

LABOUR MARKET, FEBRUARY 2017

Summary

During February, total employment:

- rose 0.2% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.1%); and
- fell by a marginal 300 persons in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment fell 0.1%).

During February, the unemployment rate:

- was 6.6% in South Australia in trend terms (5.8% nationally); and
- was 6.6% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.9% nationally).

Underemployment is above average in South Australia and as a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 16.8% in February, above the national rate of 14.4%.

Further Analysis

Employment

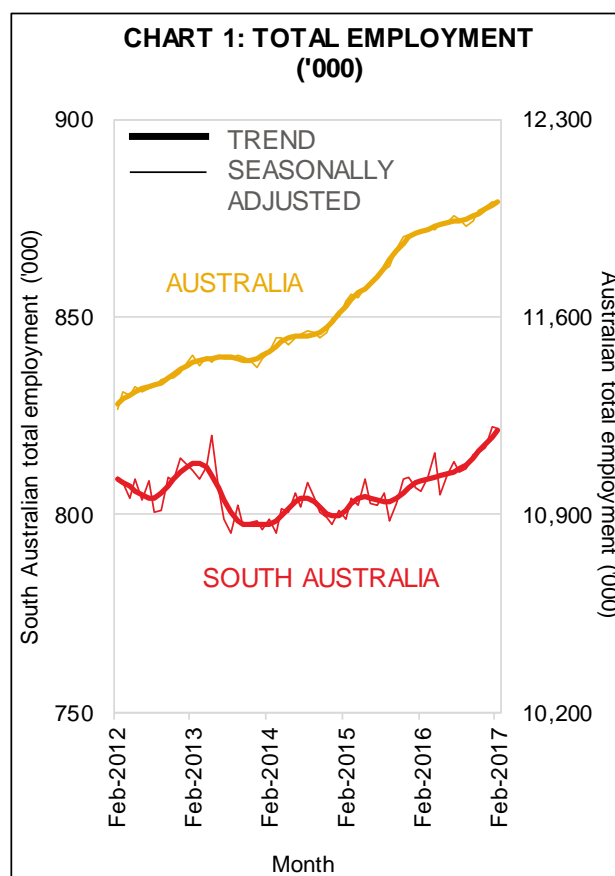
In trend terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 1,700 (0.2%), and rose by 11,600 (0.1%) nationally in February—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment was up marginally and part-time employment rose by 1,700 (0.6%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 4,600 persons (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 6,900 (0.2%).

Annual trend employment growth was 1.6% for South Australia and 0.8% nationally.

