

SUMMARY

During August, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.2% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- rose 0.6% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.5%).

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

- was 3.9% in South Australia in **trend** terms (3.7% nationally); and
- was 3.6% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (3.7% nationally).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms in August:

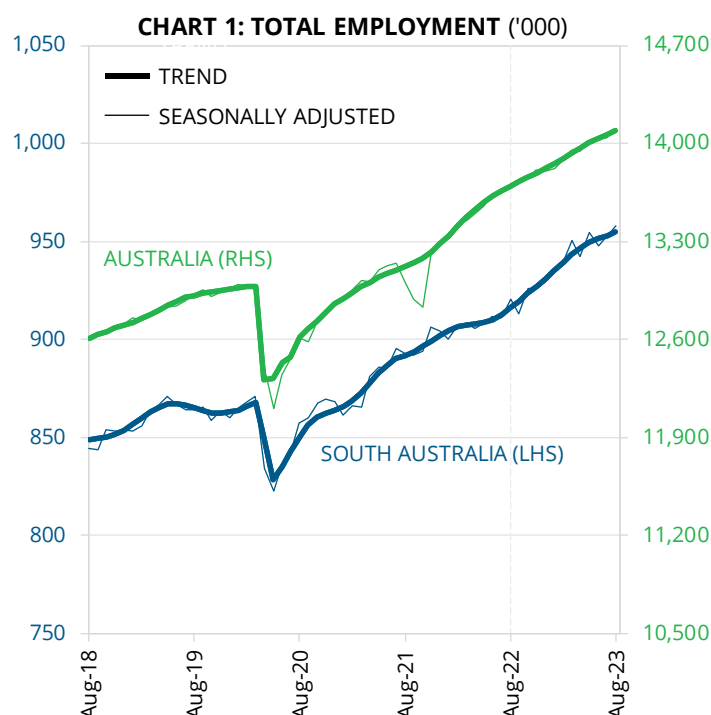
- Total employment in South Australia rose by 5,900 (0.6%), following a rise of 0.5% in July – see Chart 1. Full-time employment fell by 4,700 while part-time employment rose by 10,600.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 64,900 (0.5%). Full-time employment rose by 2,800 and part-time employment rose by 62,100.

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment growth was 4.1% for South Australia and 3.0% nationally.

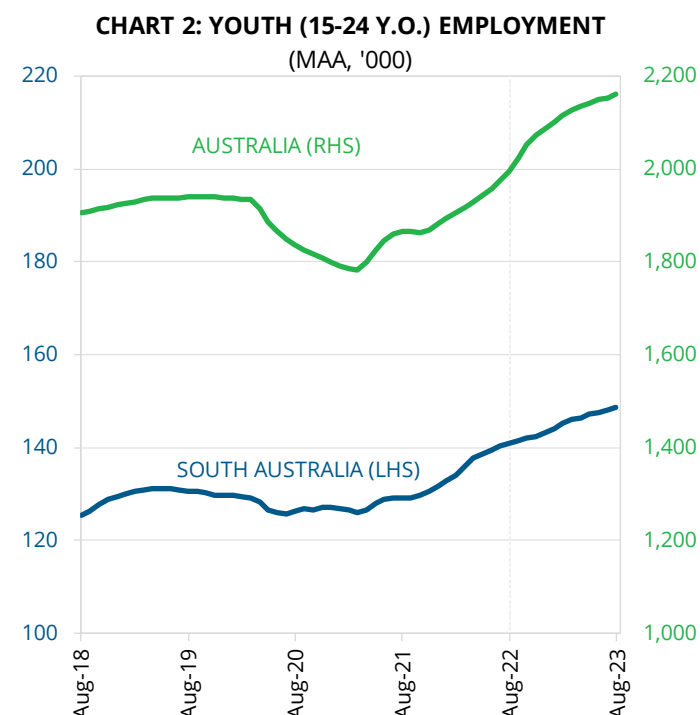
In **trend** terms in August:

- Total employment in South Australia rose by 2,000 (0.2%). Full-time employment rose by 700 and part-time employment rose by 1,400.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 28,300 (0.2%). Full-time employment rose by 14,000 and part-time employment rose by 14,300.

Through the year trend employment growth was 4.3% for South Australia and 2.9% nationally.



