

LABOUR MARKET, AUGUST 2016

Summary

During August, total employment:

- rose 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment also rose 0.1%); and
- fell 0.2% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment fell by a marginal 3,900).

During August, the unemployment rate:

- was 6.6% in South Australia in trend terms (5.7% nationally); and
- was 6.8% 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 17.2% in August, above the national rate of 14.3%.

Note: The ABS conducted the 2016 Census in the month of August. The ABS advises that while some people employed for the Census were not employed in the previous month, most were already employed in another job. Therefore, the employment estimates for August do not reflect a large contribution to employment but do reflect a contribution to hours worked. There is also likely to have been a shift from part-time to full-time work.

Further Analysis

Employment

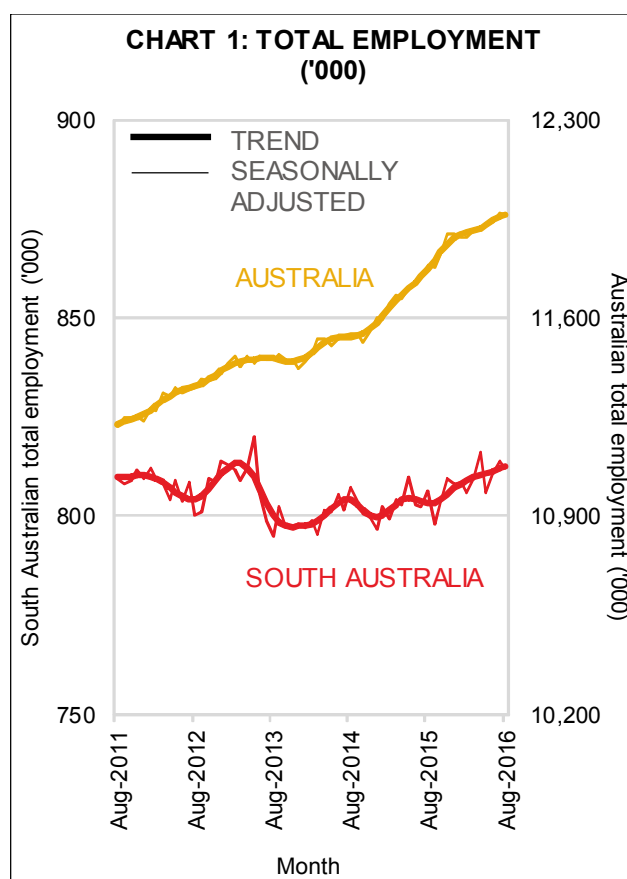
In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 500 (0.1%), and rose by 9,900 (0.1%) nationally in August—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by a marginal 200 persons and part-time employment rose by 300 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment fell by a marginal 400 persons but part-time employment rose by 10,200 (0.3%).

Annual trend employment growth was 1.1% for South Australia and 1.6% nationally.

In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 1,600 people (0.2%) in August, following a rise of 0.4% in July. Employment fell by a marginal 3,900 nationally.