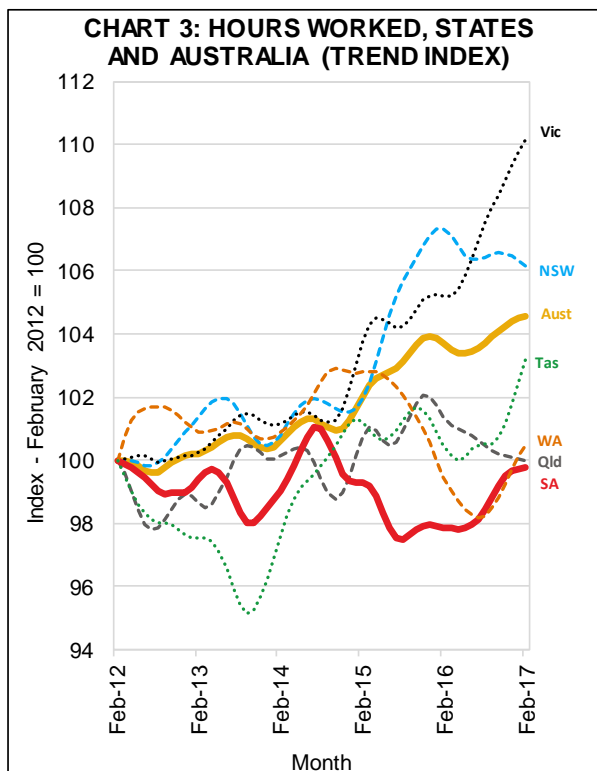
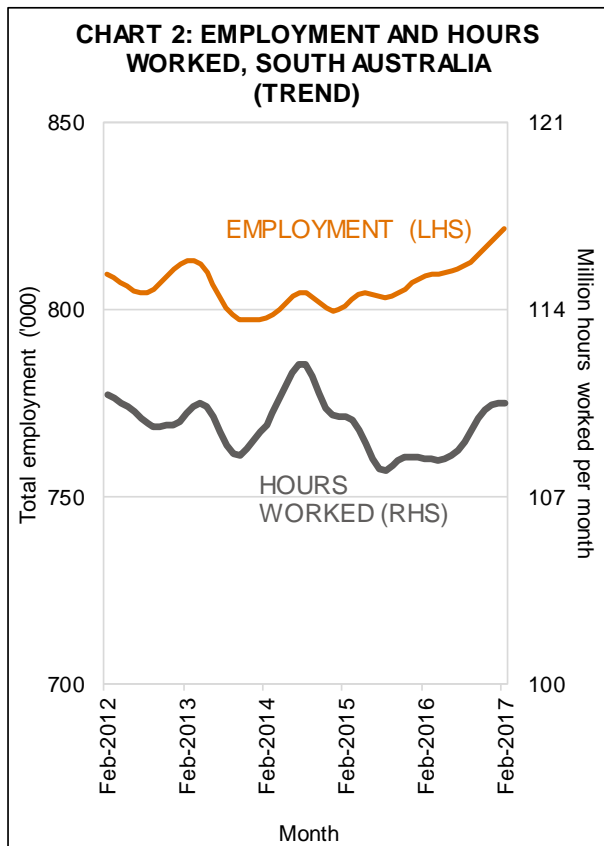
In seasonally adjusted terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 300 people in February, following a rise of 0.7% (5,300 persons) in January. Employment fell by 6,400 (0.1%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 8,700 (1.6%) while part-time employment rose by 8,400 (2.9%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 27,100 people (0.3%) and part-time employment fell by 33,500 (0.9%).



Hours worked

In trend terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs was unchanged in South Australia in February but was 1.9% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, aggregate hours worked increased by 0.9% through the year to February.

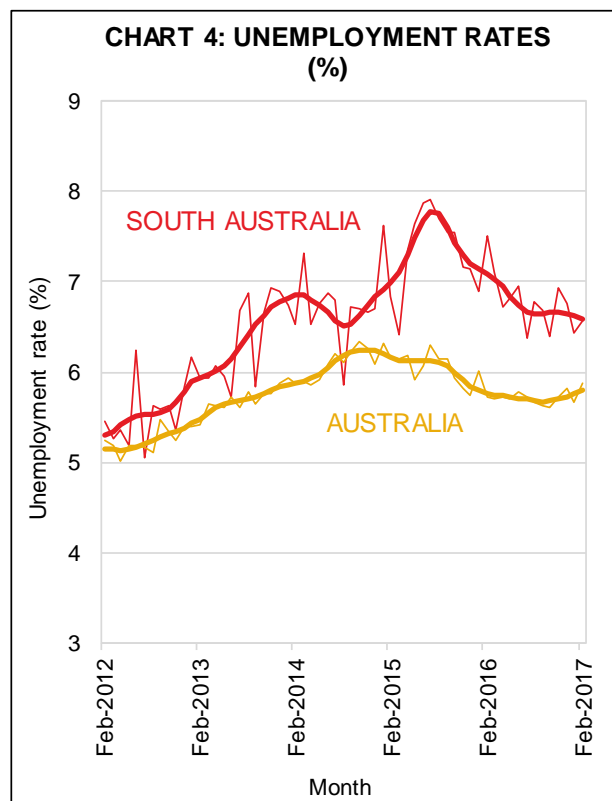


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 6.6% in February. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.8% in February—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

| | Feb 16 (%) | Jan 17 (%) | Feb 17 (%) |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NSW | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| VIC | 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| QLD | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
| SA | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.6 |
| WA | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| TAS | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| AUST | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 |

