

## SUMMARY

During September, total [employment](#):

- rose 1.0% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment fell 0.2%).

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

- was 7.1% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (6.9% 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

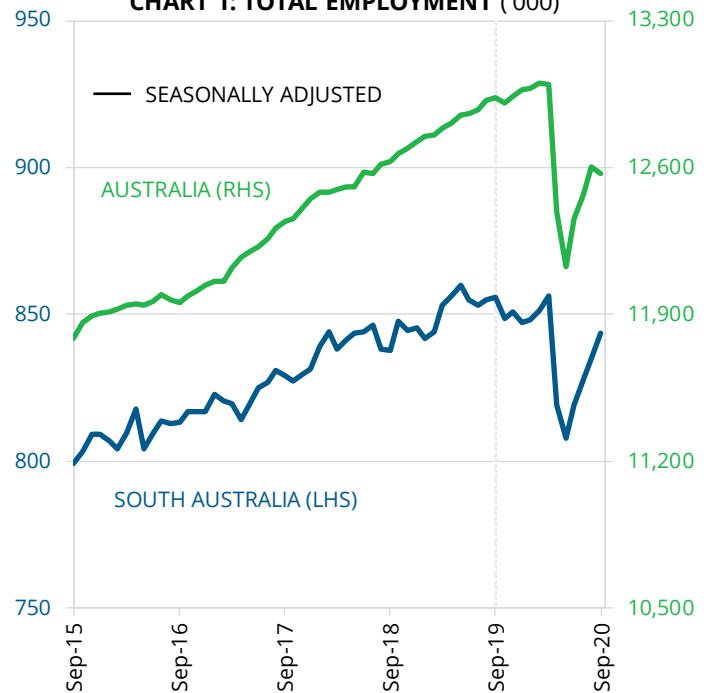
### EMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 8,700 (1.0%) and fell by 29,500 (0.2%) nationally, in September—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 1,500 (0.3%) and part-time employment rose by 10,200 (3.4%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by 20,100 (0.2%) and part-time employment fell by 9,400 (0.2%).

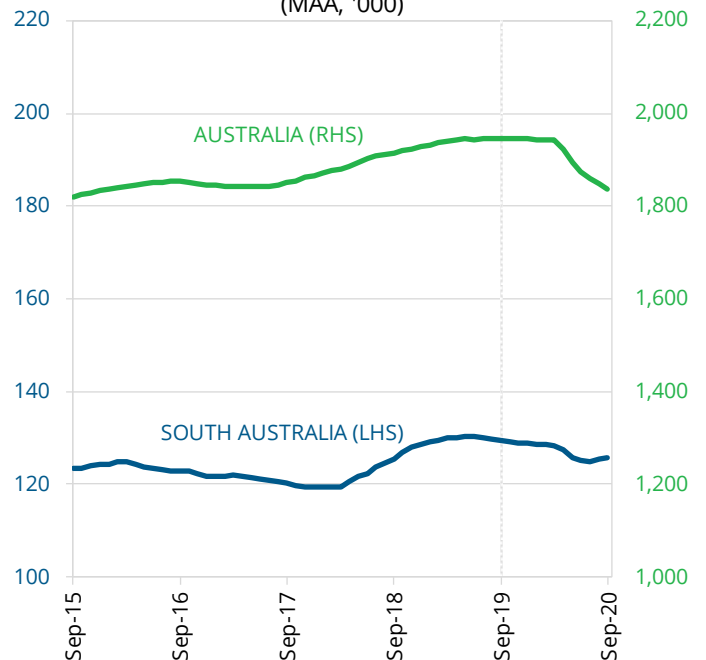
Seasonally adjusted employment was 1.4% lower [through the year \(compared to a year earlier\)](#) for South Australia and 2.8% lower nationally.

