

LABOUR MARKET, FEBRUARY 2018

Summary

During February, total employment:

- rose 0.3% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- rose 0.9% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.1%).

During February, the unemployment rate:

- was 6.2% in South Australia in trend terms (5.5% nationally); and
- was 6.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.6% nationally).

Underemployment is above average in South Australia and as a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 15.6% in February, above the national rate of 13.8%.

Further Analysis

Employment

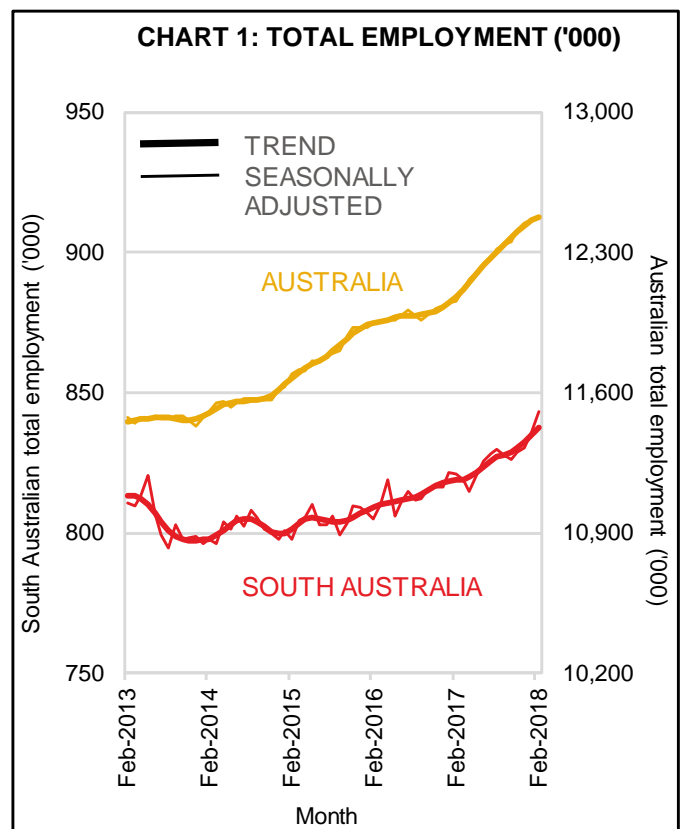
In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,700 (0.3%), and rose by 19,300 (0.2%) nationally in February—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 1,900 persons (0.4%) and part-time employment rose by 700 (0.2%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 7,700 persons (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 11,600 (0.3%).

Annual trend employment growth was 2.3% for South Australia and 3.3% nationally.

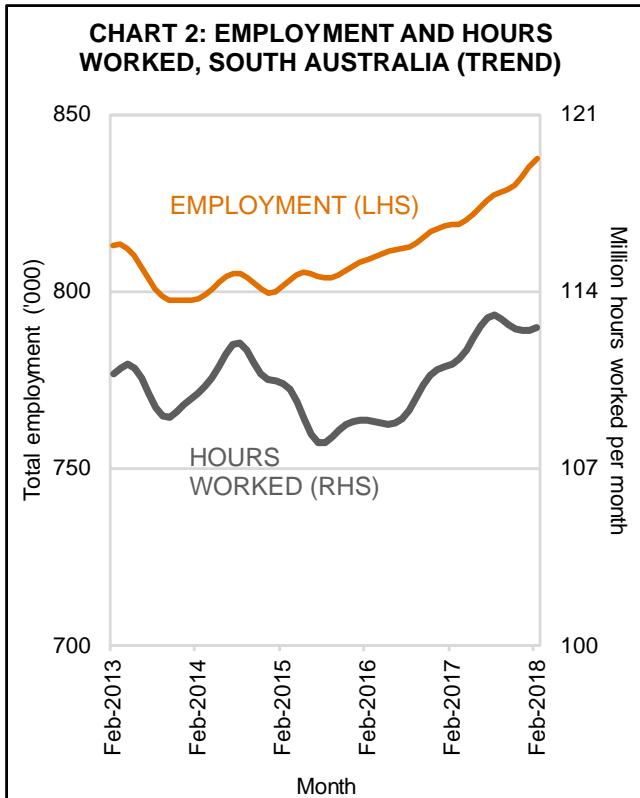
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 7,500 people (0.9%) in February, following a rise of 0.7% in January. Employment rose by 17,500 (0.1%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 10,600 (2.0%) while part-time employment fell by 3,100 (1.0%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 64,900 people (0.8%) and part-time employment fell by 47,400 (1.2%).



