

SUMMARY

During February, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.2% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.1%); and
- rose 0.5% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment also rose 0.5%).

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

- was 4.0% in South Australia in **trend** terms (3.5% nationally); and
- was 3.8% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (3.5% nationally).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,000 (0.2%), and rose by 19,800 (0.1%) nationally in February—see Chart 1.

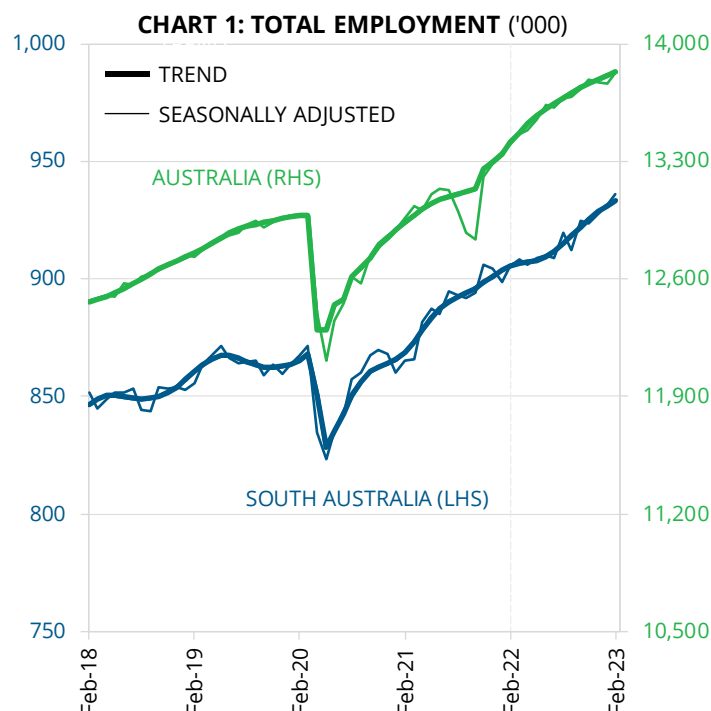
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 1,200 (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 900 (0.3%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 17,900 (0.2%) and part-time employment rose marginally by 1,800.

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

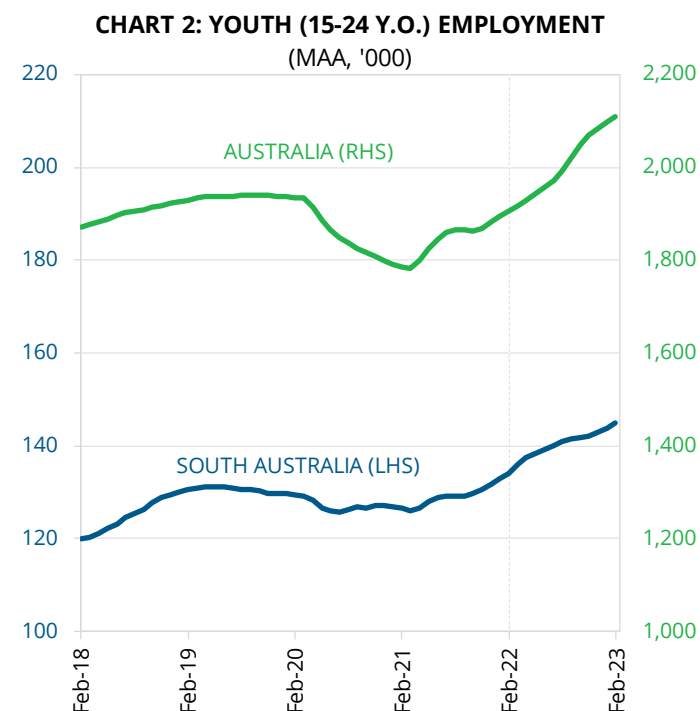
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 4,400 (0.5%) in February, following a rise of 0.5% in January. Employment rose by 64,600 (0.5%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 900 (0.1%) while part-time employment rose by 3,500 (1.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 74,900 (0.8%) but part-time employment fell by 10,300 (0.2%).

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 3.4% for South Australia and 3.0% nationally.