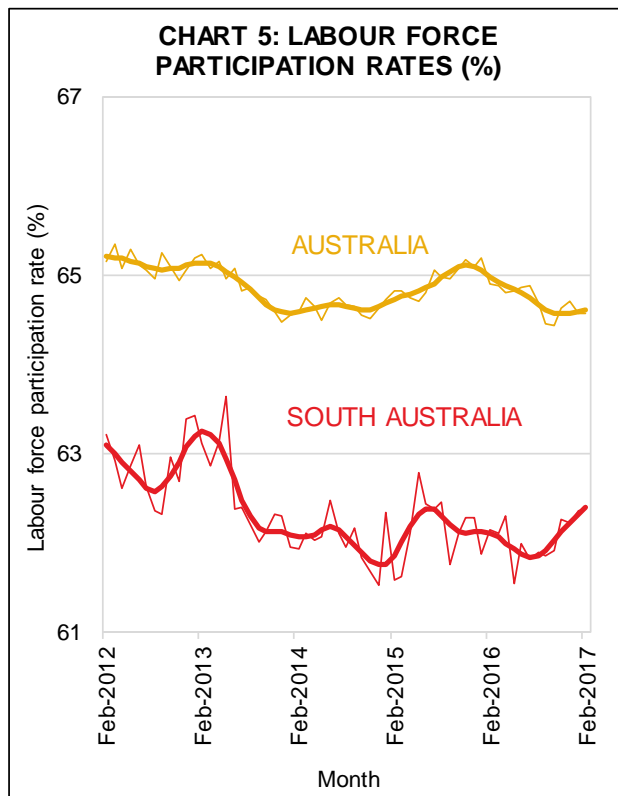


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 6.4% in January to 6.6% in February. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 5.7% in January to 5.9% in February.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose by 0.1 of a percentage point to 62.4% in February. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 64.6%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate remained unchanged at 62.4% in February. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 64.6%.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | Feb-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Change (%) | |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 525.1 | 527.6 | 527.6 | 0.0% | 0.5% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 283.6 | 292.2 | 293.9 | 0.6% | 3.6% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 808.8 | 819.8 | 821.5 | 0.2% | 1.6% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 61.8 | 58.2 | 57.9 | -0.5% | -6.2% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0.0pp | -0.5pp |
| Participation rate | % | 62.1 | 62.3 | 62.4 | 0.1pp | 0.3pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 108.4 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 0.0% | 1.9% |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | |
| | | Feb-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Change (%) | |
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 8,180.4 | 8,154.6 | 8,159.2 | 0.1% | -0.3% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 3,723.8 | 3,838.8 | 3,845.8 | 0.2% | 3.3% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 11,904.2 | 11,993.4 | 12,005.0 | 0.1% | 0.8% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 728.3 | 733.8 | 738.9 | 0.7% | 1.5% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 0.0pp | 0.0pp |
| Participation rate | % | 65.0 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 0.0pp | -0.4pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 1,657.3 | 1,670.2 | 1,671.5 | 0.1% | 0.9% |

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | Feb-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Change (%) | |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 526.2 | 531.1 | 522.4 | -1.6% | -0.7% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 279.5 | 291.0 | 299.4 | 2.9% | 7.1% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 805.7 | 822.1 | 821.8 | 0.0% | 2.0% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 65.4 | 56.6 | 57.8 | 2.2% | -11.6% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 7.5 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 0.1pp | -0.9pp |
| Participation rate | % | 62.1 | 62.4 | 62.4 | 0.0pp | 0.2pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 109.1 | 113.2 | 108.2 | -4.4% | -0.9% |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | |
| | | Feb-16 | Jan-17 | Feb-17 | Change (%) | |
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 8,182.0 | 8,131.8 | 8,158.9 | 0.3% | -0.3% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 3,712.2 | 3,873.5 | 3,840.0 | -0.9% | 3.4% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 11,894.2 | 12,005.3 | 11,998.8 | -0.1% | 0.9% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 721.2 | 722.2 | 748.1 | 3.6% | 3.7% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 0.2pp | 0.2pp |
| Participation rate | % | 64.9 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 0.0pp | -0.3pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 1,670.7 | 1,682.4 | 1,661.9 | -1.2% | -0.5% |

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