

## SUMMARY

During November, total [employment](#):

- fell 0.1% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.7%).

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

- was 6.2% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (6.8% 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.

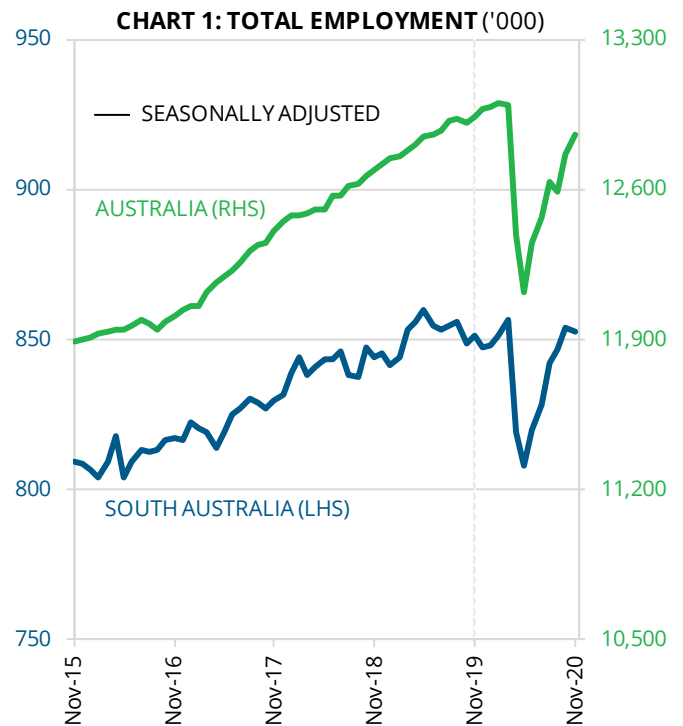
## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

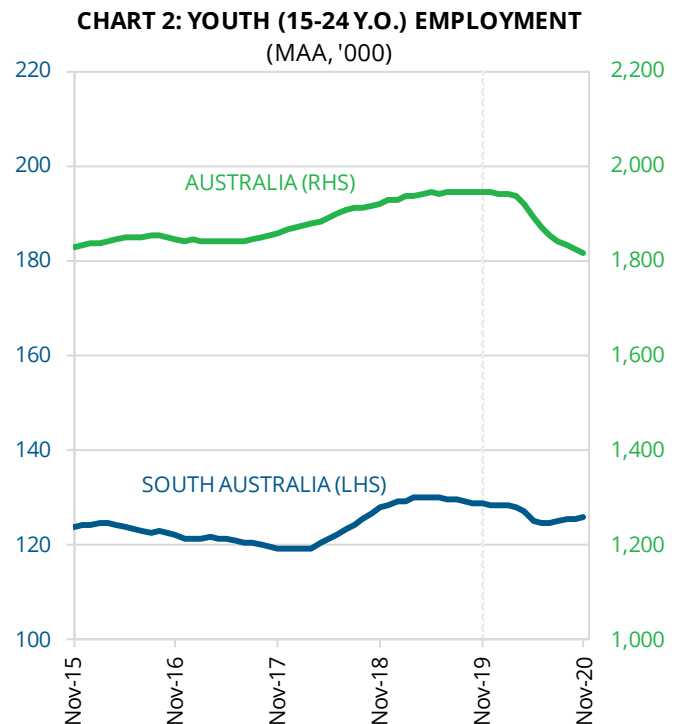
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 900 (0.1%) and rose by 90,000 (0.7%) nationally, in November—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 3,800 (0.7%) and part-time employment rose by 2,900 (1.0%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 84,200 (1.0%) and part-time employment rose by 5,800 (0.1%).

Seasonally adjusted employment was 0.2% higher [through the year \(compared to a year earlier\)](#) for South Australia and 0.6% lower nationally.



