

SUMMARY

During May, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.8% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.9%).

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

- was 5.8% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (5.1% 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.

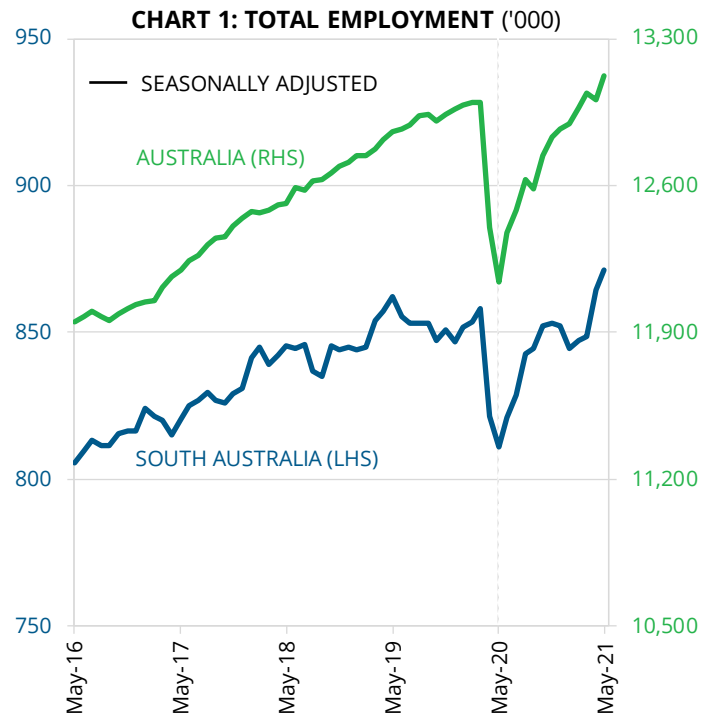
FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

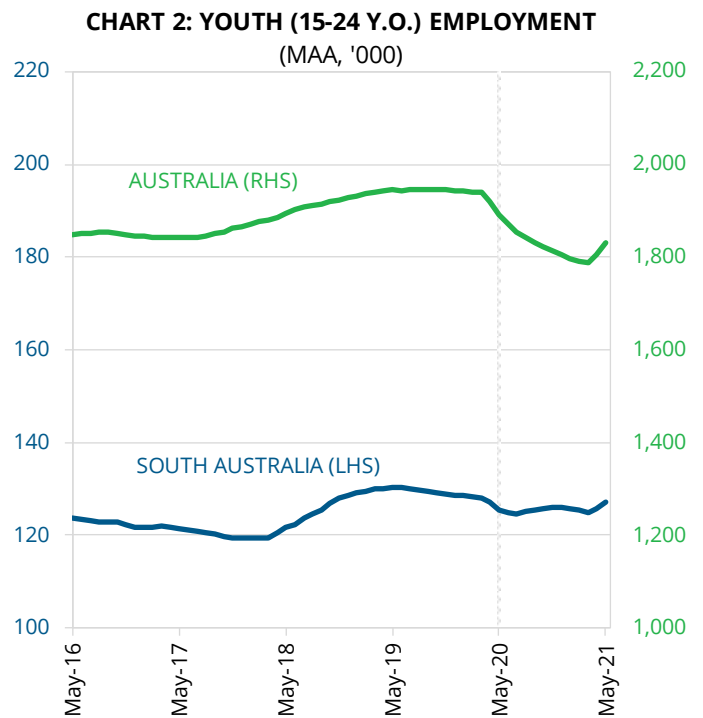
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 6,800 (0.8%), and rose by 115,200 (0.9%) nationally in May—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 1,700 (0.3%) and part-time employment rose by 8,500 (2.8%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 97,500 (1.1%) and part-time employment rose by 17,700 (0.4%).

Seasonally adjusted employment was 7.4% higher [through the year](#) for South Australia and was 8.1% higher nationally.



