



## Retail Trade, December 2016

### Key Facts

#### Nominal

Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia increased by 0.6% to \$2,840 million in December, and rose by 0.7% in annual average terms.

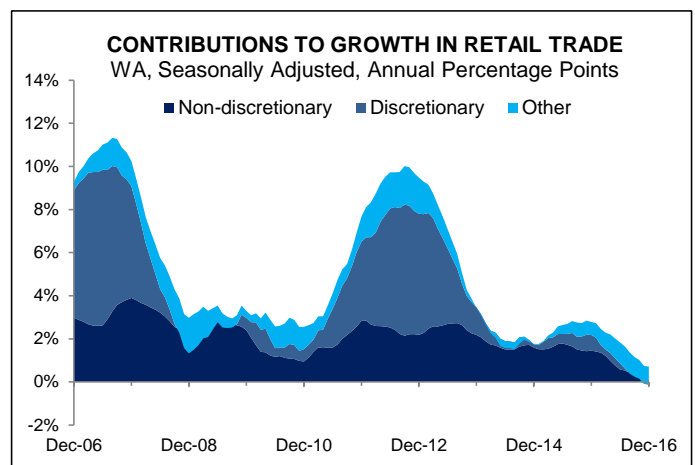
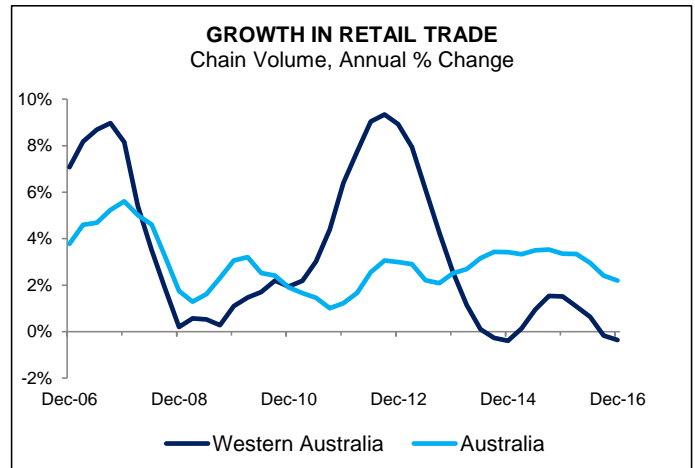
- The monthly increase was driven by 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services' and 'other retailing' which contributed 0.3 and 0.2 percentage points to growth respectively. This was partially offset by 'food retailing' which detracted 0.1 percentage points from growth.
- The main contributor to annual average growth in retail trade came from 'other' spending (contributing 0.8 percentage points) while 'non-discretionary'<sup>1</sup> spending contributed to a lesser degree (0.1 percentage points). 'Discretionary' spending detracted 0.2 percentage points from growth.
- Australia's seasonally adjusted retail trade decreased by 0.1% to \$25,611 million in December 2016, and rose by 3.5% in annual average terms.
- The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 6.5% in the Australian Capital Territory. The smallest increase was 0.7% in the Western Australia.

#### Real

Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia decreased by 0.2% to \$8,305 million in the December quarter 2016, and fell by 0.4% in annual average terms.

Australia's seasonally adjusted retail trade increased by 0.9% to \$74,985 million in the December quarter 2016, and rose by 2.2% in annual average terms.

The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 5.1% in Australian Capital Territory. The largest decline was 0.7% in the Northern Territory.



#### RETAIL TRADE BY STATE

DECEMBER 2016

Seasonally Adjusted, Chain Volume

	\$m	% Change Over:	
		Annual Average	Quarter
New South Wales	24,081	3.0%	0.8%
Victoria	18,931	3.0%	1.3%
Queensland	15,156	1.0%	1.1%
South Australia	4,878	2.7%	0.2%
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>8,305</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Tasmania	1,492	3.3%	0.8%
Northern Territory	766	-0.7%	1.7%
Australian Capital Territory	1,376	5.1%	0.5%
<b>Australia</b>	<b>74,985</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Non-discretionary items include 'food retailing'. Discretionary items include 'clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing'; 'household goods retailing'; 'department stores'; and 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services'. 'Other' items include 'other retailing'.