

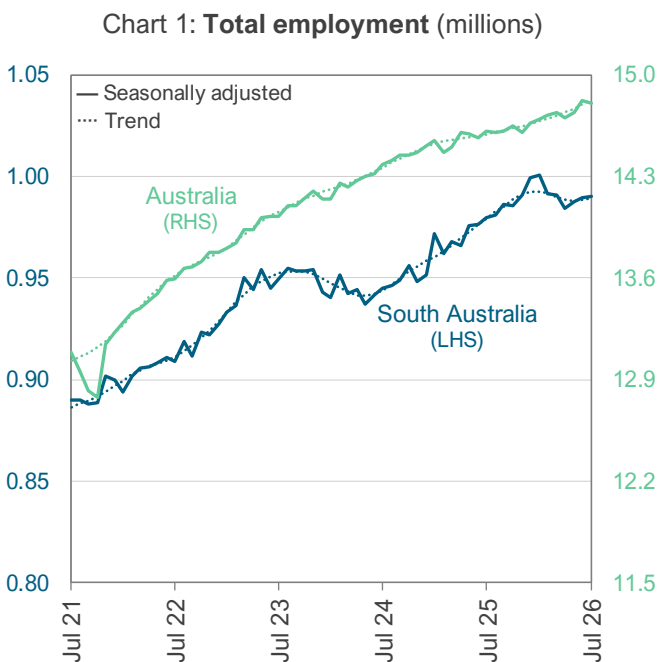
EMPLOYMENT

- In **seasonally adjusted** terms in July:
- Total **employment** in South Australia marginally rose, following a rise of 0.2% in June — see Chart 1. Full-time employment fell by 1,200 while part-time employment rose by 1,600.
 - Nationally, total employment fell by 15,800 (0.1%). Full-time employment rose by 16,300 while part-time employment fell by 32,200.

Through the year seasonally adjusted employment growth was 1.0% for South Australia and 1.3% nationally.

- In **trend** terms in July:
- Total employment in South Australia rose by 800 (0.1%). Full-time employment marginally rose and part-time employment rose by 600.
 - Nationally, total employment rose by 29,300 (0.2%). Full-time employment rose by 24,400 and part-time employment rose by 4,900.

Through the year trend employment grew by 1.0% for South Australia but grew by 1.6% nationally.



UNEMPLOYMENT

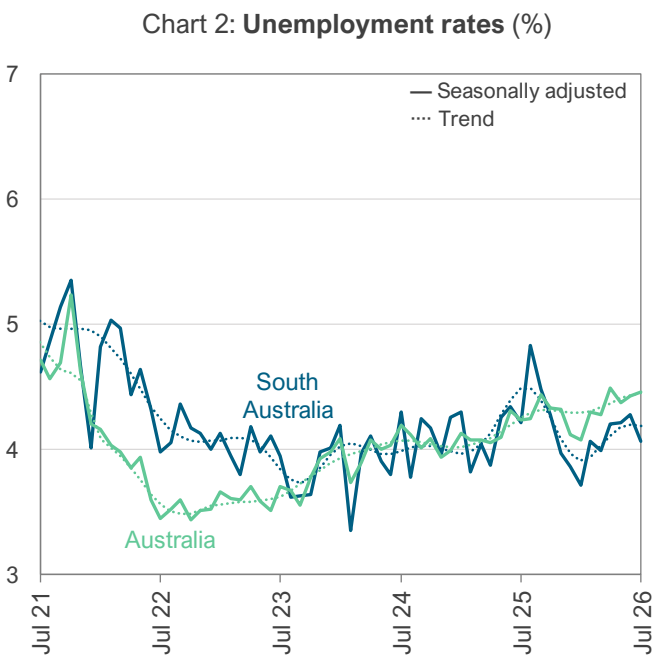
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's **unemployment rate** fell from 4.3% in June to 4.1% in July. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 4.4% in June to 4.5% in July — see Table 1 and Chart 2.

