

SUMMARY

During May, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.4% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.3%); and
- rose 1.3% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.5%).

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

- was 3.9% in South Australia in **trend** terms (3.5% nationally); and
- was 4.0% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (3.6% nationally).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 3,900 (0.4%), and rose by 39,800 (0.3%) nationally in May—see Chart 1.

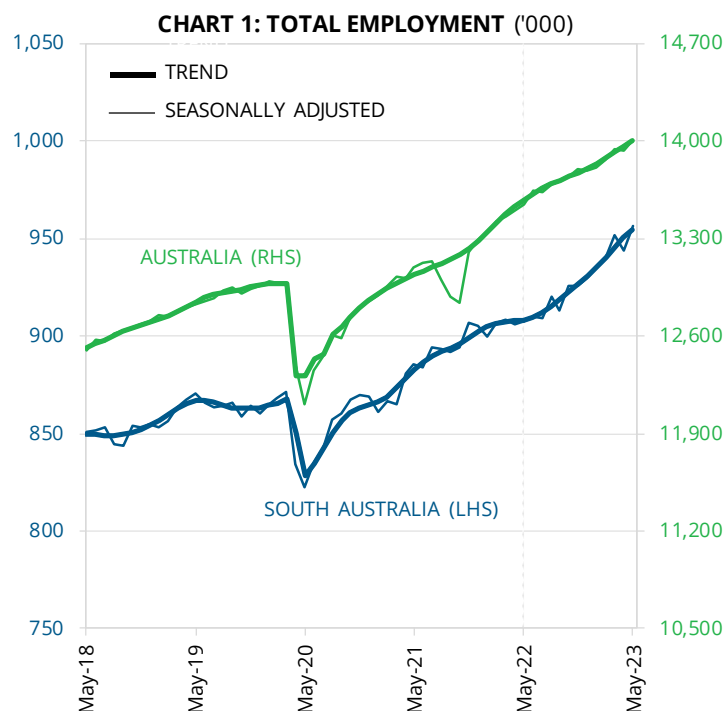
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 4,300 (0.7%) and part-time employment fell by 400 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 33,100 (0.3%) and part-time employment rose by 6,700 (0.2%).

[Through the year](#) trend employment growth was 5.1% for South Australia and 3.1% nationally.

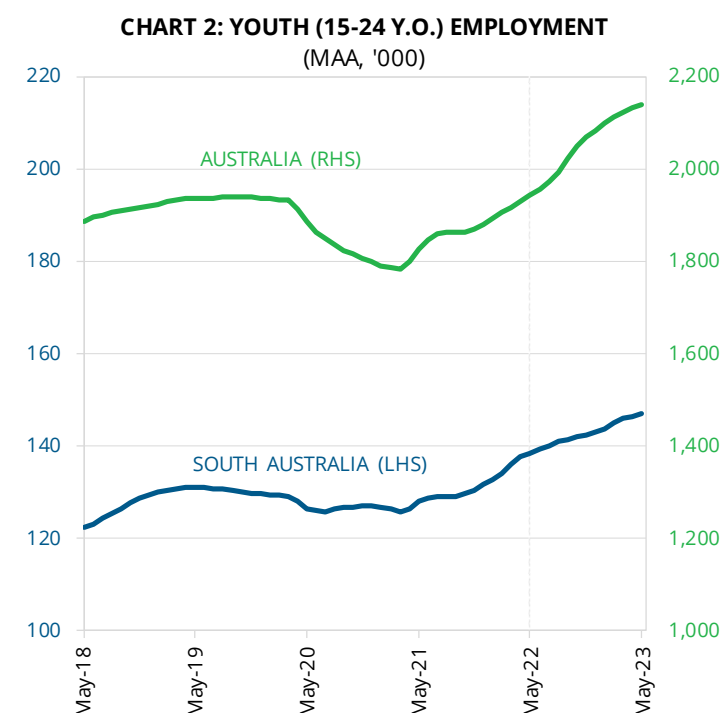
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 12,300 (1.3%) in May, following a fall of 0.8% in April. Employment rose by 75,900 (0.5%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 18,300 (3.0%) but part-time employment fell by 6,000 (1.8%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 61,700 (0.6%) and part-time employment rose by 14,300 (0.3%).

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 5.3% for South Australia and 3.4% nationally.



