

SUMMARY

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

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

FURTHER ANALYSIS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

During August, the Australian Capital Territory recorded the strongest rise in the month (up 0.6%), followed by Western Australia (up 0.5%), Victoria (up 0.3%) and Queensland (up 0.2%). Retail turnover in New South Wales remained unchanged, and falls were recorded in the Northern Territory (down 0.1%), South Australia (down 0.2%) and Tasmania (down 0.4%)—see Table 1.

Compared to a year earlier, retail turnover was 2.6% higher in South Australia and was 1.5% higher nationally.

Through the year to August 2023, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services (up 11%), 'other' retailing* (up 6.8%), clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (up 2.6%) and food retailing (up 1.4%). Decreases were recorded for department stores (down 1.3%) and household goods retailing (down 2.4%)—see Chart 2.

TABLE 1: Nominal Retail Turnover – Seasonally Adjusted

	Aug 23 (\$m)	Aug 23 v Jul 23 (% change)	Aug 23 v Aug 22 (% change)
NSW	11,093.5	0.0	0.6
VIC	9,149.0	0.3	1.9
QLD	7,240.5	0.2	0.3
SA	2,274.4	-0.2	2.6
WA	3,988.2	0.5	4.0
TAS	690.6	-0.4	-1.0
NT	320.6	-0.1	2.8
ACT	676.1	0.6	5.5
AUS	35,432.7	0.2	1.5

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

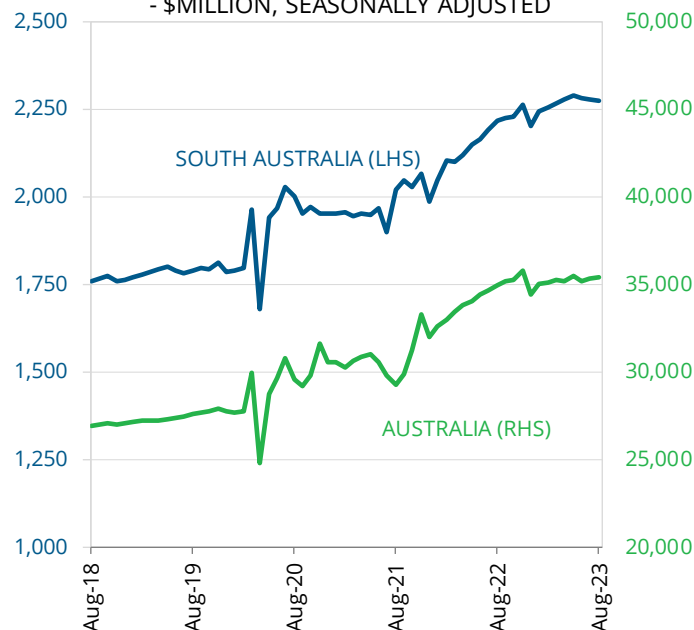
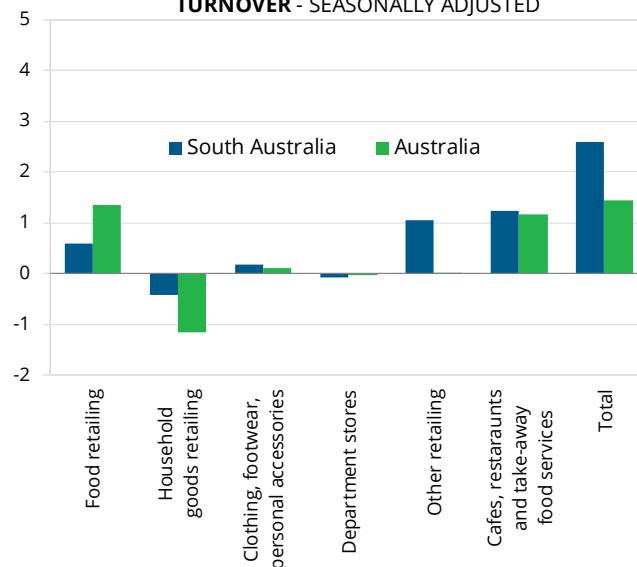


CHART 2: THROUGH YEAR PERCENTAGE POINT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROWTH IN NOMINAL RETAIL TURNOVER – SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



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

Note: Trend figures are unavailable for the period from March 2020 to June 2022; this brief focuses on seasonally adjusted data where a complete time series is available for comparison.

Next release of [this ABS data](#) (formerly cat. no. 8501.0) is 3 November 2023, containing both nominal (monthly) and real (quarterly) retail data.