

## SUMMARY

During April, total [employment](#):

- Rose slightly (up 400) in South Australia in [seasonally adjusted](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.3%); and
- fell 0.1% in South Australia in [trend](#) terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%).

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

- was 4.2% in South Australia in **seasonally adjusted** terms (4.1% nationally); and
- was 4.0% in South Australia in **trend** terms (also 4.0% nationally).

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

### EMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms in April:

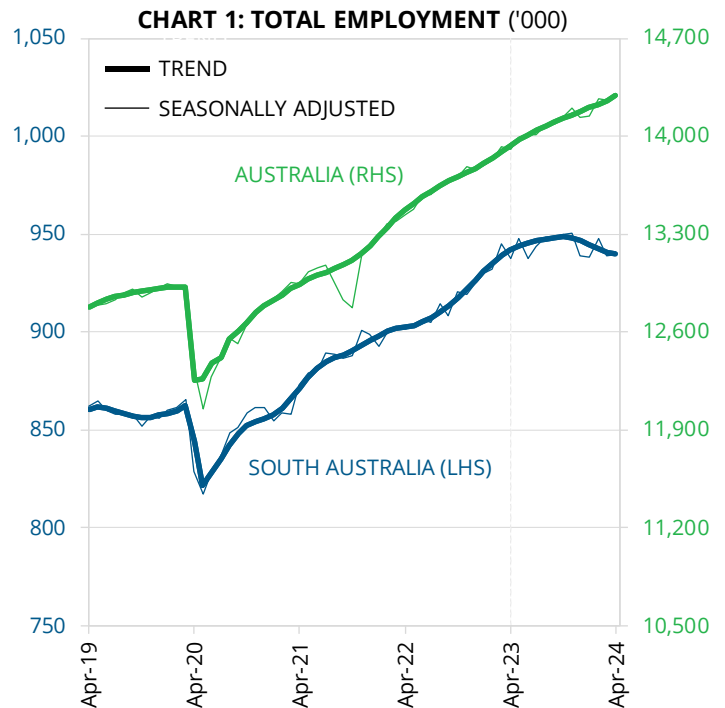
- Total employment in South Australia rose by 400, following a fall of 9,000 (1.0%) in March—see Chart 1. Full-time employment fell by 4,500 while part-time employment rose by 4,900.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 38,500 (0.3%). Full-time employment fell by 6,100 and part-time employment rose by 44,600.

[Through the year](#) seasonally adjusted employment growth was 0.2% for South Australia and 2.8% nationally.

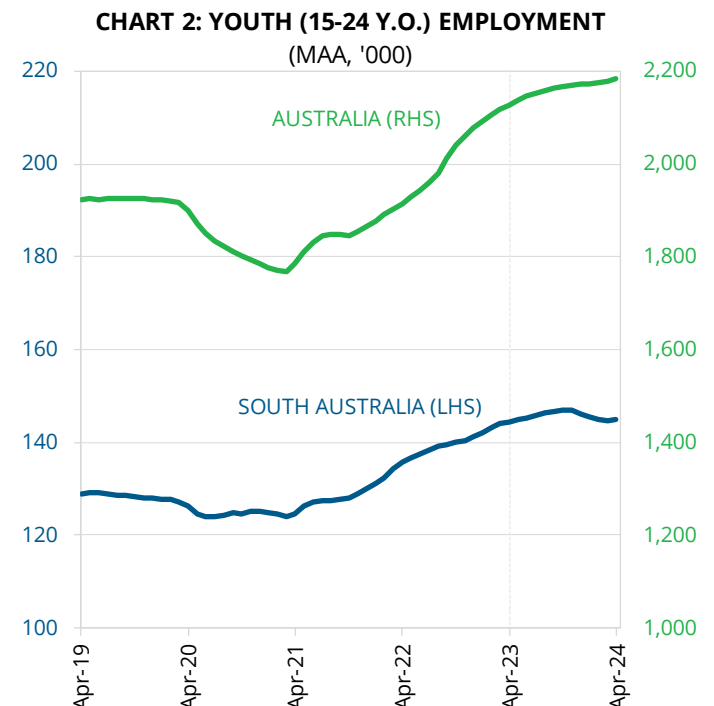
In **trend** terms in April:

