

RETAIL TRADE, FEBRUARY 2016

Summary

During February, nominal retail turnover:

- rose 0.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, nominal retail turnover was unchanged); and
- rose 0.3% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, nominal retail turnover rose 0.2%).

Note: Retail turnover in current prices incorporates changes in both prices and sales volumes.

Further Analysis

Seasonally adjusted

During February, increases in nominal turnover were recorded in Victoria (up 0.4%), South Australia (up 0.3%) and New South Wales (up 0.2%). Recording a fall in the month were Western Australia (down 0.6%), Tasmania (down 0.5%) and Queensland (down 0.4%).

Compared with a year earlier, nominal retail turnover was 3.0% higher in South Australia and 3.3% higher nationally.

Trend

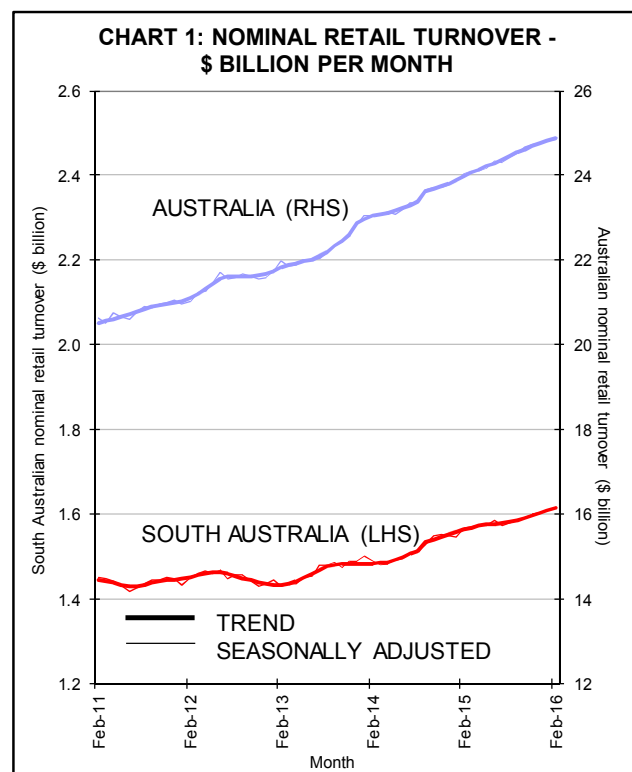
All states recorded an increase in February, except Western Australia, which fell by 0.2%.

Compared with a year earlier, nominal retail turnover was 3.3% higher in South Australia and 3.7% higher nationally (see Table 1, Charts 1 and 2).

Through the year to February 2016, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for Cafes, Restaurants and Take Away Food Services (up 13%), Household Goods Retailing (up 5.6%), 'Other' Retailing (up 3.7%), Department Stores (up 2.7%) and Food Retailing (up 0.7%). A fall was recorded for Clothing, Footwear and Personal Accessory Retailing (down 0.2%)—(see Chart 3 for contributions to growth).

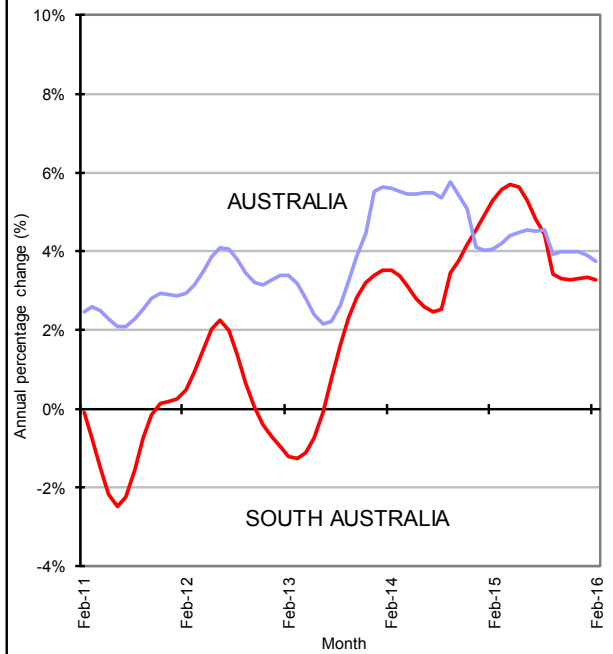
TABLE 1: Trend Nominal Retail Turnover

	Feb 16 (\$m)	Feb 16 vs Jan 16 (%)	Feb 16 vs Feb 15 (%)
NSW	7,981.6	0.2	4.8
VIC	6,253.8	0.2	5.1
QLD	5,010.5	0.2	2.0
SA	1,613.9	0.3	3.3
WA	2,801.7	-0.2	0.7
TAS	491.7	0.3	4.3
AUS	24,873.3	0.2	3.7





**CHART 2: ANNUAL GROWTH IN RETAIL
TURNOVER - TREND CURRENT PRICE
ESTIMATES**



**CHART 3: ANNUAL PERCENTAGE POINT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROWTH IN RETAIL
TURNOVER - (TREND)**