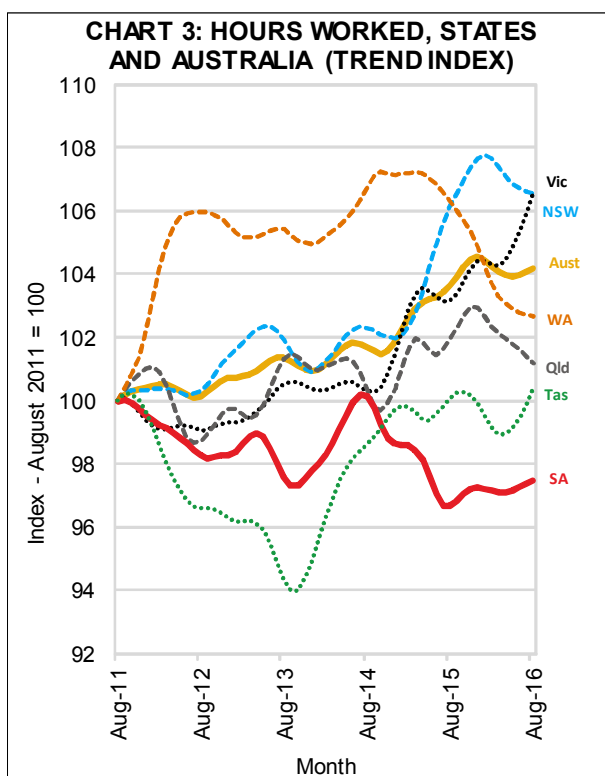
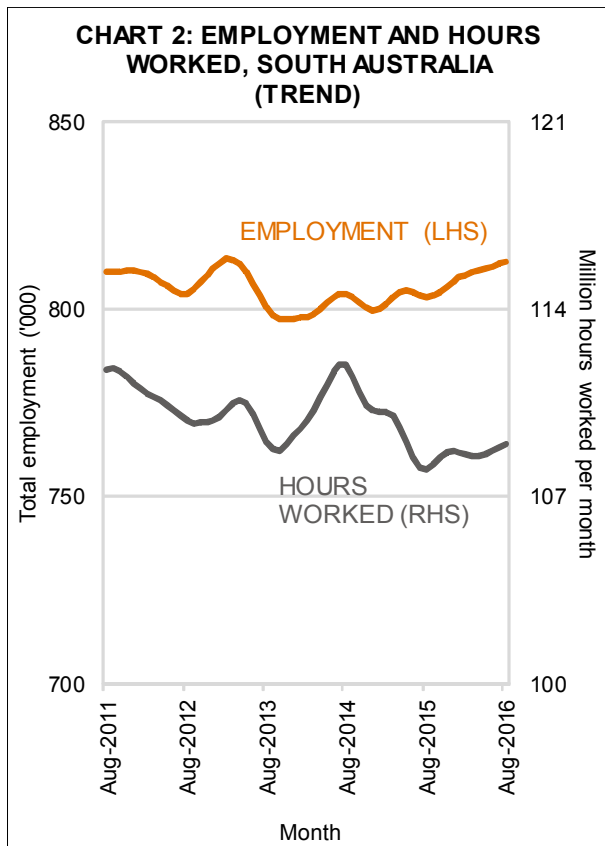
- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by a marginal 200 and part-time employment fell by 1,400 (0.5%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 11,500 people (0.1%) but part-time employment fell by 15,400 (0.4%).



Hours worked

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.1% in South Australia in August and was 0.9% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, aggregate hours worked increased by 0.5% through the year to August.



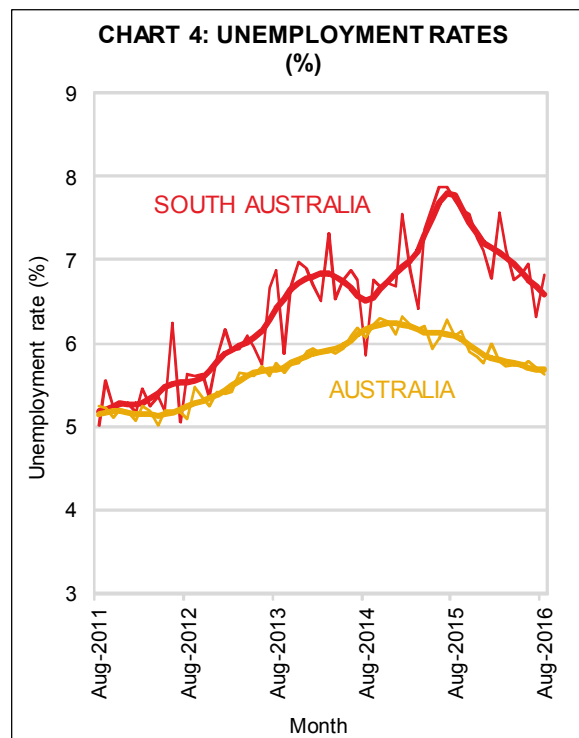


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 6.7% in July to 6.6% in August. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.7% in August—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

	Aug 15 (%)	Jul 16 (%)	Aug 16 (%)
NSW	5.8	5.1	5.1
VIC	6.1	5.7	5.7
QLD	6.2	6.3	6.3
SA	7.8	6.7	6.6
WA	6.1	6.1	6.2
TAS	6.4	6.6	6.7
AUST	6.1	5.7	5.7

