

## SUMMARY

During March, total employment:

- rose 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- rose 1.0% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%).

During March, the unemployment rate:

- was 5.9% in South Australia in trend terms (5.0% nationally); and
- was 5.9% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.0% nationally).

In addition to unemployment, the trend underemployment rate in South Australia was 8.9% in March. As a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 14.8% in March, down from 14.9% in the previous month and down from 15.5% a year earlier. In March, the national underutilisation rate was 13.2%.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 1,100 (0.1%), and rose by 20,700 (0.2%) nationally in March—see Chart 1.

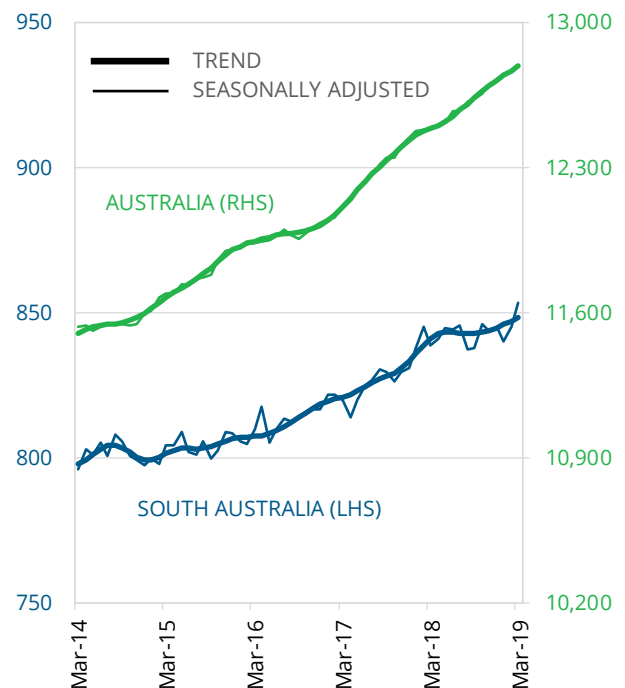
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 700 persons (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 400 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 18,000 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 2,700 (0.1%).

Annual trend employment growth was 0.8% for South Australia and 2.4% nationally.

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 8,500 persons (1.0%) in March, following a rise of 0.6% in February. Employment rose by 25,700 (0.2%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 7,500 (1.4%) while part-time employment rose by 1,000 (0.3%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 48,300 people (0.6%) and part-time employment fell by 22,600 (0.6%).

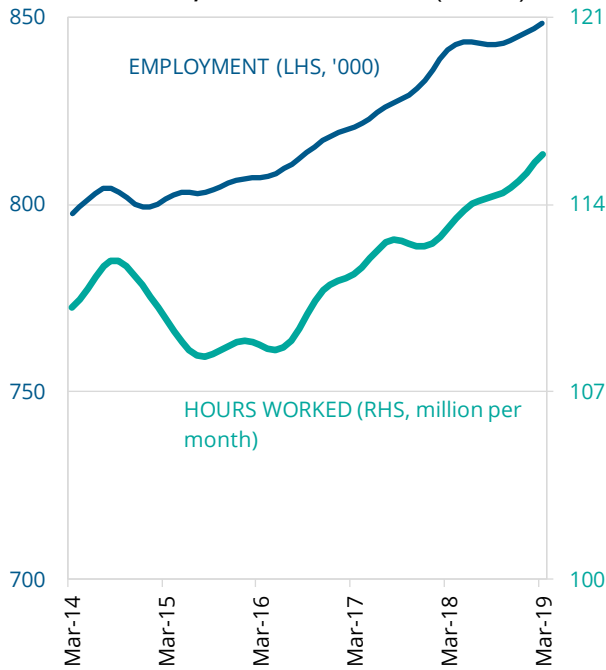
CHART 1: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ('000)



### HOURS WORKED

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.3% in South Australia in March and was 2.4% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs also increased by 2.4% through the year to March.

**CHART 2: EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS WORKED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA (TREND)**



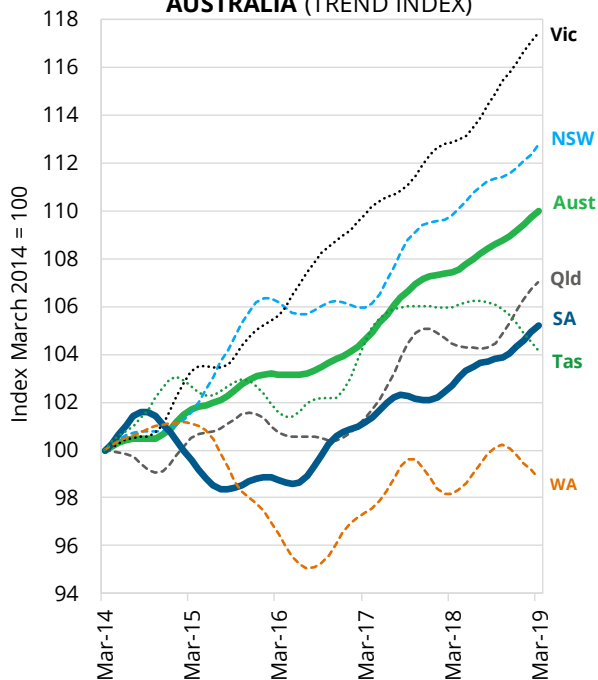
## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 5.9% in March. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.0% in March—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

