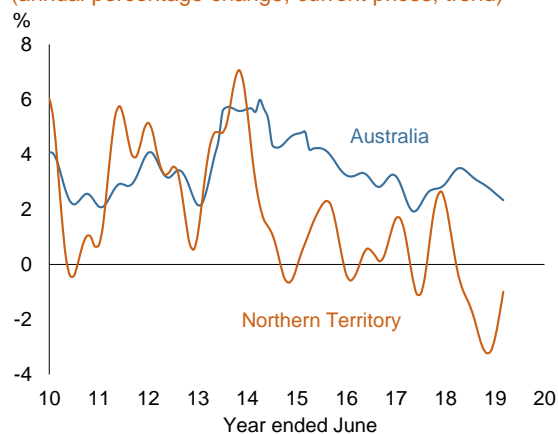
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Chart 1: Retail turnover (monthly, current prices, trend)



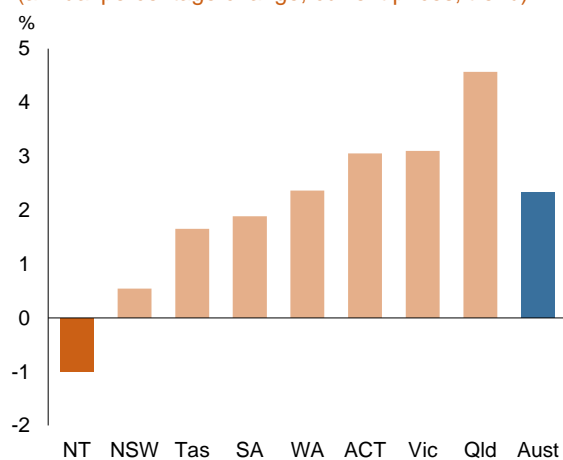
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Chart 2: Retail turnover (annual percentage change, current prices, trend)



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Chart 3: Retail turnover (annual percentage change, current prices, trend)



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Retail trade turnover (current prices)	NT	Aust
Monthly change (trend)	flat	↑0.1%
Annual change (trend)	↓1.0%	↑2.3%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.9%	↑2.9%

Monthly results

Retail trade in the Territory was unchanged at \$259 million in August 2019 compared to the previous month (Chart 1).

This was driven by increases in ‘household goods’ (up 0.3 per cent) and ‘cafes, restaurants and takeaway food’ (up 0.5 per cent) being offset by decreases across the other categories, with the exception of ‘newspaper and book’ which was flat in the month.

The Territory, South Australia and New South Wales recorded no monthly change in retail trade. Across other jurisdictions, the monthly increase in trend retail trade ranged from 0.1 per cent in Queensland to 0.4 per cent Tasmania. Nationally, retail trade turnover increased by 0.1 per cent to \$27.5 billion.

Annual results

Retail trade in the Territory decreased by 1.0 per cent through the year to August 2019 (Chart 2). The Territory was the only jurisdiction to record an annual decline. The increase in other jurisdictions ranged from 0.5 per cent in New South Wales to 4.6 per cent in Queensland. Nationally, retail trade increased by 2.3 per cent.

The decrease in the Territory was driven by decreases across most categories, partly offset by an increase in ‘cafes, restaurants and takeaway food’ (up 2.3 per cent). ‘Other recreational goods’ was unchanged in annual terms.

Year-on-year results

In the year to August 2019, retail spending in the Territory decreased by 1.9 per cent to \$3.1 billion. The Territory recorded the only decrease of the jurisdictions (Chart 3). The year-on-year increase in other jurisdictions ranged from 1.2 per cent in Western Australia to 4.5 per cent in Victoria. Nationally, retail spending increased by 2.9 per cent to \$326.6 billion over the same period.

The Territory’s year-on-year decrease was driven by declines across most categories, with the exception of ‘food retailing’ (up 0.7 per cent). The 5.7 per cent decline in the category of ‘household goods’ was the largest detractor in year-on-year terms, detracting 0.86 percentage points from total retail trade.

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

	August 2019		Change		
	Month	Year to date	Monthly ¹	Annual ²	Year-on-year ³
Northern Territory					
Original	283	3 095	-1.2%	0.0%	-1.9%
Seasonally adjusted ⁴	259	3 094	-0.1%	-0.4%	
Trend	259	3 094	0.0%	-1.0%	
Australia					
Original	27 105	326 564	1.9%	2.9%	2.9%
Seasonally adjusted ⁴	27 546	326 732	0.4%	2.6%	
Trend	27 501	326 704	0.1%	2.3%	
Other jurisdictions (trend)					
New South Wales	8 726	104 420	0.0%	0.5%	
Victoria	7 220	85 516	0.2%	3.1%	
Queensland	5 544	65 392	0.1%	4.6%	
South Australia	1 795	21 349	0.0%	1.9%	
Western Australia	2 890	34 301	0.3%	2.4%	
Tasmania	554	6 568	0.4%	1.7%	
ACT	513	6 065	0.2%	3.1%	

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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