In the year to November, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 2.1% lower than a year earlier and 6.5% lower nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

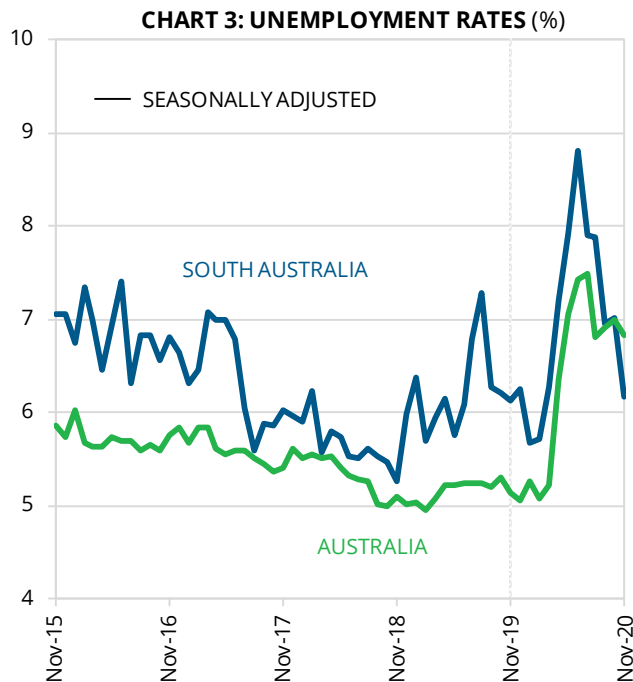


## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 7.0% in October to 6.2% in November. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 7.0% in October to 6.8% in November—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

**Table 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (%)**

	Nov-19	Oct-20	Nov-20
NSW	4.6	6.5	6.5
VIC	4.5	7.4	7.1
QLD	6.3	7.7	7.7
<b>SA</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>
WA	5.7	6.6	6.4
TAS	6.0	8.2	7.9
<b>AUS</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 14.4% in the year to November, up from 14.1% a year earlier and above the 14.0% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

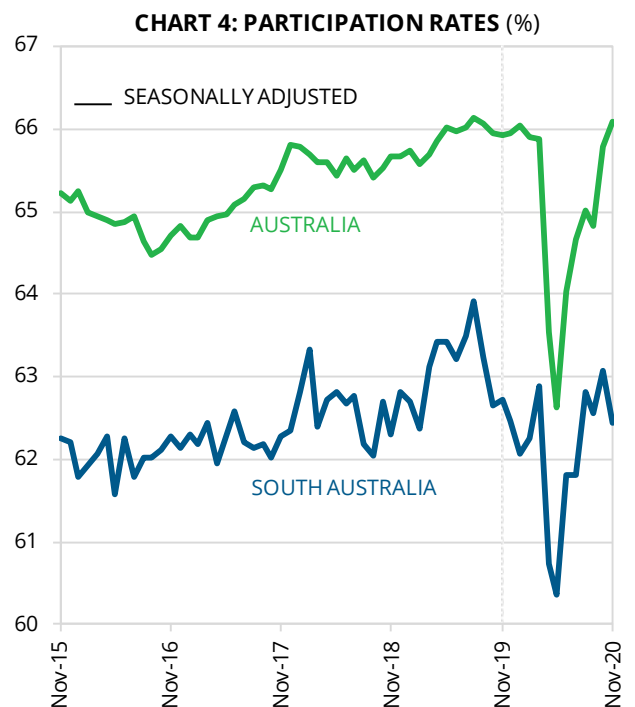
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 10.7% in November. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force underutilisation rate was 16.8% in November, up from 15.5% a year earlier. In November, the national underutilisation rate was 16.2%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the participation rate in South Australia fell 0.6 of a percentage point to be 62.5% in November. Nationally, the participation rate rose from 65.8% in October to 66.1% in November—see Chart 4.



## HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, the age group that experienced the largest increase in participation in the year to October 2020 was 45-54 year olds (up 0.5pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 65-74 year olds (down 2.7pp) and 55-64 year olds (down 1.0pp) —see Table 2.

