

SUMMARY

During the month of September 2023, retail turnover in **nominal** (current) prices:

- rose by 1.0% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (rose by 0.9% nationally).
- rose by 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (rose by 0.3% nationally).

In addition to the monthly release of nominal retail turnover data, the ABS has this month also released **chain volume** retail turnover data for the September quarter 2023. Chain volume ('real') data removes the effect of price movements, and therefore provides a measure of the volume of retail trade.

During the September quarter 2023, **real** retail turnover:

- fell by 0.8% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (rose by 0.2% nationally).
- fell by 0.2% in South Australia in trend terms (fell by 0.3% nationally).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

Nominal retail turnover (monthly)

During September 2023, seasonally adjusted nominal retail turnover in South Australia rose 1.0%, following a fall of 0.2% in the previous month. Nominal retail turnover rose 0.9% nationally during September.

Retail trade rose in all states and territories in September. Tasmania recorded the strongest rise in the month (up 1.8%), followed by New South Wales (up 1.3%), Victoria (up 1.2%), South Australia (up 1.0%), Queensland, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory (all up 0.5%), and Western Australia (up 0.1%) — see Table 1.

Compared to a year earlier, retail turnover was 3.5% higher in South Australia and 2.0% higher nationally in seasonally adjusted terms (3.1% higher in South Australia and 1.5% higher nationally in trend terms).

CHART 1: MONTHLY NOMINAL RETAIL TURNOVER - \$MILLION, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

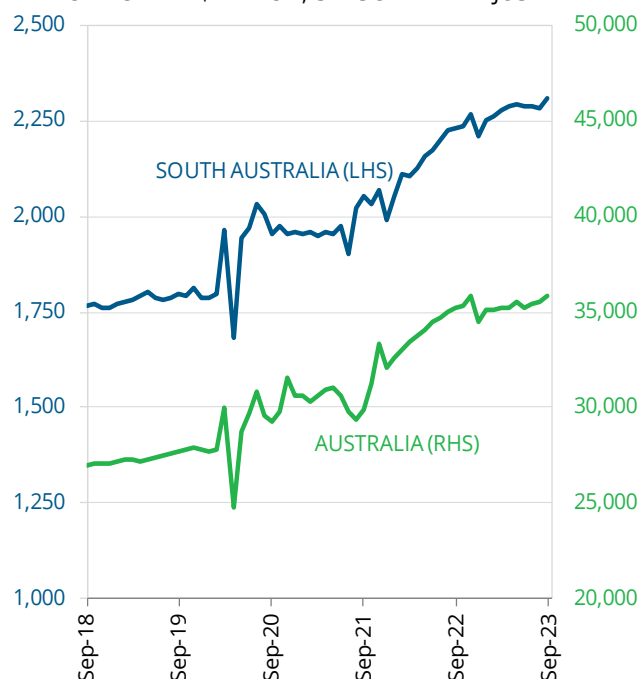


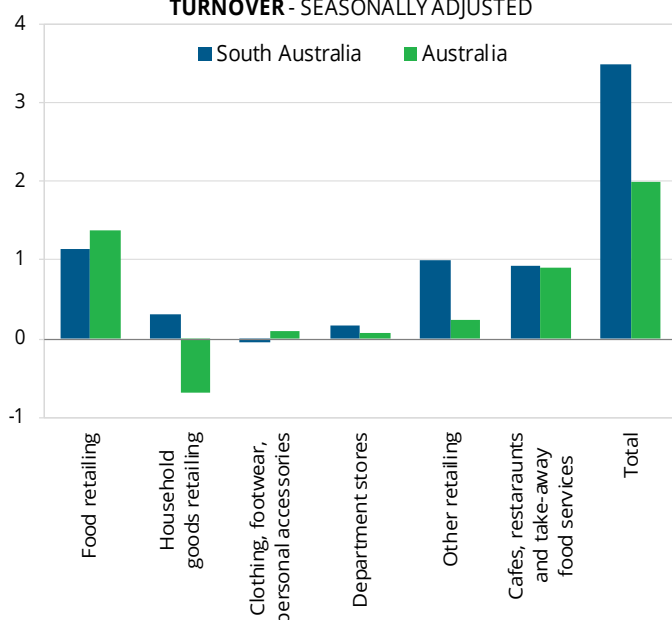
TABLE 1: Nominal Retail Turnover – Seasonally Adjusted

