

## SUMMARY

During January, 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 fell 0.1%).

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

- was 4.0% in South Australia in **trend** terms (3.5% nationally); and
- was 4.0% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (3.7% nationally).

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 1,700 (0.2%), and rose by 11,300 (0.1%) nationally in January—see Chart 1.

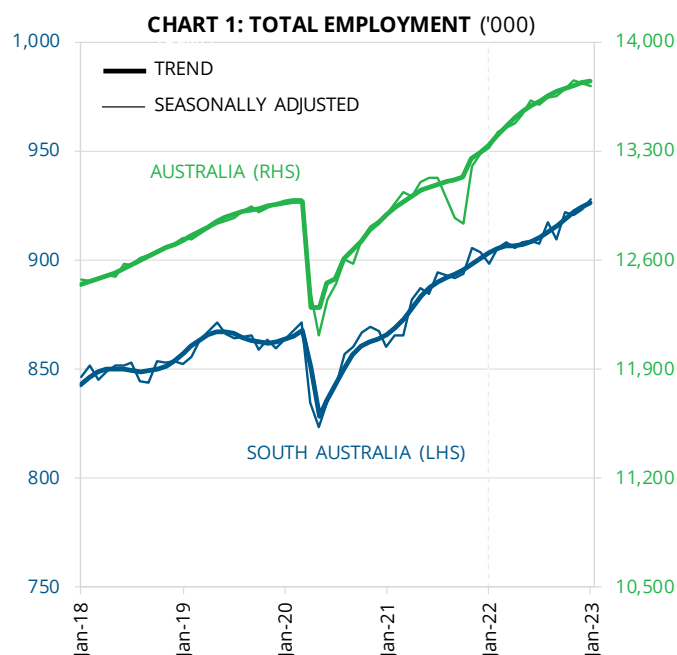
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 400 (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 1,300 (0.4%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 9,200 (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 2,200 (0.1%).

[Through the year](#) trend employment growth was 2.5% for South Australia and 3.1% nationally.

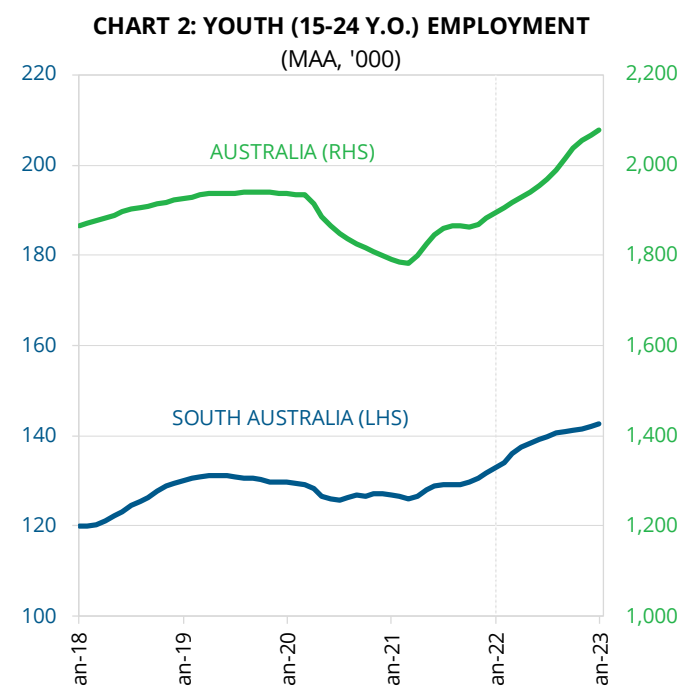
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 4,200 (0.5%) in January, following a rise of 0.3% in December. Employment fell by 11,500 (0.1%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 2,400 (0.4%) while part-time employment rose by 1,800 (0.6%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by 43,300 (0.5%) and part-time employment rose by 31,800 (0.8%).

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 3.3% for South Australia and 3.0% nationally.



