



Retail Trade, August 2018

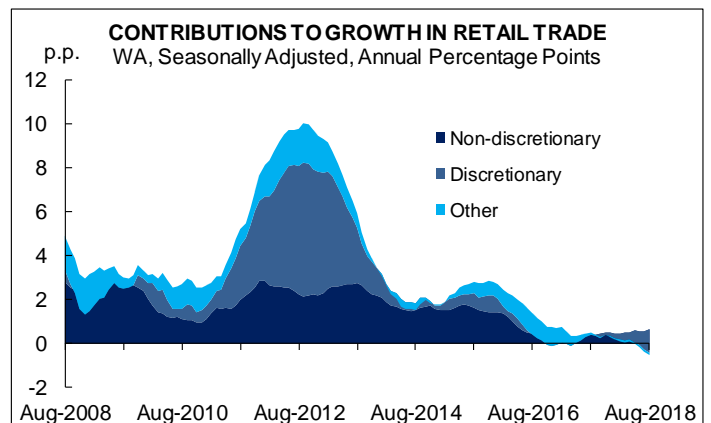
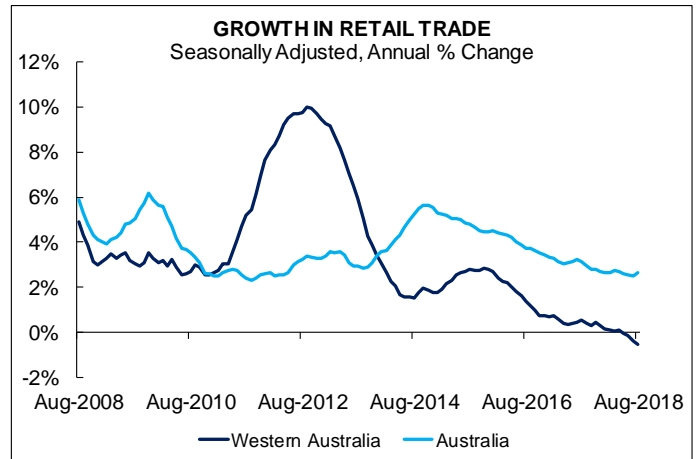
Key Facts

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia was unchanged at \$2,814 million between July and August.
- The monthly fall was mainly due to 'household goods retailing' and 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services' which both detracted 0.1 percentage points to growth. This was partially offset by 'food retailing' which contributed 0.1 percentage points to growth.
- Retail trade fell by 0.5% in annual average terms and dropped by 0.2% over the three months to August 2018.
- The main detractor from annual average growth was 'discretionary' spending. 'Other' spending also detracted from growth, while 'non-discretionary' spending contributed to growth.
- Trend retail trade in Western Australia decreased by 0.1% between July and August, and fell by 0.5% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted retail trade rose by 0.3% to \$26,867 million between July and August.
- Retail trade grew by 2.6% in annual average terms and increased by 0.9% in the three months ending in August.
- The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 4.6% in Victoria. The largest decrease was 0.5% in Western Australia.
- Australia's trend retail trade rose by 0.2% between July and August, and grew by 2.6% in annual average terms.



RETAIL TRADE BY STATE August 2018 Seasonally Adjusted

	\$m	% Change Over:		
		Annual Average	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	8,736	2.9%	1.2%	0.5%
Victoria	6,973	4.6%	1.4%	0.2%
Queensland	5,278	1.2%	0.6%	0.1%
South Australia	1,765	3.4%	0.7%	0.8%
Western Australia	2,814	-0.5%	-0.2%	0.0%
Tasmania	544	3.5%	2.0%	0.6%
Northern Territory	261	0.7%	-1.2%	-1.3%
Australian Capital Territory	496	2.4%	1.2%	0.2%
Australia	26,867	2.6%	0.9%	0.3%