

SUMMARY

During September, total [employment](#):

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

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

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

FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms in September:

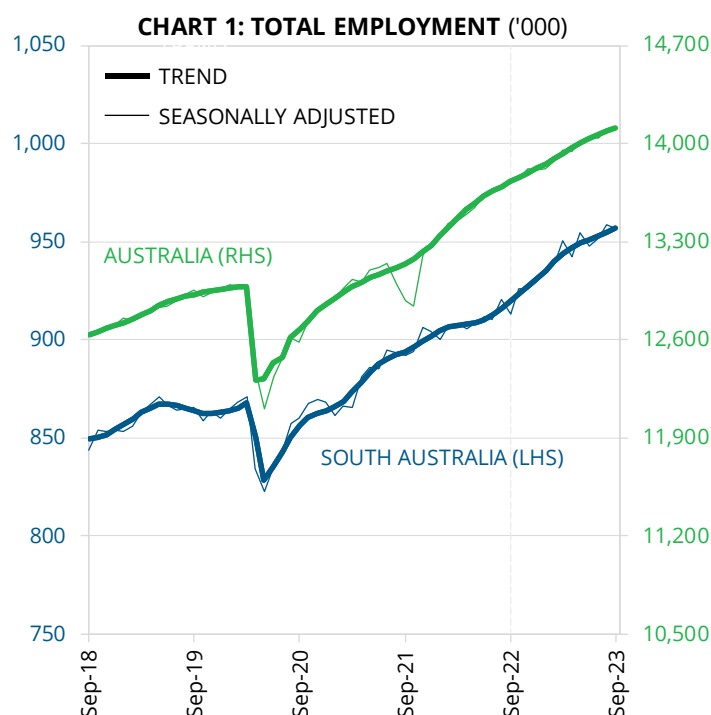
- Total employment in South Australia fell by 2,000 (0.2%), following a rise of 0.7% in August – see Chart 1. Full-time employment rose by 2,500 while part-time employment fell by 4,500.
- Nationally, total employment rose marginally by 6,700. Full-time employment fell by 39,900 and part-time employment rose by 46,500.

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment growth was 4.7% for South Australia and 2.9% nationally.

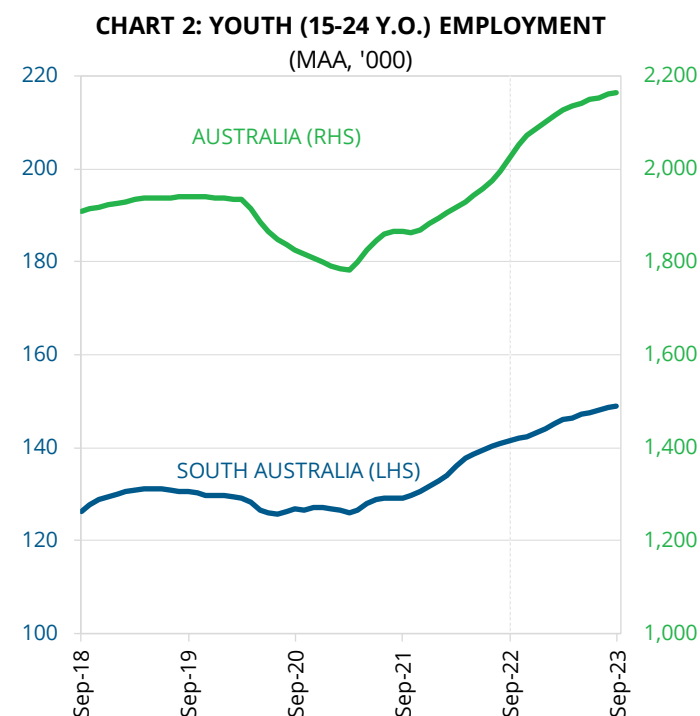
In **trend** terms in September:

- Total employment in South Australia rose by 2,400 (0.3%). Full-time employment fell by 200 and part-time employment rose by 2,600.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 23,000 (0.2%). Full-time employment rose by 600 and part-time employment rose by 23,600.

Through the year trend employment growth was 4.1% for South Australia and 2.8% nationally.



