

SUMMARY

During April, total [employment](#):

- rose 1.8% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment fell 0.2%).

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

- was 5.7% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (5.5% 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.

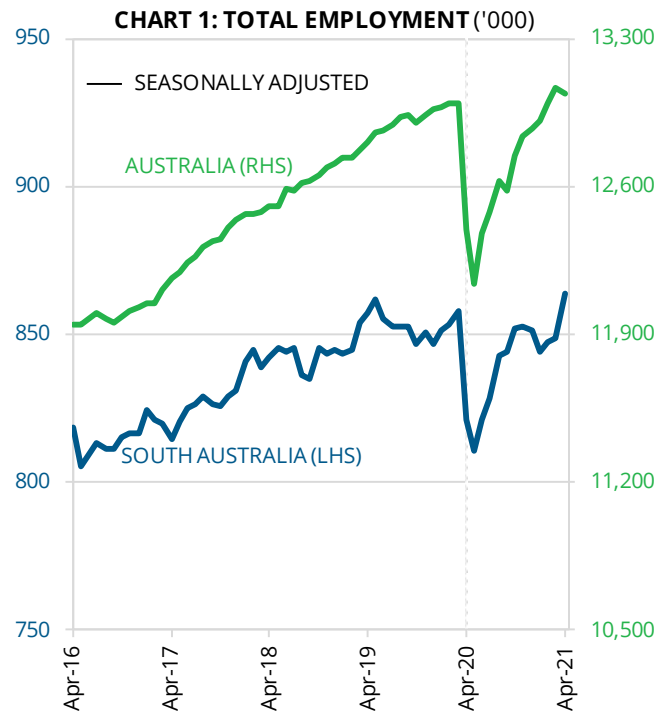
FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

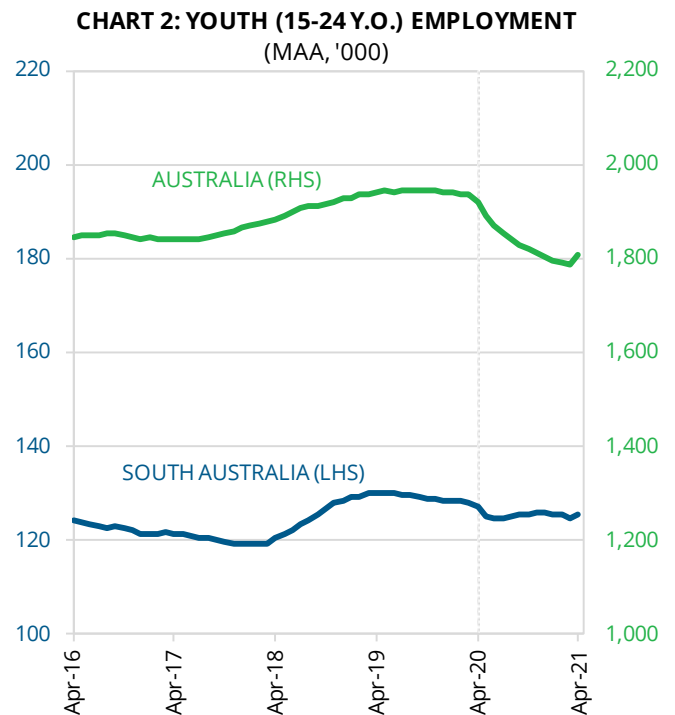
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 15,300 (1.8%), and fell by 30,600 (0.2%) nationally in April—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 12,500 (2.3%) and part-time employment rose by 2,800 (0.9%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 33,800 (0.4%) and part-time employment fell by 64,400 (1.5%).

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment was 5.2% higher for South Australia and was 5.1% higher nationally.



In the year to April, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 1.2% lower than a year earlier and 5.9% lower nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

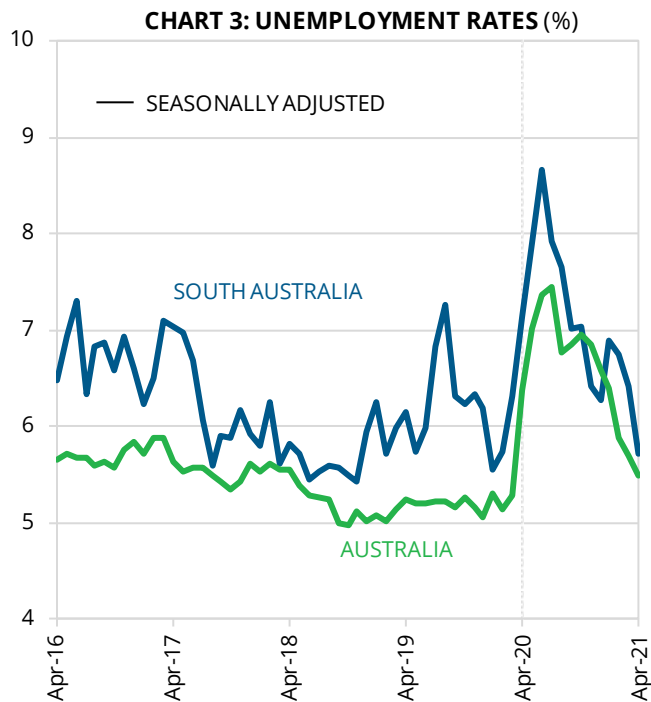


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 6.4% in March to 5.7% in April. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 5.7% in March to 5.5% in April—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (%)

	Apr-20	Mar-21	Apr-21
NSW	6.4	5.5	5.5
VIC	6.0	6.1	5.5
QLD	7.3	6.0	6.1
SA	7.1	6.4	5.7
WA	6.1	5.0	4.9
TAS	6.2	5.9	6.2
AUS	6.4	5.7	5.5