In the year to January, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 7.4% higher than a year earlier and 9.8% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

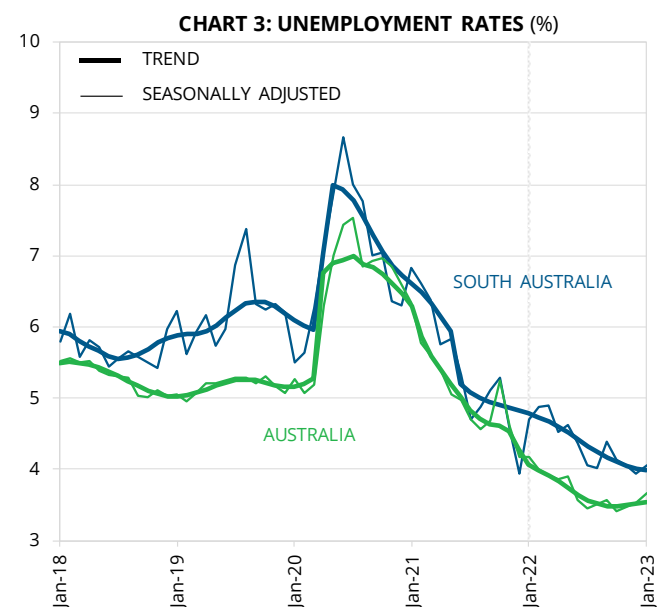


## UNEMPLOYMENT

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

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

	Jan-22		Dec-22		Jan-23	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.9	4.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.1
VIC	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.0
QLD	4.4	4.3	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8
<b>SA</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
WA	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6
TAS	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.6	4.0	4.1
<b>AUS</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 3.9% in December to 4.0% in January. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 3.5% in December to 3.7% in January.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.6% in the year to January, down from 11.4% a year earlier and above the 8.1% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

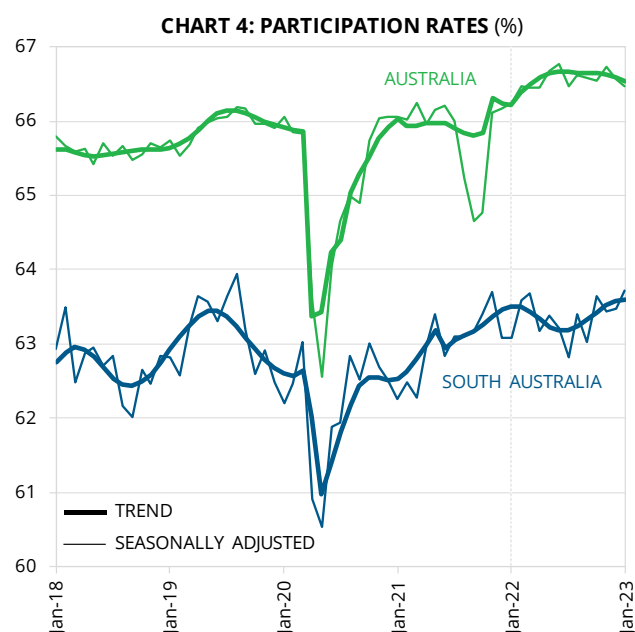
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

**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 January. As a result the overall trend labour force **underutilisation** rate was 10.9% in January, down from 12.7% a year earlier. In January, the national underutilisation rate was 9.6%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia remained unchanged at 63.6% in January. Nationally, the participation rate fell from 66.6% in December to 66.5% in January—see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.2 of a percentage point to 63.7% in January. Nationally, the participation rate fell 0.1 of a percentage point to 66.5%.

## HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, The age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to December 2022 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.6pp) and 55-64 year olds (up 2.2pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 65-74 year olds (down 1.7pp) and 45-54 year olds (down 1.3pp) —see Table 2.

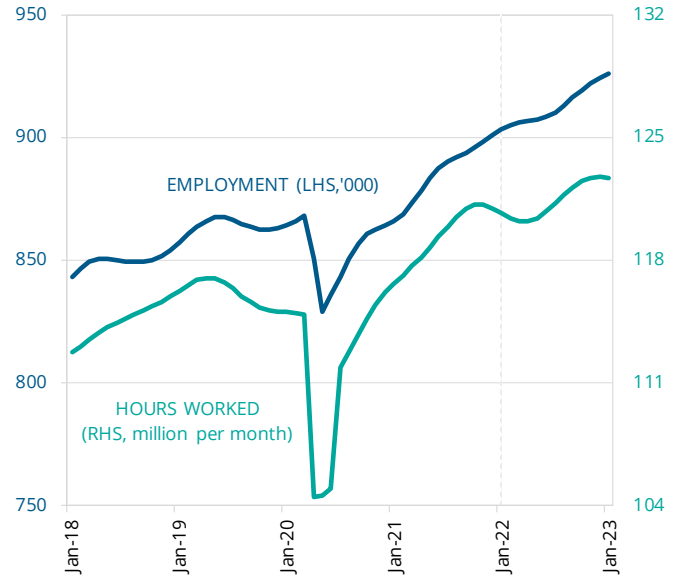
**Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia** (Annual Average, %)

