

## SUMMARY

During October, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.3% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- rose 0.2% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.4%).

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

- was 3.6% 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 October:

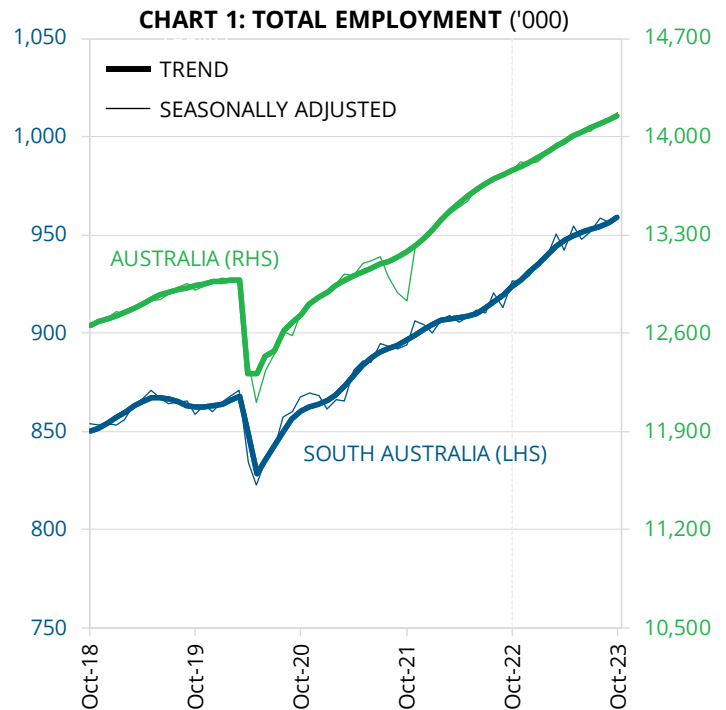
- Total employment in South Australia rose by 2,300 (0.2%), following a fall of 0.2% in September—see Chart 1. Full-time employment fell by 1,000 while part-time employment rose by 3,300.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 55,000 (0.4%). Full-time employment rose by 17,000 and part-time employment rose by 37,900.

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment growth was 3.5% for South Australia and 3.0% nationally.

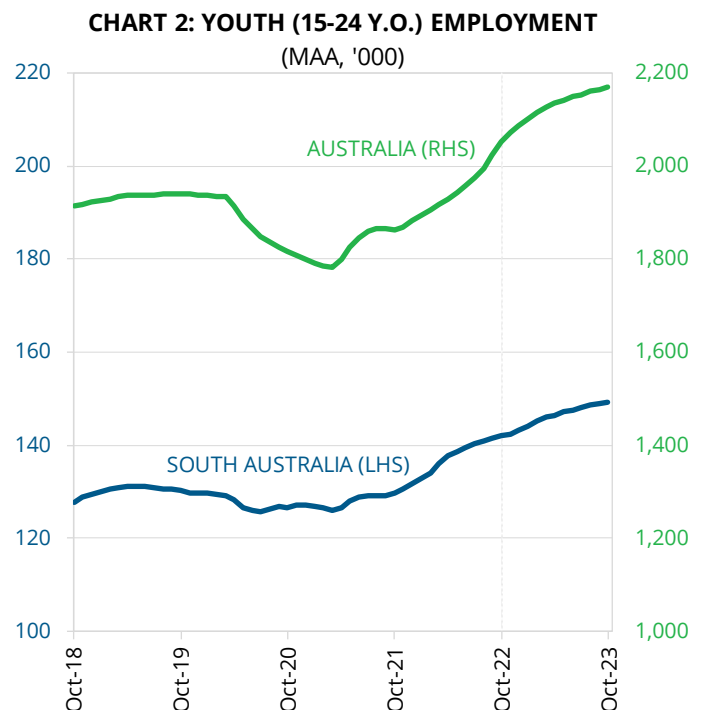
In **trend** terms in October:

- Total employment in South Australia rose by 2,600 (0.3%). Full-time employment fell by 100 and part-time employment rose by 2,700.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 28,300 (0.2%). Full-time employment rose by 2,000 and part-time employment rose by 26,300.

Through the year trend employment growth was 3.9% for South Australia and 2.8% nationally.



