

## SUMMARY

During October, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.7% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 1.4%).

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

- was 7.0% in both South Australia and nationally in **seasonally adjusted** terms.

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.

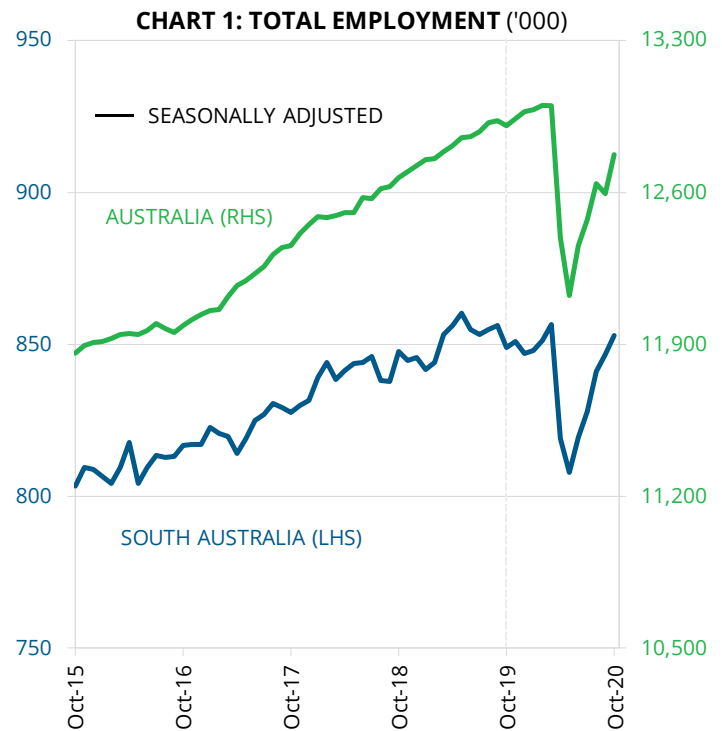
## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

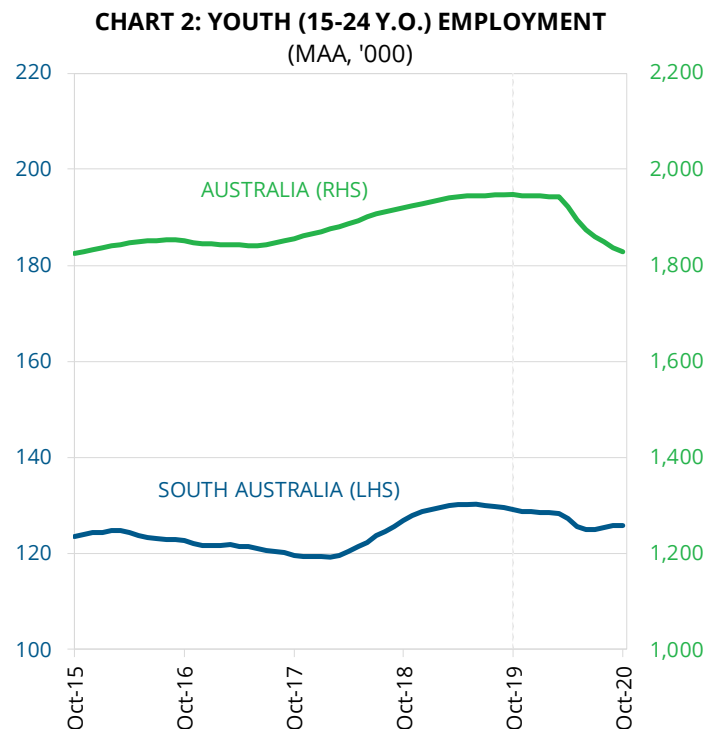
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 6,300 (0.7%) and rose by 178,800 (1.4%) nationally, in October—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 13,500 (2.5%) and part-time employment fell by 7,300 (2.3%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 97,000 (1.1%) and part-time employment rose by 81,800 (2.0%).

Seasonally adjusted employment was 0.5% higher [through the year \(compared to a year earlier\)](#) for South Australia and 1.0% lower nationally.