In the year to September, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 5.1% higher than a year earlier and 7.0% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

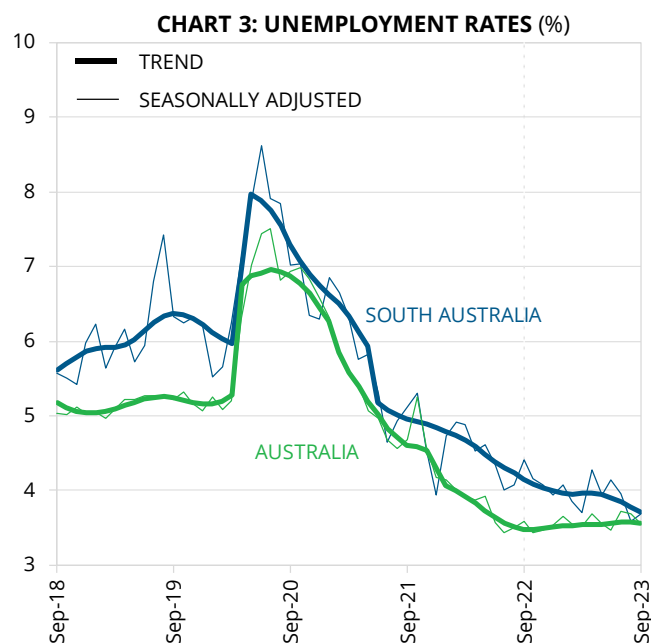


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 3.8% in August to 3.7% in September. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.6% in September—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates (%)

	Last year Sep-22		Last month Aug-23		Latest month Sep-23	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.3
VIC	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
QLD	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9
SA	4.2	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7
WA	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.3
TAS	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.2
NT	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.3	3.9	4.1
ACT	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.9
AUS	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 3.6% in August to 3.7% in September. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 3.7% in August to 3.6% in September.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.1% in the year to September, down from 9.4% a year earlier and above the 7.9% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

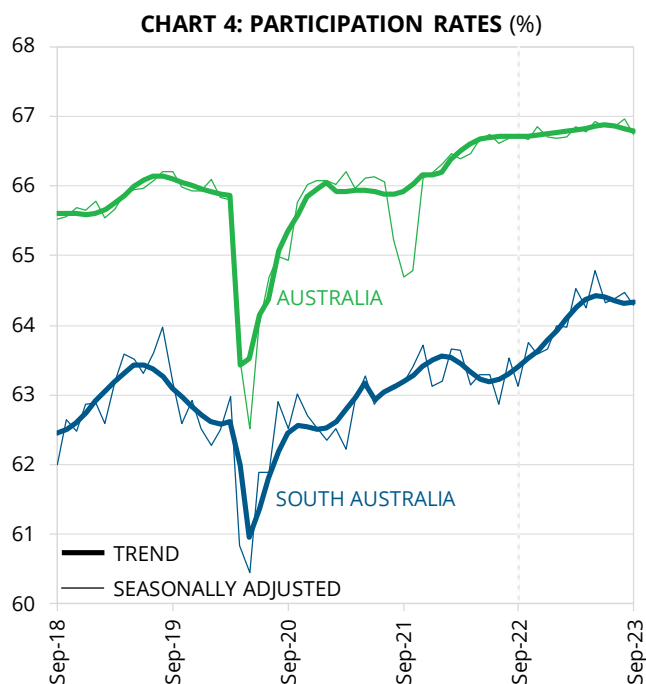
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 7.5% in September. As a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 11.2% in September, up from 10.8% a year earlier. In September, the national underutilisation rate was 10.0%.

PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in September remained unchanged both nationally and in South Australia at 66.8% and 64.3%, respectively—see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 64.3% in September. Nationally, the participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 66.7%.

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to August 2023 were 55-64 year olds (up 1.7pp) and 25-34 year olds (up 1.6pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth (or largest fall) in participation over the same period were 45-54 year olds (down 0.8pp) and 35-44 year olds (up 0.4pp)—see Table 2.

