

LABOUR MARKET, APRIL 2017

Summary

During April, total employment:

- fell 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- fell 0.6% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.3%).

During April, the unemployment rate:

- was 7.0% in South Australia in trend terms (5.8% nationally); and
- was 7.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.7% nationally).

Further Analysis

Employment

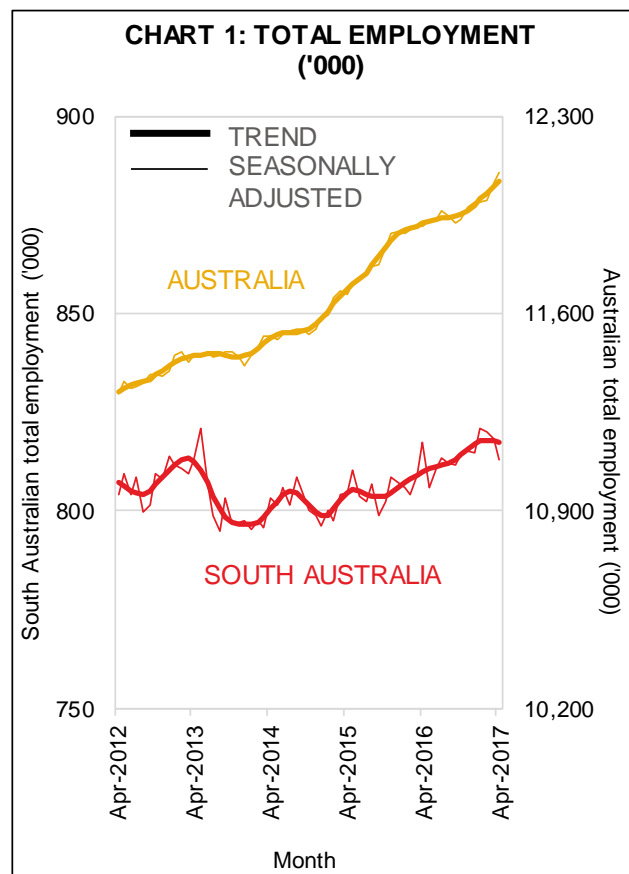
In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 600 (0.1%), and rose by 19,900 (0.2%) nationally in April—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment was unchanged and part-time employment fell by 600 (0.2%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 12,300 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 7,500 (0.2%).

Annual trend employment growth was 0.9% for South Australia and 1.3% nationally.

