

LABOUR MARKET, MARCH 2018

Summary

During March, total employment:

- rose 0.2% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.1%); and
- fell 0.7% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose by a marginal 4,900).

During March, the unemployment rate:

- was 5.9% in South Australia in trend terms (5.6% nationally); and
- was 5.6% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.5% nationally).

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 6,100 people (0.7%) in March, following a rise of 0.8% in February. Employment rose by a marginal 4,900 nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 5,700 (1.0%) and part-time employment fell by 400 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by 19,900 people (0.2%) but part-time employment rose by 24,800 (0.6%).

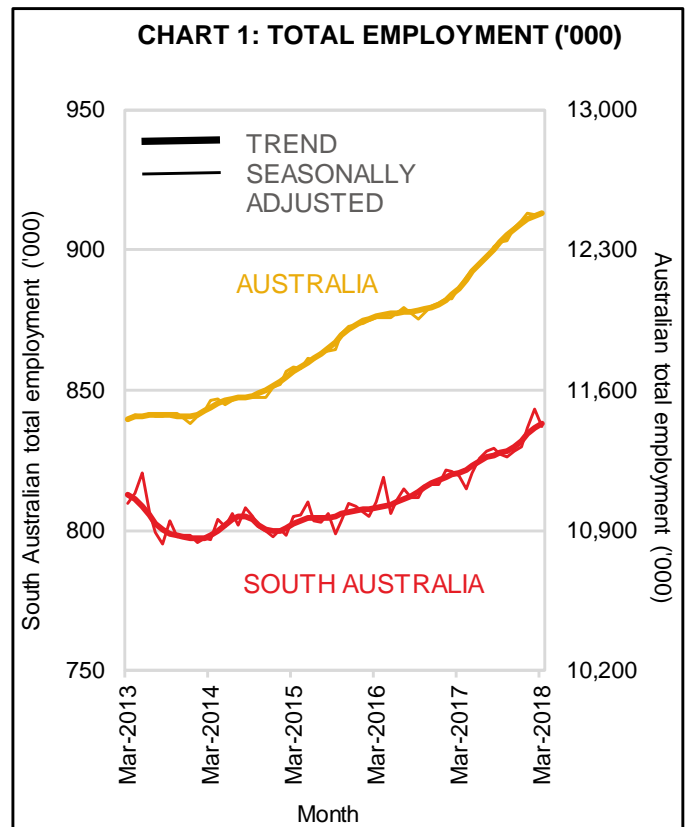
Further Analysis

Employment

In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 1,700 (0.2%), and rose by 14,000 (0.1%) nationally in March—see Chart 1.

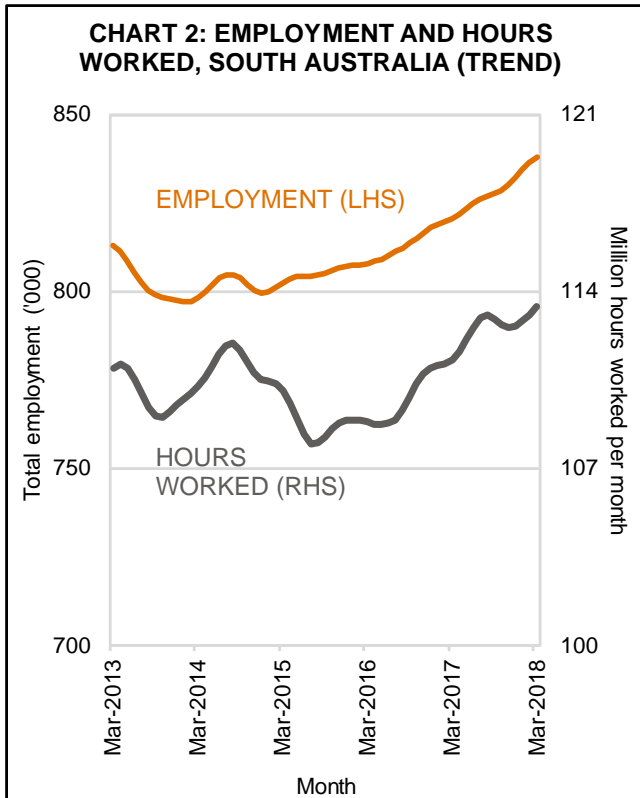
- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 1,000 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 600 (0.2%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by a marginal 1,200 persons and part-time employment rose by 12,900 (0.3%).

