RETAIL TRADE

SUMMARY

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

 rose by 0.4% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (rose by 0.7% nationally).

<u>Note</u>: The ABS has suspended the retail trend series since February 2020. It will be reinstated when more certainty emerges in the underlying trend in retail.

FURTHER ANALYSIS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

During May, Victoria recorded the strongest rise in the month (up 1.0%), followed by New South Wales (up 0.8%), Queensland and South Australia (both up 0.4%), Western Australia (up 0.2%). Retail turnover fell in Tasmania (down 0.1%)—see Table 1.

Compared to a year earlier, retail turnover was 6.5% higher in South Australia and 4.2% higher nationally.

Through the year to May 2023, increases in South Australian retail turnover were recorded for all categories, led by cafes, restaurants and take-away food services (up 17%), 'other' retailing* (up 11%), clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing (up 9.9%), food retailing (up 5.1%), department stores retailing (up 1.0%) and household goods retailing (up 0.2%) —see Chart 2.

TABLE 1: Nominal Retail Turnover – Seasonally Adjusted

	May 23 (\$m)	May 23 v Apr 23 (% change)	May 23 v May 22 (% change)
NSW	11,169.1	0.8	4.2
VIC	9,165.6	1.0	4.8
QLD	7,235.6	0.4	1.8
SA	2,294.4	0.4	6.5
WA	3,968.7	0.2	5.7
TAS	695.7	-0.1	1.7
AUS	35,524.7	0.7	4.2

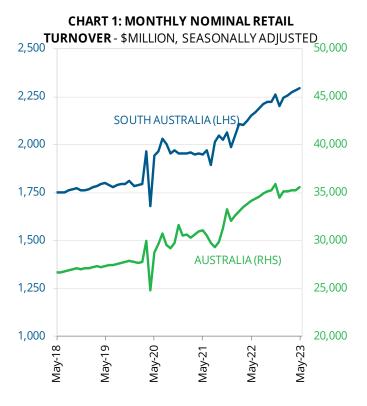
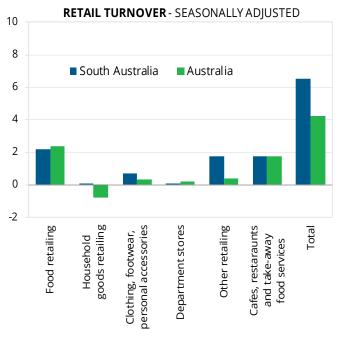


CHART 2: THROUGH YEAR PERCENTAGE POINT CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROWTH IN NOMINAL



^{*&#}x27;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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