



Retail trade turnover was flat in March 2019

ACT (seasonally adjusted¹)

The value of retail trade turnover was unchanged in March 2019. Through the year² to March 2019, the value of retail trade turnover increased by 3.7 per cent.

National (seasonally adjusted)

The value of retail trade turnover increased by 0.3 per cent in March 2019. Through the year to March 2019, the value of retail trade turnover increased by 3.5 per cent.

Retail Trade Turnover, Seasonally Adjusted, March 2019

	Value (\$m)	Change (%)	
		Monthly	tty ²
ACT	506	0.0	3.7
Australia	27,368	0.3	3.5

Source: ABS Cat. No. 8501.0

Commentary

Retail trade turnover in the ACT in **March 2019** was relatively unchanged. *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory* increased by 2.4 per cent contributing 0.2 of a percentage point to overall growth. This was followed by a 1.6 per cent increase in *Department stores* (contributing 0.1 of a percentage point), a 1.1 per cent increase in *Other retailing* (contributing 0.1 of a percentage point) and a 0.6 per cent increase in *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* (contributing 0.1 of a percentage point).

These increases were fully offset by a 1.8 per cent decrease in *Household goods* (detracting 0.3 of a percentage point from overall growth) and a 0.3 per cent decrease in *Food retailing* (detracting 0.1 of a percentage point).

Through the year growth in the ACT's retail trade turnover has been positive for over four and a half years. The ACT's result of a 3.7 per cent increase through the year to March 2019 was the third strongest growth of all jurisdictions, behind Queensland (up 5.3 per cent) and Victoria (up 4.7 per cent). The Northern Territory (down 1.3 per cent) was the only jurisdiction to record a decrease in retail trade turnover through the year to March 2019.

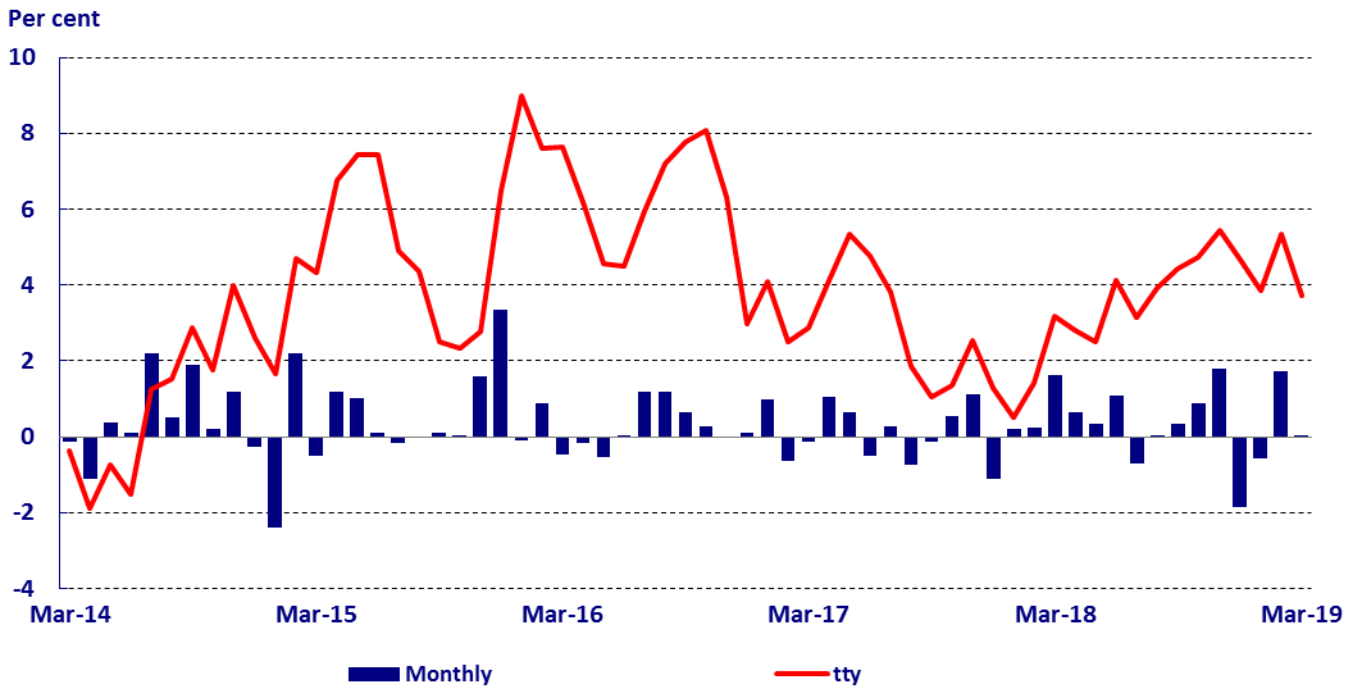
This 3.7 per cent through the year increase in retail trade turnover in the ACT was as a result of a 5.0 per cent increase in *Food Retailing* (contributing 2.1 percentage points to overall growth), followed by a 6.5 per cent increase in *Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services* (contributing 0.9 of a percentage point), a 2.3 per cent increase in *Household goods* (contributing 0.4 of a percentage point), a 2.9 per cent increase in *Clothing, footwear and personal accessory* (contributing 0.2 of a percentage point) and a 2.3 per cent increase in *Department stores* (contributing 0.1 of a percentage point).

