

# LABOUR MARKET, NOVEMBER 2017

## Summary

During November, total employment:

- fell by a marginal 400 persons in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- rose 0.2% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.5%).

During November, the unemployment rate:

- was 5.8% in South Australia in trend terms (5.4% nationally); and
- was 6.1% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.4% nationally).

Underemployment is above average in South Australia and as a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 15.1% in November, above the national rate of 13.8%.

## Further Analysis

### Employment

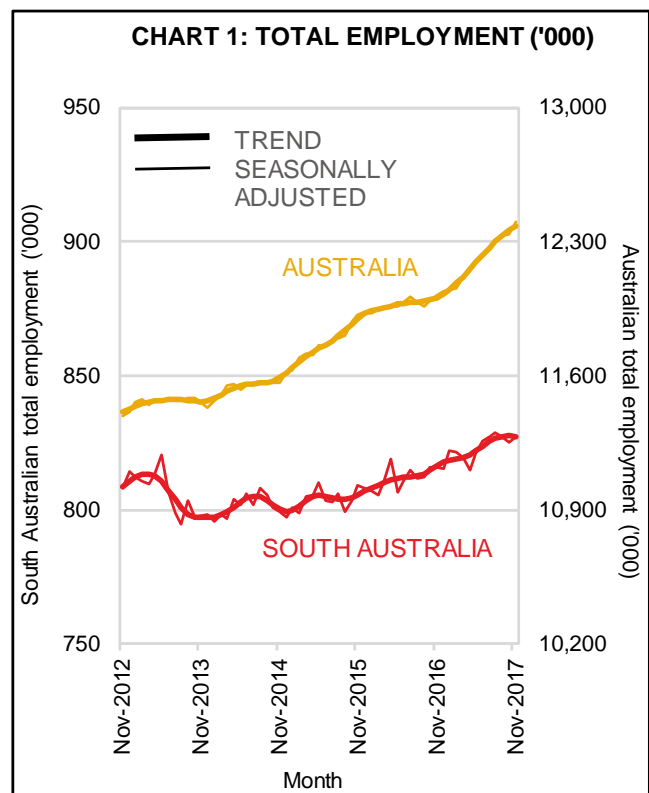
In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 400, and rose by 22,200 (0.2%) nationally in November—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 1,700 persons (0.3%) but part-time employment fell by 2,000 (0.7%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 15,300 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 6,900 (0.2%).

Annual trend employment growth was 1.3% for South Australia and 3.1% nationally.