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 15.7% in the year to April, up from 13.7% a year earlier and above the 14.2% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

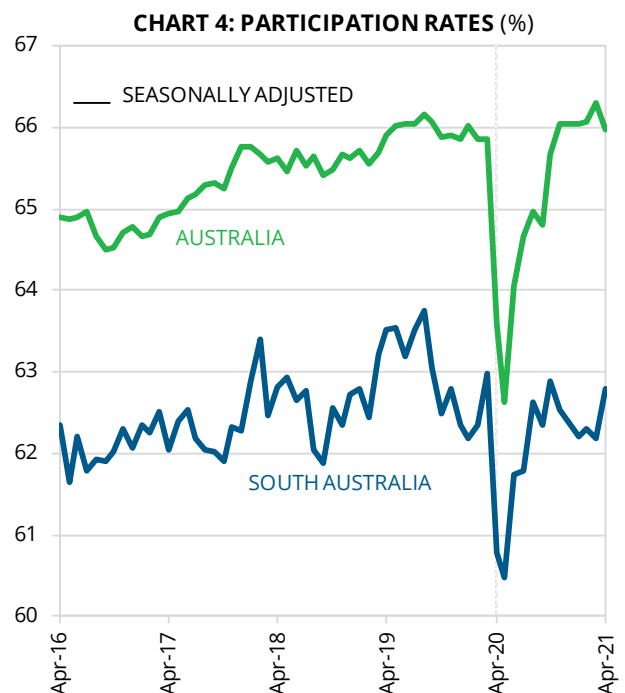
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 April. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force underutilisation rate was 14.0% in April, down from 22.6% a year earlier. In April, the national underutilisation rate was 13.3%.

PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose from 62.2% in March to 62.8% in April. Nationally, the participation rate fell by 0.3 of a percentage point and was 66.0% in April—see Chart 4.



HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, age groups that experienced increases in participation in the year to March 2021 were 15-24 year olds (up 0.8pp) and 25-34 year olds (up 0.6pp). All other age groups experienced declines in participation over the same period, led by 65-74 year olds (down 3.7pp) and 75+ year olds (down 1.0pp) —see Table 2.

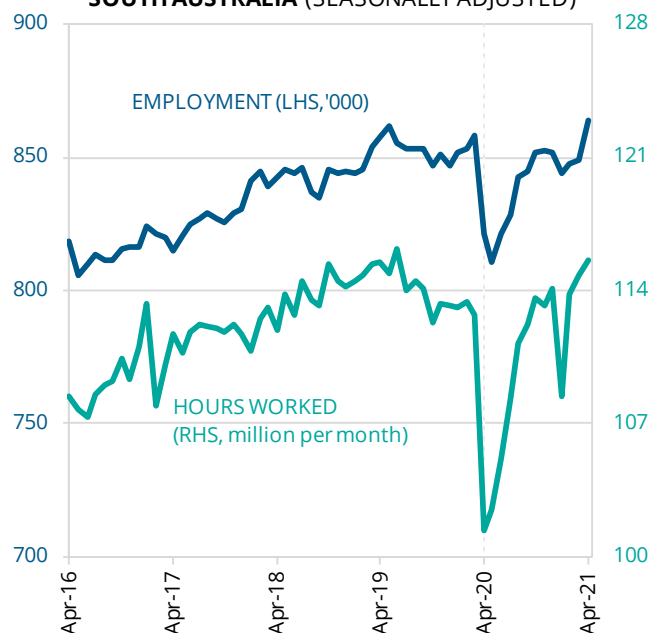
Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Mar 20	Yr to Mar 21	Mar 20 vs Mar 21 (pp.)
15-24	68.4	69.2	0.8
25-34	82.6	83.2	0.6
35-44	86.6	85.8	-0.8
45-54	83.6	82.7	-0.9
55-64	66.3	66.2	-0.1
65-74	23.1	19.3	-3.7
75+	3.0	2.0	-1.0

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 rose by 0.7% in South Australia in April and were 14% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 13% through the year to April.

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



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Table 3: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Apr-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	884.5	907.1	916.6	+9.5	1.0%	+32.1	3.6%
Participation rate (%)	60.8	62.2	62.8		0.6pp		2.0pp
Total employment ('000)	821.4	848.9	864.2	+15.3	1.8%	+42.8	5.2%
Full-time employment ('000)	530.7	551.1	563.6	+12.5	2.3%	+32.9	6.2%
Part-time employment ('000)	290.7	297.8	300.6	+2.8	0.9%	+9.9	3.4%
Unemployment ('000)	63.1	58.2	52.4	-5.9	-10.0%	-10.7	-17.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1	6.4	5.7		-0.7pp		-1.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	22.6	15.0	14.0		-1.0pp		-8.6pp
Total hours worked (million)	101.3	114.8	115.5		0.7%		14.0%

AUSTRALIA	Apr-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13247.8	13860.8	13796.6	-64.2	-0.5%	+548.8	4.1%
Participation rate (%)	63.6	66.3	66.0		-0.3pp		2.4pp
Total employment ('000)	12,402.5	13,071.0	13,040.4	-30.6	-0.2%	+637.9	5.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	8,639.9	8,855.7	8,889.5	+33.8	0.4%	+249.6	2.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	3,762.6	4,215.3	4,150.9	-64.4	-1.5%	+388.3	10.3%
Unemployment ('000)	845.3	789.9	756.2	-33.6	-4.3%	-89.1	-10.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.4	5.7	5.5		-0.2pp		-0.9pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	20.0	13.6	13.3		-0.4pp		-6.8pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,593.8	1,806.3	1,793.4		-0.7%		12.5%

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