

SUMMARY

During March, total [employment](#):

- rose 0.4% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- rose 1.2% in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.4%).

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

- was 3.9% in South Australia in **trend** terms (3.5% nationally); and
- was 3.7% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (3.5% nationally).

FURTHER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 3,900 (0.4%), and rose by 31,700 (0.2%) nationally in March—see Chart 1.

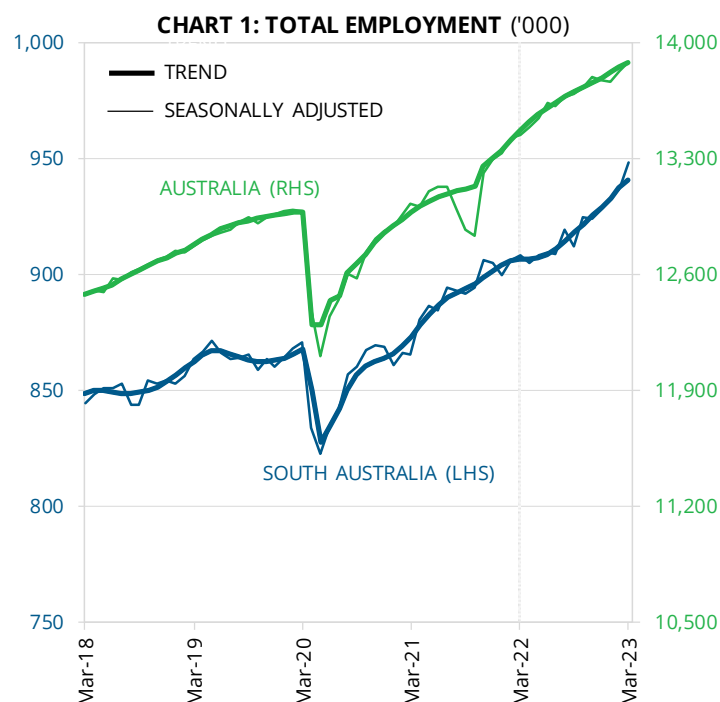
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 3,700 (0.6%) and part-time employment rose by 200 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 30,000 (0.3%) and part-time employment rose marginally by 1,700.

[Through the year](#) trend employment growth was 3.8% for South Australia and 3.1% nationally.

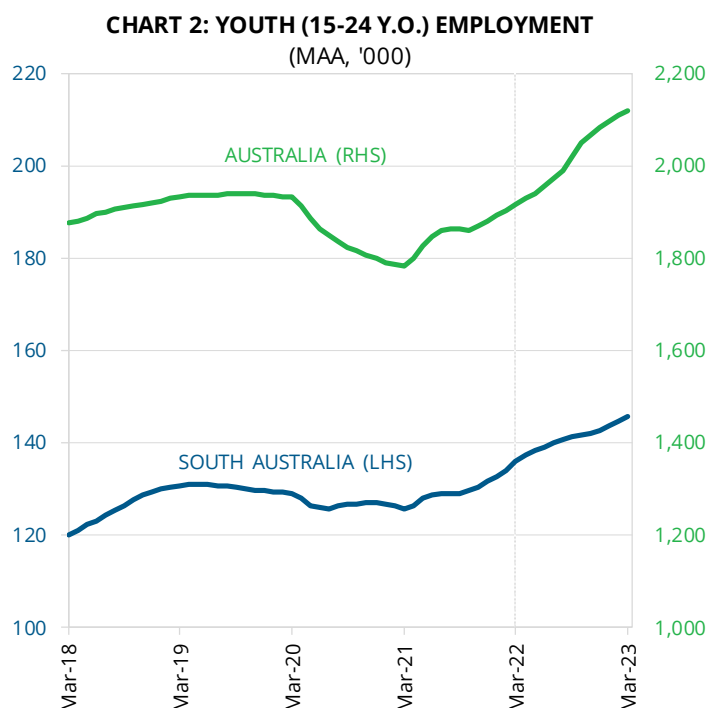
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 11,600 (1.2%) in March, following a rise of 0.5% in February. Employment rose by 53,000 (0.4%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 15,800 (2.6%) but part-time employment fell by 4,200 (1.3%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 72,200 (0.7%) but part-time employment fell by 19,200 (0.5%).

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 4.4% for South Australia and 3.3% nationally.



In the year to March, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 7.2% higher than a year earlier and 10.6% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.