In the year to October, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 2.5% lower than a year earlier and 6.0% lower nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

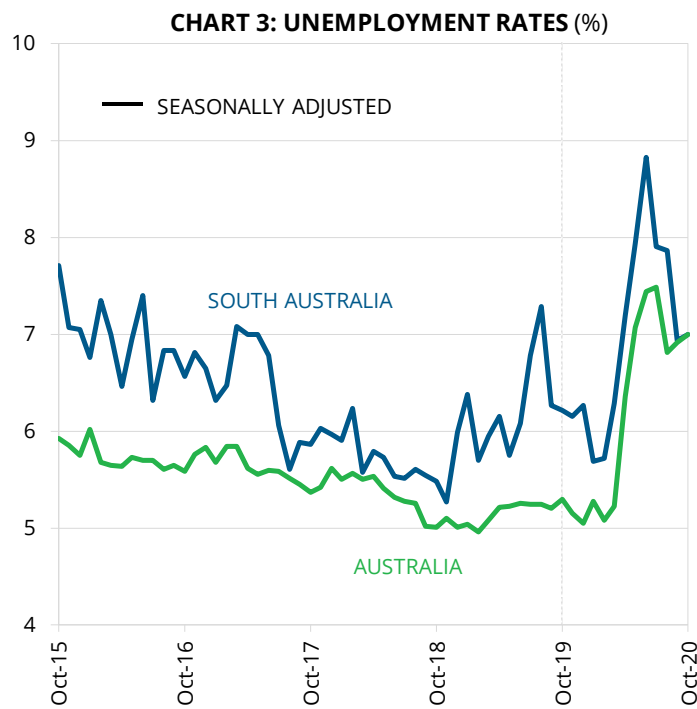


## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia rose from 6.9% in September to 7.0% in October. Nationally, the unemployment rate also rose from 6.9% in September to 7.0% in October—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

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

	Oct-19	Sep-20	Oct-20
NSW	4.8	7.1	6.5
VIC	4.8	6.7	7.4
QLD	6.4	7.6	7.7
<b>SA</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>
WA	5.7	6.7	6.6
TAS	6.0	7.7	8.2
<b>AUS</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 14.3% in the year to October, up from 14.0% a year earlier and above the 13.7% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

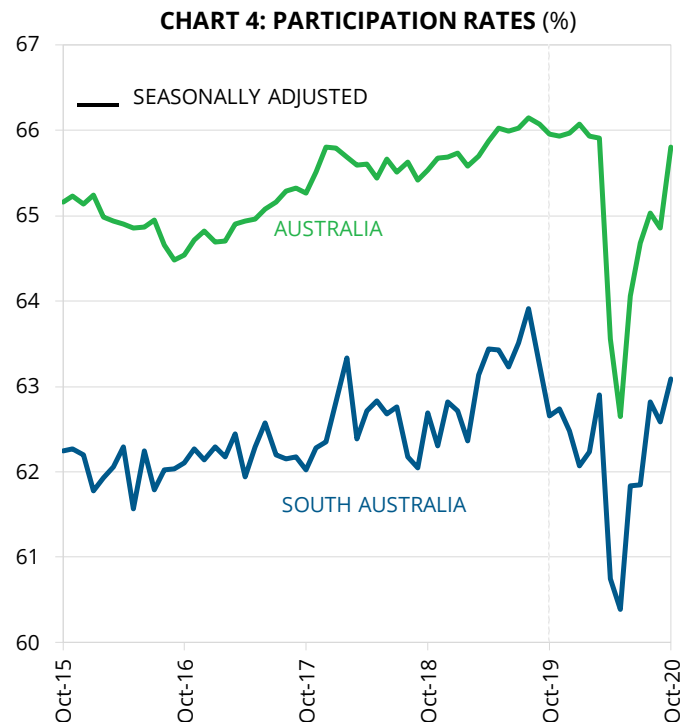
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 10.0% in October. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force underutilisation rate was 17.0% in October, up from 16.0% a year earlier. In October, the national underutilisation rate was 17.4%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose 0.5 of a percentage point to be 63.1% in October. Nationally, the participation rate rose from 64.9% in September to 65.8% in October—see Chart 4.



## HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, the only age group to experience an increase in participation in the year to September 2020 was the 45-54 year olds (up 0.8pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 65-74 year olds (down 2.1pp) and 15-24 year olds (down 1.3pp) —see Table 2.