In the year to October, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 5.0% higher than a year earlier and 5.8% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

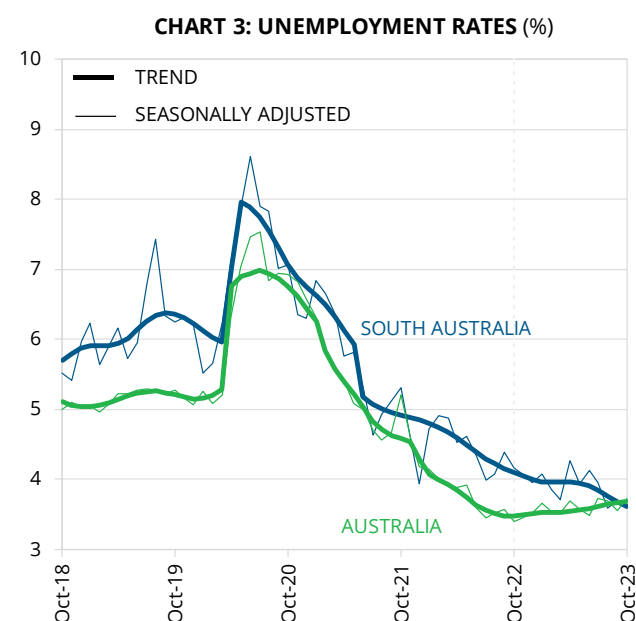


## UNEMPLOYMENT

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

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

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



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

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.0% in the year to October, down from 9.3% a year earlier and above the 8.1% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

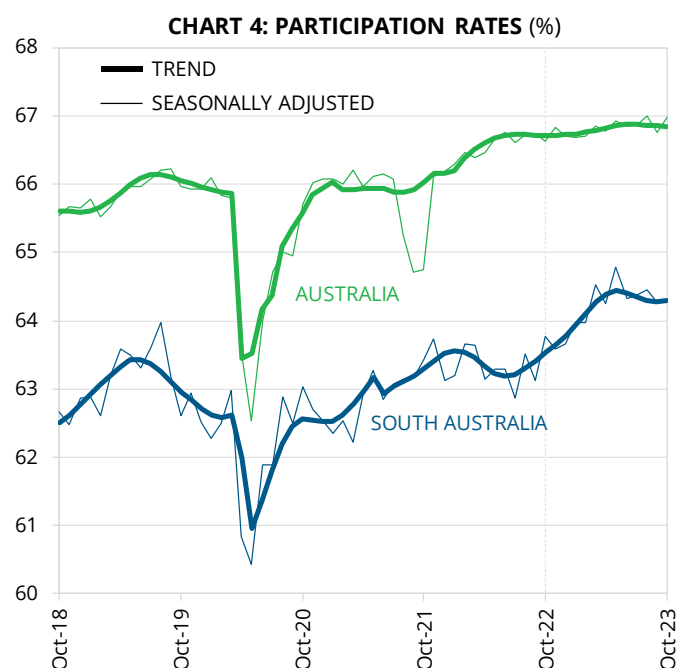
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

**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 October. As a result the overall trend labour force **underutilisation** rate was 11.1% in October, up from 10.8% a year earlier. In October, the national underutilisation rate was 10.1%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia remained unchanged at 64.3% in October. Nationally, the participation rate fell from 66.9% in September to 66.8% in October—see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate remained unchanged at 64.3% in October. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.2 of a percentage point to 67.0%.

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to September 2023 were 25-34 year olds (up 2.0pp) and 65-74 year olds (up 1.4pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 45-54 year olds (unchanged) and 35-44 year olds (up 0.3pp)—see Table 2.

