



## Retail Trade, December 2018

### Key Facts

#### Monthly Values

- Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia increased by 0.1% to \$2,863 million between November and December and fell by 0.2% in annual average terms.
- The monthly increase was mainly due to 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services' and 'food retailing' which contributed 0.3 and 0.1 percentage points to growth respectively.
- Australia's seasonally adjusted retail trade fell by 0.4% to \$27,006 million between November and December and grew by 3.0% in annual average terms.
- The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 5.2% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.2% in Western Australia.

#### Quarterly Volumes

- The volume of retail trade in Western Australia increased by 0.9% to \$8,474 million in the December quarter 2018, although fell by 0.8% in annual average terms.
- Australia's retail trade volumes increased by 0.1% to \$80,064 million in the December quarter 2018 and rose by 2.2% in annual average terms.
- The largest annual average increase in retail trade volumes by State was 4.5% in Victoria. The largest decline was 0.8% in Western Australia.

Chart 1

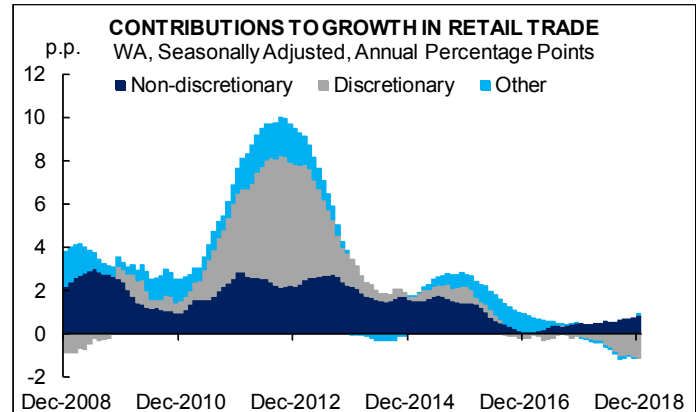
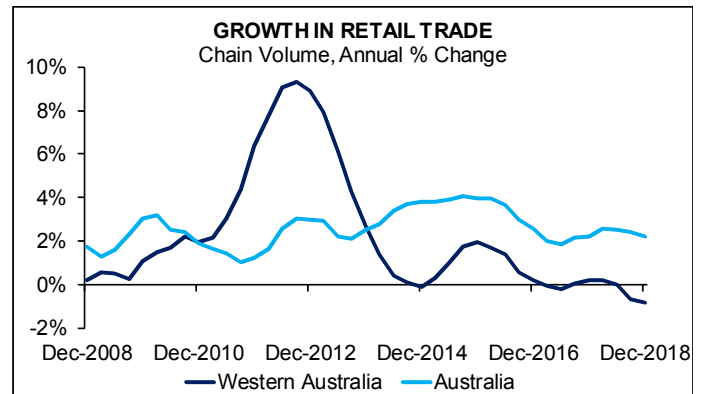


Chart 2



**RETAIL TRADE BY STATE**  
**December 2018**  
Seasonally Adjusted, Chain Volume  
% Change Over:

	\$m	Annual Average	Quarter
New South Wales	25,630	2.1%	-1.1%
Victoria	20,936	4.5%	0.5%
Queensland	15,945	1.5%	1.2%
South Australia	5,222	1.6%	-0.1%
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>8,474</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Tasmania	1,609	2.9%	-0.3%
Northern Territory	764	-0.2%	-1.7%
Australian Capital Territory	1,485	2.5%	0.9%
<b>Australia</b>	<b>80,064</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>