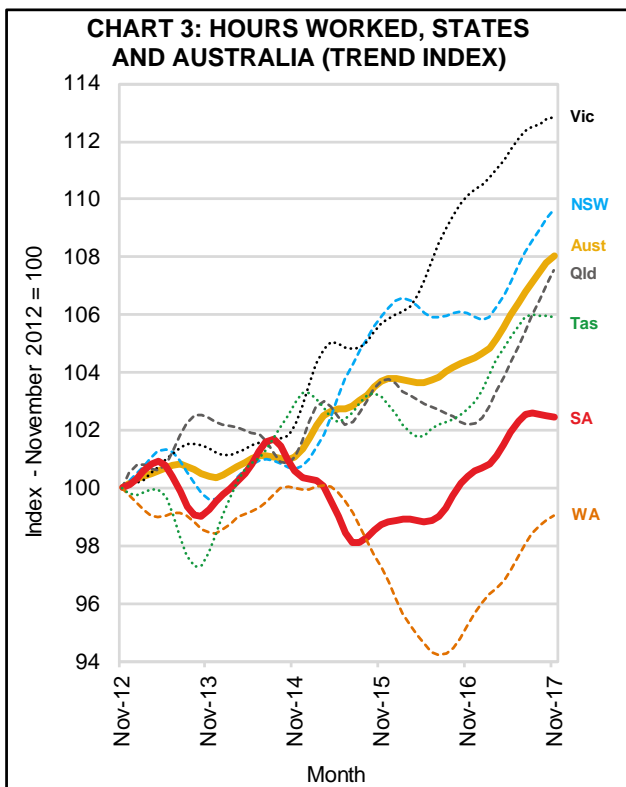
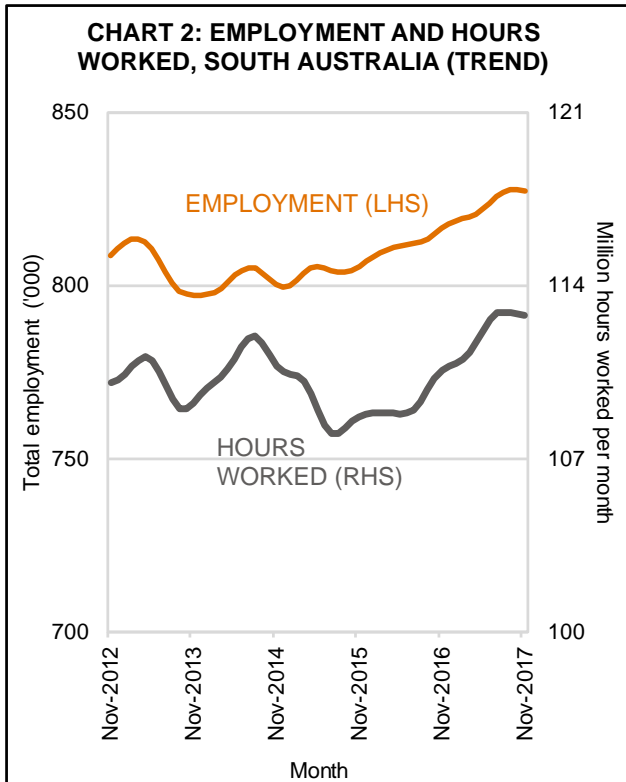
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,000 people (0.2%) in November, following a fall of 0.2% in October. Employment rose by 61,600 (0.5%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 8,100 (1.5%) while part-time employment fell by 6,100 (2.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 41,900 people (0.5%) and part-time employment rose by 19,700 (0.5%).



### Hours worked

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs was unchanged in South Australia in November but was 2.0% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 3.4% through the year to November.

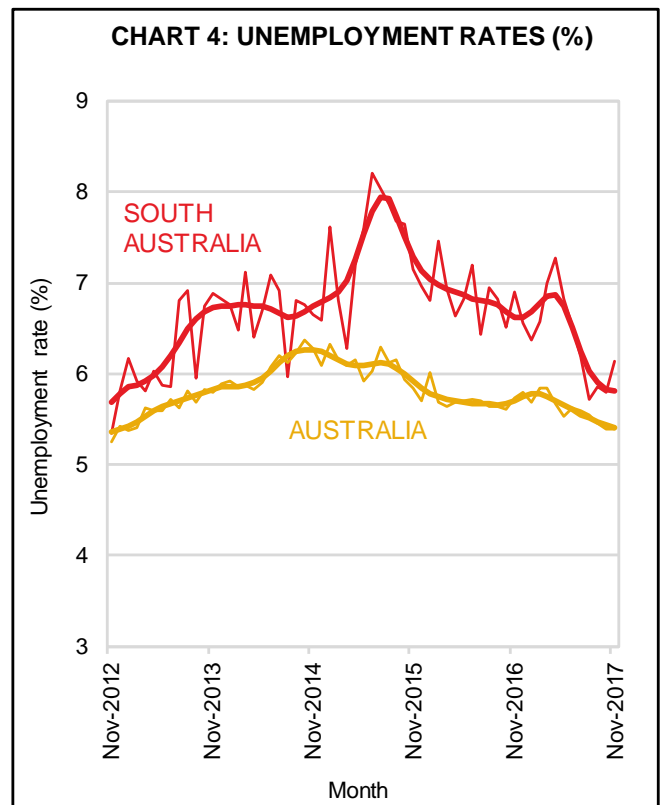


## Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 5.8% in November. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.4% in November—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

**Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend**

	Nov 16 (%)	Oct 17 (%)	Nov 17 (%)
NSW	5.0	4.7	4.6
VIC	5.9	5.8	5.7
QLD	6.1	5.8	5.8
<b>SA</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>
WA	6.5	6.1	6.2
TAS	6.3	5.9	5.9
<b>AUST</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>

