

## SUMMARY

During April, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.3% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- fell 0.7% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment remained unchanged).

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

- was 4.0% in South Australia in **trend** terms (3.6% nationally); and
- was 4.3% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (3.7% nationally).

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,600 (0.3%), and rose by 24,000 (0.2%) nationally in April—see Chart 1.

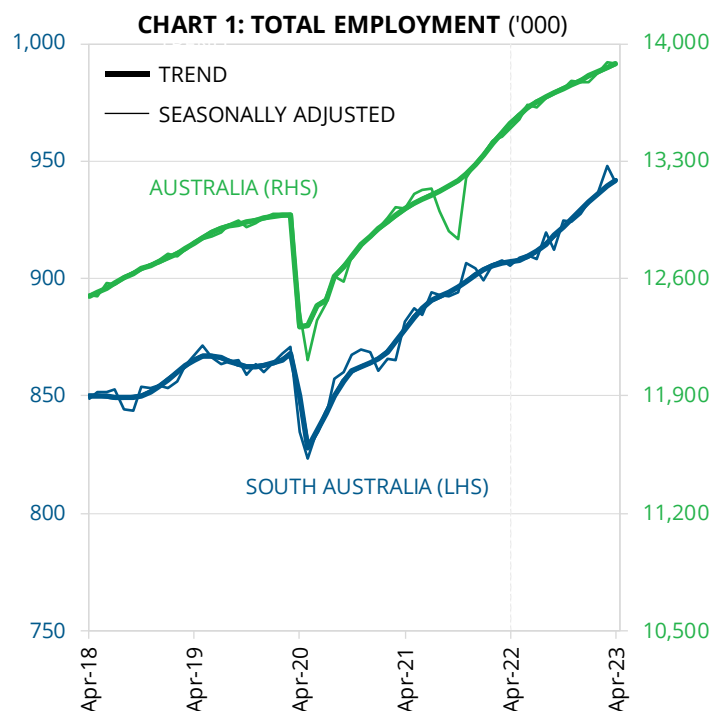
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 2,200 (0.4%) and part-time employment rose by 400 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 22,800 (0.2%) and part-time employment rose marginally by 1,200.

[Through the year](#) trend employment growth was 3.8% for South Australia and 2.6% nationally.

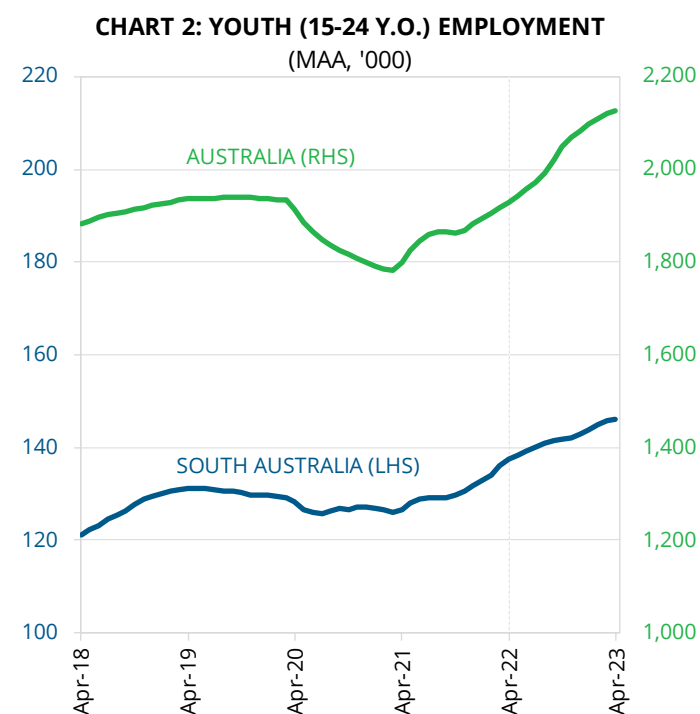
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 7,000 (0.7%) in April, following a rise of 1.2% in March. Nationally, employment fell marginally by 4,300.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 15,400 (2.4%) while part-time employment rose by 8,400 (2.6%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by 27,100 (0.3%) and part-time employment rose by 22,800 (0.6%).

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 3.9% for South Australia and 2.9% nationally.