In the year to August, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 5.3% higher than a year earlier and 8.4% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

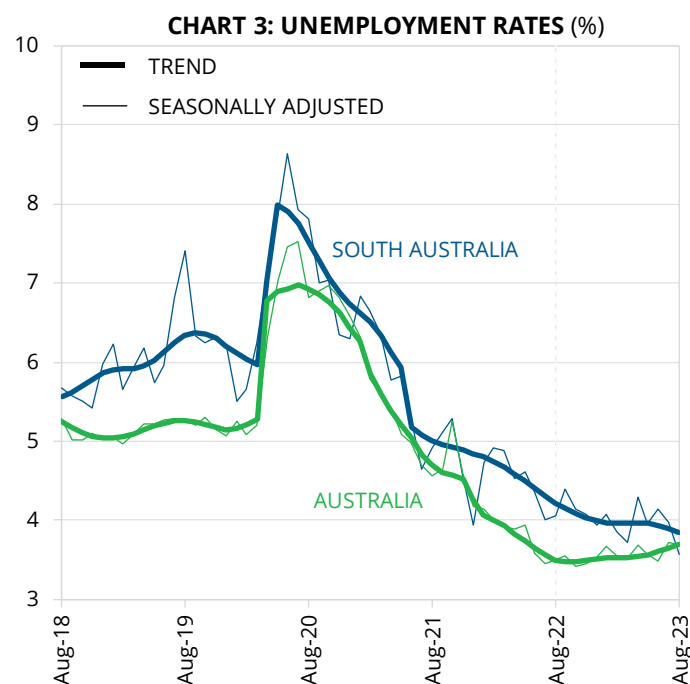


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in August remained unchanged both nationally and in South at 3.7% and 3.9%, respectively—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates (%)

	Last year		Last month		Latest month	
	Aug-22	s.a.	Jul-23	s.a.	Aug-23	s.a.
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6
VIC	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5
QLD	3.6	3.3	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.1
SA	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.6
WA	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.8
TAS	4.0	4.5	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.4
AUS	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 4.0% in July to 3.6% in August. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.7% in August.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.3% in the year to August, down from 9.4% a year earlier but above the 7.9% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

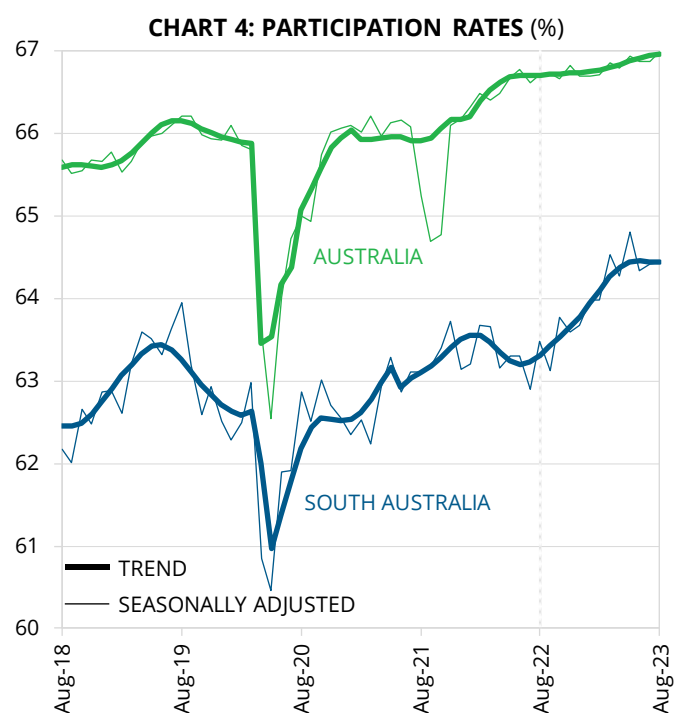
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 7.7% in August. As a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 11.5% in August, up from 10.9% a year earlier. In August, the national underutilisation rate was 10.2%.

PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged in August at 64.4%. Nationally, the participation rate rose from 66.9% in July to 67.0% in August—see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate remained unchanged at 64.4% in August. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 67.0%.

HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, The age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to July 2023 were 55-64 year olds (up 1.8pp) and 15-24 year olds (up 1.6pp). The age groups that experienced the largest declines in participation over the same period were 45-54 year olds (down 1.1pp) and 65-74 year olds (down 0.2pp)—see Table 2.