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

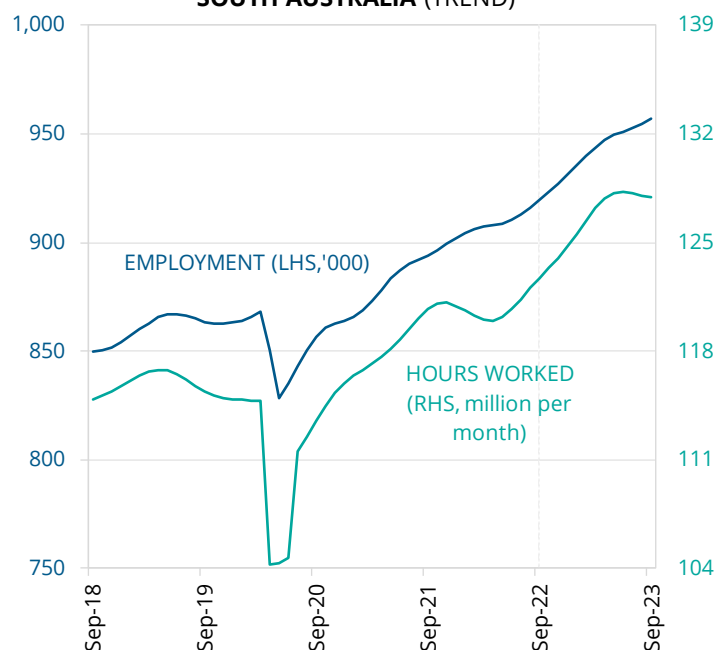
	Yr to Aug 22	Yr to Aug 23	Aug 22 vs Aug 23 (pp.)
15-24	72.8	74.2	1.3
25-34	84.9	86.6	1.6
35-44	86.5	86.9	0.4
45-54	84.2	83.4	-0.8
55-64	66.6	68.3	1.7
65-74	21.2	21.7	0.5
75+	3.7	4.7	1.0

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.

HOURS WORKED

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs remained unchanged in South Australia in September but were 4.3% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 3.3% through the year to September.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Sep-22	Aug-23	Sep-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	959.7	992.0	993.9	+1.9	0.2%	+34.2	3.6%
Participation rate (%)	63.4	64.3	64.3		0.0pp		0.9pp
Total employment ('000)	919.8	954.6	957.1	+2.4	0.3%	+37.3	4.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	607.0	636.7	636.5	-0.2	0.0%	+29.6	4.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	312.8	317.9	320.5	+2.6	0.8%	+7.7	2.5%
Unemployment ('000)	39.9	37.4	36.8	-0.6	-1.5%	-3.0	-7.6%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	3.8	3.7		-0.1pp		-0.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.8	11.2	11.2		0.0pp		0.3pp
Total hours worked (million)	122.7	128.0	128.0		0.0%		4.3%

AUSTRALIA	Sep-22	Aug-23	Sep-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14223.9	14614.1	14636.8	+22.6	0.2%	+412.9	2.9%
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.8	66.8		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	13,729.2	14,092.0	14,115.1	+23.0	0.2%	+385.9	2.8%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,571.0	9,846.1	9,845.5	-0.6	0.0%	+274.5	2.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,158.1	4,246.0	4,269.6	+23.6	0.6%	+111.5	2.7%
Unemployment ('000)	494.7	522.1	521.7	-0.4	-0.1%	+27.0	5.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.6	3.6		0.0pp		0.1pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.4	10.0	10.0		0.0pp		0.6pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,877.7	1,941.8	1,939.6		-0.1%		3.3%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Sep-22	Aug-23	Sep-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	955.6	994.5	993.4	-1.0	-0.1%	+37.9	4.0%
Participation rate (%)	63.1	64.5	64.3		-0.2pp		1.2pp
Total employment ('000)	913.5	958.7	956.7	-2.0	-0.2%	+43.3	4.7%
Full-time employment ('000)	606.5	634.2	636.7	+2.5	0.4%	+30.3	5.0%
Part-time employment ('000)	307.0	324.5	320.0	-4.5	-1.4%	+13.0	4.2%
Unemployment ('000)	42.1	35.7	36.7	+1.0	2.7%	-5.4	-12.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	3.6	3.7		0.1pp		-0.7pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	11.3	11.5	10.9		-0.6pp		-0.3pp
Total hours worked (million)	122.7	127.3	127.8		0.4%		4.2%

AUSTRALIA	Sep-22	Aug-23	Sep-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14,226.3	14644.8	14,631.6	-13.1	-0.1%	+405.4	2.8%
Participation rate (%)	66.7	67.0	66.7		-0.2pp		0.0pp
Total employment ('000)	13,716.8	14,104.5	14,111.2	+6.7	0.0%	+394.3	2.9%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,566.8	9,846.2	9,806.4	-39.9	-0.4%	+239.6	2.5%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,150.1	4,258.3	4,304.8	+46.5	1.1%	+154.7	3.7%
Unemployment ('000)	509.5	540.3	520.5	-19.8	-3.7%	+11.0	2.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.6	3.7	3.6		-0.1pp		0.0pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.6	10.2	9.9		-0.3pp		0.3pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,874.9	1,938.1	1,929.7		-0.4%		2.9%

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