



Retail Trade, May 2018

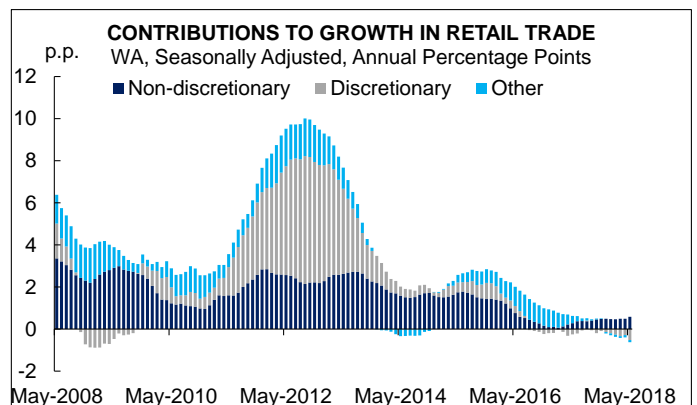
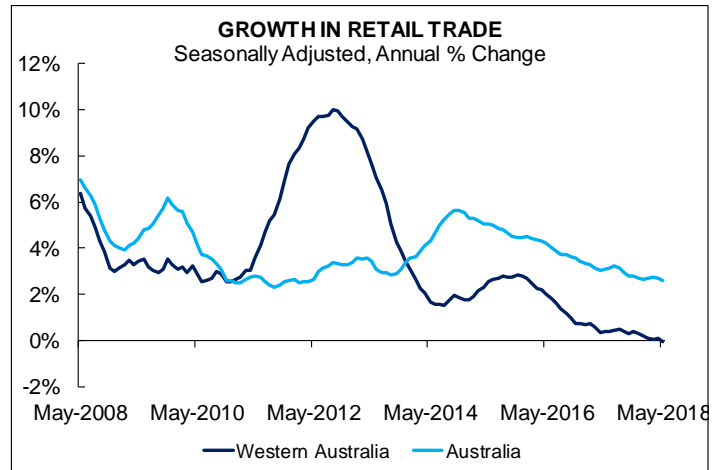
Key Facts

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia decreased by 0.5% to \$2,826 million between April and May.
- The monthly fall was mainly due to 'clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing' which detracted 0.3 percentage points from growth while 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services' and 'department stores' both detracted 0.2 percentage points from growth. This was partially offset by 'food retailing' which contributed 0.5 percentage points to growth.
- Retail trade was unchanged in annual average terms and was unchanged over the three months to May 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 was unchanged between April and May, and fell by 0.2% over the year.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted retail trade rose by 0.4% to \$26,674 million between April and May.
- Retail trade grew by 2.6% in annual average terms and increased by 0.9% in the three months ending in May.
- The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 4.3% in Victoria. Western Australia was the worst performing state, with growth flat.
- Australia's trend retail trade rose by 0.3% between April and May, and grew by 2.5% in annual average terms.



RETAIL TRADE BY STATE May 2018 Seasonally Adjusted

	\$m	% Change Over:		
		Annual Average	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	8,654	3.0%	1.3%	0.5%
Victoria	6,886	4.3%	1.3%	0.2%
Queensland	5,251	1.2%	0.1%	0.4%
South Australia	1,756	3.3%	0.3%	1.1%
Western Australia	2,826	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%
Tasmania	538	3.1%	1.6%	1.5%
Northern Territory	271	1.1%	3.1%	0.4%
Australian Capital Territory	491	2.2%	2.5%	0.0%
Australia	26,674	2.6%	0.9%	0.4%