



Western Australian Economic Notes

Retail Trade, April 2020

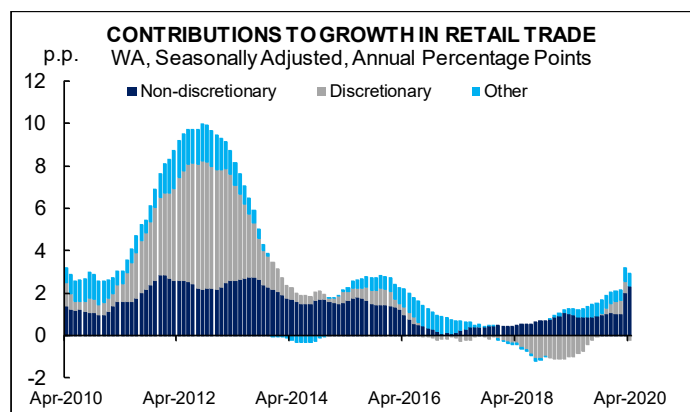
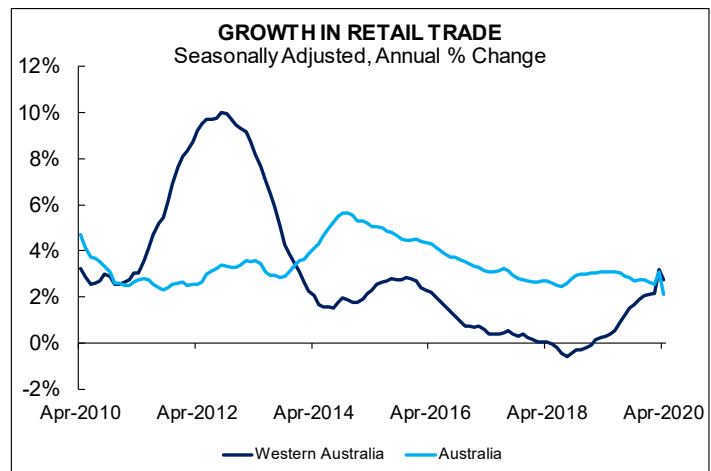
Key Facts

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia decreased by 16.8% to \$2,691 million between March and April.
- The monthly fall was mainly due to 'food retailing' and 'cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services' which detracted 8.6 and 3.1 percentage points to growth respectively.
- Retail trade rose by 2.7% in annual average terms and grew by 1.0% over the three months to April 2020.
- The main contributor to annual average growth was 'non-discretionary' spending. 'Other' spending also contributed to growth, while 'discretionary' spending detracted from growth.
- The Australian Bureau of Statistics has ceased its publication of trend estimates as at February 2020 due to high levels of uncertainty observed in the data relating to COVID-19. The trend series will be reinstated when more certainty emerges in the underlying trend in retail.

Australia

- Australia's seasonally adjusted retail trade fell by 17.7% to \$24,791 million between March and April.
- Retail trade grew by 2.1% in annual average terms and decreased by 0.7% in the three months ending in April.
- The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 4.7% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 0.2% in New South Wales.



RETAIL TRADE BY STATE

April 2020

Seasonally Adjusted

% Change Over:

	\$m	Annual Average	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	7,735	0.2%	-1.6%	-17.5%
Victoria	6,190	2.1%	-2.3%	-21.1%
Queensland	5,237	4.7%	1.1%	-15.7%
South Australia	1,677	1.7%	0.9%	-14.6%
Western Australia	2,691	2.7%	1.0%	-16.8%
Tasmania	517	4.0%	-0.8%	-17.5%
Northern Territory	266	1.4%	3.3%	-7.7%
Australian Capital Territory	478	3.0%	0.4%	-14.9%
Australia	24,791	2.1%	-0.7%	-17.7%