

SUMMARY

During August, total [employment](#):

- fell 0.3% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment fell 1.1%).

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

- was 5.0% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (4.5% 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.

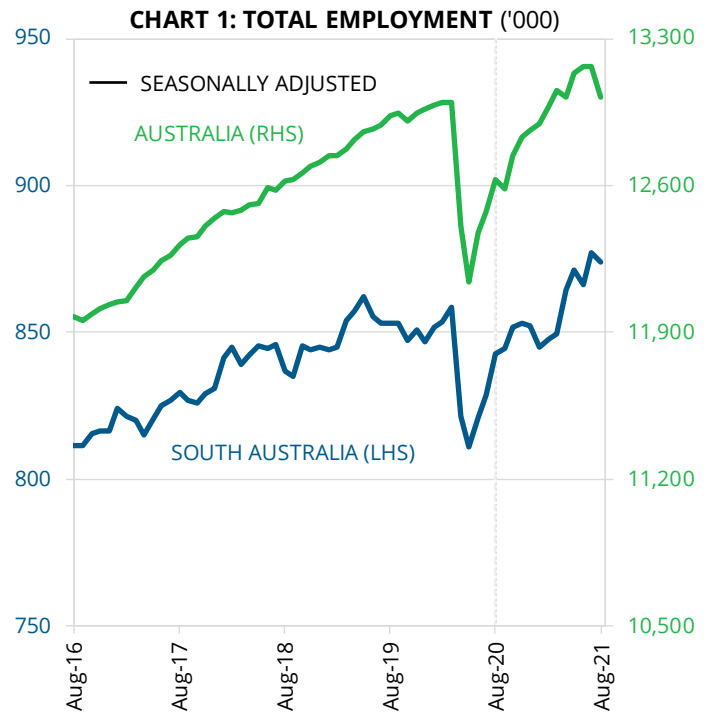
FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

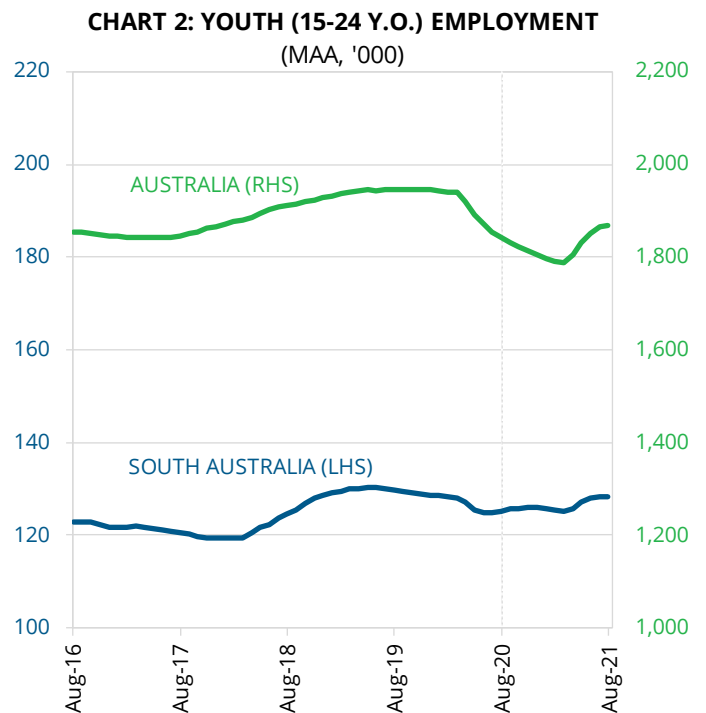
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 2,800 (0.3%), and fell by 146,300 (1.1%) nationally in August—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 3,900 (0.7%) and part-time employment fell by 6,700 (2.2%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by 68,000 (0.8%) and part-time employment fell by 78,200 (1.9%).

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment was 3.7% higher for South Australia and was 3.1% higher nationally.