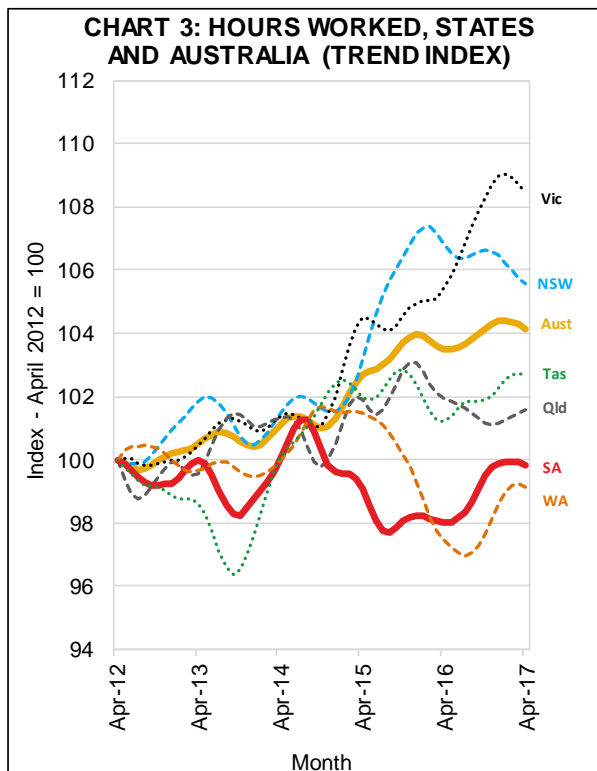
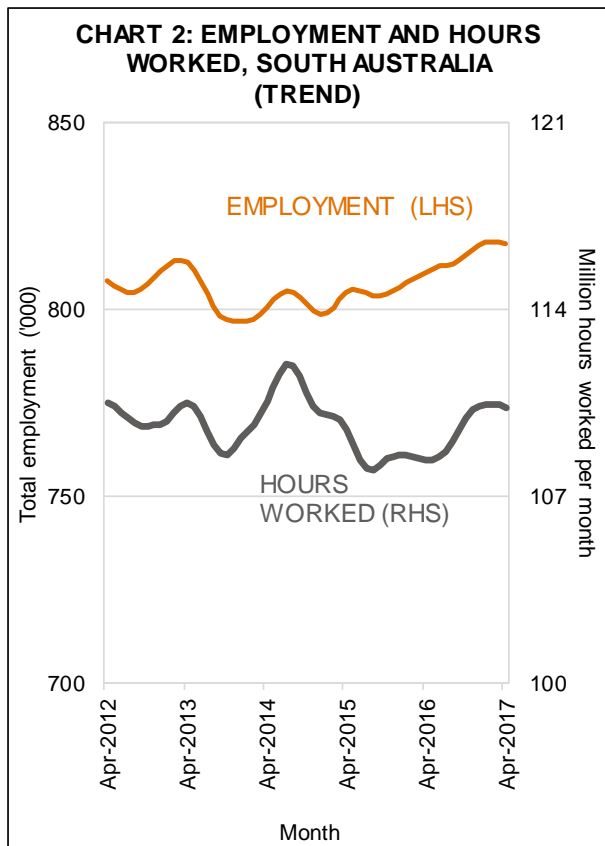
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 5,000 people (0.6%) in April, following a fall of 0.3% in March. Employment rose by 37,400 (0.3%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 2,300 (0.4%) while part-time employment fell by 7,200 (2.5%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by 11,600 people (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 49,000 (1.3%).



Hours worked

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 0.1% in South Australia in April but was 1.9% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 0.6% through the year to April.

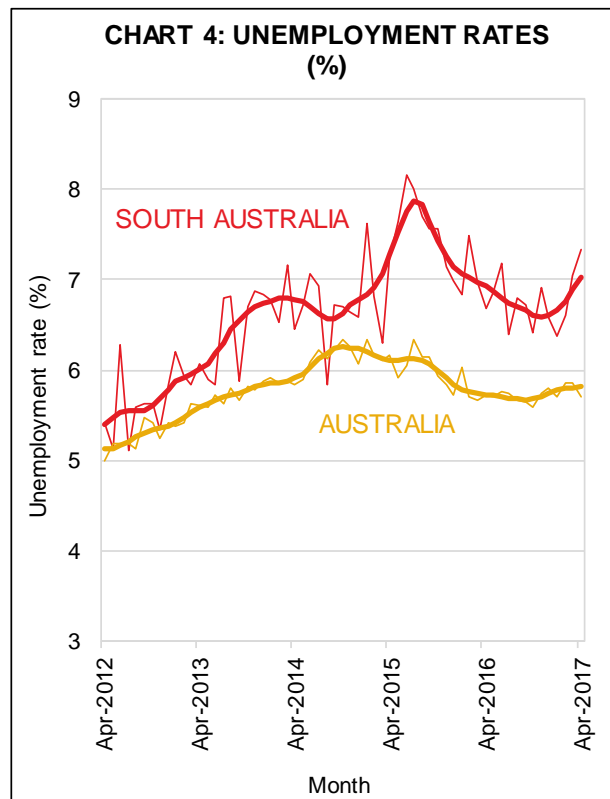


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia rose from 6.9% in March to 7.0% in April. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.8% in April—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

	Apr 16 (%)	Mar 17 (%)	Apr 17 (%)
NSW	5.2	5.0	5.0
VIC	5.7	6.1	6.1
QLD	6.2	6.4	6.4
SA	6.9	6.9	7.0
WA	5.8	6.2	6.1
TAS	6.6	5.8	5.8
AUST	5.7	5.8	5.8