These increases were partially offset by a 0.9 per cent decrease in *Other retailing* (detracting 0.1 of a percentage point) from overall growth.

¹ Seasonally adjusted data takes into account calendar effects so that the effects of other influences on the series may be clearly recognised.

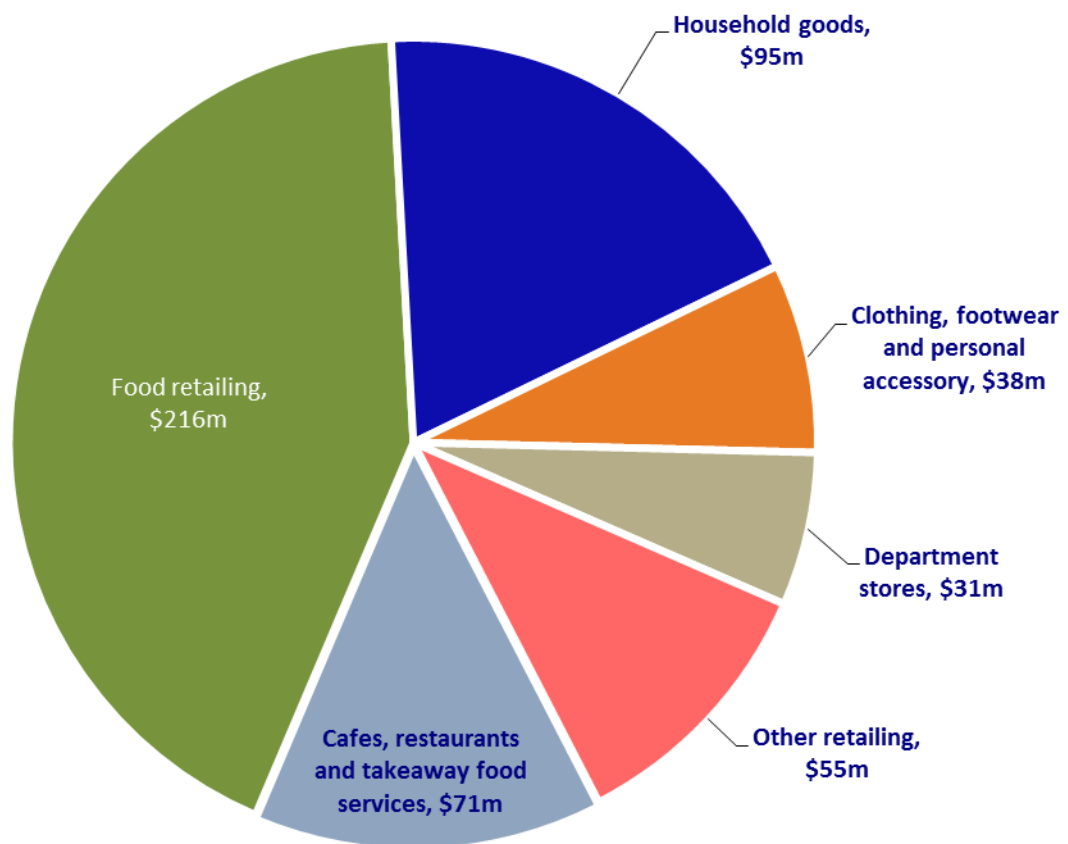
² Through the year (tty) is the percentage change from the same period in the previous year.