- Total employment in South Australia fell by 600 (0.1%). Full-time employment fell by 2,500 and part-time employment rose by 1,900.
- Nationally, total employment rose by 30,900 (0.2%). Full-time employment rose by 19,600 and part-time employment rose by 11,300.

Through the year trend employment growth was 0.2% for South Australia and 2.5% nationally.



In the year to April, the number of employed 15 to 24 year olds in South Australia was 0.3% higher than a year earlier and 2.6% higher nationally ([moving annual average](#) terms)—see Chart 2.



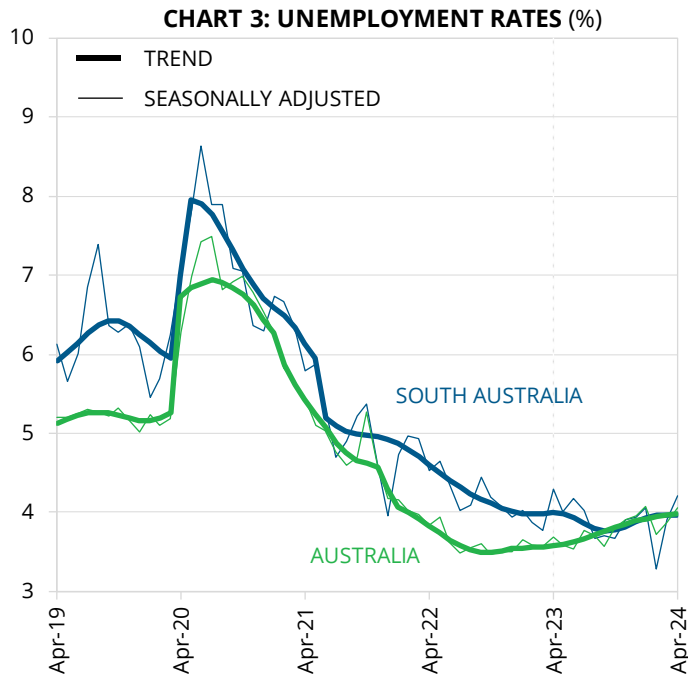
## UNEMPLOYMENT

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 3.9% in March to 4.2% in April. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 3.9% in March to 4.1% in April.

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

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

	Last year Apr-23		Last month Mar-24		Latest month Apr-24	
	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.	trend	s.a.
NSW	3.3	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
VIC	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
QLD	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
<b>SA</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>
WA	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.9
TAS	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.8	4.0	4.1
NT	4.4	4.0	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.1
ACT	3.1	3.1	3.9	2.9	3.9	3.8
<b>AUS</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>



In South Australia, the **youth** (15-24 year old) unemployment rate was 9.1% in the year to April, down from 9.5% a year earlier but above the 8.9% rate recorded nationally (**annual average terms**).

