

## SUMMARY

During October, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.3% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.1%); and
- rose 1.3% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%).

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

- was 4.0% in South Australia in **trend** terms (3.4% nationally); and
- was 4.1% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (3.4% nationally).

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,700 (0.3%), and rose by 16,800 (0.1%) nationally in October—see Chart 1.

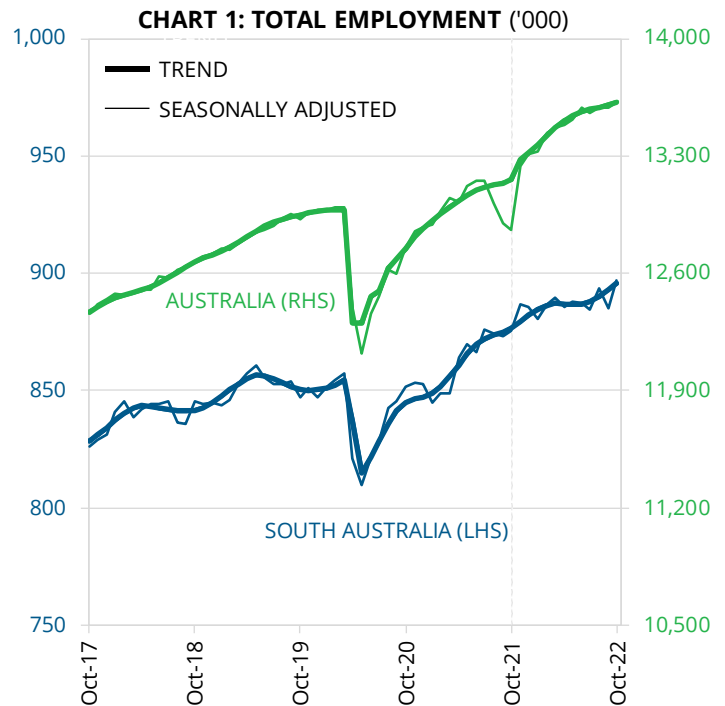
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 1,300 (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 1,400 (0.5%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 16,800 (0.2%) and part-time employment remained unchanged.

[Through the year](#) trend employment growth was 2.1% for South Australia and 3.5% nationally.

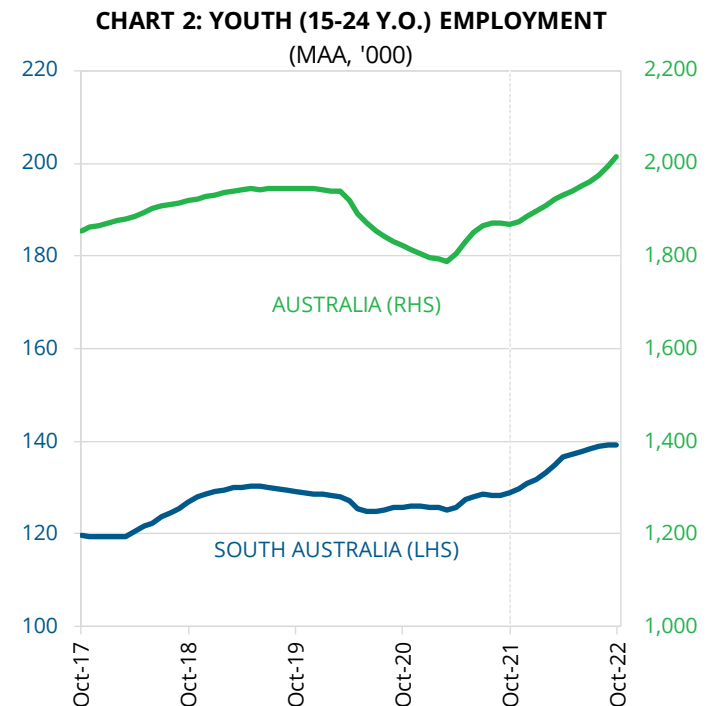
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 11,800 (1.3%) in October, following a fall of 1.0% in September. Employment rose by 32,200 (0.2%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 7,300 (1.2%) while part-time employment rose by 4,600 (1.5%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 47,100 (0.5%) and part-time employment fell by 14,900 (0.4%).

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 2.5% for South Australia and 5.9% nationally.



