

## SUMMARY

During July, total [employment](#):

- rose 1.2% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment remained unchanged).

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

- was 4.7% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (4.6% 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.

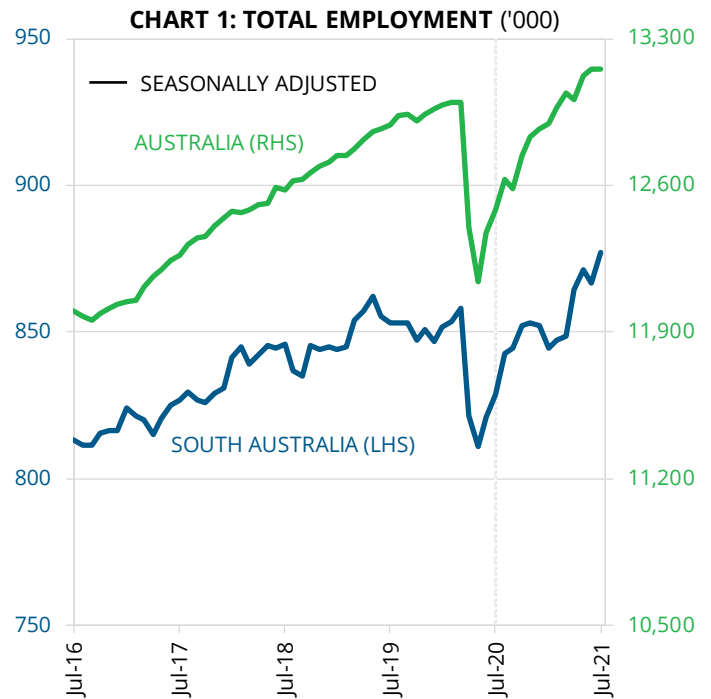
## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

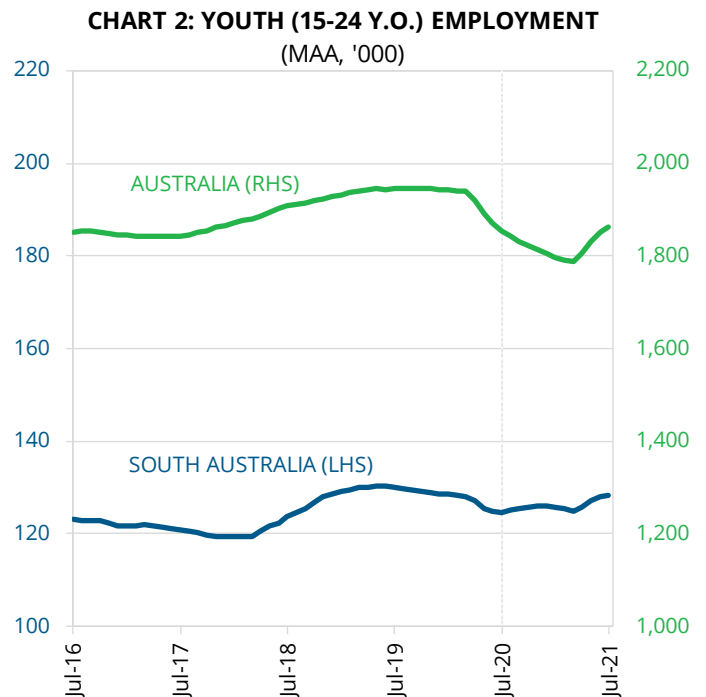
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 10,700 (1.2%), and rose marginally by 2,200 nationally in July—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 4,500 (0.8%) and part-time employment rose by 6,200 (2.0%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell marginally by 4,200 and part-time employment rose by 6,400 (0.2%).

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment was 5.9% higher for South Australia and was 5.4% higher nationally.



