SUMMARY

During the month of September 2026, total household spending in **nominal**, **seasonally adjusted** terms:

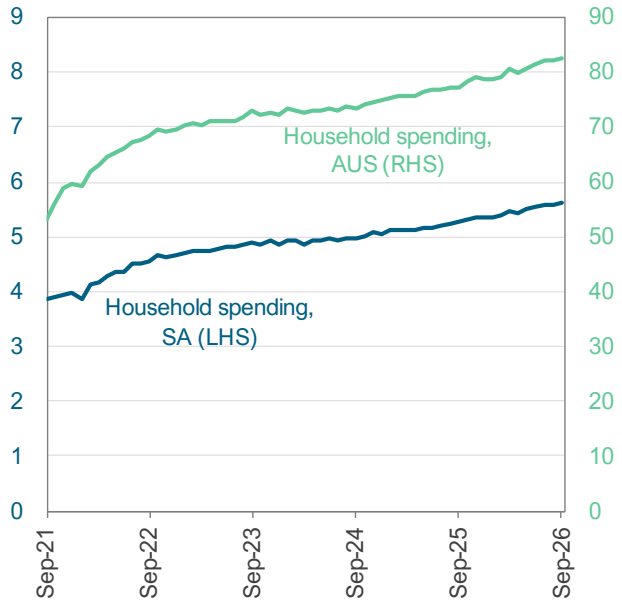
- rose by 0.6% in South Australia to be 6.3% higher than a year earlier.
- rose by 0.6% in Australia to be 6.8% higher than a year earlier.

In addition to the monthly release of nominal household spending data, the ABS has this month also released **chain volume** household spending data for the September quarter 2026. Chain volume ('real') data removes the effect of price movements and therefore provides a measure of the volume of household spending.

During the September quarter 2026, total household spending in **real**, seasonally adjusted terms:

- rose by 0.4% in South Australia to be 3.1% higher than a year earlier.
- rose by 0.7% in Australia to be 3.2% higher than a year earlier.

Chart 1: **Monthly Household Spending**
($b, nominal, seas. adj.)



NOMINAL HOUSEHOLD SPENDING (MONTHLY)

The 0.6% rise in household spending in South Australia in the month of September follows no change in the previous month.

The Northern Territory recorded the strongest rise in the month (up 1.2%), followed by Western Australia (up 1.1%), Victoria (up 1.0%), Queensland and South Australia (both up 0.6%), Tasmania (up 0.5%) and New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory (both up 0.3%) — see Table 1.

Table 1: **Monthly Household Spending**
(nominal, seas. adj.)

	Sep 26 ($m)	Sep 26 v Aug 26 (% change)	Sep 26 v Sep 25 (% change)
NSW	25,863.5	0.3	5.6
VIC	19,968.2	1.0	6.3
QLD	17,149.8	0.6	7.3
SA	**5,609.6**	**0.6**	**6.3**
WA	9,836.6	1.1	9.6
TAS	1,743.1	0.5	7.6
NT	947.1	1.2	12.7
ACT	1,492.9	0.3	5.5
AUS	**82,610.8**	**0.6**	**6.8**

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOMINAL GROWTH

Through the year to September 2026, the largest contributors to South Australian household spending were Transport (up 11%), Recreation and culture (up 8.9%), and Hotels, cafes and restaurants (up 6.7%) — see Table 2.

Table 2: **Through Year to September Household Spending by Category**
(nominal, seas. adj.)

	% change		p.p. contribution	
	SA	**AUS**	**SA**	**AUS**
Food	3.9	4.3	0.6	0.7
Alcohol & tobacco	0.1	1.7	0.0	0.1
Clothing & footwear	6.3	4.6	0.3	0.3
Furnishings & household equip.	4.6	3.5	0.3	0.2
Health	4.2	5.1	0.5	0.6
Transport	11.2	11.8	1.8	2.0
Rec. & culture	8.9	7.9	1.5	1.3
Hotels, cafes & restaurants	6.7	6.8	1.0	0.9
Misc. goods & services	3.8	7.1	0.4	0.7
Total	**6.3**	**6.8**	**6.3**	**6.8**

The contribution of each category to growth reflects the growth for that category, as well as its share of total spending.

REAL HOUSEHOLD SPENDING (QUARTERLY)

The 0.4% rise in South Australian seasonally adjusted household spending in the September quarter followed a rise of 1.0% in the previous quarter. Nationally, real household spending rose by 0.7% in the quarter.

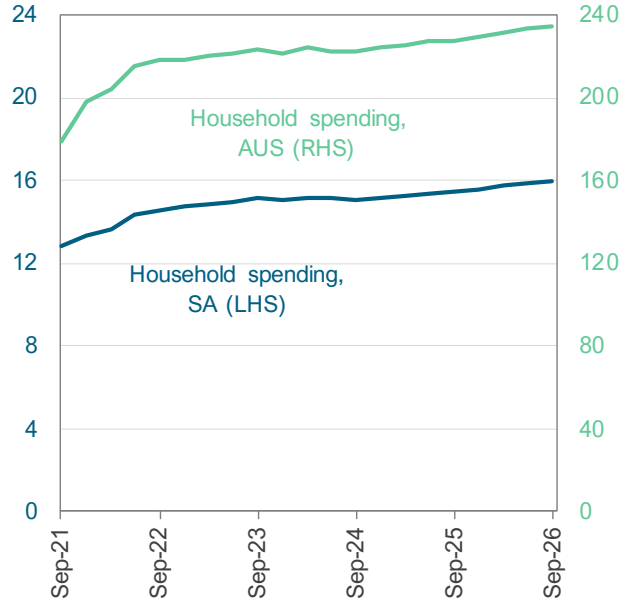
Compared with a year earlier, seasonally adjusted real household spending was 3.1% higher in South Australia and 3.2% higher nationally – see Table 3 and Chart 3.

Table 3: **Real Household Spending** (seas. adj.) #

	Sep qtr 26 ($m)	Sep qtr 26 v Jun qtr 26 (% change)	Sep qtr 26 v Sep qtr 25 (% change)
NSW	73,848.9	0.5	2.7
VIC	57,023.1	0.9	2.8
QLD	48,726.4	0.5	3.5
SA	**15,961.3**	**0.4**	**3.1**
WA	27,576.3	1.4	5.2
TAS	4,882.4	-0.1	3.1
NT	2,663.1	2.0	8.1
ACT	4,236.2	-0.3	0.7
AUS	**234,559.2**	**0.7**	**3.2**

Reference year for chain volume measures in 2024-25

Chart 3: **Quarterly Household Spending** ($b, real, seas. adj.)



Breakdown of spending by category is only published for the nominal monthly data, not the real quarterly data.

The next release of the *ABS Household Spending Indicator* is 30 November 2026.