In the year to October, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 8.0% higher than a year earlier and 7.9% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

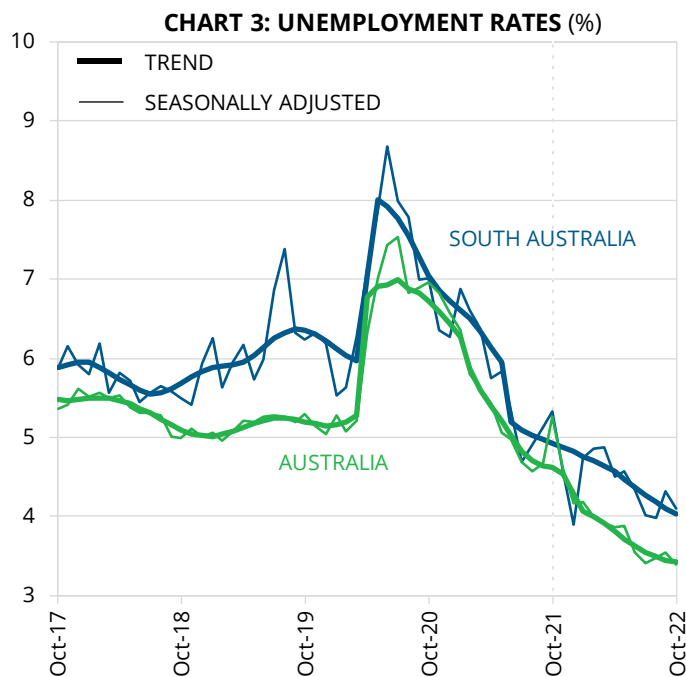


## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 4.1% in September to 4.0% in October. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell from 3.5% in September to 3.4% in October—see Table 1 and Chart 3.

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

|            | Oct-21     |            | Sep-22     |            | Oct-22     |            |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|            | trend      | s.a.       | trend      | s.a.       | trend      | s.a.       |
| NSW        | 4.8        | 5.5        | 3.3        | 3.3        | 3.2        | 3.0        |
| VIC        | 4.5        | 5.6        | 3.5        | 3.5        | 3.5        | 3.6        |
| QLD        | 5.1        | 5.2        | 3.5        | 3.7        | 3.4        | 3.3        |
| <b>SA</b>  | <b>4.9</b> | <b>5.3</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>4.3</b> | <b>4.0</b> | <b>4.1</b> |
| WA         | 4.0        | 3.9        | 3.4        | 3.4        | 3.5        | 3.6        |
| TAS        | 4.9        | 5.0        | 4.2        | 4.3        | 4.2        | 4.0        |
| <b>AUS</b> | <b>4.6</b> | <b>5.3</b> | <b>3.5</b> | <b>3.5</b> | <b>3.4</b> | <b>3.4</b> |



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 4.3% in September to 4.1% in October. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 3.5% in September to 3.4% in October.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.3% in the year to October, down from 13.2% a year earlier and above the 8.6% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

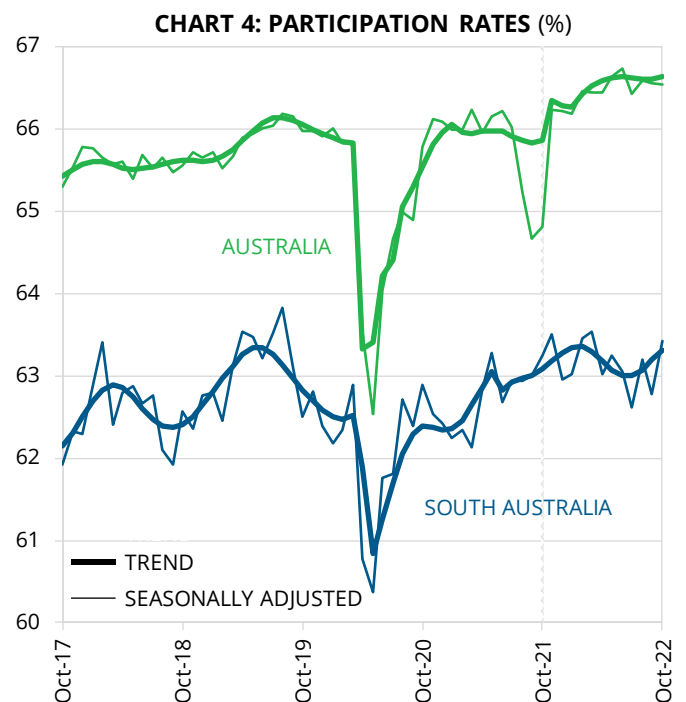
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

**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 6.6% in October. As a result the overall trend labour force **underutilisation** rate was 10.6% in October, down from 13.2% a year earlier. In October, the national underutilisation rate was 9.4%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia rose from 63.2% in September to 63.3% in October. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 66.6% in October—see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.6 of a percentage point to 63.4% in October. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 66.5%.