In the year to February, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 8.1% higher than a year earlier and 10.8% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

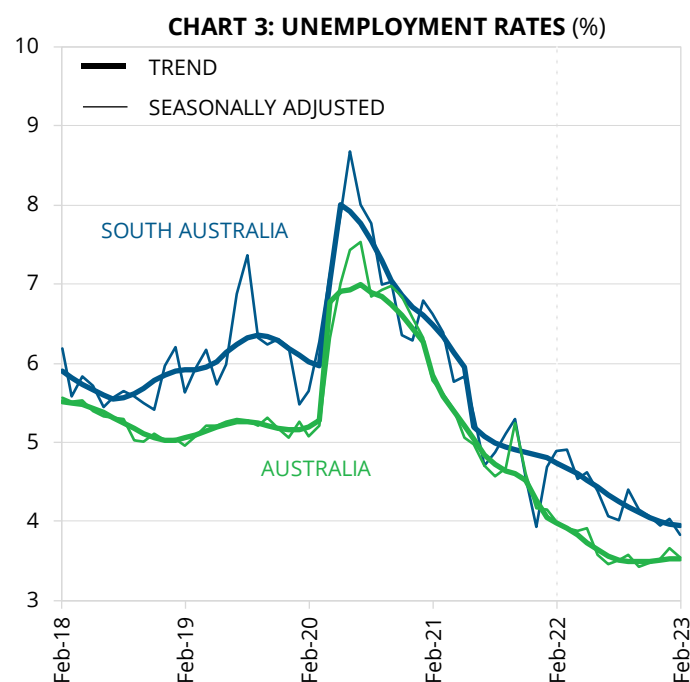


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in February remained unchanged both nationally and in South Australia, at 3.5% and 4.0%, respectively—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates (%)

	Feb-22		Jan-23		Feb-23	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2
VIC	4.1	4.1	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.7
QLD	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8
SA	4.7	4.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8
WA	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.9
TAS	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	3.7	3.6
AUS	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 4.0% in January to 3.8% in February. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 3.7% in January to 3.5% in February.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.3% in the year to February, down from 11.0% a year earlier and above the 8.0% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

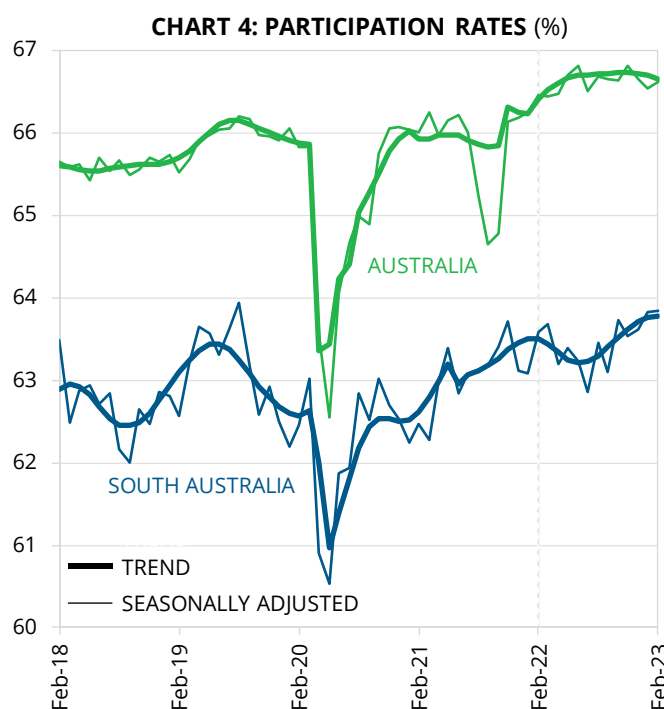
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 6.9% in February. As a result the overall trend labour force **underutilisation** rate was 10.8% in February, down from 12.4% a year earlier. In February, the national underutilisation rate was 9.5%.

PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia remained unchanged at 63.8% in February. Nationally, the participation rate fell from 66.7% in January to 66.6% in February—see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate also remained unchanged at 63.8%. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.1 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 January 2023 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.9pp) and 55-64 year olds (up 2.3pp). The age groups that experienced the largest declines in participation over the same period were 45-54 year olds (down 1.9pp) and 65-74 year olds (down 1.5pp) —see Table 2.