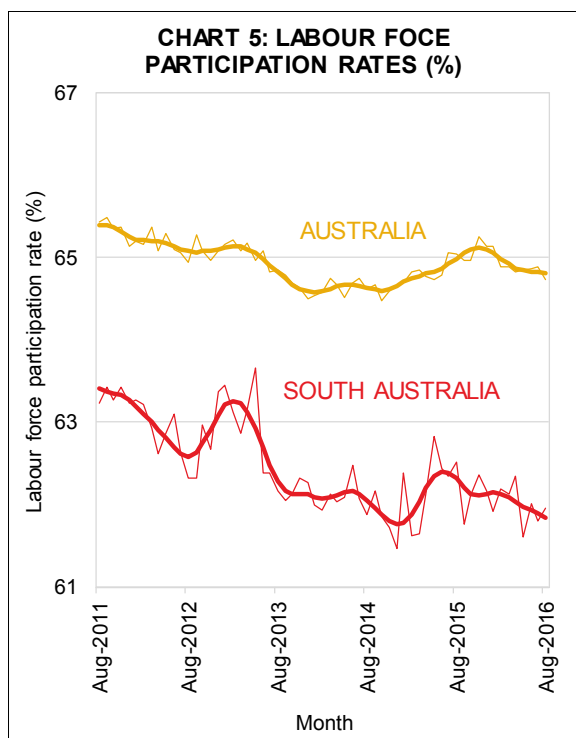


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 6.3% in July to 6.8% in August. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 5.7% in July to 5.6% in August.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia fell from 61.9% in July to 61.8% in August. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 64.8%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.2 of a percentage point to 62.0% in August. Nationally, the participation rate fell by 0.2 of a percentage point to 64.7%.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	526.9	526.1	525.9	0.0%	-0.2%
Part-time employment	('000)	279.3	287.6	286.2	-0.5%	2.5%
Total employment	('000)	806.2	813.8	812.1	-0.2%	0.7%
Unemployment	('000)	67.5	55.0	59.4	8.1%	-11.9%
Unemployment rate	%	7.7	6.3	6.8	0.5pp	-0.9pp
Participation rate	%	62.5	61.8	62.0	0.2pp	-0.5pp
Total hours worked	millions	107.5	109.4	109.1	-0.2%	1.4%
AUSTRALIA						
		Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,134.2	8,154.6	8,166.1	0.1%	0.4%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,649.1	3,813.0	3,797.7	-0.4%	4.1%
Total employment	('000)	11,783.3	11,967.6	11,963.7	0.0%	1.5%
Unemployment	('000)	765.0	723.8	713.3	-1.5%	-6.8%
Unemployment rate	%	6.1	5.7	5.6	-0.1pp	-0.5pp
Participation rate	%	65.0	64.9	64.7	-0.2pp	-0.3pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,643.9	1,659.9	1,656.0	-0.2%	0.7%

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	523.9	523.9	524.0	0.0%	0.0%
Part-time employment	('000)	279.3	288.0	288.4	0.1%	3.2%
Total employment	('000)	803.2	811.9	812.4	0.1%	1.1%
Unemployment	('000)	67.7	58.1	57.4	-1.3%	-15.2%
Unemployment rate	%	7.8	6.7	6.6	-0.1pp	-1.2pp
Participation rate	%	62.3	61.9	61.8	0.0pp	-0.5pp
Total hours worked	millions	108.0	108.8	108.9	0.1%	0.9%
AUSTRALIA						
		Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-16	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,132.4	8,166.6	8,166.3	0.0%	0.4%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,641.6	3,788.6	3,798.9	0.3%	4.3%
Total employment	('000)	11,774.0	11,955.3	11,965.1	0.1%	1.6%
Unemployment	('000)	763.4	721.4	721.0	-0.1%	-5.6%
Unemployment rate	%	6.1	5.7	5.7	0.0pp	-0.4pp
Participation rate	%	65.0	64.8	64.8	0.0pp	-0.2pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,648.7	1,655.4	1,657.1	0.1%	0.5%

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