



Western Australian Economic Notes

Retail Trade, May 2020

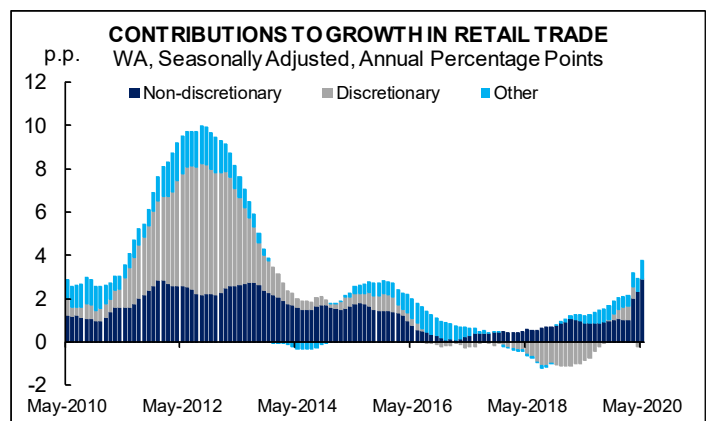
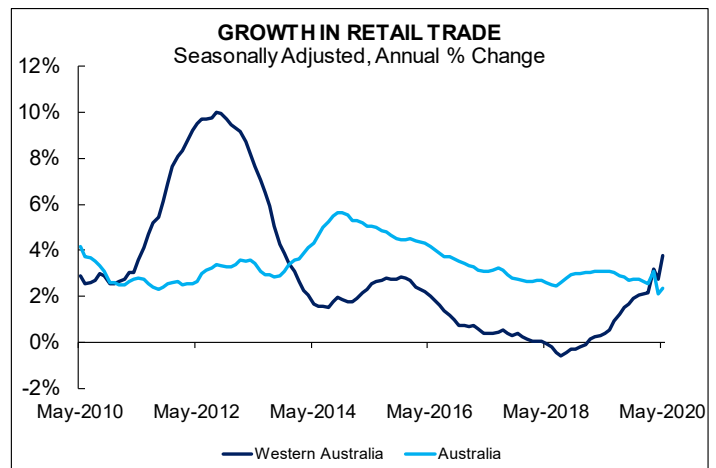
Key Facts

Western Australia

- Seasonally adjusted retail trade in Western Australia increased by 19.7% to \$3,223 million between April and May.
- The monthly increase was mainly due to 'food retailing' and 'household goods retailing' which contributed 4.6 and 3.8 percentage points to growth respectively.
- Retail trade rose by 3.8% in annual average terms and grew by 4.2% over the three months to May 2020.
- The main contributor to annual average growth was 'non-discretionary' spending. 'Other' spending also contributed to growth, as did 'discretionary' spending.
- 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 rose by 16.9% to \$28,971 million between April and May.
- Retail trade grew by 2.4% in annual average terms and increased by 1.0% in the three months ending in May.
- The largest annual average increase in retail trade by State was 5.1% in Queensland. The smallest increase was 0.5% in New South Wales.



RETAIL TRADE BY STATE

May 2020

Seasonally Adjusted

	\$m	% Change Over:		
		Annual Average	3 Months	1 Month
New South Wales	9,012	0.5%	0.3%	16.5%
Victoria	7,258	1.8%	-2.4%	17.2%
Queensland	6,102	5.1%	3.3%	16.6%
South Australia	1,947	2.2%	4.1%	16.1%
Western Australia	3,223	3.8%	4.2%	19.7%
Tasmania	606	4.8%	1.0%	17.3%
Northern Territory	288	2.6%	7.8%	8.1%
Australian Capital Territory	537	3.2%	2.5%	12.2%
Australia	28,971	2.4%	1.0%	16.9%