In the year to August, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 2.4% higher than a year earlier and 1.3% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

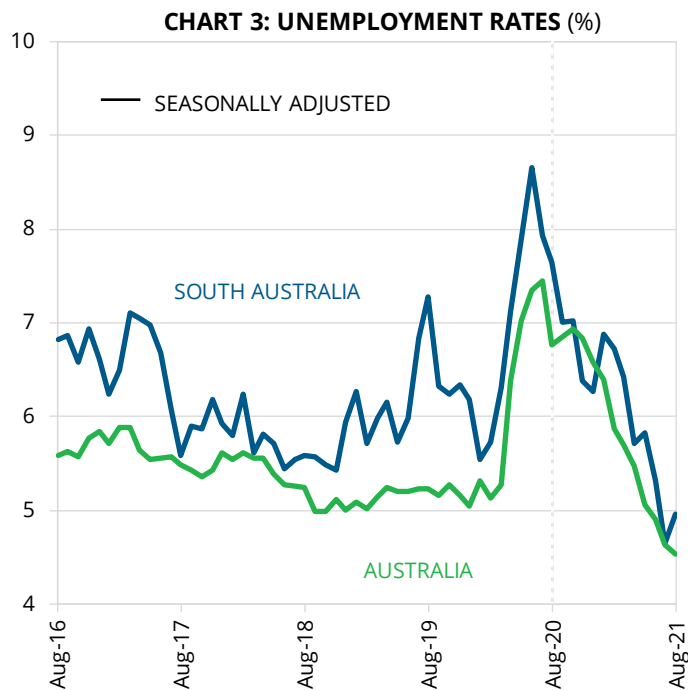


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia rose from 4.6% in July to 5.0% in August. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 4.6% in July to 4.5% in August—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (%)

	Aug-20	Jul-21	Aug-21
NSW	6.5	4.5	4.9
VIC	7.0	4.4	4.1
QLD	7.1	5.2	5.3
SA	7.7	4.6	5.0
WA	6.8	4.6	4.6
TAS	6.2	4.6	5.5
AUS	6.8	4.6	4.5



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 13.7% in the year to August, down from 14.1% a year earlier but above the 12.5% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

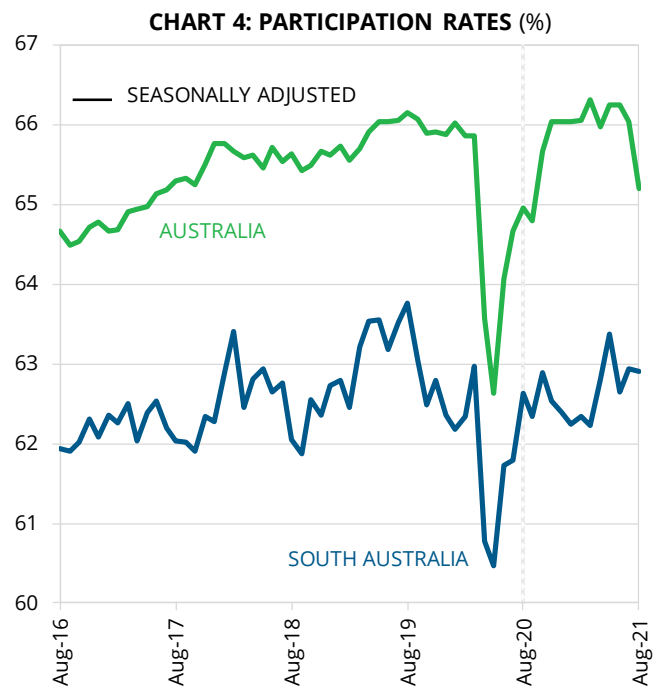
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 8.0% in August. As a result the overall seasonally adjusted labour force **underutilisation** rate was 12.9% in August, down from 19.4% a year earlier. In August, the national underutilisation rate was 13.8%.

PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia remained unchanged at 62.9% in August. Nationally, the participation rate fell by 0.8 of a percentage point and was 65.2% in August—see Chart 4.



HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, age groups that experienced increases in participation in the year to July 2021 included 15-24 year olds (up 2.8pp) and 25-34 year olds (up 1.6pp). The only age group to experience a decline in participation over the same period was the 75+ year old group (down 0.3pp)—see Table 2.

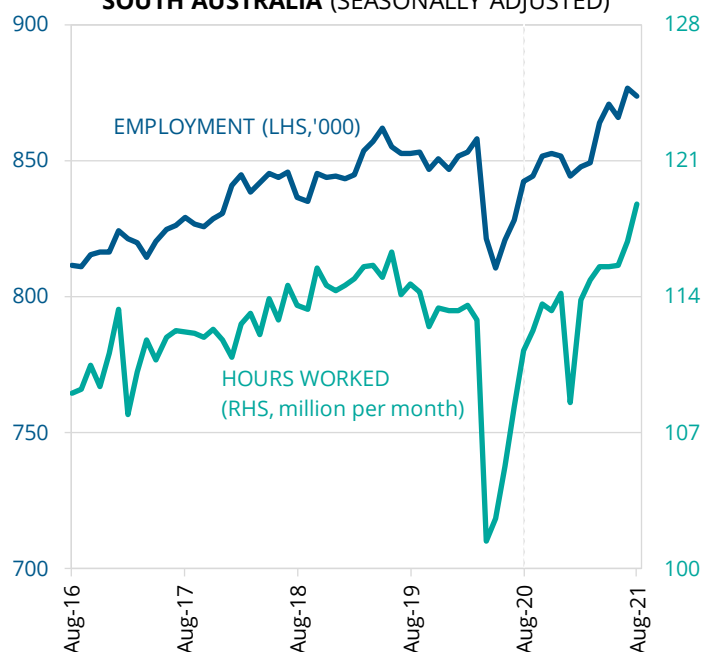
Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Aug 20	Yr to Jul 21	Aug 20 vs Jul 21 (pp.)
15-24	67.5	70.3	2.8
25-34	82.6	84.2	1.6
35-44	85.9	86.3	0.4
45-54	83.4	83.6	0.1
55-64	65.7	66.8	1.1
65-74	20.4	20.5	0.1
75+	2.6	2.4	-0.3

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 1.6% in South Australia in August and were 6.8% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 1.6% through the year to August.

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



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Table 3: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Aug-20</i>	<i>Jul-21</i>	Aug-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	912.3	919.6	919.7	+0.1	0.0%	+7.3	0.8%
Participation rate (%)	62.6	62.9	62.9		0.0pp		0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	842.5	876.9	874.1	-2.8	-0.3%	+31.5	3.7%
Full-time employment ('000)	542.4	565.6	569.5	+3.9	0.7%	+27.0	5.0%
Part-time employment ('000)	300.1	311.3	304.6	-6.7	-2.2%	+4.5	1.5%
Unemployment ('000)	69.8	42.7	45.6	+2.9	6.9%	-24.2	-34.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.7	4.6	5.0		0.3pp		-2.7pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	19.4	13.0	12.9		-0.1pp		-6.5pp
Total hours worked (million)	111.3	116.9	118.8		1.6%		6.8%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Aug-20</i>	<i>Jul-21</i>	Aug-21	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13541.7	13807.8	13639.7	-168.1	-1.2%	+98.0	0.7%
Participation rate (%)	65.0	66.0	65.2		-0.8pp		0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	12,626.5	13,168.9	13,022.6	-146.3	-1.1%	+396.1	3.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	8,585.7	9,024.6	8,956.5	-68.0	-0.8%	+370.8	4.3%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,040.8	4,144.3	4,066.1	-78.2	-1.9%	+25.3	0.6%
Unemployment ('000)	915.2	639.0	617.1	-21.9	-3.4%	-298.0	-32.6%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.8	4.6	4.5		-0.1pp		-2.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	18.1	12.9	13.8		0.9pp		-4.2pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,687.3	1,779.9	1,713.9		-3.7%		1.6%

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