



LABOUR MARKET, MARCH 2016

Summary

During March, total employment:

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

During March, the unemployment rate:

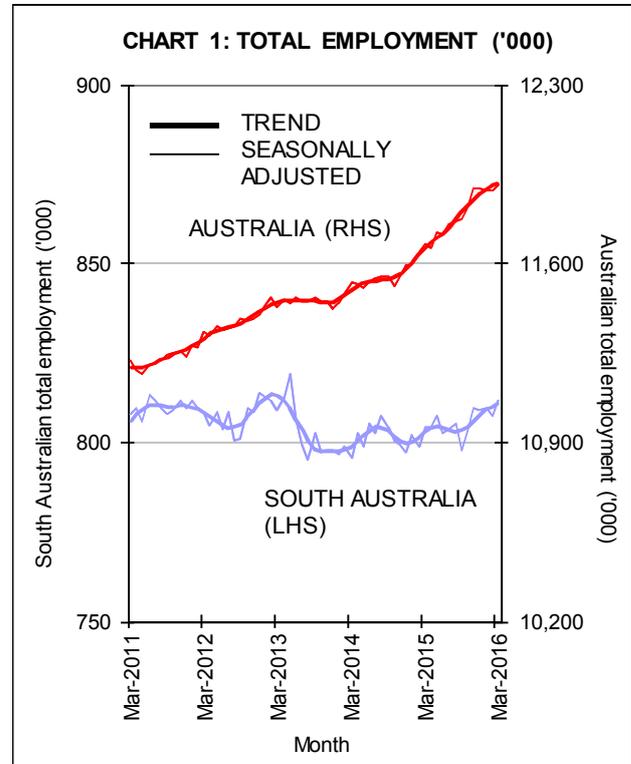
- was 7.2% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.7% nationally); and
- was 7.2% in South Australia in trend terms (5.8% nationally).

Further Analysis

Employment

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 4,600 people (0.6%) in March, following a fall of 0.3% in February. Employment rose by 26,100 (0.2%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 3,500 persons (0.7%) while part-time employment rose by 1,000 persons (0.4%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by 8,800 (0.1%) and part-time employment rose by 34,900 (0.9%).



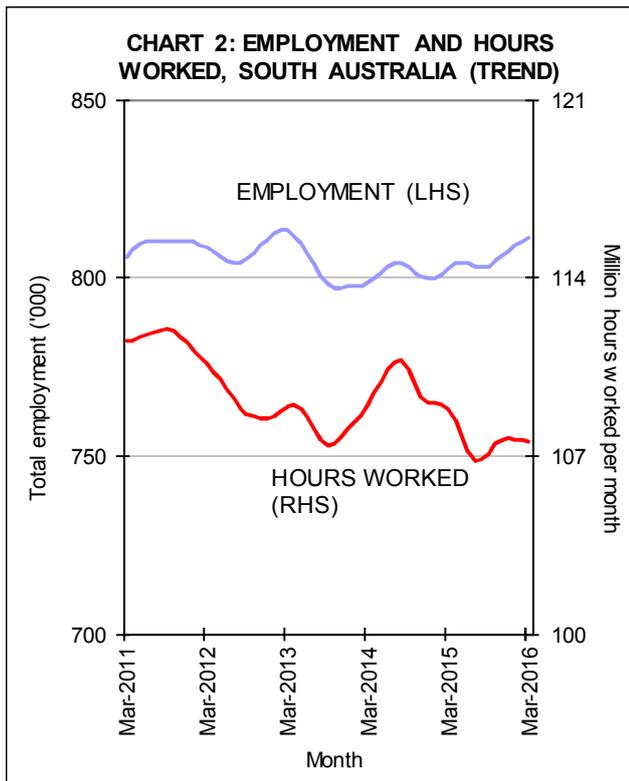
In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 1,000 (0.1%), and rose by 7,700 (0.1%) nationally in March—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 1,400 (0.3%) and part-time employment fell by 300 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell marginally (down 300) and part-time employment rose by 8,000 (0.2%).

Annual trend employment growth was 1.0% for South Australia and 2.2% nationally.