Growth in ACT Retail Trade Turnover, Seasonally Adjusted



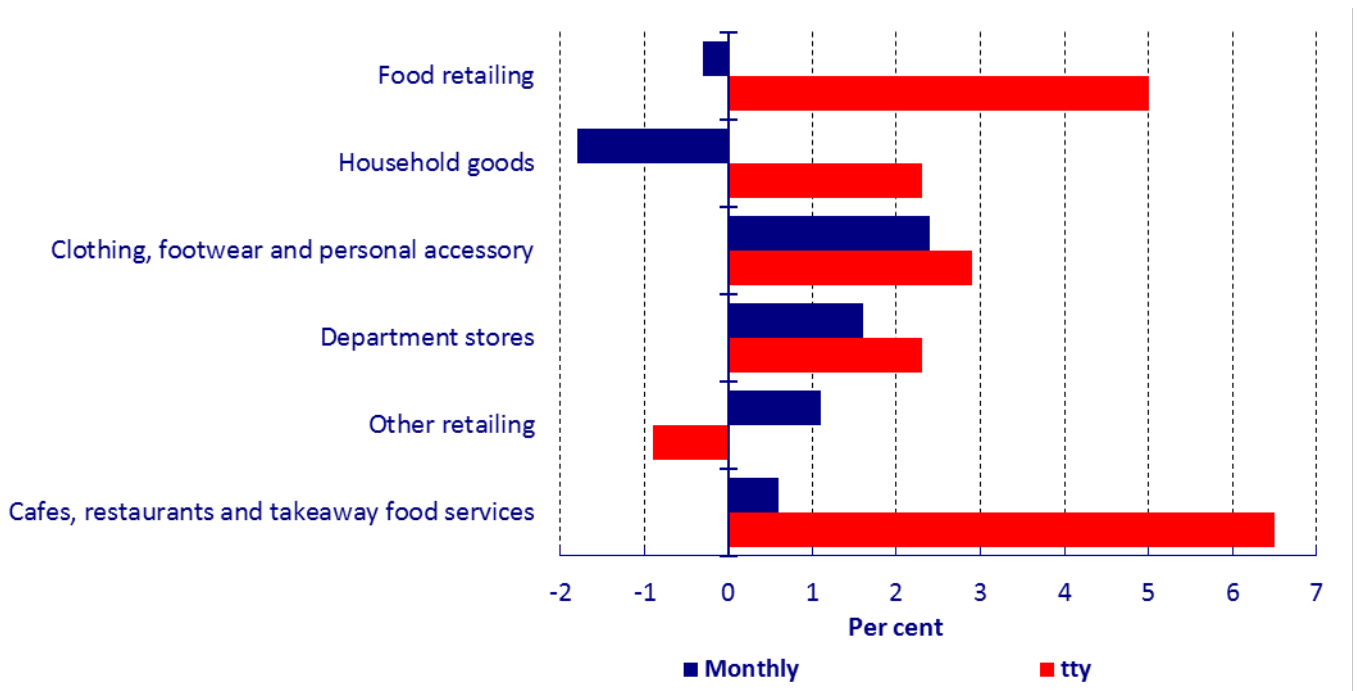
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Retail Trade Turnover (ACT) by Industry Sector, Seasonally Adjusted, March 2019



Source: ABS Cat. No. 8501.0.