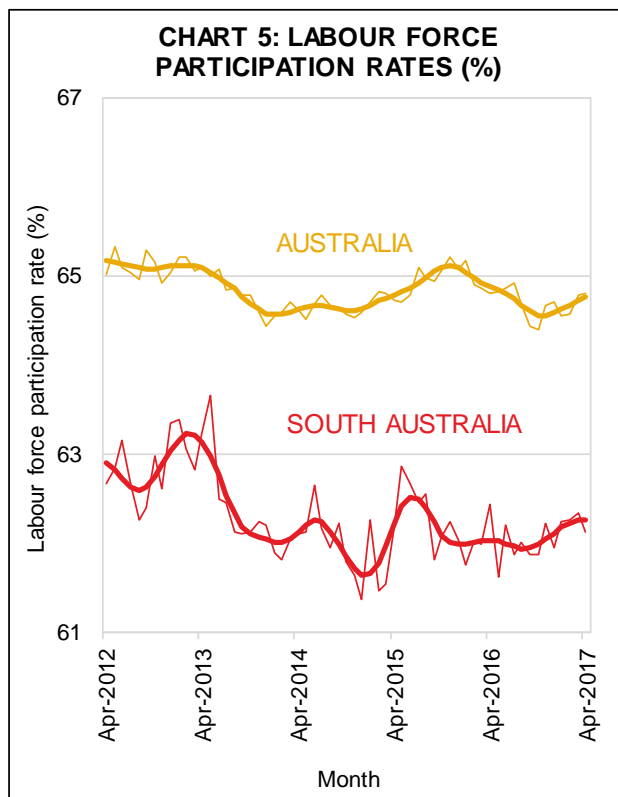


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 7.0% in March to 7.3% in April. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 5.9% in March to 5.7% in April.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose from 62.2% in March to 62.3% in April. Nationally, the participation rate rose from 64.7% in March to 64.8% in April—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 62.1% in April. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 64.8%.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Apr-16	Mar-17	Apr-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	524.4	528.5	528.5	0.0%	0.8%
Part-time employment	('000)	285.5	289.4	288.8	-0.2%	1.1%
Total employment	('000)	810.0	817.9	817.3	-0.1%	0.9%
Unemployment	('000)	60.4	60.6	61.8	2.1%	2.4%
Unemployment rate	%	6.9	6.9	7.0	0.1pp	0.1pp
Participation rate	%	62.0	62.2	62.3	0.0pp	0.2pp
Total hours worked	millions	108.3	110.4	110.3	-0.1%	1.9%
AUSTRALIA						
		Apr-16	Mar-17	Apr-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,167.0	8,203.9	8,216.3	0.2%	0.6%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,752.2	3,847.5	3,855.0	0.2%	2.7%
Total employment	('000)	11,919.2	12,051.4	12,071.3	0.2%	1.3%
Unemployment	('000)	724.1	742.8	744.4	0.2%	2.8%
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	5.8	5.8	0.0pp	0.1pp
Participation rate	%	64.9	64.7	64.8	0.0pp	-0.1pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,653.1	1,665.6	1,663.6	-0.1%	0.6%

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Apr-16	Mar-17	Apr-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	524.8	527.9	530.1	0.4%	1.0%
Part-time employment	('000)	292.7	290.2	283.0	-2.5%	-3.3%
Total employment	('000)	817.5	818.1	813.1	-0.6%	-0.5%
Unemployment	('000)	58.5	62.0	64.3	3.7%	10.0%
Unemployment rate	%	6.7	7.0	7.3	0.3pp	0.7pp
Participation rate	%	62.4	62.3	62.1	-0.2pp	-0.3pp
Total hours worked	millions	108.2	109.6	111.2	1.5%	2.7%
AUSTRALIA						
		Apr-16	Mar-17	Apr-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,146.6	8,238.9	8,227.4	-0.1%	1.0%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,760.7	3,823.0	3,871.9	1.3%	3.0%
Total employment	('000)	11,907.3	12,061.9	12,099.3	0.3%	1.6%
Unemployment	('000)	722.6	751.4	732.3	-2.5%	1.3%
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	5.9	5.7	-0.2pp	0.0pp
Participation rate	%	64.8	64.8	64.8	0.0pp	0.0pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,637.9	1,663.8	1,659.5	-0.3%	1.3%

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