	Yr to Dec 21	Yr to Dec 22	Dec 21 vs Dec 22 (pp.)
15-24	70.6	73.2	2.6
25-34	84.9	85.2	0.2
35-44	86.3	86.7	0.5
45-54	84.3	83.0	-1.3
55-64	65.7	67.9	2.2
65-74	21.8	20.1	-1.7
75+	2.8	4.5	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.

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs remained unchanged in South Australia in January but were 1.7% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 3.5% through the year to January.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	948.9	963.2	<b>964.7</b>	+1.5	0.2%	+15.9	1.7%
Participation rate (%)	63.5	63.6	<b>63.6</b>		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	903.4	924.5	<b>926.2</b>	+1.7	0.2%	+22.8	2.5%
Full-time employment ('000)	588.5	607.6	<b>608.0</b>	+0.4	0.1%	+19.5	3.3%
Part-time employment ('000)	314.9	316.9	<b>318.2</b>	+1.3	0.4%	+3.2	1.0%
Unemployment ('000)	45.4	38.7	<b>38.5</b>	-0.1	-0.3%	-6.9	-15.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.8	4.0	<b>4.0</b>		0.0pp		-0.8pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.7	10.9	<b>10.9</b>		0.0pp		-1.8pp
Total hours worked (million)	120.7	122.7	<b>122.7</b>		0.0%		1.7%

AUSTRALIA	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13902.3	14243.1	<b>14258.3</b>	+15.2	0.1%	+356.0	2.6%
Participation rate (%)	66.2	66.6	<b>66.5</b>		-0.1pp		0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	13,338.0	13,741.9	<b>13,753.2</b>	+11.3	0.1%	+415.3	3.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,174.2	9,593.3	<b>9,602.4</b>	+9.2	0.1%	+428.2	4.7%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,163.8	4,148.7	<b>4,150.8</b>	+2.2	0.1%	-12.9	-0.3%
Unemployment ('000)	564.3	501.2	<b>505.0</b>	+3.9	0.8%	-59.2	-10.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.1	3.5	<b>3.5</b>		0.0pp		-0.5pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.6	9.6	<b>9.6</b>		0.0pp		-1.0pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,820.0	1,880.8	<b>1,884.2</b>		0.2%		3.5%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	942.5	961.6	<b>967.1</b>	+5.5	0.6%	+24.6	2.6%
Participation rate (%)	63.1	63.5	<b>63.7</b>		0.2pp		0.6pp
Total employment ('000)	898.1	923.7	<b>927.9</b>	+4.2	0.5%	+29.8	3.3%
Full-time employment ('000)	587.5	608.5	<b>610.9</b>	+2.4	0.4%	+23.4	4.0%
Part-time employment ('000)	310.6	315.2	<b>317.0</b>	+1.8	0.6%	+6.4	2.1%
Unemployment ('000)	44.3	37.9	<b>39.2</b>	+1.3	3.4%	-5.2	-11.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	3.9	<b>4.0</b>		0.1pp		-0.7pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.7	11.8	<b>10.9</b>		-0.9pp		-1.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	114.0	123.1	<b>122.2</b>		-0.8%		7.2%

AUSTRALIA	Jan-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13,907.4	14234.7	<b>14,245.1</b>	+10.4	0.1%	+337.6	2.4%
Participation rate (%)	66.3	66.6	<b>66.5</b>		-0.1pp		0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	13,327.8	13,733.4	<b>13,721.9</b>	-11.5	-0.1%	+394.1	3.0%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,133.4	9,611.1	<b>9,567.8</b>	-43.3	-0.5%	+434.5	4.8%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,194.5	4,122.3	<b>4,154.1</b>	+31.8	0.8%	-40.4	-1.0%
Unemployment ('000)	579.6	501.3	<b>523.2</b>	+21.9	4.4%	-56.4	-9.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	3.5	<b>3.7</b>		0.2pp		-0.5pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.7	9.6	<b>9.8</b>		0.2pp		-0.9pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,681.1	1,876.5	<b>1,836.2</b>		-2.1%		9.2%

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