In the year to July, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 2.9% higher than a year earlier and 0.5% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

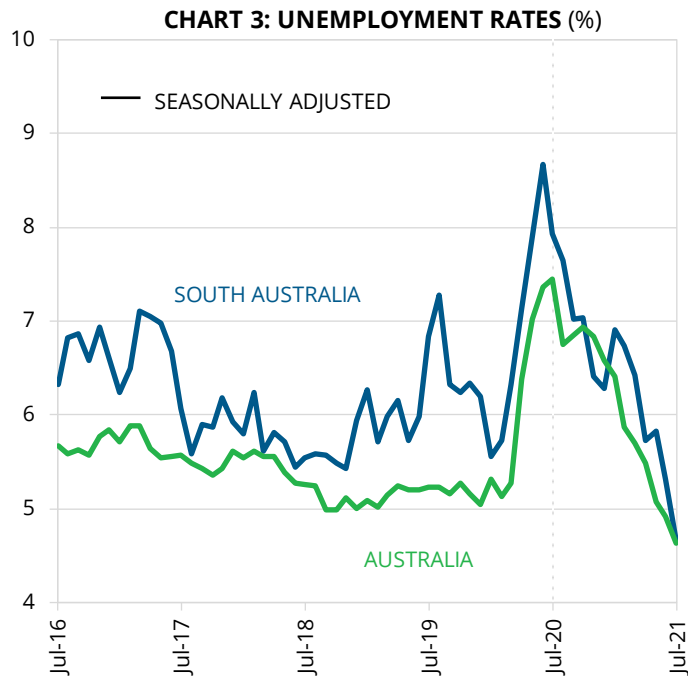


## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 5.3% in June to 4.7% in July. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 4.9% in June to 4.6% in July—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

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

	Jul-20	Jun-21	Jul-21
NSW	7.1	5.1	4.5
VIC	6.8	4.4	4.5
QLD	8.7	5.1	5.2
<b>SA</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>
WA	8.2	5.1	4.6
TAS	6.0	4.5	4.5
<b>AUS</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 14.2% in the year to July, down from 14.4% a year earlier and above the 12.8% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

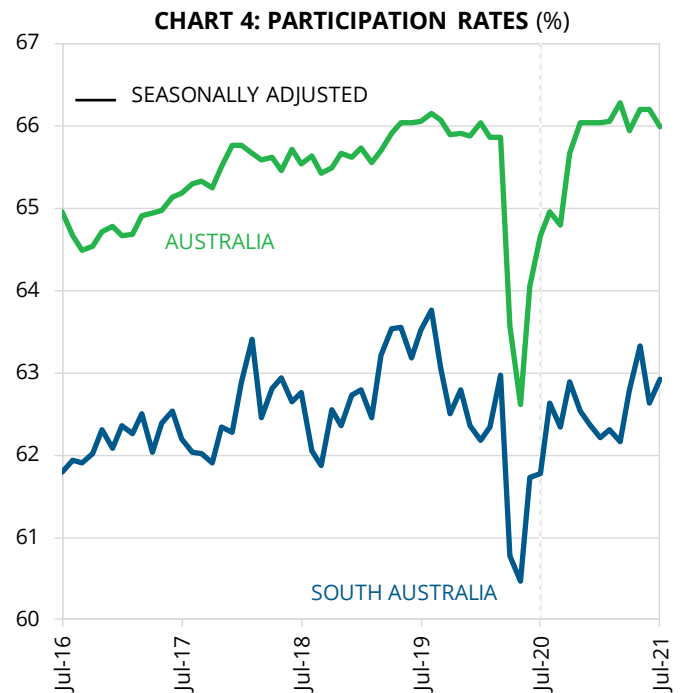
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 **seasonally adjusted** underemployment rate in South Australia was 8.4% in July. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force underutilisation rate was 13.0% in July, down from 19.0% a year earlier. In July, the national underutilisation rate was 12.9%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose from 62.6% in June to 62.9% in July. Nationally, the participation rate fell by 0.2 of a percentage point and was 66.0% in July—see Chart 4.



## HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, age groups that experienced increases in participation in the year to June 2021 include the 15-24 year olds (up 3.3pp) and 25-34 year olds (up 1.5pp). Age groups that experienced declines in participation over the same period include the 65-74 year olds (down 1.4pp) and 75+ year olds (down 0.6pp) —see Table 2.