	Sep 23 (\$m)	Sep 23 v Aug 23 (% change)	Sep 23 v Sep 22 (% change)
NSW	11,278.4	1.3	1.7
VIC	9,292.9	1.2	3.0
QLD	7,284.6	0.5	0.2
SA	2,308.9	1.0	3.5
WA	3,999.0	0.1	3.0
TAS	706.3	1.8	0.9
NT	324.6	0.5	2.6
ACT	679.9	0.5	4.4
AUS	35,874.6	0.9	2.0

Through the year to September 2023, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for cafes, restaurants and take-away food services (up 8.5%), 'other' retailing* (up 6.4%), department stores retailing (up 2.9%), food retailing (up 2.6%), and household goods retailing (up 1.8%). Turnover in the year to September declined for clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (down 0.6%) — see Chart 2.

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

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



Real retail turnover (quarterly)

The 0.8% fall in South Australian seasonally adjusted real retail turnover in the September quarter followed a rise of 0.1% in the previous quarter. Nationally, real retail turnover rose by 0.2% in the quarter. In trend terms, real retail turnover fell 0.2% in South Australia in the September quarter and fell 0.3% nationally.

Compared with a year earlier, seasonally adjusted real retail turnover was 0.4% lower in South Australia and 1.7% lower nationally (0.3% higher in South Australia and 1.8% lower nationally in trend terms) — see Chart 3 and Table 2.

CHART 3: QUARTERLY REAL RETAIL TURNOVER - \$MILLION, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

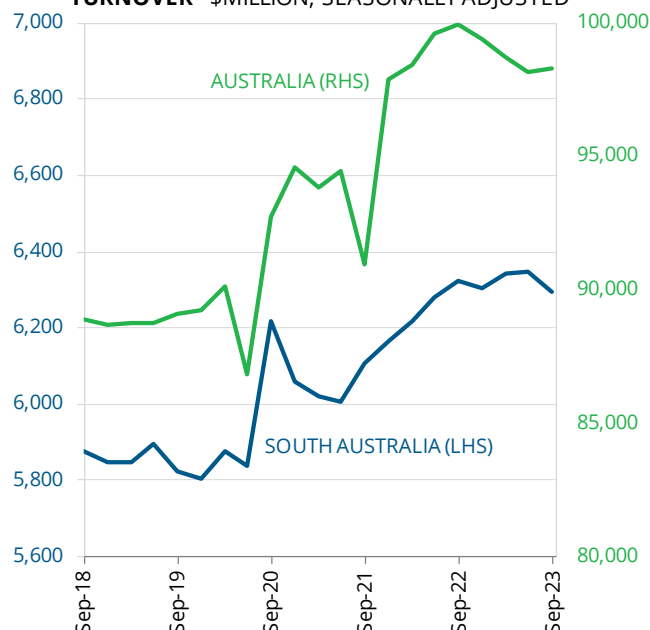


TABLE 2: Real Retail Turnover (seas. adj.) #

	Sep qtr 23 (\$m)	Sep qtr 23 v Jun qtr 23 (% change)	Sep qtr 23 v Sep qtr 22 (% change)
NSW	30,835.2	0.3	-2.1
VIC	25,477.3	0.7	-0.9
QLD	20,039.6	0.2	-3.1
SA	6,295.7	-0.8	-0.4
WA	10,979.5	-0.5	-0.4
TAS	1,930.3	-0.6	-3.0
NT	888.4	-0.3	-1.1
ACT	1,864.3	0.7	1.7
AUS	98,310.2	0.2	-1.7

Reference year for chain volume measures is 2021-22

Next release of [this ABS data](#) (formerly cat. no. 8501.0) is 4 December 2023.