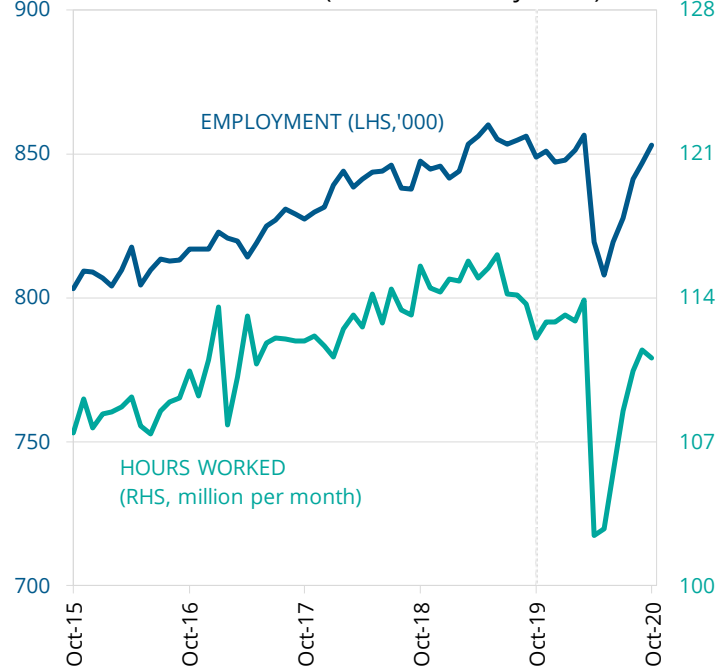
**Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia** (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Sep 19	Yr to Sep 20	Sep 19 vs Sep 20 (pp.)
15-24	69.1	67.7	-1.3
25-34	83.4	82.5	-0.9
35-44	86.1	85.7	-0.4
45-54	82.5	83.3	0.8
55-64	67.1	65.9	-1.2
65-74	22.2	20.1	-2.1
75+	2.8	2.5	-0.2

**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 fell by 0.4% in South Australia in October and were 0.8% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs were 3.4% lower through the year to October.

**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>Oct-19</i>	<i>Sep-20</i>	<b>Oct-20</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	905.0	909.7	<b>917.1</b>	+7.4	0.8%	+12.1	1.3%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	62.7	62.6	<b>63.1</b>		0.5pp		0.4pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	848.8	846.7	<b>853.0</b>	+6.3	0.7%	+4.2	0.5%
<i>Full-time employment</i> ('000)	550.5	536.4	<b>549.9</b>	+13.5	2.5%	-0.6	-0.1%
<i>Part-time employment</i> ('000)	298.3	310.3	<b>303.0</b>	-7.3	-2.3%	+4.8	1.6%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	56.2	63.0	<b>64.2</b>	+1.1	1.8%	+8.0	14.2%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	6.2	6.9	<b>7.0</b>		0.1pp		0.8pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	16.0	18.1	<b>17.0</b>		-1.1pp		1.0pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	112.0	111.5	<b>111.1</b>		-0.4%		-0.8%

<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Oct-19</i>	<i>Sep-20</i>	<b>Oct-20</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	13628.2	13530.5	<b>13734.8</b>	+204.3	1.5%	+106.6	0.8%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	66.0	64.9	<b>65.8</b>		0.9pp		-0.1pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	12,906.2	12,595.1	<b>12,773.9</b>	+178.8	1.4%	-132.3	-1.0%
<i>Full-time employment</i> ('000)	8,830.5	8,546.7	<b>8,643.7</b>	+97.0	1.1%	-186.8	-2.1%
<i>Part-time employment</i> ('000)	4,075.7	4,048.4	<b>4,130.2</b>	+81.8	2.0%	+54.5	1.3%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	722.0	935.4	<b>960.9</b>	+25.5	2.7%	+238.9	33.1%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	5.3	6.9	<b>7.0</b>		0.1pp		1.7pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	13.8	18.3	<b>17.4</b>		-0.9pp		3.6pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	1,771.9	1,690.4	<b>1,711.0</b>		1.2%		-3.4%

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