In the year to May, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 6.3% higher than a year earlier and 10.2% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

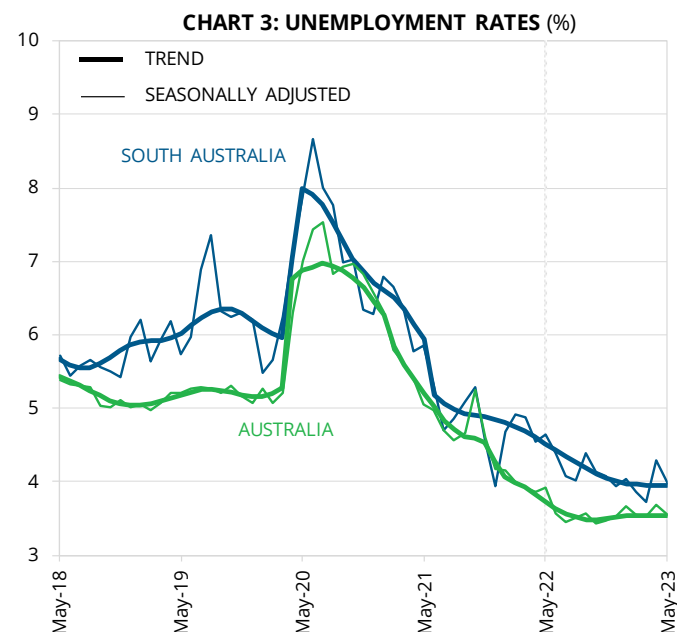


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in May remained unchanged both nationally and in South Australia at 3.5% and 3.9%, respectively — see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates (%)

	May-22		Apr-23		May-23	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.0
VIC	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.7
QLD	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
SA	4.5	4.6	3.9	4.3	3.9	4.0
WA	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7
TAS	4.1	4.4	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.2
AUS	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.6



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 4.3% in April to 4.0% in May. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 3.7% in April to 3.6% in May.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.4% in the year to May, down from 9.6% a year earlier and above the 7.8% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

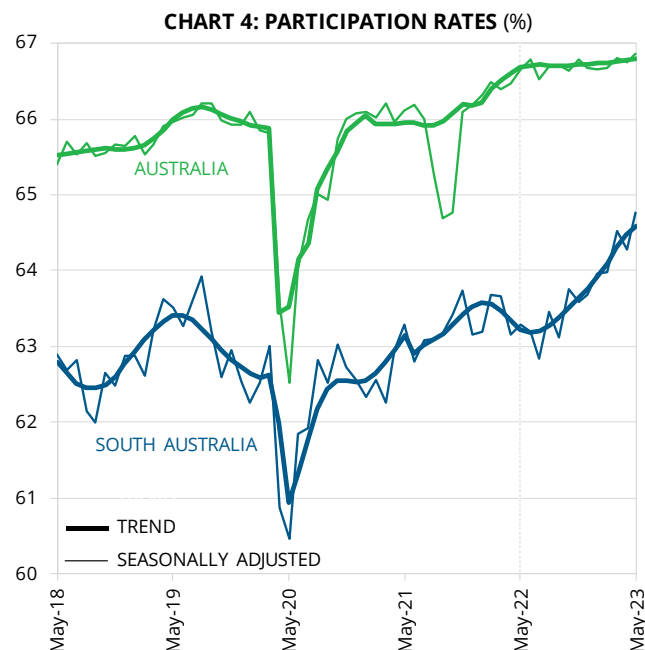
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 7.2% in May. As a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 11.1% in May, down from 11.7% a year earlier. In May, the national underutilisation rate was 9.8%.

PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose from 64.5% in April to 64.6% in May. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 66.8% in May — see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.5 of a percentage point to 64.8% in May. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 66.9%.

HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, The age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to April 2023 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.3pp) and 55-64 year olds (up 2.1pp). The age groups that experienced the largest declines in participation over the same period were 45-54 year olds (down 2.2pp) and 65-74 year olds (down 1.6pp) —see Table 2.