In the year to May, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 1.5% higher than a year earlier and 3.2% lower nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

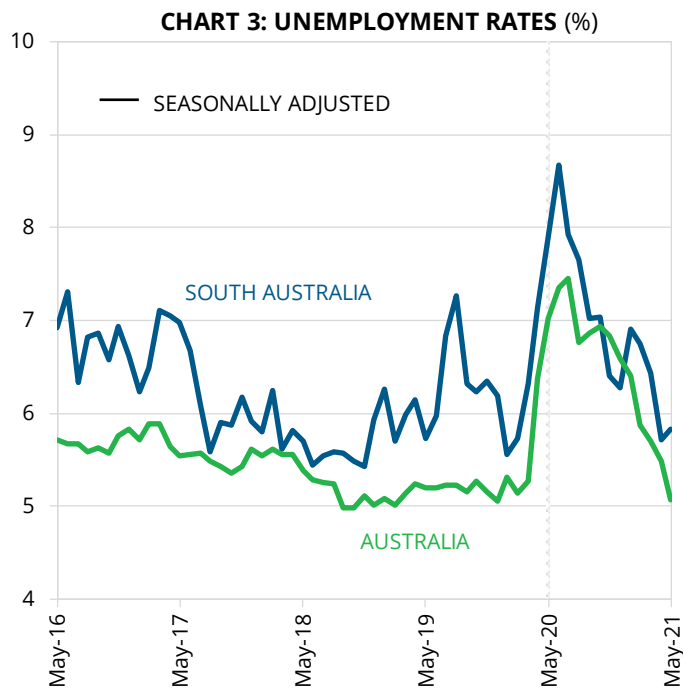


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia rose from 5.7% in April to 5.8% in May. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 5.5% in April to 5.1% in May—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (%)

	May-20	Apr-21	May-21
NSW	6.4	5.5	5.0
VIC	6.8	5.5	4.8
QLD	7.8	6.1	5.4
SA	7.9	5.7	5.8
WA	8.0	4.9	4.7
TAS	6.4	6.2	5.7
AUS	7.0	5.5	5.1



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 15.4% in the year to May, up from 14.0% a year earlier and above the 13.8% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

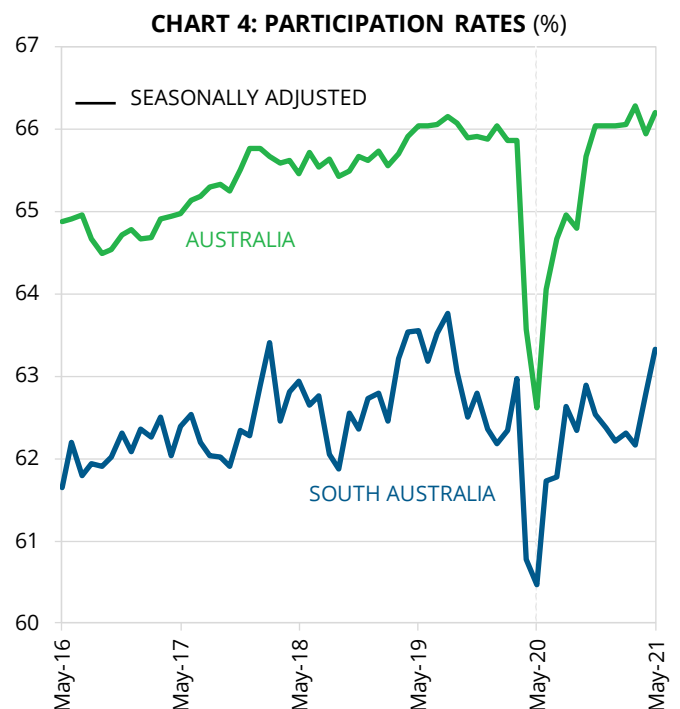
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 7.8% in May. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force underutilisation rate was 13.6% in May, down from 20.7% a year earlier. In May, the national underutilisation rate was 12.5%.

PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose from 62.8% in April to 63.3% in May. Nationally, the participation rate rose by 0.3 of a percentage point and was 66.2% in May—see Chart 4.



HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, age groups that experienced increases in participation in the year to April 2021 include the 15-24 year olds (up 1.9pp) and 25-34 year olds (up 1.1pp). The age groups that experienced declines over the same period include the 65-74 year olds (down 3.0pp) and 75+ year olds (down 0.9pp) —see Table 2.