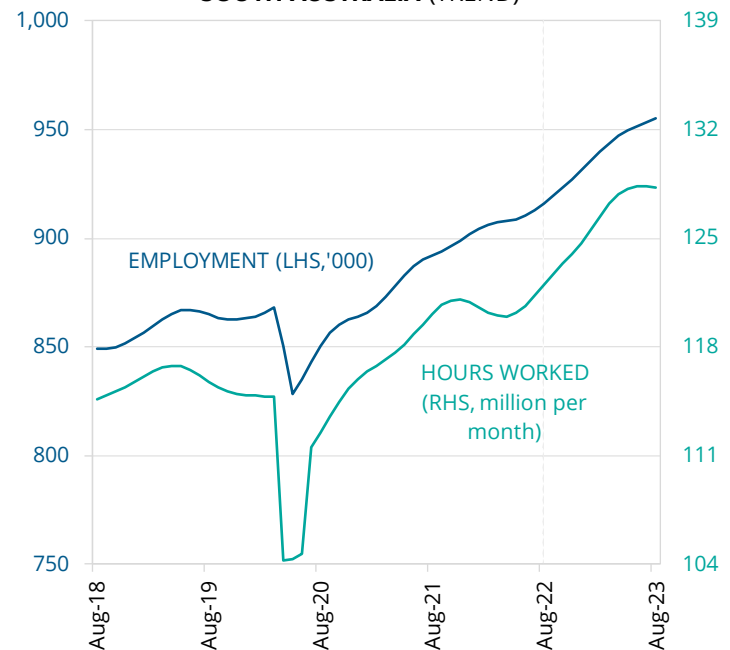
Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Jul 22	Yr to Jul 23	Jul 22 vs Jul 23 (pp.)
15-24	72.6	74.2	1.6
25-34	84.9	86.4	1.5
35-44	86.4	87.1	0.6
45-54	84.3	83.2	-1.1
55-64	66.4	68.2	1.8
65-74	21.5	21.2	-0.2
75+	3.5	4.8	1.3

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 fell by 0.1% in South Australia in August but were 5.1% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 4.6% through the year to August.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	956.7	991.9	993.6	+1.6	0.2%	+36.9	3.9%
Participation rate (%)	63.3	64.4	64.4		0.0pp		1.1pp
Total employment ('000)	916.3	953.2	955.3	+2.0	0.2%	+39.0	4.3%
Full-time employment ('000)	605.2	638.7	639.4	+0.7	0.1%	+34.2	5.6%
Part-time employment ('000)	311.0	314.5	315.9	+1.4	0.4%	+4.8	1.5%
Unemployment ('000)	40.4	38.7	38.3	-0.4	-1.0%	-2.1	-5.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	3.9	3.9		0.0pp		-0.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.9	11.5	11.5		0.1pp		0.6pp
Total hours worked (million)	122.0	128.3	128.2		-0.1%		5.1%

AUSTRALIA	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14192.6	14600.7	14635.8	+35.1	0.2%	+443.2	3.1%
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.9	67.0		0.0pp		0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	13,696.4	14,067.8	14,096.1	+28.3	0.2%	+399.7	2.9%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,537.1	9,864.0	9,878.0	+14.0	0.1%	+340.9	3.6%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,159.3	4,203.8	4,218.1	+14.3	0.3%	+58.8	1.4%
Unemployment ('000)	496.2	532.9	539.7	+6.8	1.3%	+43.5	8.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.7	3.7		0.0pp		0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.5	10.1	10.2		0.1pp		0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,868.2	1,950.7	1,953.9		0.2%		4.6%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	959.3	991.7	993.7	+2.0	0.2%	+34.4	3.6%
Participation rate (%)	63.5	64.4	64.4		0.0pp		0.9pp
Total employment ('000)	920.4	952.3	958.2	+5.9	0.6%	+37.8	4.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	602.4	638.2	633.5	-4.7	-0.7%	+31.1	5.2%
Part-time employment ('000)	318.0	314.2	324.7	+10.6	3.4%	+6.7	2.1%
Unemployment ('000)	38.9	39.3	35.5	-3.8	-9.8%	-3.4	-8.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	4.0	3.6		-0.4pp		-0.5pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.6	11.6	11.5		-0.1pp		0.9pp
Total hours worked (million)	123.0	127.8	127.4		-0.4%		3.5%

AUSTRALIA	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14,195.1	14586.2	14,648.4	+62.2	0.4%	+453.3	3.2%
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.9	67.0		0.1pp		0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	13,697.2	14,043.0	14,107.9	+64.9	0.5%	+410.7	3.0%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,531.7	9,847.0	9,849.8	+2.8	0.0%	+318.1	3.3%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,165.4	4,196.0	4,258.1	+62.1	1.5%	+92.7	2.2%
Unemployment ('000)	498.0	543.2	540.5	-2.6	-0.5%	+42.6	8.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.7	3.7		0.0pp		0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.4	10.1	10.2		0.1pp		0.8pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,872.6	1,950.4	1,941.0		-0.5%		3.7%

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