

SUMMARY

During January, total [employment](#):

- fell 1.4% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%).

During January, the [unemployment rate](#):

- was 7.1% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (6.4% nationally).

Note: Due to the impacts of COVID-19 on the labour market, the ABS has suspended the trend series from April 2020 onwards until further notice.

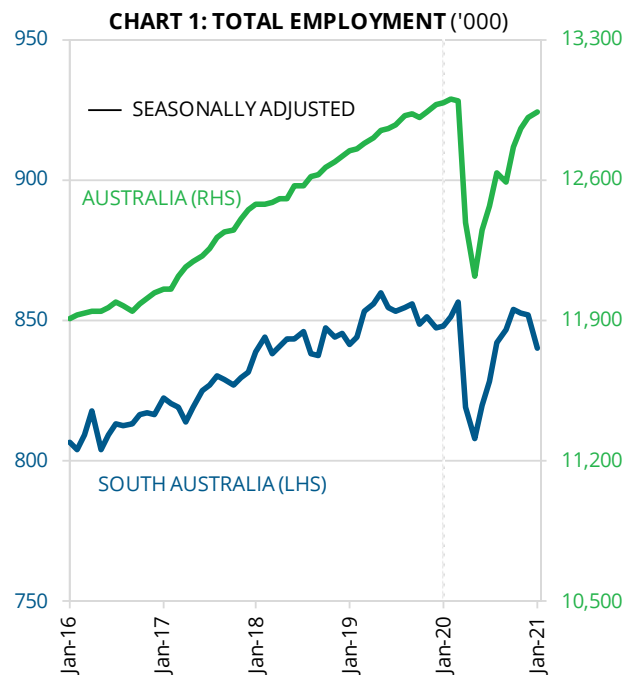
FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

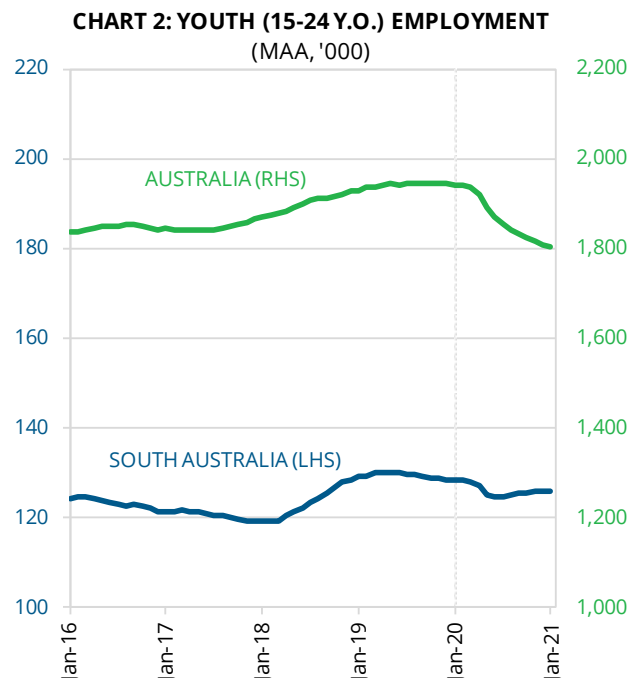
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 12,200 (1.4%) and rose by 29,100 (0.2%) nationally, in January—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 6,700 (1.2%) and part-time employment fell by 5,500 (1.9%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 59,000 (0.7%) and part-time employment fell by 29,800 (0.7%).

Seasonally adjusted employment was 1.0% lower [through the year \(compared to a year earlier\)](#) for South Australia and 0.4% lower nationally.



In the year to January, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 2.1% lower than a year earlier and 7.1% lower nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

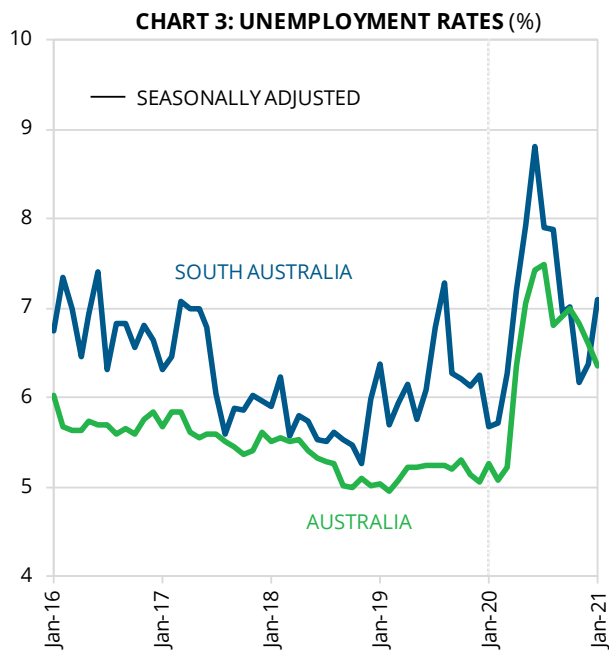


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia rose from 6.4% in December to 7.1% in January. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 6.6% in December to 6.4% in January—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (%)

	Jan-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
NSW	4.5	6.4	6.0
VIC	5.3	6.5	6.3
QLD	6.2	7.5	7.0
SA	5.7	6.4	7.1
WA	5.7	6.2	6.2
TAS	5.8	7.0	5.9
AUS	5.3	6.6	6.4



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 15.0% in the year to January, up from 14.0% a year earlier and above the 14.4% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