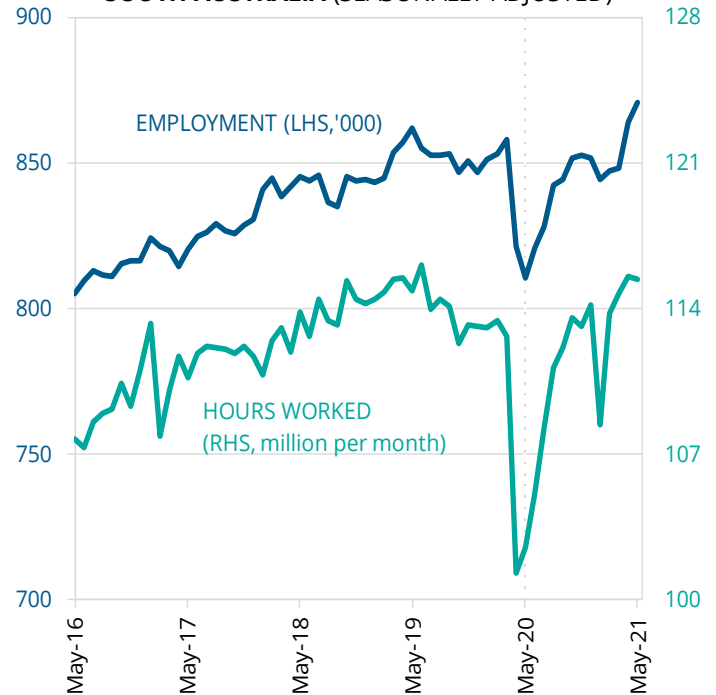
Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Apr 20	Yr to Apr 21	Apr 20 vs Apr 21 (pp.)
15-24	67.9	69.8	1.9
25-34	82.4	83.5	1.1
35-44	86.5	85.8	-0.7
45-54	83.6	82.9	-0.7
55-64	66.2	66.2	0.1
65-74	22.6	19.5	-3.0
75+	3.0	2.0	-0.9

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 0.1% in South Australia in May but were 13% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs also rose by 13% through the year to May.

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



Next release of [this ABS data](#) (formerly Cat No 6202.0) is 15 July 2021

Table 3: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>May-20</i>	<i>Apr-21</i>	May-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	880.3	916.7	925.0	+8.3	0.9%	+44.7	5.1%
Participation rate (%)	60.5	62.8	63.3		0.5pp		2.9pp
Total employment ('000)	810.8	864.2	871.1	+6.8	0.8%	+60.3	7.4%
Full-time employment ('000)	531.8	563.6	561.9	-1.7	-0.3%	+30.1	5.7%
Part-time employment ('000)	279.0	300.7	309.2	+8.5	2.8%	+30.2	10.8%
Unemployment ('000)	69.5	52.4	53.9	+1.5	2.8%	-15.6	-22.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.9	5.7	5.8		0.1pp		-2.1pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	20.7	14.0	13.6		-0.4pp		-7.1pp
Total hours worked (million)	102.5	115.5	115.5		-0.1%		12.6%
AUSTRALIA	<i>May-20</i>	<i>Apr-21</i>	May-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13054.5	13764.0	13826.3	+62.2	0.5%	+771.8	5.9%
Participation rate (%)	62.6	65.9	66.2		0.3pp		3.6pp
Total employment ('000)	12,137.9	13,010.0	13,125.1	+115.2	0.9%	+987.2	8.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	8,543.9	8,867.7	8,965.2	+97.5	1.1%	+421.3	4.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	3,594.1	4,142.2	4,160.0	+17.7	0.4%	+565.9	15.7%
Unemployment ('000)	916.5	754.1	701.1	-53.0	-7.0%	-215.4	-23.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.0	5.5	5.1		-0.4pp		-1.9pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	20.0	13.2	12.5		-0.7pp		-7.5pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,605.9	1,789.1	1,814.2		1.4%		13.0%

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