**CHART 1: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ('000)**



In the year to September, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 3.0% lower than a year earlier and 5.7% lower nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

**CHART 2: YOUTH (15-24 Y.O.) EMPLOYMENT (MAA, '000)**

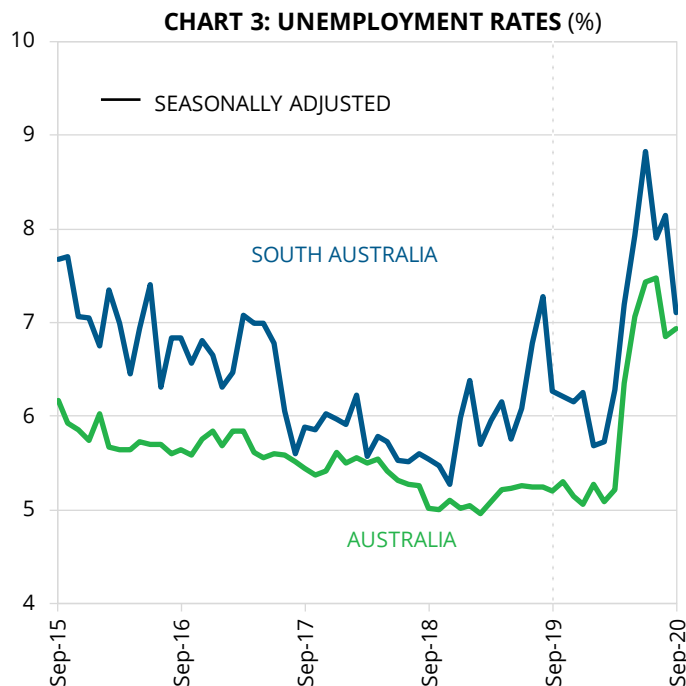


## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 8.1% in August to 7.1% in September. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose from 6.8% in August to 6.9% in September—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

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

	Sep-19	Aug-20	Sep-20
NSW	4.5	6.7	7.2
VIC	4.7	7.1	6.7
QLD	6.6	7.4	7.7
<b>SA</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>
WA	5.7	7.0	6.7
TAS	6.2	6.4	7.6
<b>AUS</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 14.2% in the year to September, up from 14.0% a year earlier and above the 13.4% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

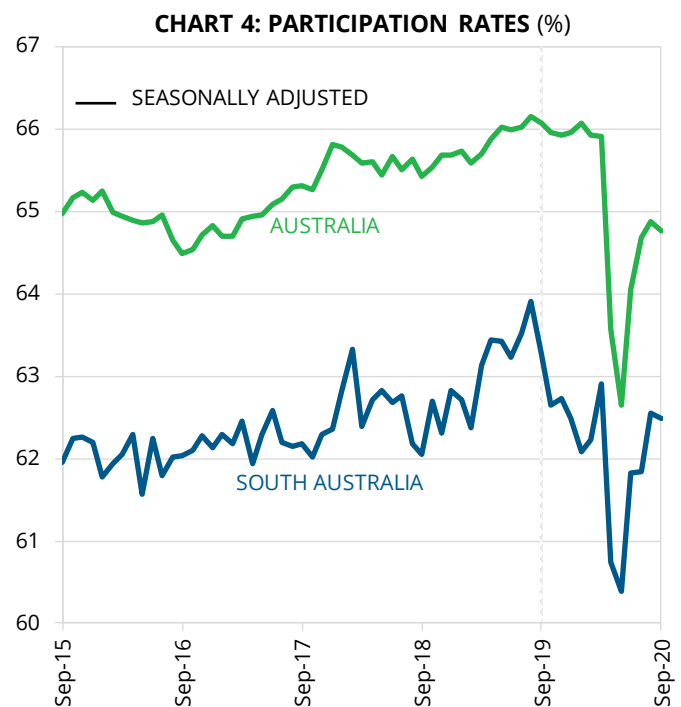
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

**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 11.1% in September. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force **underutilisation** rate was 18.2% in September, up from 15.9% a year earlier. In September, the national underutilisation rate was 18.3%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia fell 0.1 of a percentage point to be 62.5% in September. Nationally, the participation rate fell from 64.9% in August to 64.8% in September—see Chart 4.



## HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, the age group that experienced the largest increase in participation in the year to August 2020 was 45-54 year olds (up 1.0pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 15-24 year olds (down 1.6pp) and 65-74 year olds (down 1.4pp) —see Table 2.