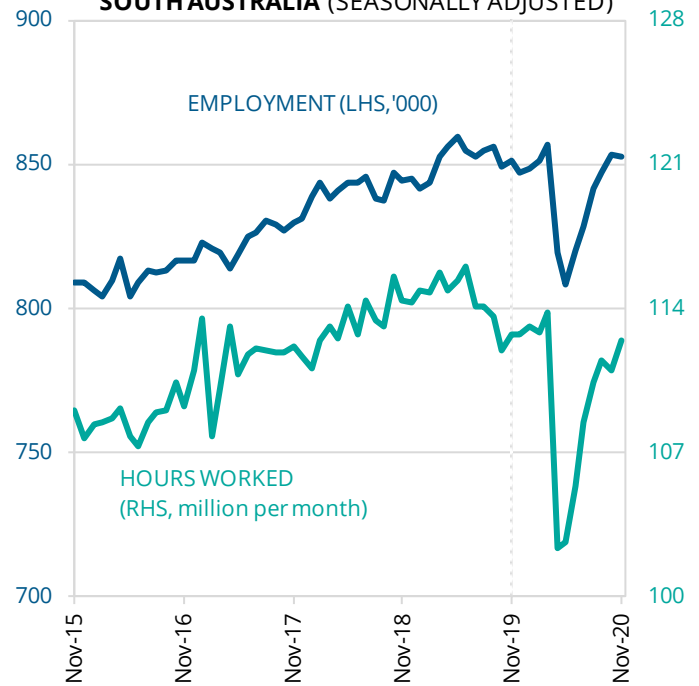
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 1.3% in South Australia in November but were 0.3% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs were 1.2% lower through the year to November.

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

	Yr to Oct 19	Yr to Oct 20	Oct 19 vs Oct 20 (pp.)
15-24	69.0	68.1	-0.9
25-34	83.1	82.7	-0.4
35-44	86.0	86.0	0.0
45-54	82.7	83.1	0.5
55-64	67.1	66.0	-1.0
65-74	22.6	19.9	-2.7
75+	2.9	2.4	-0.5

**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.

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



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**Table 3: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted**

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Nov-19</i>	<i>Oct-20</i>	<b>Nov-20</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	907.0	918.1	<b>909.1</b>	-9.1	-1.0%	+2.1	0.2%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	62.7	63.1	<b>62.5</b>		-0.6pp		-0.3pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	851.4	853.8	<b>852.9</b>	-0.9	-0.1%	+1.6	0.2%
<b>Full-time</b> employment ('000)	545.0	550.4	<b>546.6</b>	-3.8	-0.7%	+1.6	0.3%
<b>Part-time</b> employment ('000)	306.3	303.4	<b>306.3</b>	+2.9	1.0%	-0.0	0.0%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	55.6	64.3	<b>56.1</b>	-8.2	-12.8%	+0.5	0.9%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	6.1	7.0	<b>6.2</b>		-0.8pp		0.0pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	15.5	17.0	<b>16.8</b>		-0.2pp		1.4pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	112.8	111.0	<b>112.5</b>		1.3%		-0.3%
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<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Nov-19</i>	<i>Oct-20</i>	<b>Nov-20</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	13645.3	13730.1	<b>13802.8</b>	+72.7	0.5%	+157.6	1.2%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	65.9	65.8	<b>66.1</b>		0.3pp		0.2pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	12,943.9	12,770.7	<b>12,860.7</b>	+90.0	0.7%	-83.1	-0.6%
<b>Full-time</b> employment ('000)	8,836.6	8,641.5	<b>8,725.7</b>	+84.2	1.0%	-110.9	-1.3%
<b>Part-time</b> employment ('000)	4,107.3	4,129.3	<b>4,135.0</b>	+5.8	0.1%	+27.8	0.7%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	701.4	959.4	<b>942.1</b>	-17.3	-1.8%	+240.7	34.3%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	5.1	7.0	<b>6.8</b>		-0.2pp		1.7pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	13.5	17.4	<b>16.2</b>		-1.2pp		2.7pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	1,773.1	1,708.7	<b>1,751.5</b>		2.5%		-1.2%

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