Annual trend employment growth was 2.1% for South Australia and 3.1% nationally.



Hours worked

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.3% in South Australia in March and was 1.8% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 2.6% through the year to March.

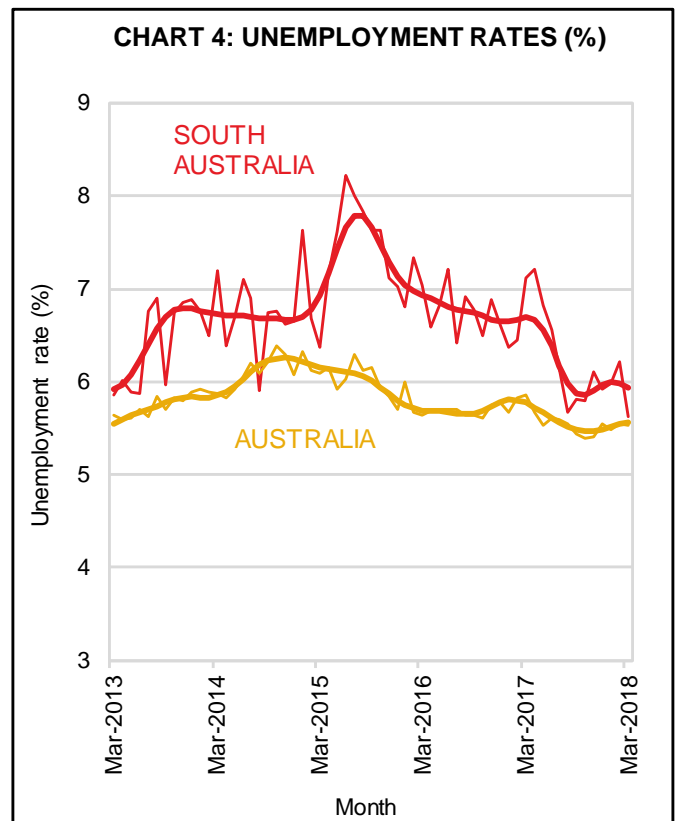
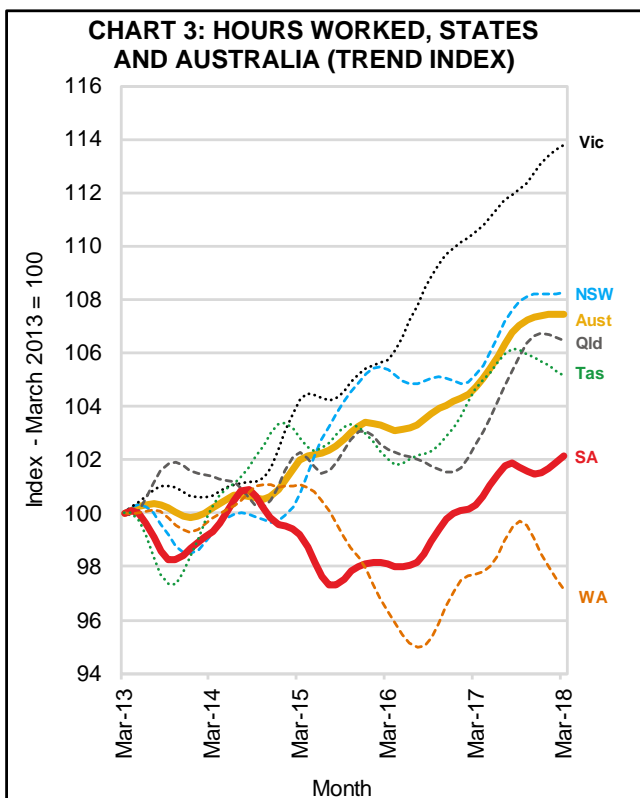


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 6.0% in February to 5.9% in March. Nationally, the unemployment rate increased to 5.6% in March from 5.5% in February—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

	Mar 17 (%)	Feb 18 (%)	Mar 18 (%)
NSW	5.0	4.9	4.9
VIC	6.1	5.5	5.5
QLD	6.3	6.0	6.0
SA	6.7	6.0	5.9
WA	6.0	6.2	6.4
TAS	5.8	6.0	6.0
AUST	5.8	5.5	5.6