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

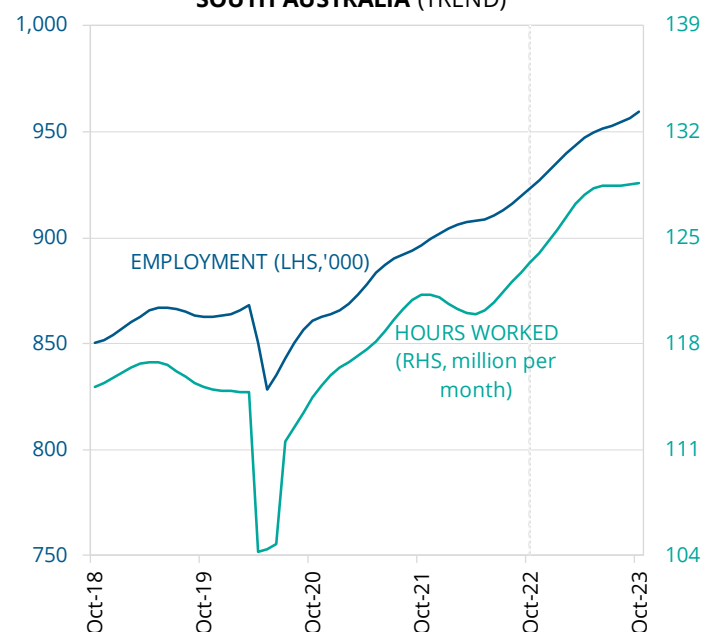
	Yr to Sep 22	Yr to Sep 23	Sep 22 vs Sep 23 (pp.)
15-24	72.9	74.0	1.1
25-34	84.9	86.9	2.0
35-44	86.6	87.0	0.3
45-54	83.9	83.9	0.0
55-64	67.0	68.1	1.1
65-74	20.7	22.1	1.4
75+	3.9	4.6	0.7

**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.

## HOURS WORKED

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.1% in South Australia in October to be 4.2% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 2.6% through the year to October.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Oct-22	Sep-23	Oct-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	962.9	993.1	995.2	+2.1	0.2%	+32.3	3.4%
Participation rate (%)	63.5	64.3	64.3		0.0pp		0.8pp
Total employment ('000)	923.5	956.6	959.3	+2.6	0.3%	+35.8	3.9%
Full-time employment ('000)	608.3	636.8	636.8	-0.1	0.0%	+28.5	4.7%
Part-time employment ('000)	315.2	319.8	322.5	+2.7	0.8%	+7.2	2.3%
Unemployment ('000)	39.4	36.5	36.0	-0.5	-1.5%	-3.5	-8.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	3.7	3.6		-0.1pp		-0.5pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.8	11.1	11.1		-0.1pp		0.3pp
Total hours worked (million)	123.4	128.5	128.6		0.1%		4.2%

AUSTRALIA	Oct-22	Sep-23	Oct-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14254.8	14655.6	14687.5	+31.9	0.2%	+432.7	3.0%
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.9	66.8		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	13,758.7	14,117.1	14,145.4	+28.3	0.2%	+386.7	2.8%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,603.6	9,829.9	9,831.9	+2.0	0.0%	+228.3	2.4%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,155.1	4,287.2	4,313.5	+26.3	0.6%	+158.4	3.8%
Unemployment ('000)	496.1	538.5	542.1	+3.6	0.7%	+46.0	9.3%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	3.7	3.7		0.0pp		0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.5	10.1	10.1		0.0pp		0.6pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,887.5	1,939.7	1,937.4		-0.1%		2.6%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Oct-22	Sep-23	Oct-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	966.7	993.3	994.8	+1.5	0.2%	+28.0	2.9%
Participation rate (%)	63.8	64.3	64.3		0.0pp		0.5pp
Total employment ('000)	926.4	956.6	959.0	+2.3	0.2%	+32.5	3.5%
Full-time employment ('000)	614.4	636.5	635.5	-1.0	-0.2%	+21.1	3.4%
Part-time employment ('000)	312.0	320.1	323.4	+3.3	1.0%	+11.4	3.7%
Unemployment ('000)	40.3	36.6	35.8	-0.8	-2.3%	-4.5	-11.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	3.7	3.6		-0.1pp		-0.6pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.8	10.9	11.0		0.1pp		0.3pp
Total hours worked (million)	125.9	128.0	129.0		0.8%		2.4%

AUSTRALIA	Oct-22	Sep-23	Oct-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14,238.4	14638.4	14,721.3	+82.9	0.6%	+482.9	3.4%
Participation rate (%)	66.6	66.8	67.0		0.2pp		0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	13,754.6	14,118.5	14,173.5	+55.0	0.4%	+418.9	3.0%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,612.7	9,810.9	9,828.0	+17.0	0.2%	+215.3	2.2%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,141.9	4,307.6	4,345.5	+37.9	0.9%	+203.7	4.9%
Unemployment ('000)	483.9	519.9	547.8	+27.9	5.4%	+64.0	13.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.4	3.6	3.7		0.2pp		0.3pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.3	9.9	10.0		0.1pp		0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,906.4	1,930.5	1,939.4		0.5%		1.7%

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