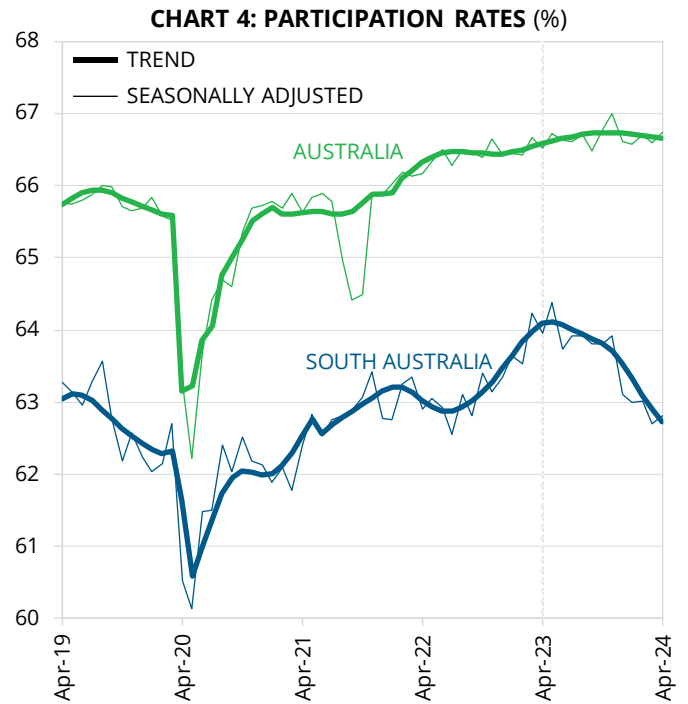
## UNDEREMPLOYMENT

**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 **seasonally adjusted** underemployment rate in South Australia was 7.3% in April. As a result the overall labour force **underutilisation** rate was 11.5% in April, down from 11.9% a year earlier. In April, the national underutilisation rate was 10.7%.

## PARTICIPATION

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 62.8% in April. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 66.7%.



In **trend** terms, the **participation rate** in South Australia fell from 62.9% in March to 62.7% in April. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 66.7% in April—see Chart 4.

In **annual average terms**, the age groups that experienced the largest increases in participation in the year to March 2024 were 45-54 year olds (up 3.1pp) and 65-74 year olds (up 2.4pp). The age groups that experienced the lowest growth in participation over the same period were 15-24 year olds (down 2.1pp) and 35-44 year olds (down 0.8pp)—see Table 2.

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

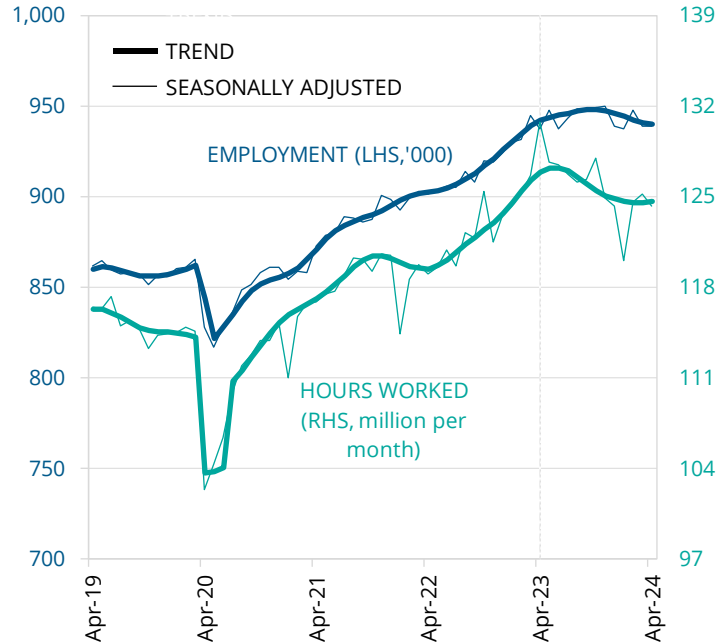
	Yr to Mar 23	Yr to Mar 24	Mar 23 vs Mar 24 (pp.)
15-24	73.2	71.1	-2.1
25-34	84.9	86.3	1.4
35-44	86.2	85.4	-0.8
45-54	82.3	85.5	3.1
55-64	67.9	67.7	-0.2
65-74	20.3	22.7	2.4
75+	5.0	4.2	-0.7

**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.

## HOURS WORKED

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 0.8% in South Australia in April and were 5.0% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 5. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 0.8% through the year to April.

