

SUMMARY

During December, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.2% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment also rose 0.2%); and
- rose 0.3% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment fell 0.1%).

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

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

FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 1,900 (0.2%), and rose by 26,500 (0.2%) nationally in December—see Chart 1.

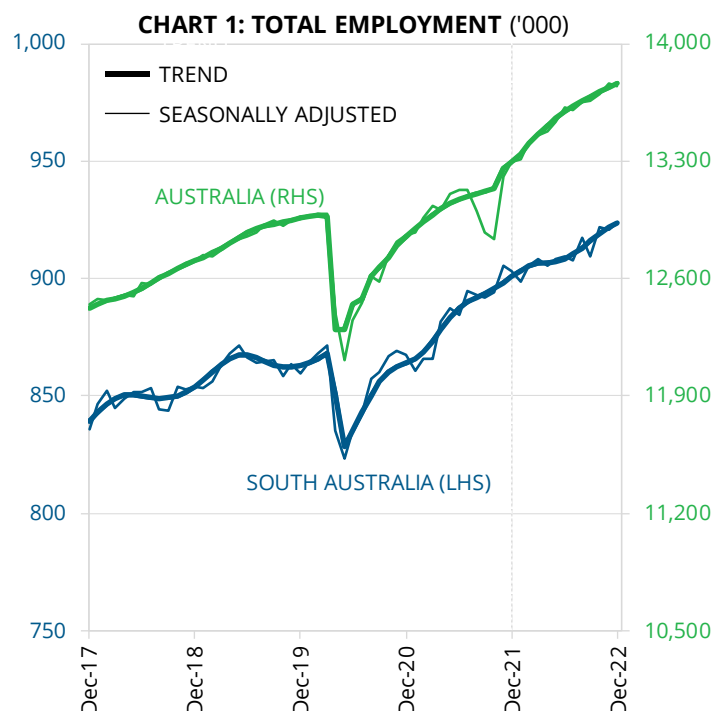
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 600 (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 1,300 (0.4%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 25,700 (0.3%) and part-time employment rose by 800.

[Through the year](#) trend employment growth was 2.5% for South Australia and 3.5% nationally.

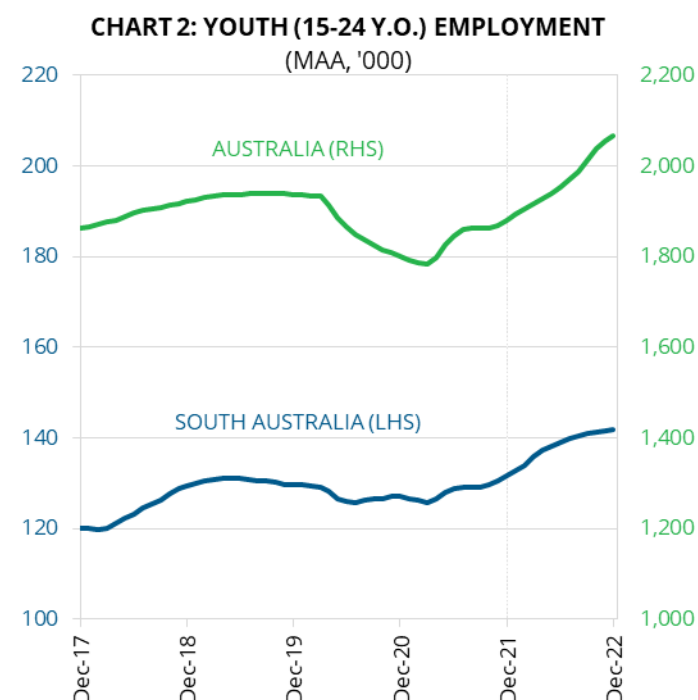
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,900 (0.3%) in December, following a fall of 0.1% in November. Employment fell by 14,600 (0.1%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 6,500 (1.1%) while part-time employment fell by 3,600 (1.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 17,600 (0.2%) and part-time employment fell by 32,200 (0.8%).

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 2.2% for South Australia and 3.4% nationally.