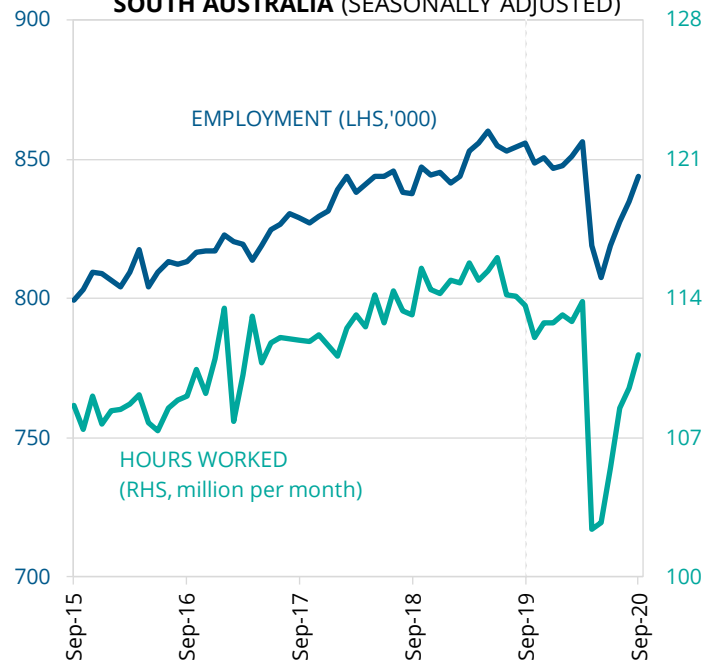
**Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia** (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Aug 19	Yr to Aug 20	Aug 19 vs Aug 20 (pp.)
15-24	69.2	67.6	-1.6
25-34	83.3	82.6	-0.7
35-44	85.9	85.9	0.0
45-54	82.4	83.4	1.0
55-64	67.0	65.7	-1.2
65-74	21.7	20.3	-1.4
75+	2.8	2.6	-0.1

**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 1.5% in South Australia in September but were 2.2% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs were 5.0% lower through the year to September.

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



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**Table 3: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted**

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Sep-19</i>	<i>Aug-20</i>	<b>Sep-20</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	913.2	909.0	<b>908.3</b>	-0.7	-0.1%	-4.9	-0.5%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	63.3	62.5	<b>62.5</b>		-0.1pp		-0.8pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	856.0	835.0	<b>843.7</b>	+8.7	1.0%	-12.3	-1.4%
<b>Full-time employment</b> ('000)	552.6	536.9	<b>535.4</b>	-1.5	-0.3%	-17.2	-3.1%
<b>Part-time employment</b> ('000)	303.5	298.1	<b>308.4</b>	+10.2	3.4%	+4.9	1.6%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	57.2	74.0	<b>64.6</b>	-9.4	-12.8%	+7.4	12.9%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	6.3	8.1	<b>7.1</b>		-1.0pp		0.8pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	15.9	19.5	<b>18.2</b>		-1.3pp		2.3pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	113.7	109.5	<b>111.2</b>		1.5%		-2.2%

<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Sep-19</i>	<i>Aug-20</i>	<b>Sep-20</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	13639.6	13527.6	<b>13509.4</b>	-18.3	-0.1%	-130.2	-1.0%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	66.1	64.9	<b>64.8</b>		-0.1pp		-1.3pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	12,930.3	12,601.5	<b>12,571.9</b>	-29.5	-0.2%	-358.4	-2.8%
<b>Full-time employment</b> ('000)	8,841.9	8,560.4	<b>8,540.3</b>	-20.1	-0.2%	-301.7	-3.4%
<b>Part-time employment</b> ('000)	4,088.3	4,041.1	<b>4,031.7</b>	-9.4	-0.2%	-56.7	-1.4%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	709.3	926.2	<b>937.4</b>	+11.3	1.2%	+228.1	32.2%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	5.2	6.8	<b>6.9</b>		0.1pp		1.7pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	13.5	18.1	<b>18.3</b>		0.2pp		4.8pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	1,777.1	1,679.6	<b>1,688.2</b>		0.5%		-5.0%

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