Hours worked

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.1% in South Australia in February and was 1.3% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 2.7% through the year to February.

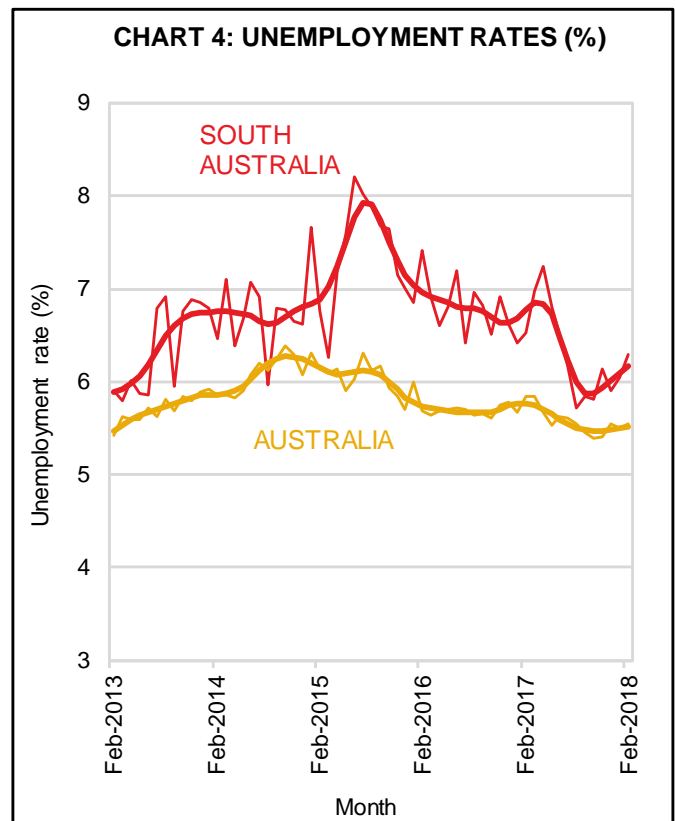
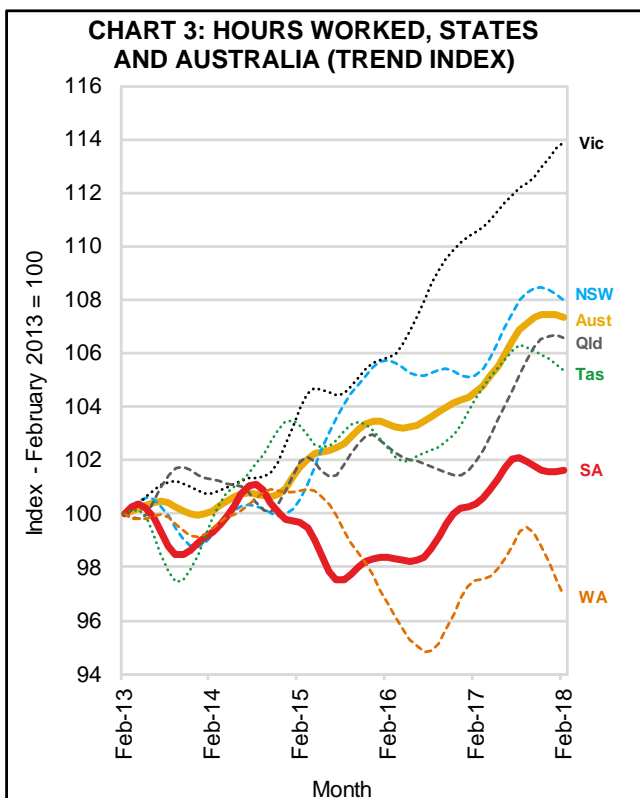


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia rose from 6.1% in January to 6.2% in February. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.5% in February—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

	Feb 17 (%)	Jan 18 (%)	Feb 18 (%)
NSW	5.0	4.8	4.9
VIC	6.1	5.7	5.7
QLD	6.3	6.1	6.1
SA	6.8	6.1	6.2
WA	6.3	6.0	6.0
TAS	5.7	5.3	6.0
AUST	5.8	5.5	5.5