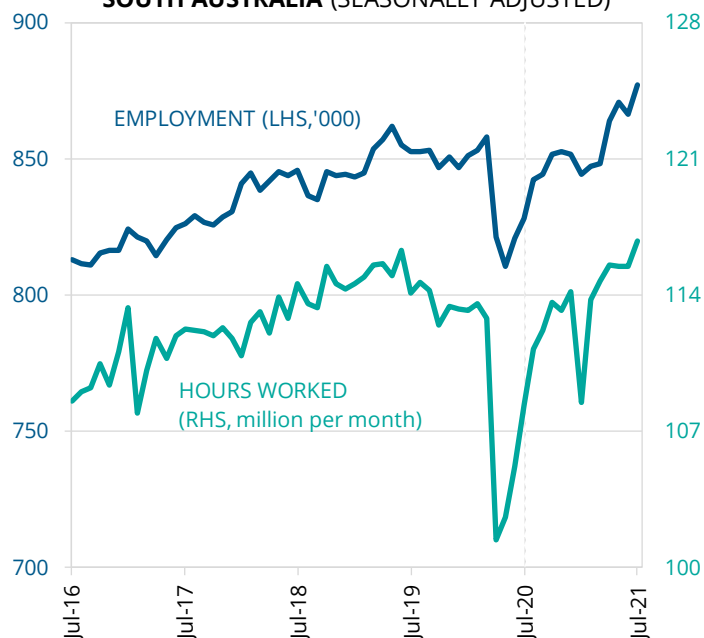
**Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia** (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Jun 20	Yr to Jun 21	Jun 20 vs Jun 21 (pp.)
15-24	67.3	70.6	3.3
25-34	82.4	83.9	1.5
35-44	86.1	86.2	0.1
45-54	83.6	83.2	-0.5
55-64	66.0	66.6	0.6
65-74	21.3	19.9	-1.4
75+	2.8	2.2	-0.6

**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 1.1% in South Australia in July and were 7.8% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 5.7% through the year to July.

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



Next release of [this ABS data](#) (formerly Cat No 6202.0) is 16 September 2021

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

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Jul-20</i>	<i>Jun-21</i>	<b>Jul-21</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	899.9	915.3	<b>920.1</b>	+4.9	0.5%	+20.2	2.2%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	61.8	62.6	<b>62.9</b>		0.3pp		1.1pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	828.6	866.6	<b>877.2</b>	+10.7	1.2%	+48.7	5.9%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	539.7	560.8	<b>565.3</b>	+4.5	0.8%	+25.6	4.7%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	288.9	305.8	<b>311.9</b>	+6.2	2.0%	+23.1	8.0%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	71.3	48.7	<b>42.9</b>	-5.8	-11.9%	-28.4	-39.8%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	7.9	5.3	<b>4.7</b>		-0.7pp		-3.3pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	19.0	13.1	<b>13.0</b>		-0.1pp		-5.9pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	108.4	115.5	<b>116.8</b>		1.1%		7.8%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<i>Jul-20</i>	<i>Jun-21</i>	<b>Jul-21</b>	<b>Change</b>			
				<b>In month</b>		<b>Through year</b>	
<b>Labour force</b> ('000)	13483.9	13833.4	<b>13795.6</b>	-37.7	-0.3%	+311.7	2.3%
<b>Participation rate</b> (%)	64.7	66.2	<b>66.0</b>		-0.2pp		1.3pp
<b>Total employment</b> ('000)	12,479.8	13,154.2	<b>13,156.4</b>	+2.2	0.0%	+676.6	5.4%
<i>Full-time</i> employment ('000)	8,556.9	9,016.8	<b>9,012.6</b>	-4.2	0.0%	+455.7	5.3%
<i>Part-time</i> employment ('000)	3,922.9	4,137.4	<b>4,143.8</b>	+6.4	0.2%	+220.9	5.6%
<b>Unemployment</b> ('000)	1,004.2	679.1	<b>639.2</b>	-39.9	-5.9%	-364.9	-36.3%
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (%)	7.4	4.9	<b>4.6</b>		-0.3pp		-2.8pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b> (%)	18.7	12.8	<b>12.9</b>		0.1pp		-5.8pp
<b>Total hours worked</b> (million)	1,682.7	1,780.9	<b>1,777.8</b>		-0.2%		5.7%

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