In trend terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged from 4.2% in June. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose from 4.4% in June to 4.5% in July.

Table 1: **Unemployment rates**
(%) (seas. adj.)

	Last year Jul-25	Last month Jun-26	Latest month Jul-26
NSW	4.0	4.0	4.2
VIC	4.6	5.1	5.1
QLD	4.1	4.3	4.2
SA	4.2	4.3	4.1
WA	4.2	4.2	4.4
TAS	3.8	4.9	5.1
AUS	4.2	4.4	4.5

*The ABS notes seasonally adjusted estimates for NT and ACT are not available.



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 **seasonally adjusted** underemployment rate in South Australia was 6.8% in July. As a result the overall labour force **underutilisation** rate was 10.9% in July, up from 10.0% a year earlier. In July, the national underutilisation rate was 10.8%.

PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian **participation rate** fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 64.1% in July. Nationally, the participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 66.9%.

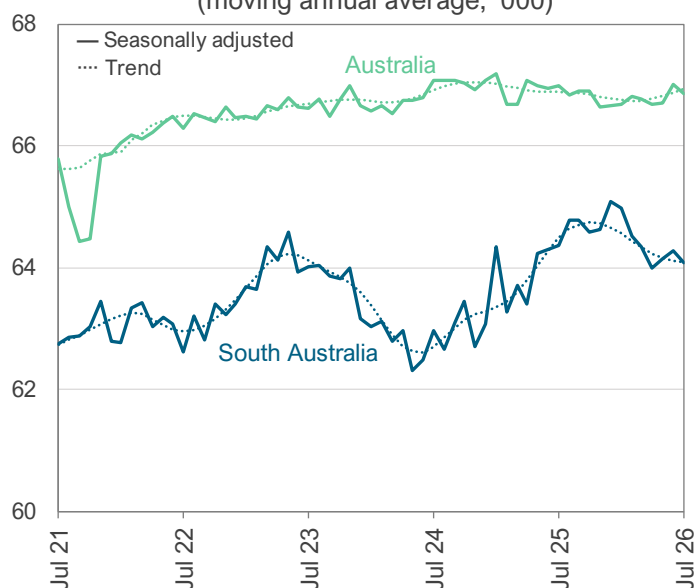
In trend terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged from 64.1% in June. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged from 66.9% in June — see Chart 4.

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to July 2026 were 45-54 year olds (up 1.4pp) and 55-64 year olds (up 1.2pp) — see Table 2.

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

	Yr to Dec 25	Yr to Jul 26	Dec 25 vs Jul 26 (pp.)
15-24	73.6	73.6	0.0
25-34	87.1	87.2	0.2
35-44	86.3	85.9	-0.4
45-54	85.1	86.5	1.4
55-64	68.6	69.8	1.2
65-74	24.2	22.9	-1.3
75+	4.7	4.6	-0.1

Chart 3: **Youth (15-24 y.o.) employment**
(moving annual average, '000)

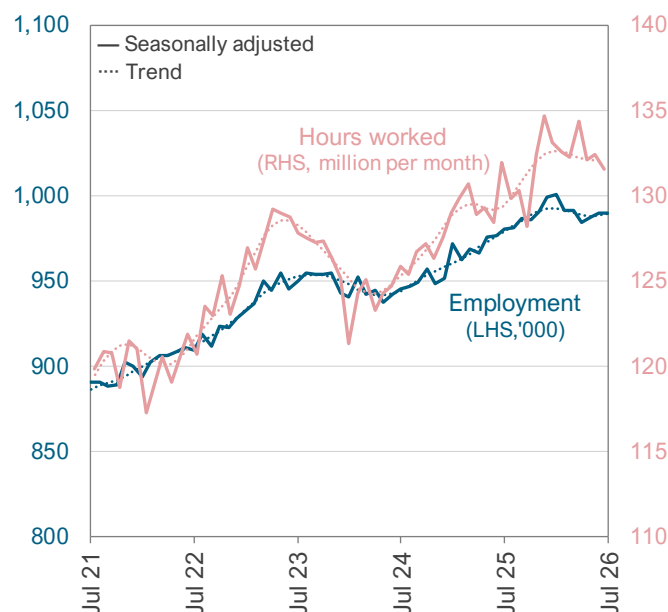


HOURS WORKED

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 0.7% in South Australia in July and were 0.3% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 5.

Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.2% through the year to July.

Chart 5: **Employment and hours worked,**
South Australia



Next release of *ABS Labour Force, Australia* is 24 September 2026.

TABLE A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Jul-25	Jun-26	Jul-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	1025.3	1,031.5	1,032.2	+0.7	0.1%	+6.9	0.7%
Participation rate (%)	64.5	64.1	64.1		0.0pp		-0.4pp
Total employment ('000)	979.3	988.2	989.0	+0.8	0.1%	+9.6	1.0%
Full-time employment ('000)	640.7	652.7	652.9	+0.2	0.0%	+12.2	1.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	338.6	335.5	336.1	+0.6	0.2%	-2.5	-0.7%
Unemployment ('000)	46.0	43.3	43.2	-0.1	-0.1%	-2.8	-6.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	4.2	4.2		0.0pp		-0.3pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.7	10.8	10.8		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total hours worked (million)	129.3	132.0	132.1		0.0%		2.1%

AUSTRALIA	Jul-25	Jun-26	Jul-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	15,237.3	15,481.8	15,515.5	+33.7	0.2%	+278.1	1.8%
Participation rate (%)	66.9	66.9	66.9		0.1pp		0.0pp
Total employment ('000)	14,589.2	14,794.8	14,824.2	+29.3	0.2%	+235.0	1.6%
Full-time employment ('000)	10,060.1	10,188.9	10,213.3	+24.4	0.2%	+153.2	1.5%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,529.0	4,605.9	4,610.9	+4.9	0.1%	+81.8	1.8%
Unemployment ('000)	648.2	686.9	691.3	+4.4	0.6%	+43.1	6.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	4.4	4.5		0.0pp		0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.1	10.7	10.8		0.1pp		0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,982.6	2,005.5	2,004.0		-0.1%		1.1%

TABLE A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Jul-25	Jun-26	Jul-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	1023.1	1,033.7	1,031.9	-1.8	-0.2%	+8.8	0.9%
Participation rate (%)	64.4	64.3	64.1		-0.2pp		-0.3pp
Total employment ('000)	979.9	989.4	989.9	+0.5	0.0%	+9.9	1.0%
Full-time employment ('000)	643.0	651.7	650.5	-1.2	-0.2%	+7.5	1.2%
Part-time employment ('000)	336.9	337.7	339.4	+1.6	0.5%	+2.5	0.7%
Unemployment ('000)	43.2	44.3	42.0	-2.3	-5.1%	-1.2	-2.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	4.3	4.1		-0.2pp		-0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.0	11.0	10.9		-0.1pp		0.9pp
Total hours worked (million)	131.9	132.4	131.5		-0.7%		-0.3%

AUSTRALIA	Jul-25	Jun-26	Jul-26	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	15,261.8	15,510.4	15,498.8	-11.7	-0.1%	+236.9	1.6%
Participation rate (%)	67.0	67.0	66.9		-0.2pp		-0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	14,615.4	14,823.1	14,807.2	-15.8	-0.1%	+191.9	1.3%
Full-time employment ('000)	10,098.8	10,194.2	10,210.5	+16.3	0.2%	+111.8	1.1%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,516.6	4,628.9	4,596.7	-32.2	-0.7%	+80.1	1.8%
Unemployment ('000)	646.5	687.4	691.5	+4.2	0.6%	+45.1	7.0%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.2	4.4	4.5		0.0pp		0.2pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	10.1	10.9	10.8		-0.1pp		0.8pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,994.2	2,010.3	1,997.9		-0.6%		0.2%

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