In the year to April, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 6.2% higher than a year earlier and 10.3% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

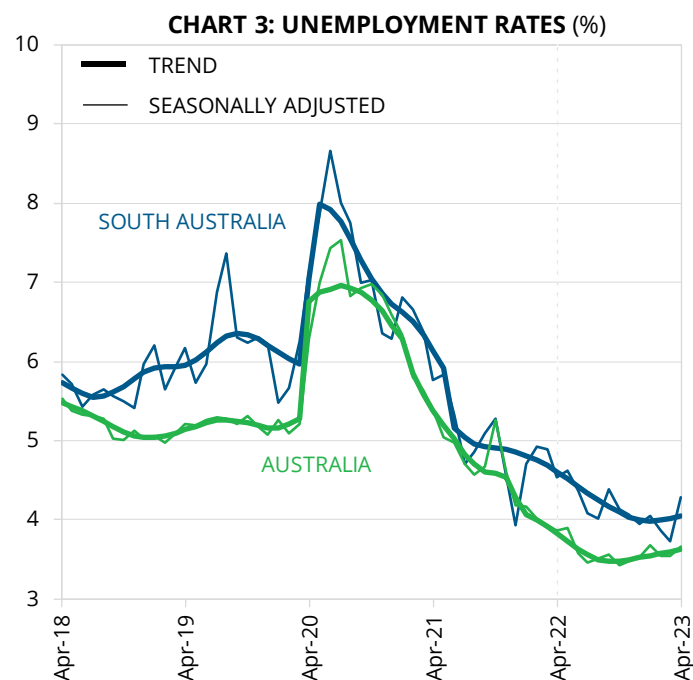


## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in April remained unchanged both nationally and in South Australia at 3.6% and 4.0%, respectively —see Table 1 and Chart 3.

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

	Apr-22		Mar-23		Apr-23	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
VIC	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9
QLD	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9
<b>SA</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>
WA	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.6
TAS	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.9
<b>AUS</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 3.7% in March to 4.3% in April. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 3.5% in March to 3.7% in April.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.5% in the year to April, down from 9.7% a year earlier but above the 7.9% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

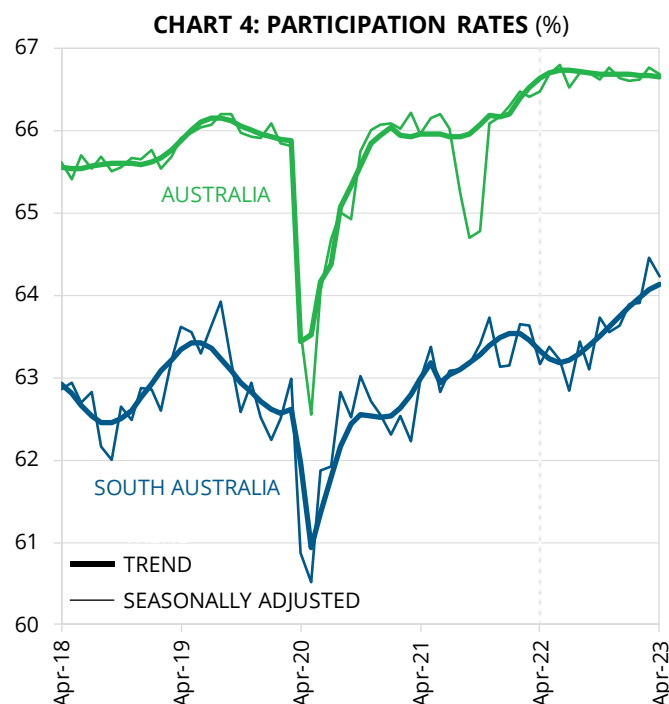
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

**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 **trend** underemployment rate in South Australia was 7.4% in April. As a result the overall trend labour force **underutilisation** rate was 11.4% in April, down from 11.9% a year earlier. In April, the national underutilisation rate was 9.7%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the **participation rate** in April remained unchanged both nationally and in South Australia at 66.7% and 64.1%, respectively —see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 64.2% in April. Nationally, the participation rate fell 0.1 of a percentage point to 66.7%.

## HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to March 2023 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.6pp) and 55-64 year olds (up 2.1pp). The age groups that experienced the largest declines in participation over the same period were 45-54 year olds (down 2.2pp) and 65-74 year olds (down 1.8pp) — see Table 2.