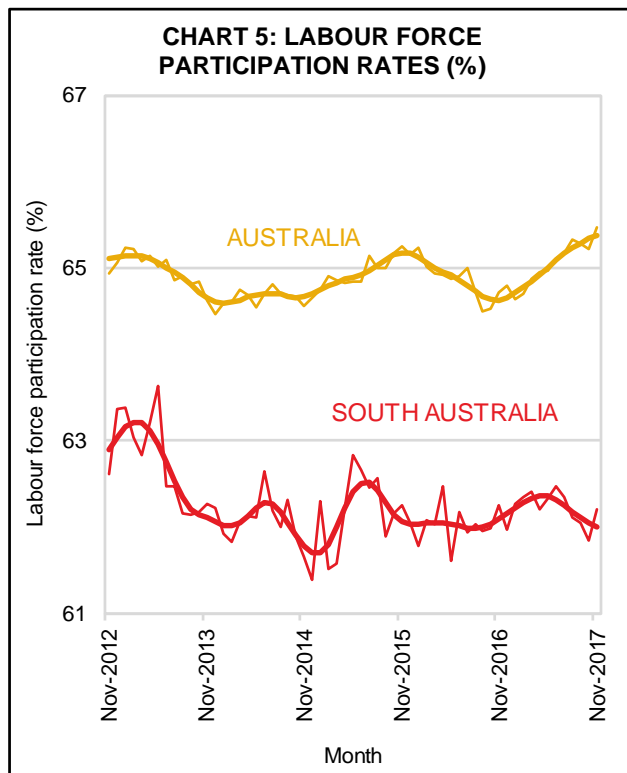


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate rose from 5.8% in October to 6.1% in November. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.4% in November.



## Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia fell to 62.0% in November from 62.1% in October. Nationally, the participation rate rose to 65.4% in November from 65.3% in October—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.4 of a percentage point to 62.2% in November. Nationally, the participation rate rose by 0.3 of a percentage point to 65.5%.

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**Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend**

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Nov-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	526.9	538.1	539.7	0.3%	2.4%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	289.6	289.6	287.5	-0.7%	-0.7%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	816.5	827.6	827.3	0.0%	1.3%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	57.9	51.2	51.1	-0.2%	-11.8%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	6.6	5.8	5.8	0.0pp	-0.8pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	62.1	62.1	62.0	0.0pp	-0.1pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	110.5	112.8	112.8	0.0%	2.0%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>						
		<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Nov-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	8,172.1	8,465.1	8,480.4	0.2%	3.8%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	3,837.0	3,892.8	3,899.7	0.2%	1.6%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	12,009.1	12,357.9	12,380.1	0.2%	3.1%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	727.2	710.2	707.3	-0.4%	-2.7%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.7	5.4	5.4	0.0pp	-0.3pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	64.6	65.3	65.4	0.0pp	0.7pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	1,676.8	1,730.6	1,734.4	0.2%	3.4%

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

**Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted**

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Nov-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	529.8	537.9	546.0	1.5%	3.1%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	286.1	287.2	281.1	-2.1%	-1.8%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	815.9	825.1	827.1	0.2%	1.4%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	60.6	50.8	54.2	6.5%	-10.6%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	6.9	5.8	6.1	0.3pp	-0.8pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	62.2	61.8	62.2	0.4pp	0.0pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	109.6	112.7	112.8	0.1%	2.9%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>						
		<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Nov-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
<b>Full-time employment</b>	('000)	8,197.2	8,459.9	8,501.9	0.5%	3.7%
<b>Part-time employment</b>	('000)	3,822.4	3,881.4	3,901.1	0.5%	2.1%
<b>Total employment</b>	('000)	12,019.7	12,341.3	12,403.0	0.5%	3.2%
<b>Unemployment</b>	('000)	732.2	703.6	707.7	0.6%	-3.3%
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	5.7	5.4	5.4	0.0pp	-0.3pp
<b>Participation rate</b>	%	64.7	65.2	65.5	0.3pp	0.7pp
<b>Total hours worked</b>	millions	1,673.2	1,731.1	1,740.9	0.6%	4.0%

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