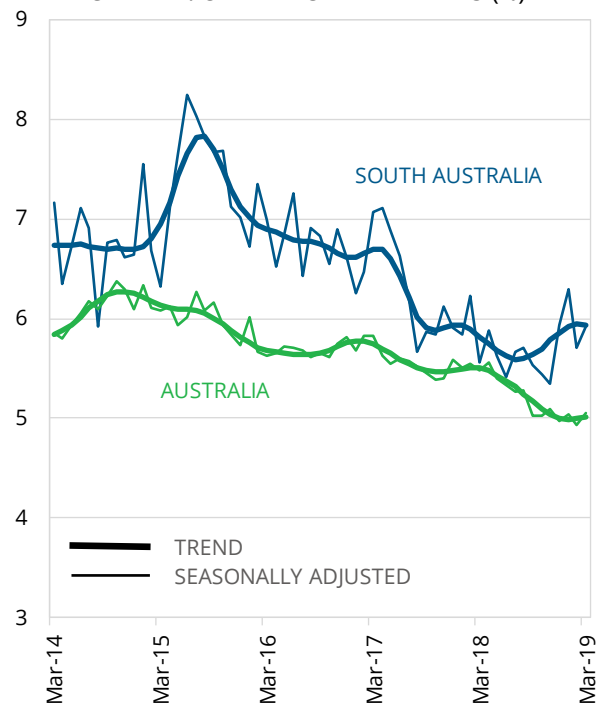
**Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend**

	Mar 18 (%)	Feb 19 (%)	Mar 19 (%)
NSW	4.9	4.3	4.3
VIC	5.4	4.6	4.6
QLD	6.2	6.0	5.9
<b>SA</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>
WA	6.2	6.2	6.1
TAS	6.0	6.4	6.5
<b>AUST</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>

**CHART 3: HOURS WORKED, STATES AND AUSTRALIA (TREND INDEX)**



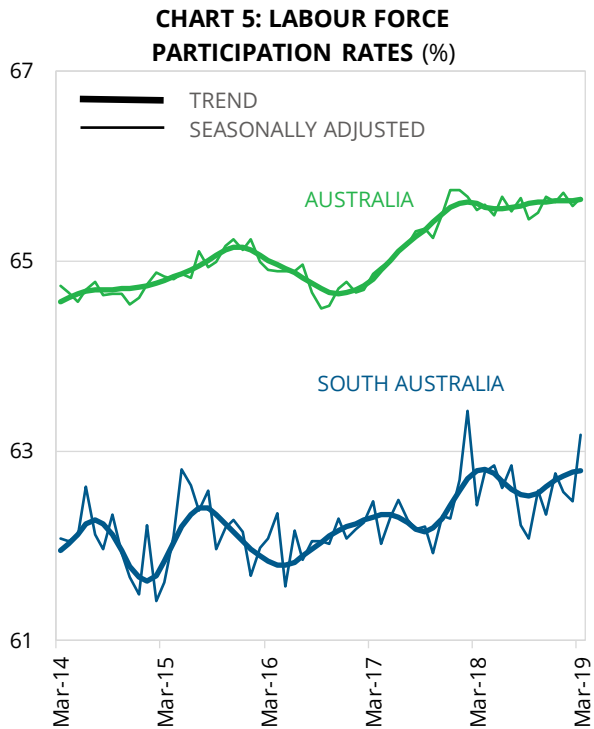
**CHART 4: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (%)**



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 5.7% in February to 5.9% in March. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 4.9% in February to 5.0% in March.

## PARTICIPATION

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 62.8%. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 65.6%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.7 of a percentage point to 63.2% in March. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.7%.

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

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Feb-19</b>	<b>Mar-19</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	544.2	551.3	552.0	0.1%	1.4%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	297.0	295.9	296.3	0.1%	-0.2%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	841.2	847.2	848.3	0.1%	0.8%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	51.9	53.6	53.5	0.0%	3.1%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.8	5.9	5.9	0.0pp	0.1pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b>	%	15.5	14.9	14.8	-0.1pp	-0.7pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	62.8	62.8	62.8	0.0pp	0.0pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	113.1	115.6	115.9	0.3%	2.4%

<b>AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Feb-19</b>	<b>Mar-19</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	8,529.0	8,763.8	8,781.8	0.2%	3.0%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	3,961.9	4,005.4	4,008.2	0.1%	1.2%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	12,490.9	12,769.3	12,790.0	0.2%	2.4%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	726.7	672.7	675.7	0.4%	-7.0%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.5	5.0	5.0	0.0pp	-0.5pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b>	%	14.0	13.2	13.2	0.0pp	-0.9pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	65.6	65.6	65.6	0.0pp	0.0pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	1,735.4	1,772.5	1,776.8	0.2%	2.4%

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

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

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Feb-19</b>	<b>Mar-19</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	544.0	547.4	554.9	1.4%	2.0%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	294.7	297.7	298.7	0.3%	1.3%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	838.8	845.1	853.6	1.0%	1.8%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	49.4	51.1	53.7	5.1%	8.8%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.6	5.7	5.9	0.2pp	0.4pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b>	%	15.9	14.1	14.7	0.6pp	-1.2pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	62.4	62.5	63.2	0.7pp	0.7pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	113.6	115.4	116.6	1.0%	2.6%

<b>AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Feb-19</b>	<b>Mar-19</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	8,508.5	8,750.0	8,798.3	0.6%	3.4%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	3,978.3	4,015.8	3,993.2	-0.6%	0.4%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	12,486.8	12,765.9	12,791.5	0.2%	2.4%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	724.1	662.9	680.0	2.6%	-6.1%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.5	4.9	5.0	0.1pp	-0.4pp
<b>Under-utilisation rate</b>	%	14.0	13.0	13.2	0.2pp	-0.8pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	65.5	65.6	65.7	0.1pp	0.1pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	1,734.0	1,772.2	1,785.4	0.7%	3.0%

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