

During the month of March 2019, retail turnover in current prices:

- rose by 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (rose by 0.3% nationally);
- rose by 0.1% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (rose by 0.3% nationally).

In addition to the monthly release of nominal retail turnover data, the ABS has this month also released chain volume retail turnover data for the March quarter 2019. Chain volume or 'real' data removes the effect of price movements, and therefore provides a measure of the volume of retail trade.

During the March quarter 2019, real retail turnover:

- fell 0.4% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (fell 0.1% nationally);
- fell 0.3% in South Australia in trend terms (was unchanged nationally).

*Retail turnover in current prices incorporates both changes in prices and sales volumes. The base year for chain volume measures is 2016-17.*

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

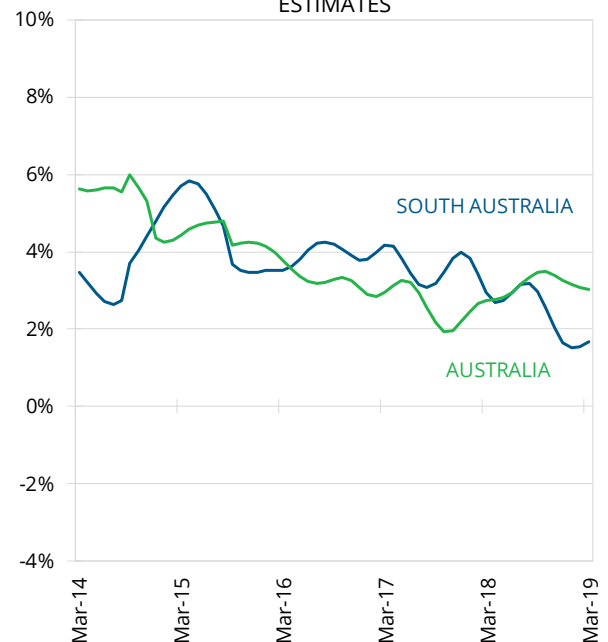
### Nominal retail turnover (trend, monthly)

During March 2019, trend nominal retail turnover in South Australia rose 0.1%, following a rise of 0.1% in the previous month. Trend nominal retail turnover rose 0.3% nationally during March.

New South Wales recorded the strongest rise of the states in the month (up 0.4%), followed by Queensland (up 0.3%), Victoria (up 0.2%) and South Australia (up 0.1%). Retail turnover was unchanged in Western Australia in the month and fell by 0.2% in Tasmania—see Table 1.

Compared with a year earlier, retail turnover was 1.7% higher in South Australia and 3.0% higher nationally.

**CHART 1: ANNUAL GROWTH IN RETAIL TURNOVER - TREND CURRENT PRICE ESTIMATES**

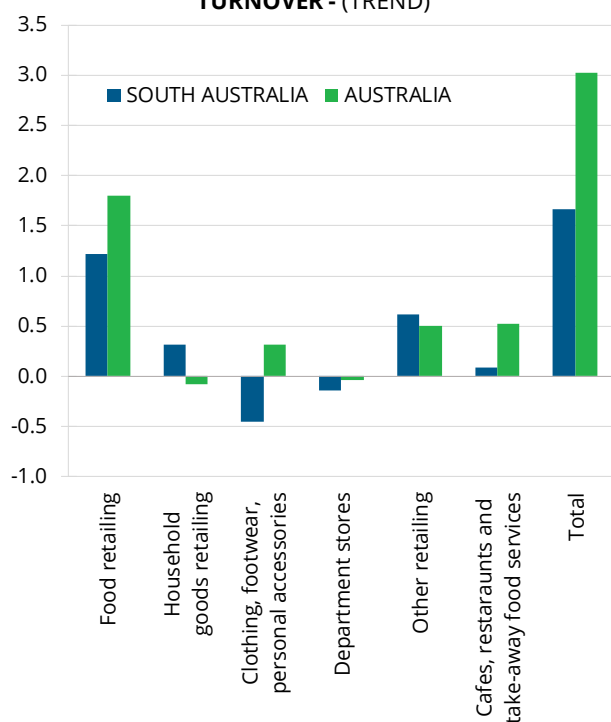


**TABLE 1: Nominal Retail Turnover – Trend**

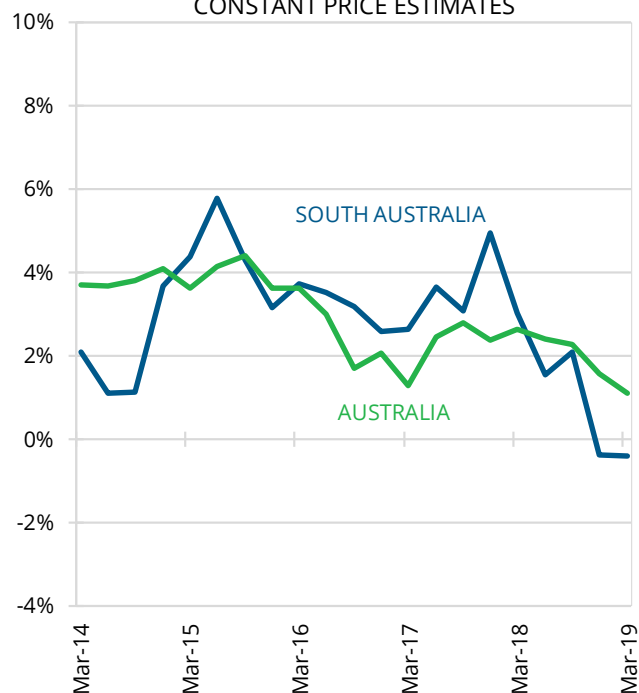
	Mar 19 (\$m)	Mar 19 v Feb 19 (% change)	Mar 19 v Mar 18 (% change)
NSW	8,757.5	0.4	2.3
VIC	7,136.9	0.2	4.2
QLD	5,455.8	0.3	4.4
<b>SA</b>	<b>1,773.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
WA	2,863.8	0.0	1.3
TAS	543.6	-0.2	2.8
<b>AUS</b>	<b>27,292.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Through the year to March 2019, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for 'other' retailing (up 4.0%), food retailing (up 2.7%), household goods retailing (up 2.1%), and cafes, restaurants and take-away food services (up 0.7%). Turnover in the year to March declined for department stores (down 2.3%) and clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (down 7.1%).

**CHART 2: ANNUAL PERCENTAGE POINT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROWTH IN RETAIL TURNOVER - (TREND)**



**CHART 3: ANNUAL GROWTH IN RETAIL TURNOVER - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CONSTANT PRICE ESTIMATES**



**Real retail turnover (seasonally adjusted, quarterly)**

The 0.4% fall in South Australian real retail turnover in the March quarter followed a fall of 0.3% in the previous quarter. Nationally, real retail turnover fell by 0.1% in the quarter.

Compared with a year earlier, real retail turnover was 0.4% lower in South Australia, and 1.1% higher nationally—see Chart 3 and Table 2.

**TABLE 2: Real Retail Turnover — Seasonally Adjusted**

	Mar qtr 19 (\$m)	Mar qtr 19 v Dec qtr 18 (% change)	Mar qtr 19 v Mar qtr 18 (% change)
NSW	25,771.9	0.6	0.9
VIC	20,869.3	-0.3	2.3
QLD	15,901.8	-0.1	1.5
<b>SA</b>	<b>5,190.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
WA	8,412.0	-0.6	-0.7
TAS	1,591.9	-0.9	1.7
<b>AUS</b>	<b>79,956.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>

# Reference year for chain volume measures is 2016-17

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