



Retail Trade, September 2018

Key Facts

Monthly Values

- Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia was unchanged at \$2,814 million between August and September, and fell by 0.4% in annual average terms.
- Household goods** and **Clothing footwear and person** spending detracted 0.2 pp and 0.1pp from growth while all other categories were either flat or contributed slightly to growth.
- In annual average terms, 'Discretionary' spending detracted 1.0pp from growth while 'non-discretionary' spending contributed 0.7pp to growth (Chart 1).
- Australia's seasonally adjusted retail trade increased by 0.2% to \$26,893 million between August and September, and grew by 2.8% in annual average terms.
- WA was the only state where the annual average value of retail trade declined (down by 0.4%). Victoria grew at the fastest pace (up by 5.0%) (see table below)

Quarterly Volumes

The volume of retail trade in Western Australia declined by 1.2% in the September quarter to \$8391 million, and by 0.7% in annual average terms.

Australia's retail trade volumes increased by 0.2% to \$80,011 million in the September quarter 2018, and rose by 2.4% in annual average terms.

The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 4.6% in Victoria. The largest decline was 0.7% in Western Australia.

Chart 1

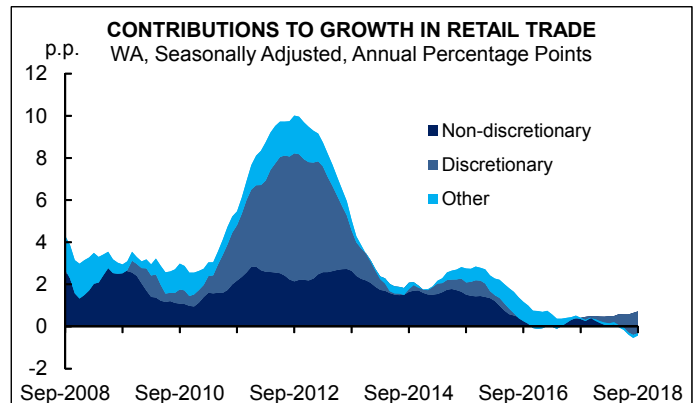
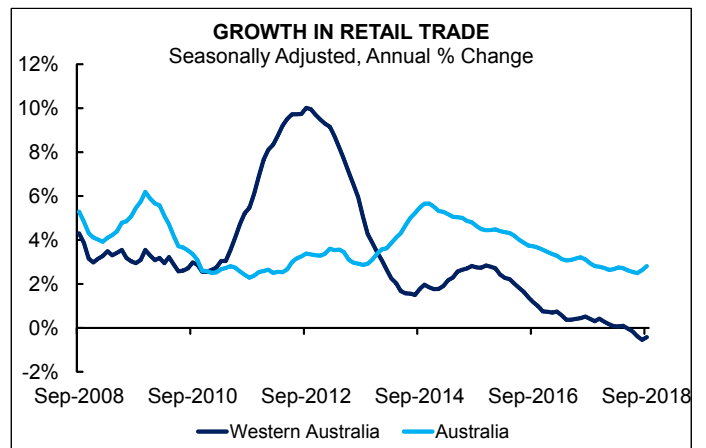


Chart 2



RETAIL TRADE BY STATE

September 2018
Seasonally Adjusted

	\$m	% Change Over:		
		Annual Average	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	8,684	3.0%	0.5%	-0.4%
Victoria	7,023	5.0%	1.0%	0.7%
Queensland	5,300	1.3%	0.9%	0.4%
South Australia	1,770	3.5%	0.7%	0.3%
Western Australia	2,814	-0.4%	-0.7%	0.0%
Tasmania	549	3.8%	1.3%	0.8%
Northern Territory	258	0.7%	-3.0%	-0.9%
Australian Capital Territory	496	2.6%	0.2%	0.0%
Australia	26,893	2.8%	0.6%	0.2%