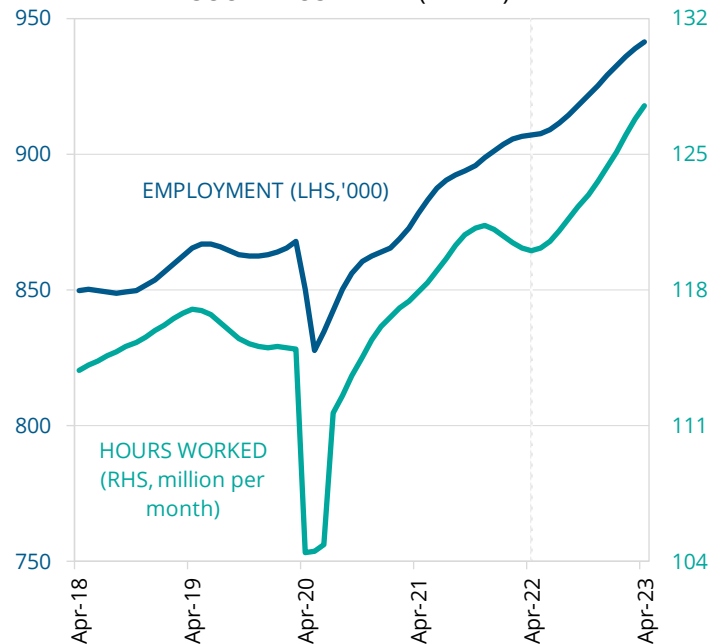
**Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia** (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Mar 22	Yr to Mar 23	Mar 22 vs Mar 23 (pp.)
15-24	71.4	74.0	2.6
25-34	85.1	85.5	0.4
35-44	86.5	86.7	0.2
45-54	84.7	82.6	-2.2
55-64	65.9	68.0	2.1
65-74	22.0	20.2	-1.8
75+	2.9	5.0	2.0

**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 **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.5% in South Australia in April and were 6.3% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 5.0% through the year to April.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Apr-22</i>	<i>Mar-23</i>	<b>Apr-23</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	950.9	978.5	<b>981.5</b>	+3.0	0.3%	+30.5	3.2%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	63.3	64.1	<b>64.1</b>		0.1pp		0.8pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	907.1	939.2	<b>941.8</b>	+2.6	0.3%	+34.7	3.8%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	596.6	618.3	<b>620.5</b>	+2.2	0.4%	+23.9	4.0%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	310.5	320.9	<b>321.3</b>	+0.4	0.1%	+10.8	3.5%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	43.8	39.3	<b>39.7</b>	+0.4	1.0%	-4.1	-9.4%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	4.6	4.0	<b>4.0</b>		0.0pp		-0.6pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	11.9	11.3	<b>11.4</b>		0.1pp		-0.5pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	120.1	126.9	<b>127.6</b>		0.5%		6.3%

<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Apr-22</i>	<i>Mar-23</i>	<b>Apr-23</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	14063.8	14372.5	<b>14400.8</b>	+28.3	0.2%	+336.9	2.4%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	66.6	66.7	<b>66.7</b>		0.0pp		0.0pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	13,525.9	13,854.9	<b>13,878.9</b>	+24.0	0.2%	+353.0	2.6%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	9,372.4	9,700.8	<b>9,723.6</b>	+22.8	0.2%	+351.2	3.7%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	4,153.6	4,154.2	<b>4,155.3</b>	+1.2	0.0%	+1.8	0.0%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	537.9	517.5	<b>521.8</b>	+4.3	0.8%	-16.1	-3.0%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	3.8	3.6	<b>3.6</b>		0.0pp		-0.2pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	10.0	9.7	<b>9.7</b>		0.0pp		-0.3pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	1,841.1	1,925.2	<b>1,932.7</b>		0.4%		5.0%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Apr-22</i>	<i>Mar-23</i>	<b>Apr-23</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	948.6	984.8	<b>983.1</b>	-1.6	-0.2%	+34.5	3.6%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	63.2	64.5	<b>64.2</b>		-0.2pp		1.1pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	905.7	948.1	<b>941.1</b>	-7.0	-0.7%	+35.4	3.9%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	594.6	632.2	<b>616.9</b>	-15.4	-2.4%	+22.2	3.7%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	311.0	315.8	<b>324.2</b>	+8.4	2.6%	+13.2	4.2%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	43.0	36.7	<b>42.1</b>	+5.4	14.6%	-0.9	-2.1%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	4.5	3.7	<b>4.3</b>		0.6pp		-0.3pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	12.0	11.0	<b>11.8</b>		0.9pp		-0.1pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	119.6	127.0	<b>131.3</b>		3.4%		9.8%

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				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	14,033.0	14396.1	<b>14,410.1</b>	+14.1	0.1%	+377.1	2.7%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	66.5	66.8	<b>66.7</b>		-0.1pp		0.2pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	13,491.8	13,886.4	<b>13,882.1</b>	-4.3	0.0%	+390.3	2.9%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	9,376.4	9,753.7	<b>9,726.5</b>	-27.1	-0.3%	+350.1	3.7%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	4,115.4	4,132.7	<b>4,155.6</b>	+22.8	0.6%	+40.2	1.0%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	541.2	509.6	<b>528.0</b>	+18.4	3.6%	-13.2	-2.4%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	3.9	3.5	<b>3.7</b>		0.1pp		-0.2pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	10.0	9.7	<b>9.8</b>		0.0pp		-0.2pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	1,837.9	1,924.8	<b>1,974.3</b>		2.6%		7.4%

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