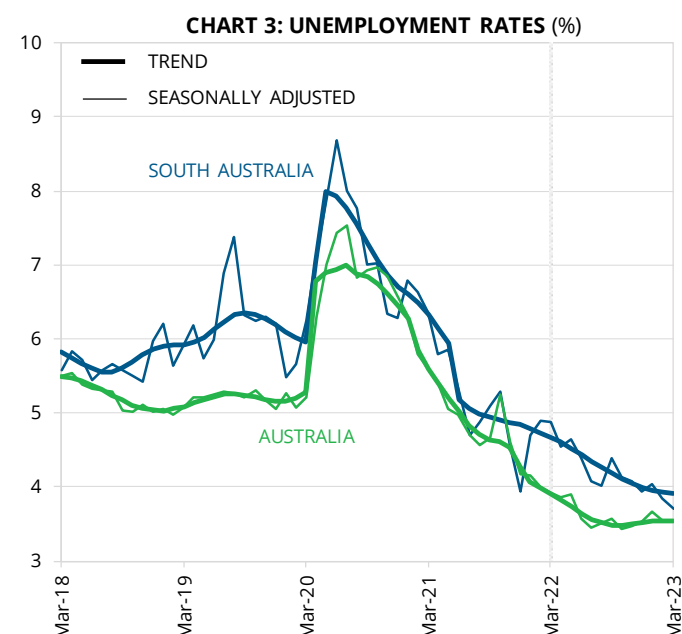


UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in March remained unchanged both in South Australia and nationally at 3.9% and 3.5%, respectively. —see Table 1 and Chart 3.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates (%)

	Mar-22		Feb-23		Mar-23	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.7	3.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
VIC	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6
QLD	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9
SA	4.7	4.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7
WA	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.4
TAS	4.1	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.0
AUS	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 3.8% in February to 3.7% in March. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.5% in March.

In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.4% in the year to March, down from 10.3% a year earlier and above the 7.9% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

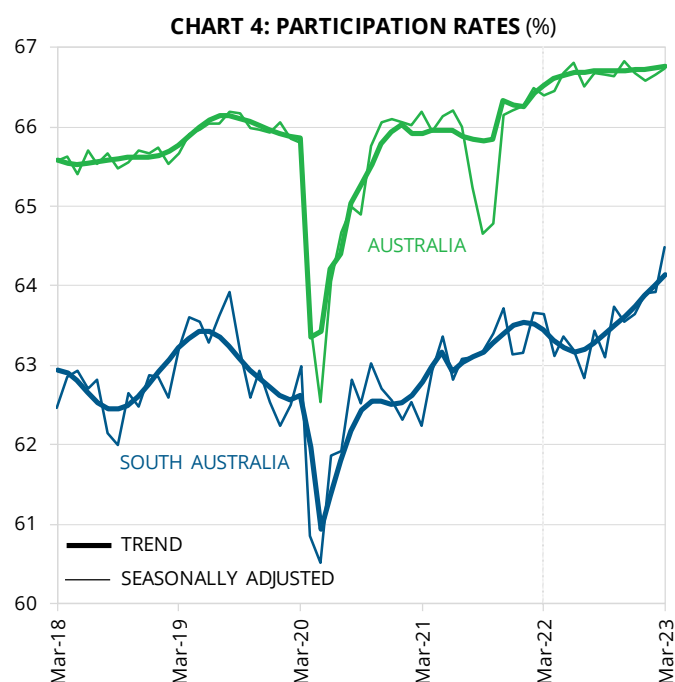
UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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 March. As a result the overall trend labour force **underutilisation** rate was 11.0% in March, down from 12.2% a year earlier. In March, the national underutilisation rate was 9.6%.

PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia rose from 64.0% in February to 64.1% in March. Nationally, the participation rate rose from 66.7% in February to 66.8% in March—see Chart 4.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.6 of a percentage point to 64.5% in March. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 66.7%.

In **annual average terms**, The age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to February 2023 were 15-24 year olds (up 2.9pp) and 55-64 year olds (up 2.3pp). The age groups that experienced the largest decreases in participation over the same period were 45-54 year olds (down 2.2pp) and 65-74 year olds (down 1.8pp) —see Table 2.

