

SUMMARY

During June, total [employment](#):

- fell 0.5% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%).

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

- was 5.3% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (4.9% 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.

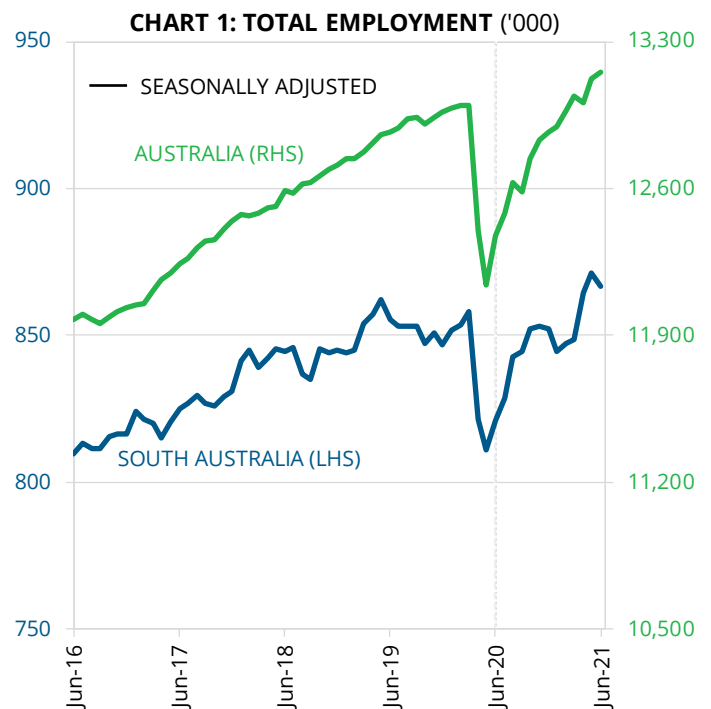
FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

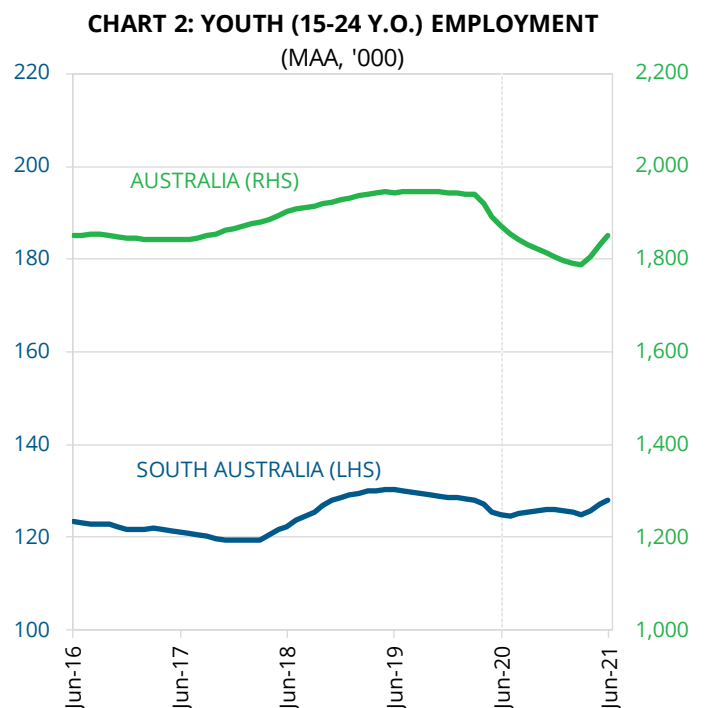
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 4,500 (0.5%), but rose by 29,100 (0.2%) nationally in June—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 1,100 (0.2%) and part-time employment fell by 3,400 (1.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 51,600 (0.6%) but part-time employment fell by 22,500 (0.5%).

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment was 5.5% higher for South Australia and was 6.3% higher nationally.