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

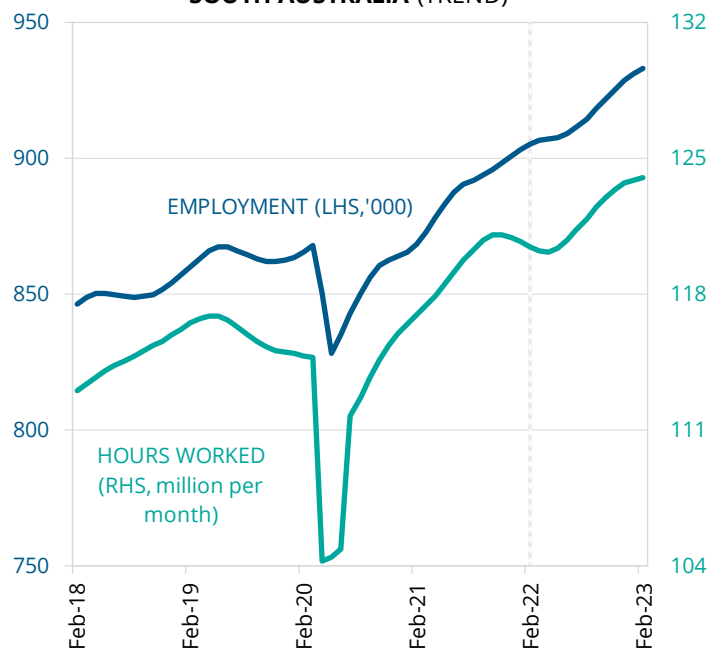
	Yr to Jan 22	Yr to Jan 23	Jan 22 vs Jan 23 (pp.)
15-24	70.6	73.5	2.9
25-34	84.9	85.4	0.4
35-44	86.4	86.7	0.3
45-54	84.6	82.6	-1.9
55-64	65.7	68.1	2.3
65-74	21.8	20.2	-1.5
75+	2.9	4.6	1.7

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 0.1% in South Australia in February and were 3.0% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 3.9% through the year to February.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Feb-22</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	Feb-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	950.6	969.8	971.7	+1.9	0.2%	+21.1	2.2%
Participation rate (%)	63.5	63.8	63.8		0.0pp		0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	905.5	931.2	933.3	+2.0	0.2%	+27.7	3.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	591.3	611.8	613.0	+1.2	0.2%	+21.6	3.7%
Part-time employment ('000)	314.2	319.4	320.3	+0.9	0.3%	+6.1	1.9%
Unemployment ('000)	45.1	38.5	38.4	-0.1	-0.3%	-6.7	-14.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	4.0	4.0		0.0pp		-0.8pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.4	10.8	10.8		0.0pp		-1.6pp
Total hours worked (million)	120.5	123.9	124.0		0.1%		3.0%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Feb-22</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	Feb-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13968.7	14316.5	14336.9	+20.4	0.1%	+368.2	2.6%
Participation rate (%)	66.4	66.7	66.6		0.0pp		0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	13,411.4	13,811.6	13,831.4	+19.8	0.1%	+419.9	3.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,250.1	9,650.0	9,667.9	+17.9	0.2%	+417.9	4.5%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,161.4	4,161.6	4,163.4	+1.8	0.0%	+2.0	0.0%
Unemployment ('000)	557.3	504.9	505.5	+0.6	0.1%	-51.7	-9.3%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	3.5	3.5		0.0pp		-0.5pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.4	9.5	9.5		0.0pp		-1.0pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,828.4	1,895.9	1,900.6		0.2%		3.9%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Feb-22</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	Feb-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	952.0	970.8	973.3	+2.5	0.3%	+21.3	2.2%
Participation rate (%)	63.6	63.8	63.8		0.0pp		0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	905.5	931.6	936.0	+4.4	0.5%	+30.5	3.4%
Full-time employment ('000)	594.8	613.3	614.2	+0.9	0.1%	+19.4	3.3%
Part-time employment ('000)	310.7	318.3	321.7	+3.5	1.1%	+11.0	3.6%
Unemployment ('000)	46.5	39.2	37.3	-1.9	-4.9%	-9.2	-19.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	4.0	3.8		-0.2pp		-1.1pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.4	10.9	10.7		-0.2pp		-1.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	119.0	122.5	125.3		2.3%		5.3%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Feb-22</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	Feb-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13,983.5	14285.7	14,333.7	+48.0	0.3%	+350.2	2.5%
Participation rate (%)	66.5	66.5	66.6		0.1pp		0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	13,424.4	13,761.7	13,826.2	+64.6	0.5%	+401.8	3.0%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,253.3	9,594.4	9,669.3	+74.9	0.8%	+416.0	4.5%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,171.1	4,167.2	4,156.9	-10.3	-0.2%	-14.3	-0.3%
Unemployment ('000)	559.1	524.0	507.5	-16.5	-3.2%	-51.6	-9.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	3.7	3.5		-0.1pp		-0.5pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.6	9.8	9.4		-0.5pp		-1.2pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,823.5	1,844.8	1,916.9		3.9%		5.1%

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