In the year to December, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 7.8% higher than a year earlier and 9.9% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

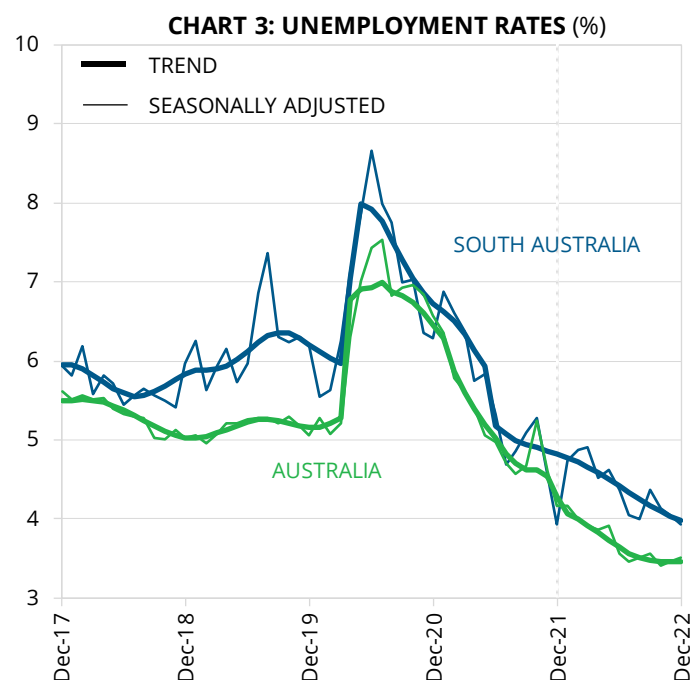


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 4.0% in December. Nationally, the unemployment rate also remained unchanged in December at 3.5%—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates (%)

	Dec-21		Nov-22		Dec-22	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1
VIC	4.3	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5
QLD	4.5	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.8
SA	4.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9
WA	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5
TAS	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.6
AUS	4.3	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 4.1% in November to 3.9% in December. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged in December at 3.5%.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.6% in the year to December, down from 12.2% a year earlier but above the 8.2% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

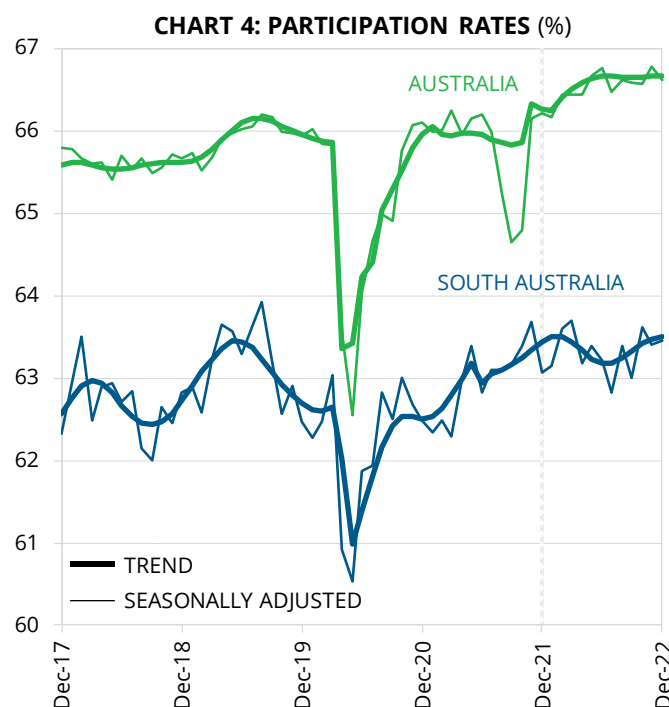
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 7.1% in December. As a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 11.1% in December, down from 12.9% a year earlier. In December, the national underutilisation rate was 9.4%.

PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 63.5% in December. Nationally, the participation rate also remained unchanged in December at 66.7% —see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose from 63.4% in November to 63.5% in December. Nationally, the participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 66.6%.

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to November 2022 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.6pp) and 55-64 year olds (up 1.9pp). The age groups that experienced the largest declines in participation over the same period were 65-74 year olds (down 1.4pp) and 45-54 year olds (down 0.8pp) —see Table 2.