## HOURS WORKED

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to September 2022 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.6pp) and 75+ year olds (up 1.4pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 65-74 year olds (down 0.2pp) and 45-54 year olds (up 0.2pp) —see Table 2.

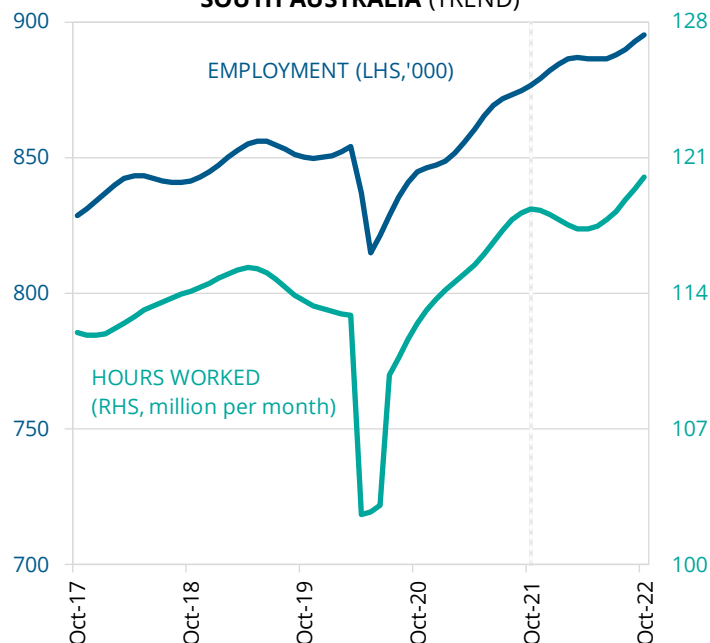
**Table 2: Participation by Age Group, South Australia** (Annual Average, %)

|       | Yr to Sep 21 | Yr to Sep 22 | Sep 21 vs Sep 22 (pp.) |
|-------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 15-24 | 70.2         | 72.9         | 2.6                    |
| 25-34 | 84.4         | 84.9         | 0.5                    |
| 35-44 | 86.4         | 86.6         | 0.3                    |
| 45-54 | 83.7         | 83.9         | 0.2                    |
| 55-64 | 66.4         | 67.0         | 0.7                    |
| 65-74 | 21.0         | 20.8         | -0.2                   |
| 75+   | 2.5          | 3.9          | 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.

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.5% in South Australia in October and were 1.4% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 7.1% through the year to October.

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



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**Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend**

| SOUTH AUSTRALIA              | Oct-21 | Sep-22 | Oct-22       | Change   |        |              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                              |        |        |              | In month |        | Through year |        |
| Labour force ('000)          | 922.2  | 931.0  | <b>933.3</b> | +2.2     | 0.2%   | +11.1        | 1.2%   |
| Participation rate (%)       | 63.1   | 63.2   | <b>63.3</b>  |          | 0.1pp  |              | 0.2pp  |
| Total employment ('000)      | 876.8  | 892.8  | <b>895.6</b> | +2.7     | 0.3%   | +18.8        | 2.1%   |
| Full-time employment ('000)  | 568.6  | 590.7  | <b>592.1</b> | +1.3     | 0.2%   | +23.5        | 4.1%   |
| Part-time employment ('000)  | 308.2  | 302.1  | <b>303.5</b> | +1.4     | 0.5%   | -4.7         | -1.5%  |
| Unemployment ('000)          | 45.4   | 38.2   | <b>37.7</b>  | -0.5     | -1.3%  | -7.7         | -17.0% |
| Unemployment rate (%)        | 4.9    | 4.1    | <b>4.0</b>   |          | -0.1pp |              | -0.9pp |
| Under-utilisation rate (%)   | 13.2   | 10.7   | <b>10.6</b>  |          | -0.1pp |              | -2.6pp |
| Total hours worked (million) | 118.4  | 119.4  | <b>120.0</b> |          | 0.5%   |              | 1.4%   |