Growth in Retail Trade Turnover (ACT) by Industry Sector, Seasonally Adjusted, March 2019

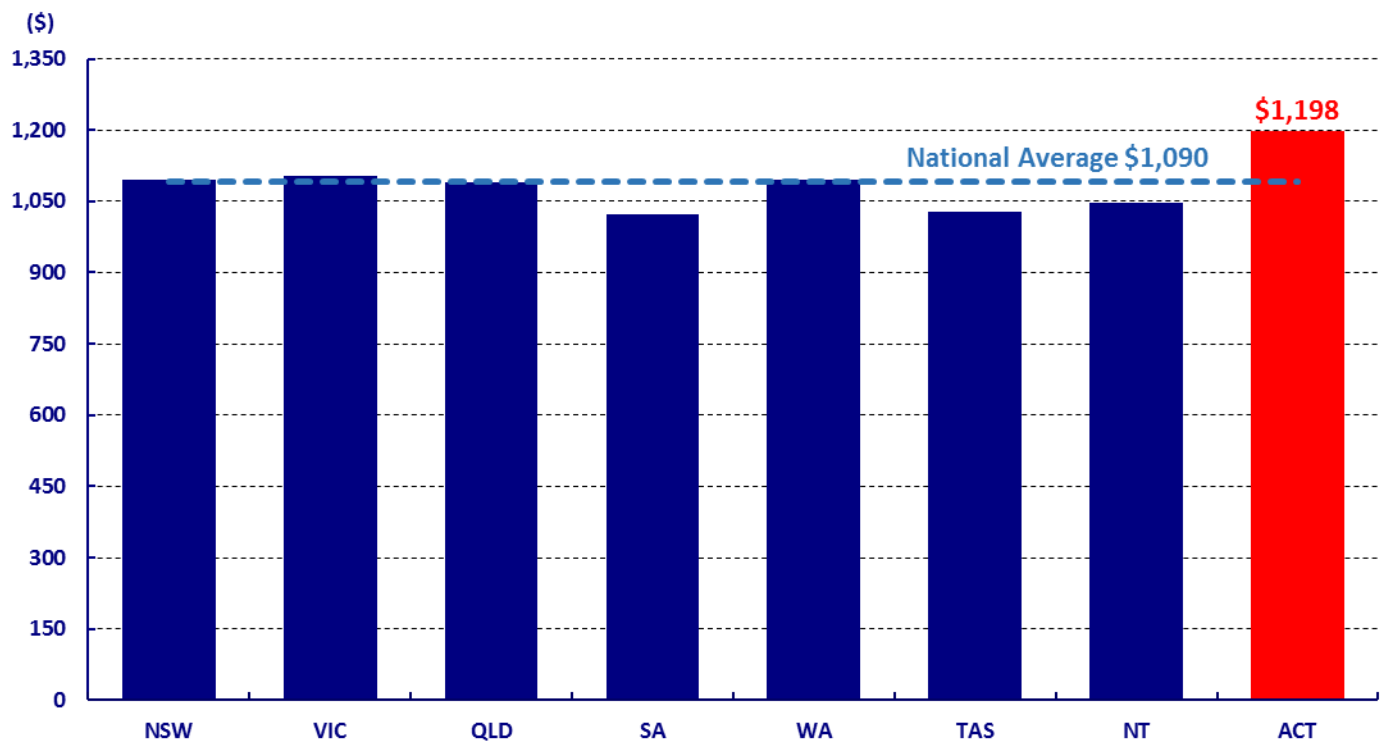


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Retail Trade Turnover per capita

In March 2019, retail trade turnover per capita in the ACT was \$1,198, the highest of any state and territory. The national average retail trade turnover per capita was \$1,090 for the month.

Retail Trade Turnover per capita by State/Territory, Seasonally Adjusted, March 2019



Source: ACT Treasury calculation based on ABS Cat. No. 3101.0 and 8501.0.