In the year to June, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 2.5% higher than a year earlier compared to 1.1% lower nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

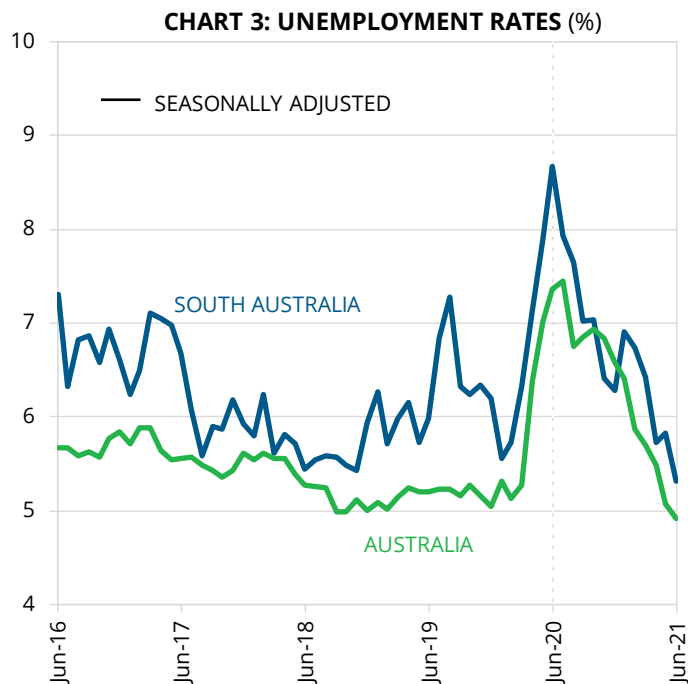


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 5.8% in May to 5.3% in June. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 5.1% in May to 4.9% in June—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (%)

	Jun-20	May-21	Jun-21
NSW	6.8	5.0	5.1
VIC	7.3	4.8	4.4
QLD	7.8	5.4	5.1
SA	8.7	5.8	5.3
WA	8.5	4.7	5.1
TAS	6.7	5.7	4.5
AUS	7.4	5.1	4.9



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 14.7% in the year to June, up from 14.3% a year earlier and above the 13.3% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

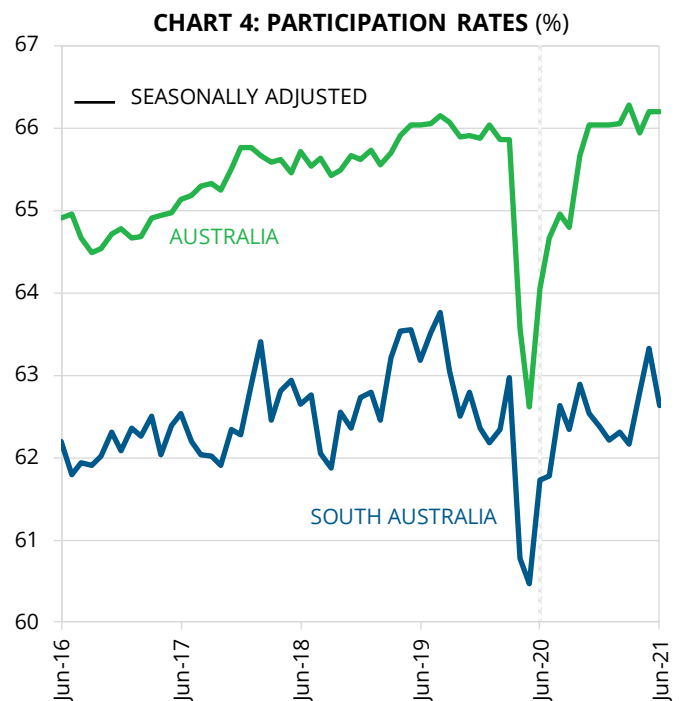
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 7.8% in June, unchanged from the previous month. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force underutilisation rate was 13.1% in June, down from 13.6% in May and down from 20.8% a year earlier. In June, the national underutilisation rate was 12.8%.

PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the participation rate in South Australia fell from 63.3% in May to 62.6% in June. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 66.2% in June—see Chart 4.



HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, age groups that experienced increases in participation in the year to May 2021 include the 15-24 year olds (up 3.3pp) and 25-34 year olds (up 1.4pp). The age groups that experienced declines in participation over the same period include the 65-74 year olds (down 2.3pp) and 75+ year olds (down 0.7pp) —see Table 2.

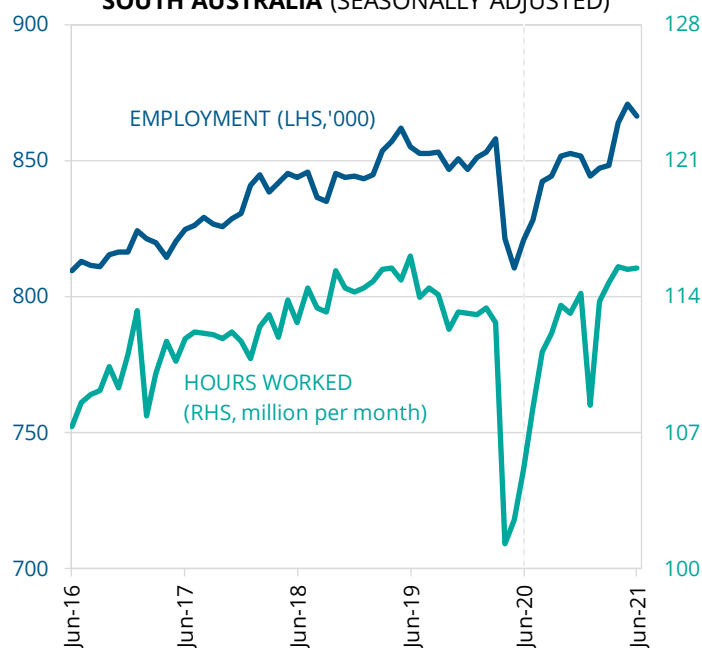
Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to May 20	Yr to May 21	May 20 vs May 21 (pp.)
15-24	67.2	70.5	3.3
25-34	82.3	83.7	1.4
35-44	86.4	86.1	-0.3
45-54	83.6	83.1	-0.5
55-64	66.0	66.4	0.3
65-74	22.0	19.7	-2.3
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 rose by 0.1% in South Australia in June to be 9.9% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell 1.8% in June but were 6.8% higher than a year earlier.

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



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Table 3: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Jun-20</i>	<i>May-21</i>	Jun-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	899.0	925.0	915.3	-9.7	-1.1%	+16.3	1.8%
Participation rate (%)	61.7	63.3	62.6		-0.7pp		0.9pp
Total employment ('000)	821.0	871.1	866.6	-4.5	-0.5%	+45.6	5.5%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	531.3	561.9	560.8	-1.1	-0.2%	+29.5	5.5%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	289.7	309.2	305.8	-3.4	-1.1%	+16.1	5.5%
Unemployment ('000)	78.0	53.9	48.7	-5.2	-9.7%	-29.3	-37.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	8.7	5.8	5.3		-0.5pp		-3.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	20.8	13.6	13.1		-0.5pp		-7.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	105.1	115.5	115.5		0.1%		9.9%
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AUSTRALIA	<i>Jun-20</i>	<i>May-21</i>	Jun-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13359.2	13826.3	13833.4	+7.1	0.1%	+474.2	3.5%
Participation rate (%)	64.1	66.2	66.2		0.0pp		2.1pp
Total employment ('000)	12,376.4	13,125.1	13,154.2	+29.1	0.2%	+777.9	6.3%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	8,529.6	8,965.2	9,016.8	+51.6	0.6%	+487.2	5.7%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	3,846.8	4,160.0	4,137.4	-22.5	-0.5%	+290.7	7.6%
Unemployment ('000)	982.9	701.1	679.1	-22.0	-3.1%	-303.7	-30.9%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.4	5.1	4.9		-0.2pp		-2.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	19.0	12.5	12.8		0.3pp		-6.2pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,667.3	1,814.2	1,780.8		-1.8%		6.8%

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