

EMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms in June:

- Total **employment** in South Australia rose by 2,000 (0.2%), following a rise of 0.3% in May — see Chart 1. Full-time employment fell by 3,100 while part-time employment rose by 5,100.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 76,300 (0.5%). Full-time employment rose by 29,300 and part-time employment rose by 47,000.

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 1.3% for South Australia and 1.7% nationally.

In **trend** terms in June:

- Total employment in South Australia marginally rose by 300. Full-time employment marginally rose by 400 while part-time employment marginally fell by 100.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 32,300 (0.2%). Full-time employment rose by 18,200 and part-time employment rose by 14,100.

Through the year trend employment grew by 1.3% for South Australia but grew by 1.6% nationally.

UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's **unemployment rate** rose from 4.2% in May to 4.3% in June. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged from 4.4% in May — see Table 1 and Chart 2.

In trend terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged from 4.2% in May. Nationally, the unemployment rate also remained unchanged from 4.4% in May.

Table 1: **Unemployment rates**
(%) (seas. adj.)

	Last year Jun-25	Last month May-26	Latest month Jun-26
NSW	4.4	4.3	4.0
VIC	4.5	4.9	5.1
QLD	4.0	3.7	4.3
SA	4.3	4.2	4.3
WA	4.1	4.6	4.2
TAS	3.9	5.3	4.9
AUS	4.3	4.4	4.4

*The ABS notes seasonally adjusted estimates for NT and ACT are not available.

Chart 1: **Total employment** (millions)

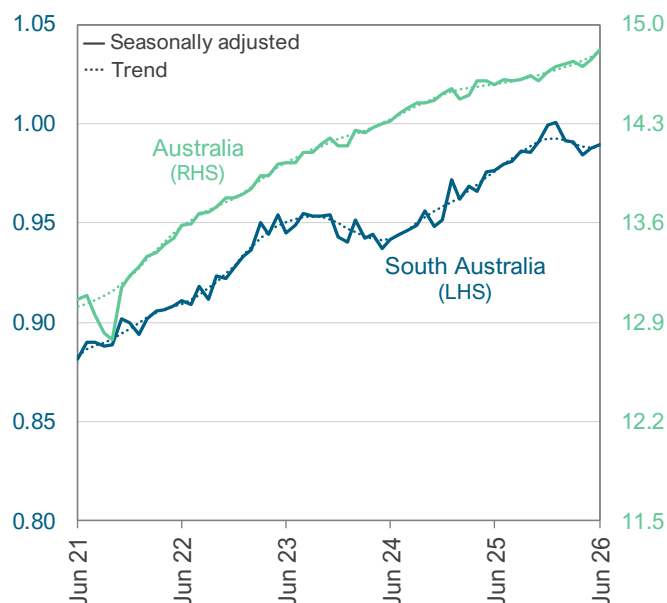
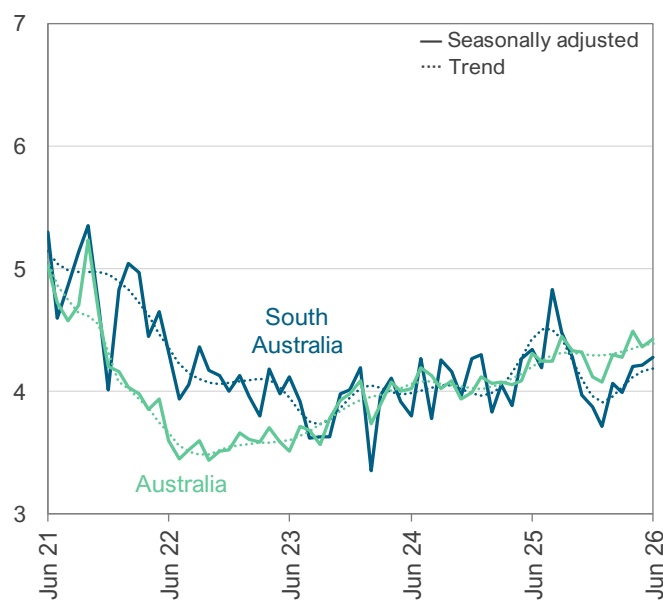


Chart 2: **Unemployment rates** (%)



UNDEREMPLOYMENT

Underemployed workers are those who are employed part-time and who want, and are available for, more hours of work than they currently have.