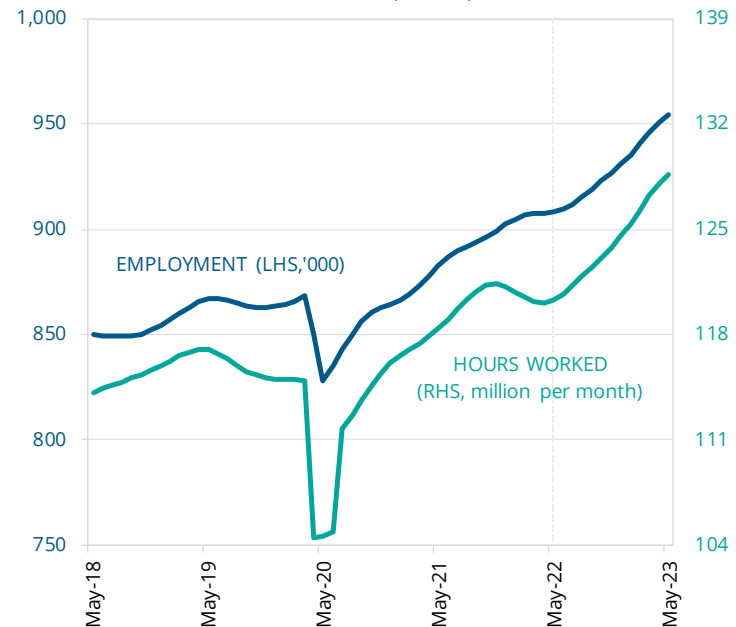
Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Apr 22	Yr to Apr 23	Apr 22 vs Apr 23 (pp.)
15-24	71.7	74.1	2.3
25-34	85.1	85.8	0.8
35-44	86.4	86.8	0.4
45-54	84.7	82.6	-2.2
55-64	66.1	68.1	2.1
65-74	22.0	20.3	-1.6
75+	2.9	5.0	2.0

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.

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.5% in South Australia in May and were 6.9% higher than a year earlier — see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 5.4% through the year to May.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>May-22</i>	<i>Apr-23</i>	May-23	Change			
				In month	Through year		
Labour force ('000)	951.3	989.6	993.6	+4.0	0.4%	+42.4	4.5%
Participation rate (%)	63.2	64.5	64.6		0.1pp		1.4pp
Total employment ('000)	908.3	950.6	954.4	+3.9	0.4%	+46.2	5.1%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	599.4	630.1	634.4	+4.3	0.7%	+35.0	5.8%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	308.9	320.4	320.1	-0.4	-0.1%	+11.2	3.6%
Unemployment ('000)	43.0	39.1	39.2	+0.1	0.3%	-3.8	-8.9%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	3.9	3.9		0.0pp		-0.6pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	11.7	11.1	11.1		0.0pp		-0.5pp
Total hours worked (million)	120.3	128.0	128.6		0.5%		6.9%

AUSTRALIA	<i>May-22</i>	<i>Apr-23</i>	May-23	Change			
				In month	Through year		
Labour force ('000)	14104.1	14475.3	14516.1	+40.9	0.3%	+412.1	2.9%
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.8	66.8		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	13,576.8	13,963.6	14,003.4	+39.8	0.3%	+426.6	3.1%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	9,424.6	9,785.0	9,818.1	+33.1	0.3%	+393.4	4.2%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	4,152.2	4,178.6	4,185.3	+6.7	0.2%	+33.1	0.8%
Unemployment ('000)	527.3	511.7	512.8	+1.1	0.2%	-14.5	-2.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	3.5	3.5		0.0pp		-0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.9	9.8	9.8		0.0pp		-0.1pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,845.0	1,936.6	1,943.8		0.4%		5.4%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>May-22</i>	<i>Apr-23</i>	May-23	Change			
				In month	Through year		
Labour force ('000)	952.1	986.6	996.1	+9.5	1.0%	+44.0	4.6%
Participation rate (%)	63.3	64.3	64.8		0.5pp		1.5pp
Total employment ('000)	907.9	944.2	956.5	+12.3	1.3%	+48.6	5.3%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	604.4	619.9	638.2	+18.3	3.0%	+33.8	5.6%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	303.5	324.3	318.3	-6.0	-1.8%	+14.8	4.9%
Unemployment ('000)	44.1	42.4	39.5	-2.8	-6.7%	-4.6	-10.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.6	4.3	4.0		-0.3pp		-0.7pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	11.3	11.8	11.0		-0.8pp		-0.2pp
Total hours worked (million)	120.2	131.7	129.1		-1.9%		7.4%

AUSTRALIA	<i>May-22</i>	<i>Apr-23</i>	May-23	Change			
				In month	Through year		
Labour force ('000)	14,097.6	14468.3	14,527.7	+59.4	0.4%	+430.1	3.1%
Participation rate (%)	66.7	66.7	66.9		0.1pp		0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	13,546.2	13,935.8	14,011.8	+75.9	0.5%	+465.5	3.4%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	9,440.9	9,764.5	9,826.2	+61.7	0.6%	+385.3	4.1%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	4,105.3	4,171.3	4,185.6	+14.3	0.3%	+80.3	2.0%
Unemployment ('000)	551.4	532.4	515.9	-16.5	-3.1%	-35.5	-6.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.9	3.7	3.6		-0.1pp		-0.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.9	9.8	10.0		0.2pp		0.1pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,855.2	1,979.6	1,943.5		-1.8%		4.8%

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