**CHART 5: EMPLOYMENT AND HOURS WORKED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA**



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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-24	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	981.4	979.8	<b>979.2</b>	-0.7	-0.1%	-2.2	-0.2%
Participation rate (%)	64.1	62.9	<b>62.7</b>		-0.2pp		-1.4pp
Total employment ('000)	942.2	940.9	<b>940.3</b>	-0.6	-0.1%	-1.9	-0.2%
Full-time employment ('000)	626.0	607.5	<b>604.9</b>	-2.5	-0.4%	-21.1	-3.4%
Part-time employment ('000)	316.2	333.5	<b>335.4</b>	+1.9	0.6%	+19.1	6.1%
Unemployment ('000)	39.2	38.9	<b>38.9</b>	-0.1	-0.1%	-0.3	-0.8%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.0	4.0	<b>4.0</b>		0.0pp		0.0pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	11.2	11.2	<b>11.2</b>		0.0pp		0.0pp
Total hours worked (million)	126.9	124.6	<b>124.7</b>		0.0%		-1.8%

AUSTRALIA	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-24	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14451.3	14847.7	<b>14882.4</b>	+34.7	0.2%	+431.1	3.0%
Participation rate (%)	66.6	66.7	<b>66.7</b>		0.0pp		0.1pp
Total employment ('000)	13,934.3	14,258.7	<b>14,289.6</b>	+30.9	0.2%	+355.2	2.5%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,762.8	9,828.1	<b>9,847.7</b>	+19.6	0.2%	+84.8	0.9%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,171.5	4,430.6	<b>4,441.9</b>	+11.3	0.3%	+270.4	6.5%
Unemployment ('000)	517.0	589.0	<b>592.8</b>	+3.9	0.7%	+75.8	14.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.6	4.0	<b>4.0</b>		0.0pp		0.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.9	10.6	<b>10.6</b>		0.0pp		0.7pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,935.7	1,947.2	<b>1,954.8</b>		0.4%		1.0%

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-24	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	979.6	977.2	<b>980.7</b>	+3.5	0.4%	+1.1	0.1%
Participation rate (%)	64.0	62.7	<b>62.8</b>		0.1pp		-1.1pp
Total employment ('000)	937.5	939.0	<b>939.4</b>	+0.4	0.0%	+2.0	0.2%
Full-time employment ('000)	615.9	606.1	<b>601.6</b>	-4.5	-0.7%	-14.3	-2.3%
Part-time employment ('000)	321.6	332.9	<b>337.8</b>	+4.9	1.5%	+16.2	5.0%
Unemployment ('000)	42.1	38.2	<b>41.2</b>	+3.1	8.0%	-0.9	-2.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	4.3	3.9	<b>4.2</b>		0.3pp		-0.1pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	11.9	11.0	<b>11.5</b>		0.5pp		-0.3pp
Total hours worked (million)	130.8	125.2	<b>124.3</b>		-0.8%		-5.0%

AUSTRALIA	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-24	Change			
				In month		Through year	
Labour force ('000)	14,437.2	14835.4	<b>14,904.2</b>	+68.8	0.5%	+467.0	3.2%
Participation rate (%)	66.5	66.6	<b>66.7</b>		0.1pp		0.2pp
Total employment ('000)	13,905.7	14,261.5	<b>14,300.0</b>	+38.5	0.3%	+394.3	2.8%
Full-time employment ('000)	9,735.7	9,851.4	<b>9,845.3</b>	-6.1	-0.1%	+109.6	1.1%
Part-time employment ('000)	4,170.0	4,410.1	<b>4,454.7</b>	+44.6	1.0%	+284.7	6.8%
Unemployment ('000)	531.6	573.9	<b>604.2</b>	+30.3	5.3%	+72.7	13.7%
Unemployment rate (%)	3.7	3.9	<b>4.1</b>		0.2pp		0.4pp
Under-utilisation rate (%)	9.9	10.3	<b>10.7</b>		0.3pp		0.8pp
Total hours worked (million)	1,977.2	1,962.4	<b>1,962.3</b>		0.0%		-0.8%

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