The **seasonally adjusted** underemployment rate in South Australia was 6.7% in June. As a result the overall labour force **underutilisation** rate was 11.0% in June, up from 10.6% a year earlier. In June, the national underutilisation rate was 10.9%.

Note: Youth employment figures are temporarily unavailable due to the ABS placing the table on hold.

PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian **participation rate** rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 64.3% in June. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.3 of a percentage point to 67.0%.

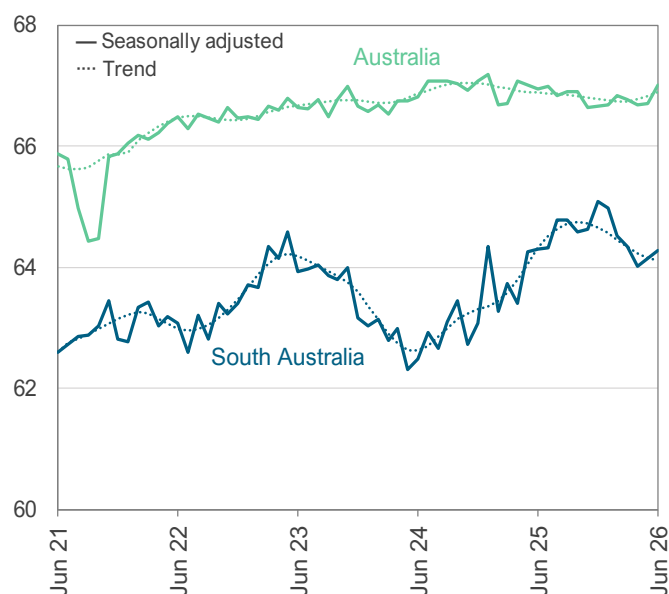
In trend terms, the participation rate in South Australia fell from 64.2% in May to 64.1% in June. Nationally, the participation rate rose from 66.8% in May to 66.9% in June — see Chart 3.

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to June 2026 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.3pp) and 25-34 year olds (up 2.2pp) — see Table 2.

Table 2: **Participation by Age Group, South Australia**
(Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Jun 25	Yr to Jun 26	Jun 25 vs Jun 26 (pp.)
15-24	71.8	74.1	2.3
25-34	85.6	87.8	2.2
35-44	85.4	86.8	1.4
45-54	84.6	85.9	1.3
55-64	66.9	68.7	1.8
65-74	23.8	24.4	0.7
75+	5.1	4.1	-1.0

Chart 3: **Participation rates (%)**

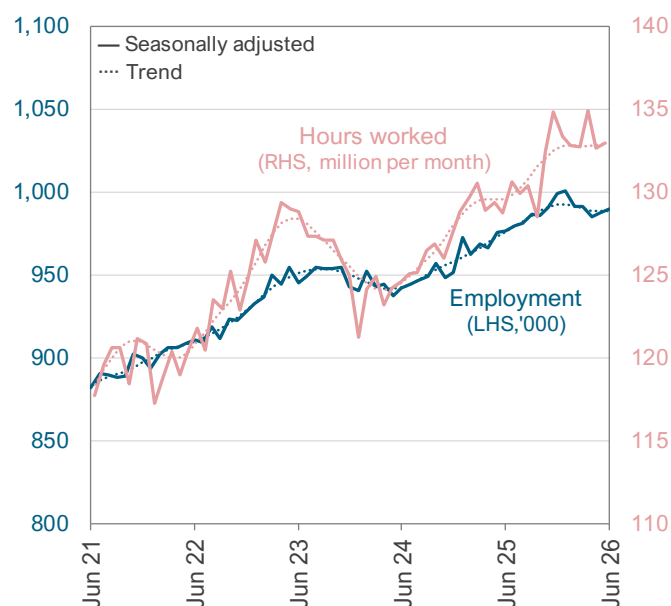


HOURS WORKED

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.2% in South Australia in June and were 3.3% higher than a year earlier — see Chart 4.

Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 1.8% through the year to June.

Chart 4: **Employment and hours worked, South Australia**



Next release of *ABS Labour Force, Australia* is 20 August 2026.

TABLE A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	1021.3	1,031.1	1,031.6	+0.5	0.0%	+10.3	1.0%
Participation rate (%)	64.3	64.2	64.1		0.0pp		-0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	976.1	988.1	988.4	+0.3	0.0%	+12.3	1.3%
Full-time employment ('000)	639.9	653.6	654.0	+0.4	0.1%	+14.1	2.2%
Part-time employment ('000)	336.2	334.5	334.4	-0.1	0.0%	-1.8	-0.5%
Unemployment ('000)	45.2	43.0	43.2	+0.2	0.4%	-2.0	-4.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	4.2	4.2		0.0pp		-0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.6	10.7	10.7		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total hours worked (million)	129.5	132.8	132.9		0.1%		2.6%

AUSTRALIA	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	15,216.2	15,451.6	15,488.2	+36.6	0.2%	+272.0	1.8%
Participation rate (%)	66.9	66.8	66.9		0.1pp		0.0pp
Total employment ('000)	14,576.6	14,775.1	14,807.4	+32.3	0.2%	+230.8	1.6%
Full-time employment ('000)	10,053.3	10,157.8	10,176.0	+18.2	0.2%	+122.7	1.2%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,523.3	4,617.3	4,631.4	+14.1	0.3%	+108.1	2.4%
Unemployment ('000)	639.6	676.5	680.8	+4.3	0.6%	+41.2	6.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	4.4	4.4		0.0pp		0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.1	10.6	10.7		0.1pp		0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,979.7	2,014.4	2,015.1		0.0%		1.8%

TABLE A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	1021.0	1,031.0	1,033.8	+2.8	0.3%	+12.9	1.3%
Participation rate (%)	64.3	64.2	64.3		0.1pp		0.0pp
Total employment ('000)	976.5	987.5	989.5	+2.0	0.2%	+13.0	1.3%
Full-time employment ('000)	637.9	655.2	652.1	-3.1	-0.5%	+14.2	2.2%
Part-time employment ('000)	338.7	332.3	337.4	+5.1	1.5%	-1.2	-0.4%
Unemployment ('000)	44.4	43.5	44.3	+0.8	1.8%	-0.1	-0.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	4.2	4.3		0.1pp		-0.1pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.6	10.7	11.0		0.2pp		0.3pp
Total hours worked (million)	128.7	132.6	132.9		0.2%		3.3%

AUSTRALIA	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	15,227.9	15,421.1	15,510.1	+89.1	0.6%	+282.2	1.9%
Participation rate (%)	67.0	66.7	67.0		0.3pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	14,571.3	14,746.9	14,823.3	+76.3	0.5%	+252.0	1.7%
Full-time employment ('000)	10,034.3	10,144.2	10,173.5	+29.3	0.3%	+139.2	1.4%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,536.9	4,602.7	4,649.8	+47.0	1.0%	+112.8	2.5%
Unemployment ('000)	656.7	674.1	686.8	+12.7	1.9%	+30.2	4.6%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	4.4	4.4		0.1pp		0.1pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.2	10.7	10.9		0.3pp		0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,978.5	2,009.4	2,014.3		0.2%		1.8%

pp represents percentage points; totals may not reconcile due to rounding