Hours worked

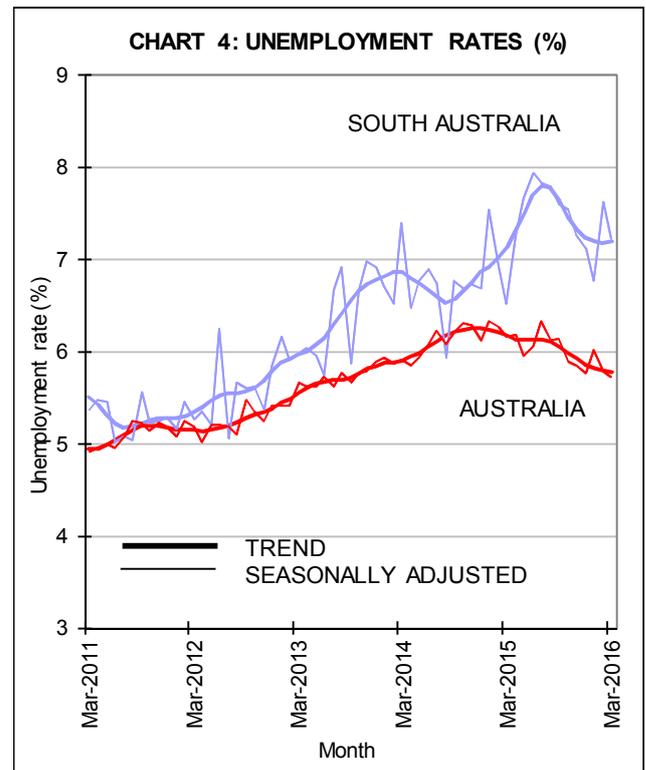
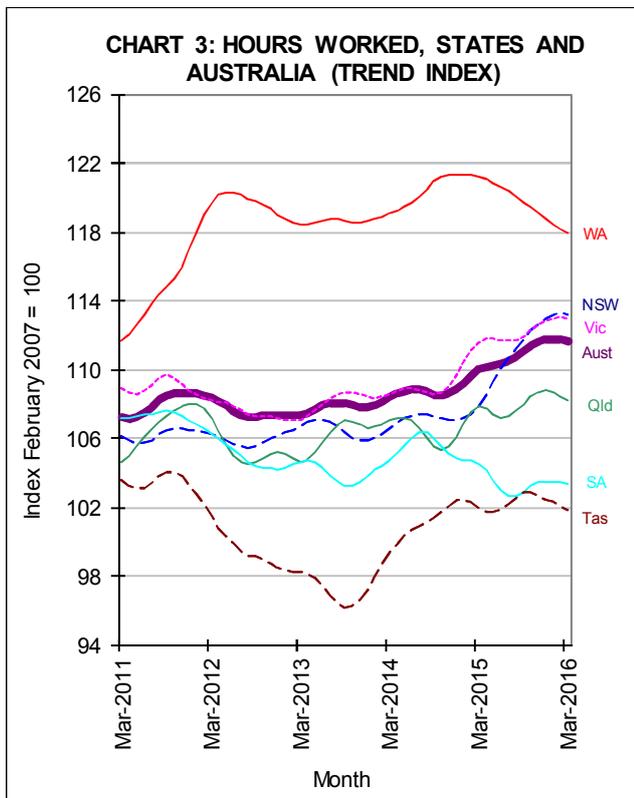
In **trend** terms, aggregate hours worked in South Australia fell by 0.1% in March and was 1.2% lower than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, aggregate hours worked increased by 1.5% through the year to March.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 7.6% in February to 7.2% in March. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 5.8% in February to 5.7% in March—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates – Seas. Adj.