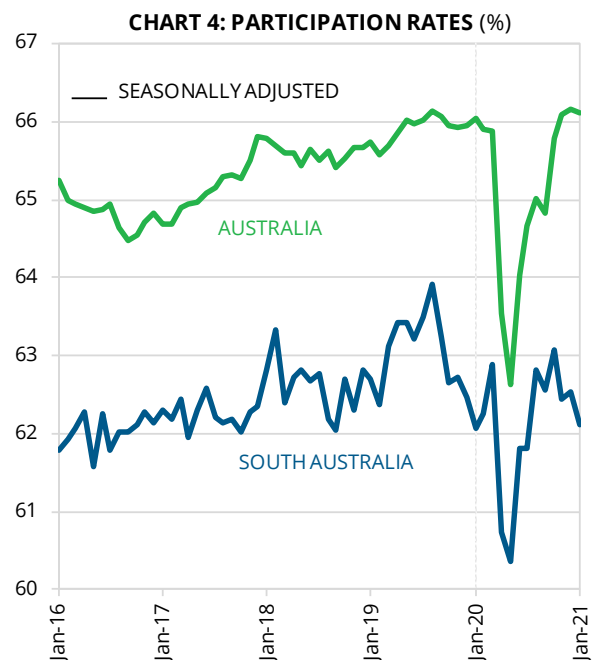
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 8.3% in January. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force **underutilisation** rate was 15.4% in January, down from 15.6% a year earlier. In January, the national underutilisation rate was 14.5%.

PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia fell 0.4 of a percentage point to be 62.1% in January. Nationally, the participation rate fell from 66.2% in December to 66.1% in January—see Chart 4.



HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, the only age group that experienced an increase in participation in the year to December 2020 was the 25-34 year olds (up 0.3pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 65-74 year olds (down 3.8pp) and 75+ year olds (down 0.7pp) —see Table 2.

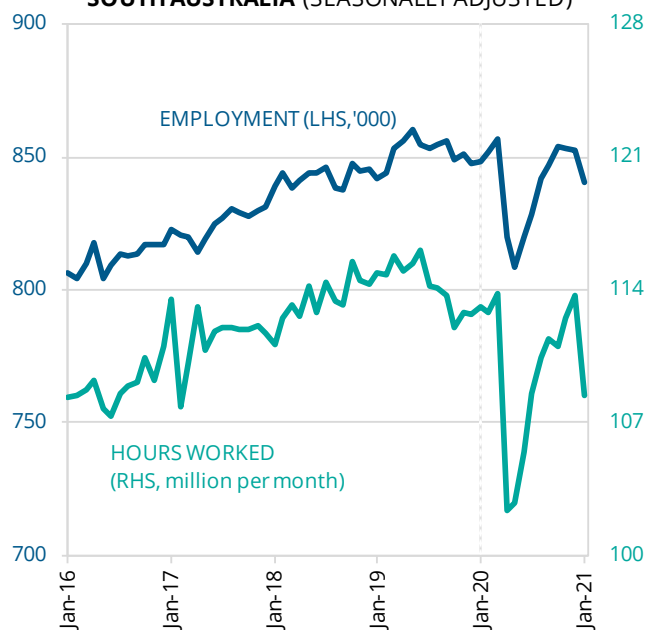
Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Dec 19	Yr to Dec 20	Dec 19 vs Dec 20 (pp.)
15-24	68.9	68.5	-0.4
25-34	82.7	83.0	0.3
35-44	86.3	86.0	-0.3
45-54	82.9	82.9	0.0
55-64	66.8	66.2	-0.6
65-74	23.2	19.5	-3.8
75+	2.9	2.2	-0.7

Note: The breakdown of participation by age group is published on the Thursday following the main release. The age breakdowns of participation reported in this brief reflect annual average rates up to the previous month.

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 4.6% in South Australia in January and were 4.1% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs were 5.7% lower through the year to January.

CHART 5: EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS WORKED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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Table 3: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Jan-20</i>	<i>Dec-20</i>	Jan-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	899.5	910.4	904.4	-6.1	-0.7%	+4.9	0.5%
Participation rate (%)	62.1	62.5	62.1		-0.4pp		0.0pp
Total employment ('000)	848.5	852.4	840.2	-12.2	-1.4%	-8.2	-1.0%
Full-time employment ('000)	544.8	555.4	548.8	-6.7	-1.2%	+4.0	0.7%
Part-time employment ('000)	303.7	297.0	291.5	-5.5	-1.9%	-12.2	-4.0%
Unemployment ('000)	51.0	58.0	64.1	+6.1	10.5%	+13.1	25.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	6.4	7.1		0.7pp		1.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	15.6	16.7	15.4		-1.3pp		-0.2pp
Total hours worked (million)	113.1	113.6	108.5		-4.6%		-4.1%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Jan-20</i>	<i>Dec-20</i>	Jan-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13707.1	13822.8	13817.5	-5.2	0.0%	+110.4	0.8%
Participation rate (%)	66.1	66.2	66.1		-0.1pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	12,985.5	12,910.8	12,939.9	+29.1	0.2%	-45.6	-0.4%
Full-time employment ('000)	8,883.3	8,761.4	8,820.4	+59.0	0.7%	-62.9	-0.7%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,102.2	4,149.3	4,119.5	-29.8	-0.7%	+17.3	0.4%
Unemployment ('000)	721.6	912.0	877.6	-34.3	-3.8%	+156.0	21.6%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	6.6	6.4		-0.2pp		1.1pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	13.8	15.1	14.5		-0.6pp		0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,767.5	1,753.2	1,667.2		-4.9%		-5.7%

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