| AUSTRALIA                    | Oct-21   | Sep-22   | Oct-22          | Change   |       |              |        |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------|--------------|--------|
|                              |          |          |                 | In month |       | Through year |        |
| Labour force ('000)          | 13793.8  | 14093.3  | <b>14107.6</b>  | +14.3    | 0.1%  | +313.7       | 2.3%   |
| Participation rate (%)       | 65.9     | 66.6     | <b>66.6</b>     |          | 0.0pp |              | 0.8pp  |
| Total employment ('000)      | 13,156.9 | 13,606.9 | <b>13,623.7</b> | +16.8    | 0.1%  | +466.8       | 3.5%   |
| Full-time employment ('000)  | 9,002.5  | 9,498.6  | <b>9,515.4</b>  | +16.8    | 0.2%  | +513.0       | 5.7%   |
| Part-time employment ('000)  | 4,154.5  | 4,108.3  | <b>4,108.3</b>  | +0.0     | 0.0%  | -46.2        | -1.1%  |
| Unemployment ('000)          | 636.9    | 486.4    | <b>483.8</b>    | -2.6     | -0.5% | -153.1       | -24.0% |
| Unemployment rate (%)        | 4.6      | 3.5      | <b>3.4</b>      |          | 0.0pp |              | -1.2pp |
| Under-utilisation rate (%)   | 13.9     | 9.4      | <b>9.4</b>      |          | 0.0pp |              | -4.5pp |
| Total hours worked (million) | 1,740.0  | 1,861.5  | <b>1,864.2</b>  |          | 0.1%  |              | 7.1%   |

**Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted**

| SOUTH AUSTRALIA              | Oct-21 | Sep-22 | Oct-22       | Change   |        |              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|----------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                              |        |        |              | In month |        | Through year |        |
| Labour force ('000)          | 924.4  | 925.2  | <b>935.4</b> | +10.2    | 1.1%   | +11.0        | 1.2%   |
| Participation rate (%)       | 63.2   | 62.8   | <b>63.4</b>  |          | 0.6pp  |              | 0.2pp  |
| Total employment ('000)      | 875.2  | 885.3  | <b>897.1</b> | +11.8    | 1.3%   | +21.9        | 2.5%   |
| Full-time employment ('000)  | 569.4  | 587.7  | <b>595.0</b> | +7.3     | 1.2%   | +25.6        | 4.5%   |
| Part-time employment ('000)  | 305.8  | 297.5  | <b>302.1</b> | +4.6     | 1.5%   | -3.7         | -1.2%  |
| Unemployment ('000)          | 49.2   | 40.0   | <b>38.3</b>  | -1.7     | -4.1%  | -10.9        | -22.2% |
| Unemployment rate (%)        | 5.3    | 4.3    | <b>4.1</b>   |          | -0.2pp |              | -1.2pp |
| Under-utilisation rate (%)   | 13.5   | 11.2   | <b>10.6</b>  |          | -0.6pp |              | -2.9pp |
| Total hours worked (million) | 117.3  | 119.0  | <b>122.7</b> |          | 3.1%   |              | 4.6%   |

| AUSTRALIA                    | Oct-21   | Sep-22   | Oct-22          | Change   |        |              |        |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                              |          |          |                 | In month |        | Through year |        |
| Labour force ('000)          | 13,569.7 | 14083.8  | <b>14,095.5</b> | +11.7    | 0.1%   | +525.8       | 3.9%   |
| Participation rate (%)       | 64.8     | 66.5     | <b>66.5</b>     |          | 0.0pp  |              | 1.7pp  |
| Total employment ('000)      | 12,855.9 | 13,585.7 | <b>13,617.9</b> | +32.2    | 0.2%   | +762.0       | 5.9%   |
| Full-time employment ('000)  | 8,949.8  | 9,478.7  | <b>9,525.9</b>  | +47.1    | 0.5%   | +576.1       | 6.4%   |
| Part-time employment ('000)  | 3,906.2  | 4,107.0  | <b>4,092.1</b>  | -14.9    | -0.4%  | +185.9       | 4.8%   |
| Unemployment ('000)          | 713.8    | 498.1    | <b>477.6</b>    | -20.6    | -4.1%  | -236.2       | -33.1% |
| Unemployment rate (%)        | 5.3      | 3.5      | <b>3.4</b>      |          | -0.1pp |              | -1.9pp |
| Under-utilisation rate (%)   | 14.7     | 9.5      | <b>9.3</b>      |          | -0.2pp |              | -5.4pp |
| Total hours worked (million) | 1,730.4  | 1,854.3  | <b>1,897.5</b>  |          | 2.3%   |              | 9.7%   |

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