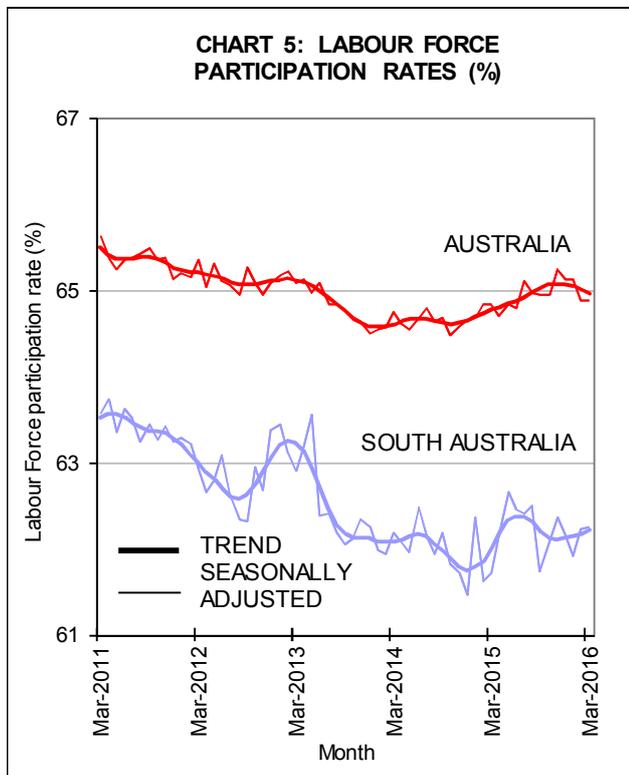
	Mar 15 (%)	Feb 16 (%)	Mar 16 (%)
NSW	6.0	5.3	5.3
VIC	6.2	6.0	5.7
QLD	6.5	5.6	6.1
SA	6.5	7.6	7.2
WA	5.6	6.0	5.5
TAS	6.6	6.9	6.8
AUS	6.2	5.8	5.7



In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 7.2% in March. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.8% in March.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate remained unchanged at 62.2% in March. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 64.9%—see Chart 5.



In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 62.2%. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 65.0%.



Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	536.1	527.6	531.1	0.7%	-0.9%
Part-time employment	('000)	268.1	279.6	280.7	0.4%	4.7%
Total employment	('000)	804.2	807.2	811.8	0.6%	0.9%
Unemployment	('000)	56.0	66.6	63.2	-5.1%	12.9%
Unemployment rate	%	6.5	7.6	7.2	-0.4pp	0.7pp
Participation rate	%	61.7	62.2	62.2	0.0pp	0.6pp
Agg. hours worked	millions	111.2	108.2	107.1	-1.0%	-3.7%
AUSTRALIA						
		Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,097.5	8,189.2	8,180.4	-0.1%	1.0%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,576.8	3,694.3	3,729.2	0.9%	4.3%
Total employment	('000)	11,674.3	11,883.5	11,909.6	0.2%	2.0%
Unemployment	('000)	766.0	730.4	723.1	-1.0%	-5.6%
Unemployment rate	%	6.2	5.8	5.7	-0.1pp	-0.4pp
Participation rate	%	64.8	64.9	64.9	0.0pp	0.0pp
Agg. hours worked	millions	1,621.5	1,649.9	1,632.3	-1.1%	0.7%

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	531.5	527.8	529.1	0.3%	-0.4%
Part-time employment	('000)	271.3	282.3	281.9	-0.1%	3.9%
Total employment	('000)	802.7	810.0	811.1	0.1%	1.0%
Unemployment	('000)	61.6	62.6	62.8	0.4%	2.1%
Unemployment rate	%	7.1	7.2	7.2	0.0pp	0.1pp
Participation rate	%	62.0	62.2	62.2	0.0pp	0.2pp
Agg. hours worked	millions	108.8	107.6	107.6	-0.1%	-1.2%
AUSTRALIA						
		Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,070.9	8,194.1	8,193.8	0.0%	1.5%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,587.9	3,708.2	3,716.2	0.2%	3.6%
Total employment	('000)	11,658.8	11,902.3	11,910.0	0.1%	2.2%
Unemployment	('000)	765.1	732.4	729.6	-0.4%	-4.6%
Unemployment rate	%	6.2	5.8	5.8	0.0pp	-0.4pp
Participation rate	%	64.8	65.0	65.0	0.0pp	0.2pp
Agg. hours worked	millions	1,619.3	1,645.4	1,643.7	-0.1%	1.5%

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