

## SUMMARY

During August, [nominal](#) retail turnover:

- fell 0.9% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, nominal retail turnover fell 4.0%).

Note: Retail turnover figures in current (nominal) prices — published monthly — reflect changes in both sales volumes and prices. [Real](#) retail turnover figures (reflecting changes in sales volumes only) are published quarterly.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

In August, all states recorded a fall in nominal retail turnover, led by Victoria (down 13%) and followed by New South Wales (down 2.0%), Queensland (down 1.1%), South Australia (down 0.9%), Western Australia (down 0.4%) and Tasmania (down 0.2%).

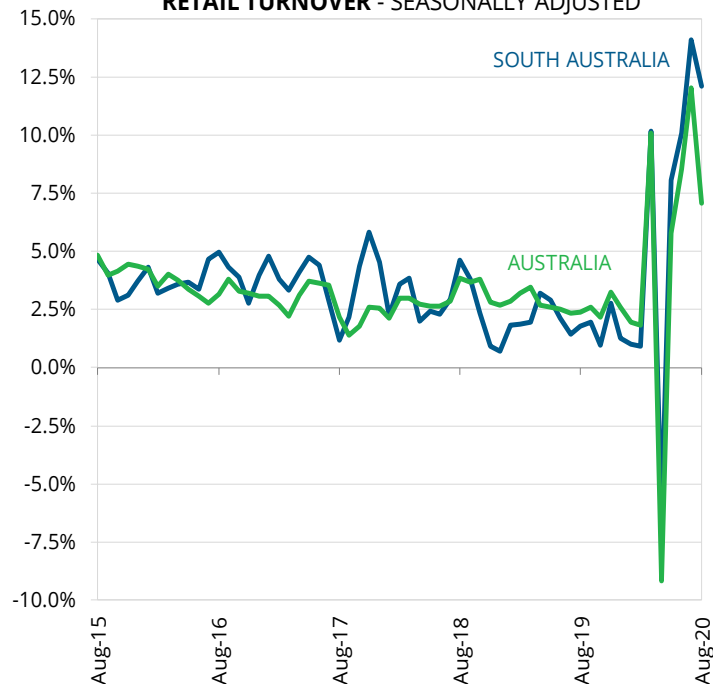
Compared with a year earlier, nominal retail turnover was 12% higher in South Australia and 7.1% higher nationally (see Table 1 and Chart 1).

In August 2020 compared to August 2019, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for Household goods retailing (up 30%), Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (up 27%), Department stores and Food retailing (both up 11%) and 'Other' retailing (up 5.5%). A fall was recorded in Cafes, restaurants and take-away food services (down 4.8%) (see Chart 2 for contributions to growth).

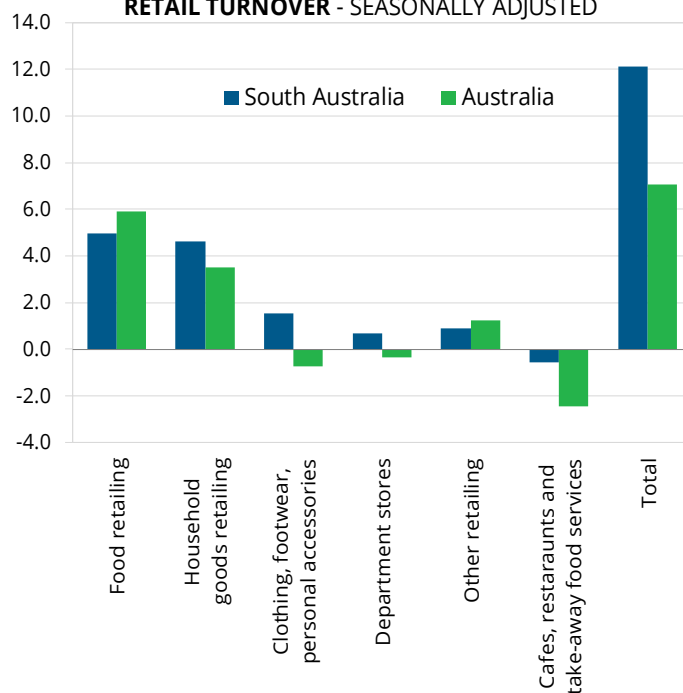
**TABLE 1: Seasonally Adjusted Nominal Retail Turnover**

	Aug 20 (\$m)	Aug 20 vs Jul 20 (%)	Aug 20 vs Aug 19 (%)
NSW	9,691.5	-2.0	10.7
VIC	6,466.3	-12.6	-10.3
QLD	6,360.3	-1.1	14.7
<b>SA</b>	<b>2,010.5</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>12.1</b>
WA	3,415.2	-0.4	17.9
TAS	655.2	-0.2	17.8
<b>AUS</b>	<b>29,481.1</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>

**CHART 1: THROUGH YEAR GROWTH IN NOMINAL RETAIL TURNOVER - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**



**CHART 2: THROUGH YEAR PERCENTAGE POINT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROWTH IN NOMINAL RETAIL TURNOVER - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**



'Other' retailing includes: pharmacy and cosmetics, newspapers and books, stationery, flowers, toys and games, sport and camping equipment and entertainment media retailing

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