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

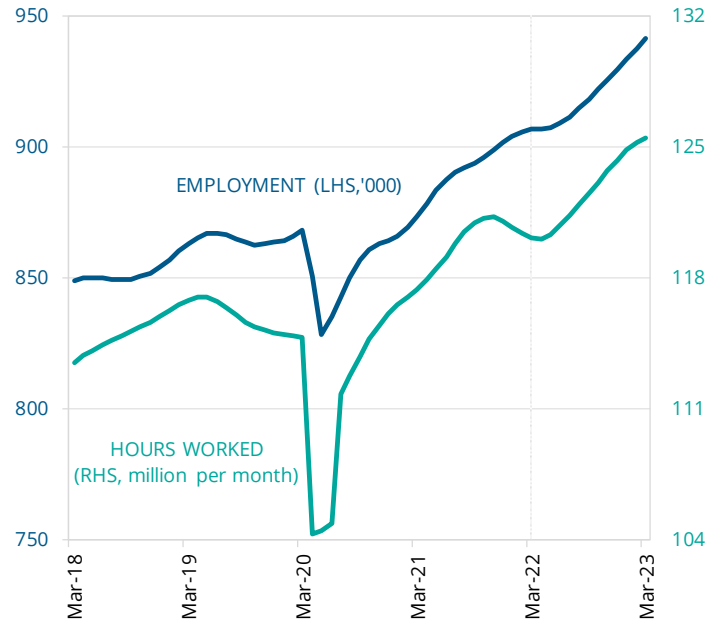
	Yr to Feb 22	Yr to Feb 23	Feb 22 vs Feb 23 (pp.)
15-24	70.9	73.7	2.9
25-34	85.0	85.5	0.5
35-44	86.5	86.7	0.2
45-54	84.6	82.5	-2.2
55-64	65.8	68.1	2.3
65-74	21.9	20.2	-1.8
75+	3.0	4.8	1.8

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 March and were 4.4% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 4.1% through the year to March.

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



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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Mar-22</i>	<i>Feb-23</i>	Mar-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	951.1	975.6	979.4	+3.8	0.4%	+28.2	3.0%
Participation rate (%)	63.4	64.0	64.1		0.1pp		0.7pp
Total employment ('000)	906.7	937.2	941.1	+3.9	0.4%	+34.5	3.8%
Full-time employment ('000)	594.1	619.0	622.7	+3.7	0.6%	+28.5	4.8%
Part-time employment ('000)	312.5	318.3	318.5	+0.2	0.1%	+6.0	1.9%
Unemployment ('000)	44.5	38.3	38.2	-0.1	-0.2%	-6.2	-14.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	3.9	3.9		0.0pp		-0.8pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.2	11.0	11.0		0.0pp		-1.2pp
Total hours worked (million)	120.1	125.2	125.4		0.2%		4.4%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Mar-22</i>	<i>Feb-23</i>	Mar-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14017.0	14359.3	14391.6	+32.3	0.2%	+374.6	2.7%
Participation rate (%)	66.5	66.7	66.8		0.0pp		0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	13,467.5	13,851.4	13,883.1	+31.7	0.2%	+415.6	3.1%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,312.7	9,699.2	9,729.2	+30.0	0.3%	+416.5	4.5%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,154.7	4,152.2	4,153.9	+1.7	0.0%	-0.9	0.0%
Unemployment ('000)	549.5	507.9	508.5	+0.6	0.1%	-41.0	-7.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.9	3.5	3.5		0.0pp		-0.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.3	9.6	9.6		0.0pp		-0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,834.6	1,905.0	1,909.8		0.2%		4.1%

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	<i>Mar-22</i>	<i>Feb-23</i>	Mar-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	954.8	974.4	985.2	+10.7	1.1%	+30.3	3.2%
Participation rate (%)	63.7	63.9	64.5		0.6pp		0.8pp
Total employment ('000)	908.3	937.0	948.6	+11.6	1.2%	+40.3	4.4%
Full-time employment ('000)	596.7	616.3	632.1	+15.8	2.6%	+35.4	5.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	311.6	320.8	316.6	-4.2	-1.3%	+4.9	1.6%
Unemployment ('000)	46.5	37.4	36.5	-0.9	-2.4%	-10.0	-21.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.9	3.8	3.7		-0.1pp		-1.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	12.5	10.7	11.0		0.3pp		-1.5pp
Total hours worked (million)	120.2	125.4	126.2		0.6%		5.0%

AUSTRALIA	<i>Mar-22</i>	<i>Feb-23</i>	Mar-23	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	13,995.2	14340.0	14,391.5	+51.4	0.4%	+396.3	2.8%
Participation rate (%)	66.4	66.7	66.7		0.1pp		0.4pp
Total employment ('000)	13,446.7	13,831.4	13,884.4	+53.0	0.4%	+437.7	3.3%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,279.4	9,676.6	9,748.9	+72.2	0.7%	+469.4	5.1%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,167.3	4,154.8	4,135.6	-19.2	-0.5%	-31.7	-0.8%
Unemployment ('000)	548.4	508.6	507.0	-1.6	-0.3%	-41.4	-7.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.9	3.5	3.5		0.0pp		-0.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.2	9.4	9.7		0.4pp		-0.5pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,814.0	1,917.4	1,914.2		-0.2%		5.5%

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