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

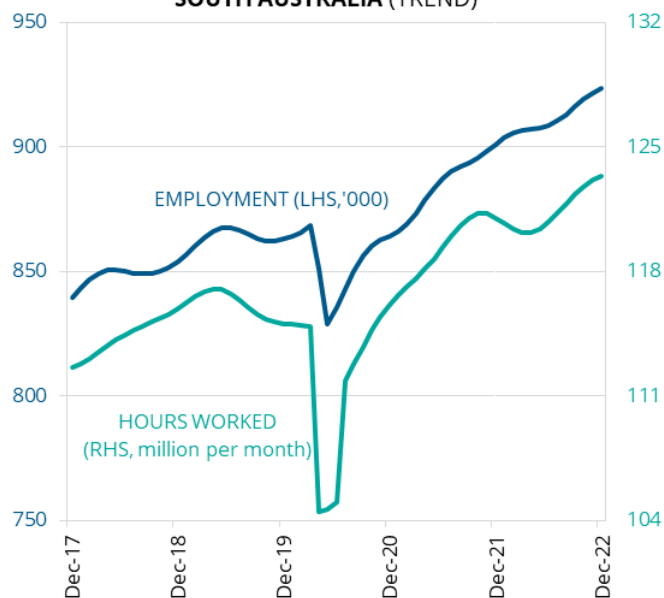
	Yr to Nov 21	Yr to Nov 22	Nov 21 vs Nov 22 (pp.)
15-24	70.4	73.0	2.6
25-34	84.9	85.1	0.3
35-44	86.3	86.8	0.4
45-54	84.1	83.3	-0.8
55-64	65.8	67.7	1.9
65-74	21.5	20.1	-1.4
75+	2.8	4.3	1.4

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 0.2% in South Australia in December and were 1.9% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 4.0% through the year to December.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Dec-21</i>	<i>Nov-22</i>	Dec-22	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	946.7	960.4	961.9	+1.5	0.2%	+15.2	1.6%
Participation rate (%)	63.4	63.5	63.5		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	901.0	921.7	923.6	+1.9	0.2%	+22.6	2.5%
Full-time employment ('000)	586.1	606.4	607.0	+0.6	0.1%	+20.9	3.6%
Part-time employment ('000)	315.0	315.3	316.6	+1.3	0.4%	+1.7	0.5%
Unemployment ('000)	45.6	38.7	38.3	-0.4	-1.1%	-7.4	-16.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.8	4.0	4.0		-0.1pp		-0.8pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.9	11.0	11.1		0.1pp		-1.8pp
Total hours worked (million)	121.0	123.1	123.3		0.2%		1.9%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Dec-21</i>	<i>Nov-22</i>	Dec-22	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13890.4	14231.3	14259.4	+28.1	0.2%	+369.1	2.7%
Participation rate (%)	66.3	66.7	66.7		0.0pp		0.4pp
Total employment ('000)	13,295.5	13,738.7	13,765.2	+26.5	0.2%	+469.7	3.5%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,127.5	9,592.8	9,618.5	+25.7	0.3%	+491.0	5.4%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,168.0	4,145.9	4,146.7	+0.8	0.0%	-21.4	-0.5%
Unemployment ('000)	594.8	492.6	494.2	+1.6	0.3%	-100.6	-16.9%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	3.5	3.5		0.0pp		-0.8pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.9	9.4	9.4		0.0pp		-1.4pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,818.4	1,885.6	1,890.3		0.3%		4.0%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Dec-21</i>	<i>Nov-22</i>	Dec-22	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	940.4	959.4	961.2	+1.8	0.2%	+20.8	2.2%
Participation rate (%)	63.1	63.4	63.5		0.0pp		0.4pp
Total employment ('000)	903.4	920.5	923.4	+2.9	0.3%	+20.0	2.2%
Full-time employment ('000)	591.0	601.9	608.4	+6.5	1.1%	+17.4	2.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	312.4	318.6	315.0	-3.6	-1.1%	+2.7	0.9%
Unemployment ('000)	37.0	38.9	37.8	-1.1	-2.9%	+0.8	2.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.9	4.1	3.9		-0.1pp		0.0pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.2	11.0	11.8		0.8pp		-0.4pp
Total hours worked (million)	121.2	121.4	123.4		1.6%		1.8%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Dec-21</i>	<i>Nov-22</i>	Dec-22	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13,872.8	14255.7	14,246.9	-8.8	-0.1%	+374.1	2.7%
Participation rate (%)	66.2	66.8	66.6		-0.2pp		0.4pp
Total employment ('000)	13,295.1	13,761.7	13,747.1	-14.6	-0.1%	+452.0	3.4%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,122.2	9,601.4	9,619.0	+17.6	0.2%	+496.8	5.4%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,172.9	4,160.3	4,128.1	-32.2	-0.8%	-44.8	-1.1%
Unemployment ('000)	577.7	494.0	499.8	+5.8	1.2%	-77.9	-13.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	3.5	3.5		0.0pp		-0.7pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.7	9.3	9.6		0.3pp		-1.2pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,828.9	1,897.5	1,888.0		-0.5%		3.2%

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