Note: Retail trade turnover per capita is calculated by dividing the estimate of retail trade turnover (ABS Cat No. 8501.0) by the latest estimated resident population (ABS Cat No. 3101.0).

Retail Trade – March Quarter 2019

Real value of retail trade turnover decreased in the March Quarter 2019

ACT (chain volume measures³ – seasonally adjusted)

The quarterly *real value* of retail trade turnover decreased by 0.9 per cent in the March quarter 2019. Through the year² to the March quarter 2019, the quarterly real value of retail trade turnover increased by 1.5 per cent.

National (chain volume measures – seasonally adjusted)

The quarterly *real value* of retail trade turnover decreased by 0.1 per cent in the March quarter 2019. Through the year to the March quarter 2019, the quarterly real value of retail trade turnover increased by 1.1 per cent.

Retail Trade Turnover, Seasonally Adjusted, March Quarter 2019

	Real Value	Change (%)	
	(\$m)	Quarter	tty ²
ACT	1,468	-0.9	1.5
Australia	79,956	-0.1	1.1

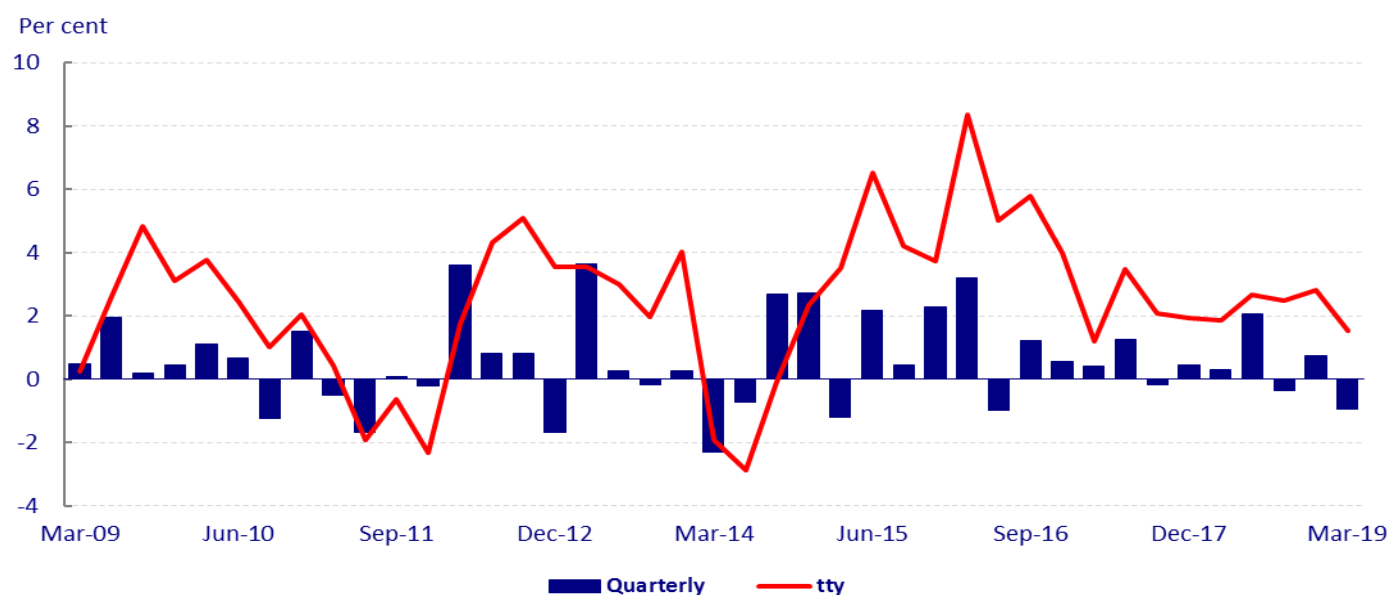
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Commentary

The 0.9 per cent decrease in quarterly real value of retail trade turnover in the **March quarter 2019** was the second largest decline of all jurisdictions. All jurisdictions, except New South Wales (up 0.6 per cent), recorded a decrease in quarterly real value of retail trade turnover.