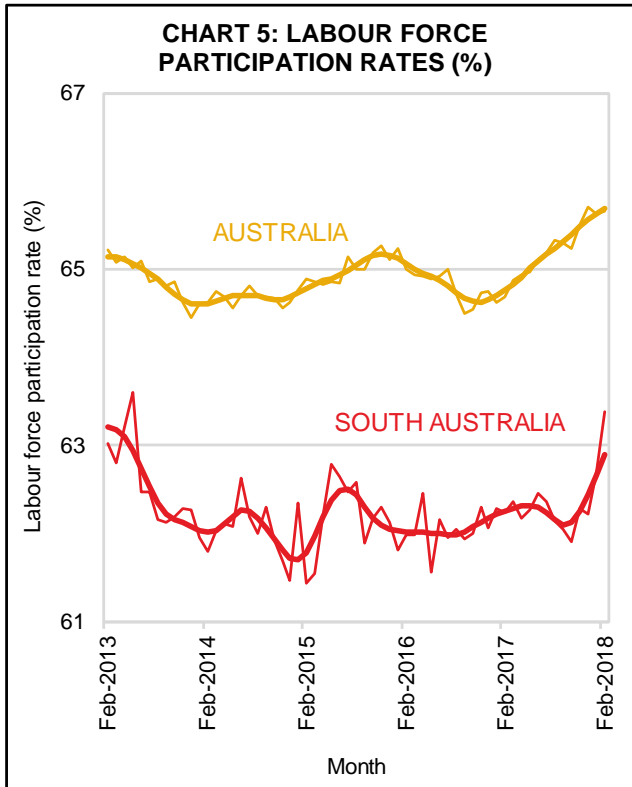


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 6.1% in January to 6.3% in February. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 5.5% in January to 5.6% in February.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose by 0.2 of a percentage point to 62.9% in February. Nationally, the participation rate rose by 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.7%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.7 of a percentage point to 63.4% in February. Nationally, the participation rate increased from 65.6% in January to 65.7% in February.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
		Feb-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	528.0	543.5	545.5	0.4%	3.3%
Part-time employment	('000)	290.7	291.6	292.3	0.2%	0.5%
Total employment	('000)	818.8	835.1	837.7	0.3%	2.3%
Unemployment	('000)	59.5	54.1	55.1	1.8%	-7.4%
Unemployment rate	%	6.8	6.1	6.2	0.1pp	-0.6pp
Participation rate	%	62.3	62.7	62.9	0.2pp	0.6pp
Total hours worked	millions	111.1	112.5	112.5	0.1%	1.3%
AUSTRALIA						
		Feb-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,226.0	8,511.3	8,519.1	0.1%	3.6%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,854.9	3,949.8	3,961.4	0.3%	2.8%
Total employment	('000)	12,080.9	12,461.1	12,480.5	0.2%	3.3%
Unemployment	('000)	739.6	725.1	729.5	0.6%	-1.4%
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	5.5	5.5	0.0pp	-0.2pp
Participation rate	%	64.8	65.6	65.7	0.1pp	0.9pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,684.9	1,731.7	1,730.3	-0.1%	2.7%

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Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
		Feb-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	522.4	539.8	550.5	2.0%	5.4%
Part-time employment	('000)	298.4	296.0	293.0	-1.0%	-1.8%
Total employment	('000)	820.8	835.9	843.4	0.9%	2.8%
Unemployment	('000)	57.3	53.8	56.7	5.3%	-1.0%
Unemployment rate	%	6.5	6.1	6.3	0.2pp	-0.2pp
Participation rate	%	62.2	62.7	63.4	0.7pp	1.1pp
Total hours worked	millions	108.4	111.7	113.4	1.5%	4.6%
AUSTRALIA						
		Feb-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,206.0	8,468.6	8,533.6	0.8%	4.0%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,853.8	3,994.4	3,946.9	-1.2%	2.4%
Total employment	('000)	12,059.8	12,463.0	12,480.5	0.1%	3.5%
Unemployment	('000)	748.1	725.2	734.1	1.2%	-1.9%
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	5.5	5.6	0.1pp	-0.3pp
Participation rate	%	64.7	65.6	65.7	0.0pp	1.0pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,669.0	1,712.9	1,734.1	1.2%	3.9%

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