

RESEARCH NOTE

RETAIL TRADE TREND ESTIMATE INCREASED BY 0.3 PER CENT IN JUNE 2018 AND BY 3.1 PER CENT YEAR-ON-YEAR

Friday, August 3 2018 - The latest release (June 2018) of the monthly ABS Retail Trade data indicates that the overall month-on-month (m-o-m) **trend** estimate increased by 0.3 per cent, down from (a revised) 0.4 per cent in the prior corresponding period (pcp). In **trend** terms, Retail Turnover increased by 3.1 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y), up from (a revised) 2.9 per cent in the pcp.

STATE OF PLAY

The adjacent table summarises the key data in **seasonally adjusted** terms across the six ABS retail categories. The strongest growth was recorded for 'Clothing, footwear and personal accessory' retailing on a m-o-m basis (1.7 per cent) and also a y-o-y basis (5.3 per cent). In **seasonally adjusted** terms, Retail Turnover increased by 0.4 per cent in the month of June 2018, equal to (a revised) 0.4 per cent in May 2018. On a y-o-y basis, Retail Turnover increased by 2.9 per cent, up from 2.5 per cent in the pcp.

TREND ANALYSIS: CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

The quarterly chain volume measure estimates the change in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated, reflecting changes in volume. In the quarter to June 2018, Chain Volume Measures increased by 1.2 per cent, up from 0.2 per cent in the pcp, whilst Retail Turnover increased by 1.4 per cent in the June 2018 quarter, up from 0.8 per cent in the pcp.

STATE BY STATE: BEST AND WORST

Retail turnover varies within the ABS defined six categories and across different jurisdictions. The adjacent map outlines and compares the total and growth of retail trade (y-o-y), and the best and worst retail growth categories.

The strongest jurisdictions in **seasonally adjusted** terms were Victoria (up 4.4 per cent to \$81.2 billion) followed by Tasmania (up 3.7 per cent to \$5.0 billion) and South Australia (up 3.2 per cent to \$20.8 billion), whilst Western Australia was the worst performing jurisdiction (down 0.2 per cent to \$34.0 billion). 'Food' retailing, which accounts for the largest proportion of Retail Turnover, and 'Other' retailing are driving growth in the South-East corner of Australia. Growth in 'Cafes, restaurants and takeaway services' retailing (up 3.6 per cent) in Western Australia was more than offset by a significant fall in 'Household goods' retailing (down 6.5 per cent), noting that these two categories are approximately the same size in dollar terms. Victoria was the only jurisdiction to record positive growth across all six ABS categories.

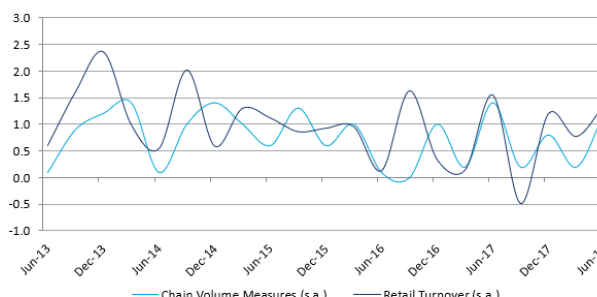
CATEGORIES	\$ billion	m-o-m	last 3 months	y-o-y
Food retailing	\$10.91	↑ 0.4%	↑ 1.1%	↑ 4.3%
Household goods retailing	\$4.65	↑ 0.4%	↑ 1.3%	↑ 0.6%
Clothing, footwear and personal accessory retailing	\$2.13	↑ 1.7%	↑ 3.3%	↑ 5.3%
Department stores	\$1.58	↓ -1.2%	↑ 2.0%	↑ 1.8%
Other retailing	\$3.77	↑ 0.0%	↑ 0.9%	↑ 1.3%
Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services	\$3.79	↑ 0.9%	↑ 1.3%	↑ 2.4%
Retail Turnover	\$26.81	↑ 0.4%	↑ 1.4%	↑ 2.9%

Source: ABS (Cat 8501.0) / SCCA Research

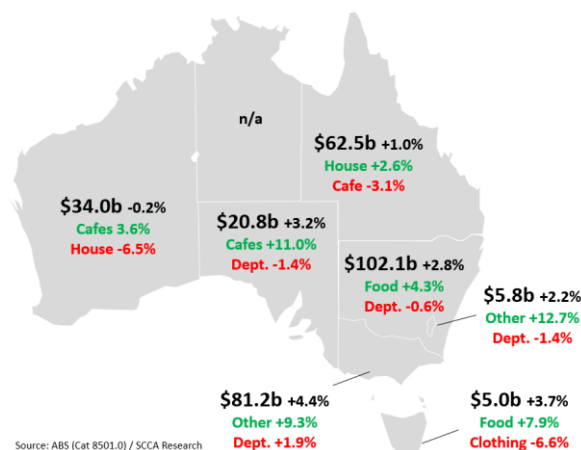
*Seasonally Adjusted

ABS Retail Turnover - Seasonally Adjusted

Quarterly Growth in Chain Volume Measures vs. Retail Turnover (%)



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