Through the year to the March quarter 2019, quarterly real value of retail trade turnover increased by 1.5 per cent in the ACT, the fourth strongest growth rate, behind Victoria (up 2.3 per cent), Tasmania (up 1.7 per cent) and Queensland (up 1.5 per cent).

Growth in ACT Retail Trade Turnover, Real Value, Seasonally Adjusted



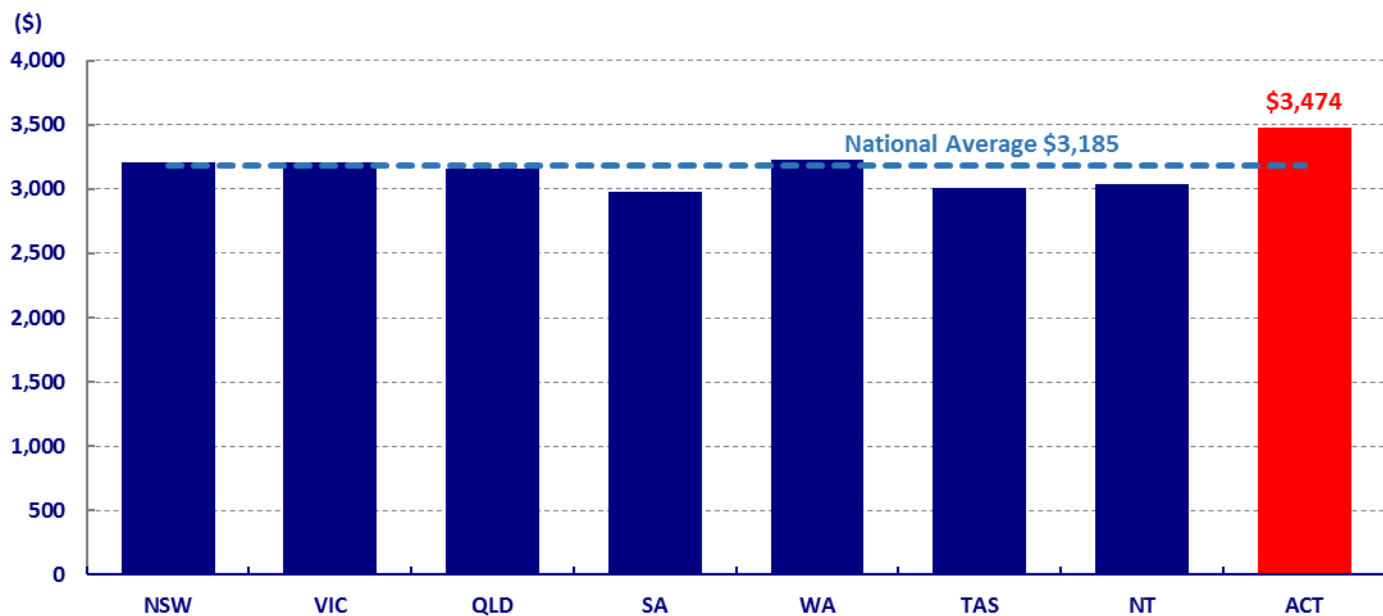
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³Chain volume measures changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated and hence only reflect volume changes; reference year 2016-17.

Quarterly Retail Trade Turnover per Capita, Real Value, Seasonally Adjusted

The estimated real retail trade turnover per capita in the ACT increased by 0.8 per cent through the year to the March quarter 2019 to \$3,474. This is 9.1 per cent higher than the national average of \$3,185, which increased by 0.3 per cent over the same period.

Retail Trade Turnover per Capita by State/Territory, Real Value, Seasonally Adjusted, March Quarter 2019



Source: ACT Treasury estimations based on ABS Cat. No. 3101.0 and 8501.0. Reference year for chain volume measure (real value) is 2016-17.

Note: Retail trade turnover per capita is calculated by dividing the estimate of real retail trade turnover (ABS Cat No. 8501.0) by the latest estimated resident population (ABS Cat No. 3101.0).