



International Trade August 2018

Key Facts

Exports

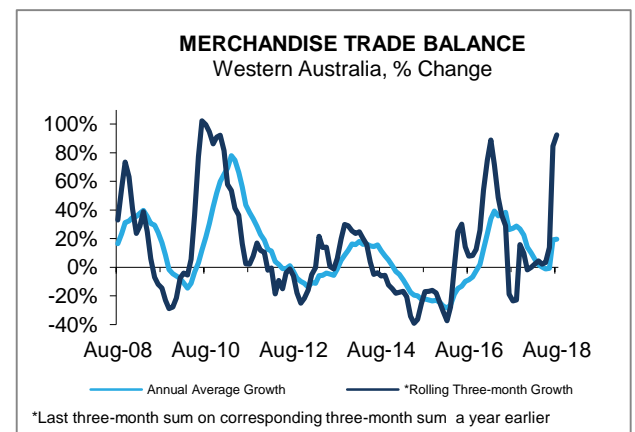
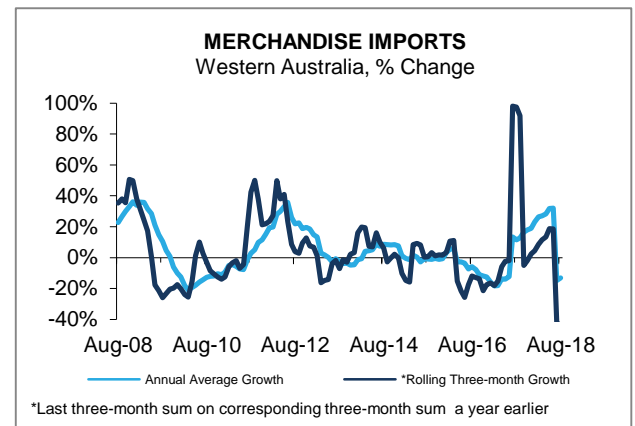
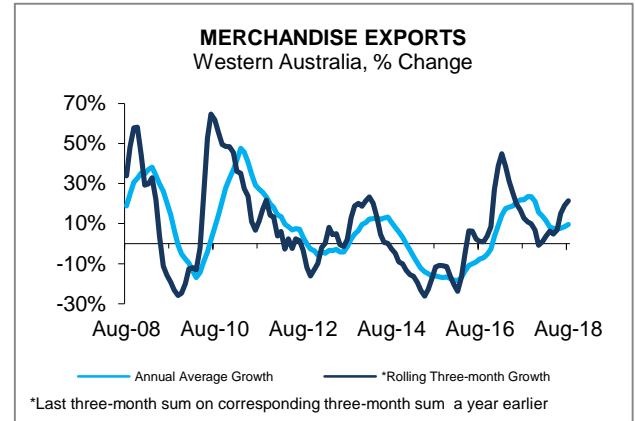
- Merchandise exports from Western Australia increased by 21.3% to \$36.4 billion in the three months to August compared to the same period the previous year. Exports rose by 9.5% in the 12 months to August 2018.
- The value of exports from Australia increased by 16.8% to \$88.7 billion in the three months to August compared to the same period the previous year. Exports rose by 8.2% over the year in rolling annual terms.
- Over the year to August, the largest increase in exports by State was 28.2%, in Tasmania. The smallest increase was 2.7%, in South Australia.

Imports

- The value of imports in Western Australia decreased by 43.6% to \$8.9 billion in the three months to August 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, and fell by 13.1% over the year to August 2018.
- Australia's imports decreased by 2.6% to \$77.4 billion in the three months to August compared to the same period a year earlier. Imports rose by 7.0% over the year in rolling annual terms.
- Over the year to August, the largest increase in imports by State was 29.0% in Tasmania. The largest decrease was 13.1% in Western Australia.

Trade Balance

- WA's merchandise trade surplus increased by 19.8% to \$100.8 billion in the year to August 2018. This compares to a surplus of \$26.5 billion nationally and a deficit of \$74.3 billion for the rest of Australia excluding Western Australia.



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	3 Months to August 2018 Value	3 Months to August 2018 on 3 Months to August 2017 Change		Year to August 2018 Value	Year to August 2018 on Year to August 2017 Change	
	\$ Million	\$ Million	%	\$ Million	\$ Million	%
Exports	36,415	6,401	21.3	133,782	11,653	9.5
Imports	8,858	-6,845	-43.6	33,027	-4,966	-13.1
Trade Balance	27,557	13,246	92.6	100,755	16,619	19.8