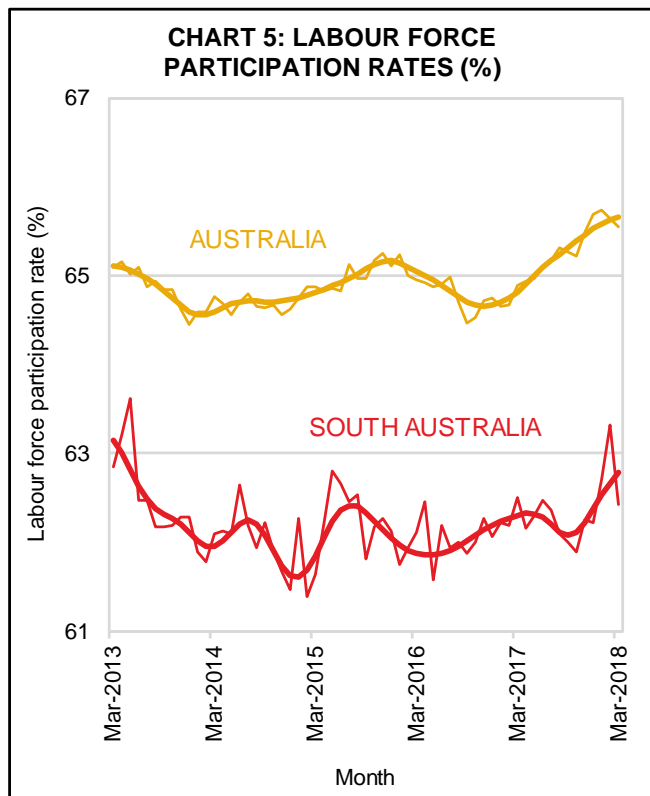


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 6.2% in February to 5.6% in March. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.5% in March.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia rose by 0.1 of a percentage point to 62.8%. Nationally, the participation rate rose from 65.6% in February to 65.7% in March—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate fell 0.9 of a percentage point to 62.4% in March. Nationally, the participation rate fell by 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.5%.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Mar-17	Feb-18	Mar-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	528.6	543.0	544.0	0.2%	2.9%
Part-time employment	('000)	292.0	293.5	294.1	0.2%	0.7%
Total employment	('000)	820.6	836.5	838.1	0.2%	2.1%
Unemployment	('000)	58.9	53.2	52.9	-0.6%	-10.2%
Unemployment rate	%	6.7	6.0	5.9	0.0pp	-0.8pp
Participation rate	%	62.3	62.7	62.8	0.1pp	0.5pp
Total hours worked	millions	111.3	113.1	113.4	0.3%	1.8%
AUSTRALIA						
		Mar-17	Feb-18	Mar-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,254.3	8,523.2	8,524.4	0.0%	3.3%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,855.4	3,948.6	3,961.4	0.3%	2.8%
Total employment	('000)	12,109.7	12,471.8	12,485.8	0.1%	3.1%
Unemployment	('000)	741.6	731.5	735.0	0.5%	-0.9%
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	5.5	5.6	0.0pp	-0.2pp
Participation rate	%	64.8	65.6	65.7	0.0pp	0.8pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,689.0	1,733.5	1,733.7	0.0%	2.6%

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Mar-17	Feb-18	Mar-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	527.9	549.6	543.9	-1.0%	3.0%
Part-time employment	('000)	291.7	293.7	293.3	-0.1%	0.5%
Total employment	('000)	819.6	843.3	837.3	-0.7%	2.2%
Unemployment	('000)	62.9	55.9	49.9	-10.9%	-20.7%
Unemployment rate	%	7.1	6.2	5.6	-0.6pp	-1.5pp
Participation rate	%	62.5	63.3	62.4	-0.9pp	-0.1pp
Total hours worked	millions	110.7	113.6	114.1	0.5%	3.0%
AUSTRALIA						
		Mar-17	Feb-18	Mar-18	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,287.2	8,534.0	8,514.1	-0.2%	2.7%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,829.9	3,945.3	3,970.0	0.6%	3.7%
Total employment	('000)	12,117.1	12,479.2	12,484.1	0.0%	3.0%
Unemployment	('000)	753.3	732.6	730.2	-0.3%	-3.1%
Unemployment rate	%	5.9	5.5	5.5	0.0pp	-0.3pp
Participation rate	%	64.9	65.6	65.5	-0.1pp	0.7pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,685.9	1,736.0	1,740.4	0.3%	3.2%

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