

# LABOUR MARKET, OCTOBER 2017

## Summary

During October, total employment:

- rose 0.1% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- fell 0.2% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose by a marginal 3,700).

During October, the unemployment rate:

- was 5.6% in South Australia in trend terms (5.5% nationally); and
- was 5.8% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.4% nationally).

## Further Analysis

### Employment

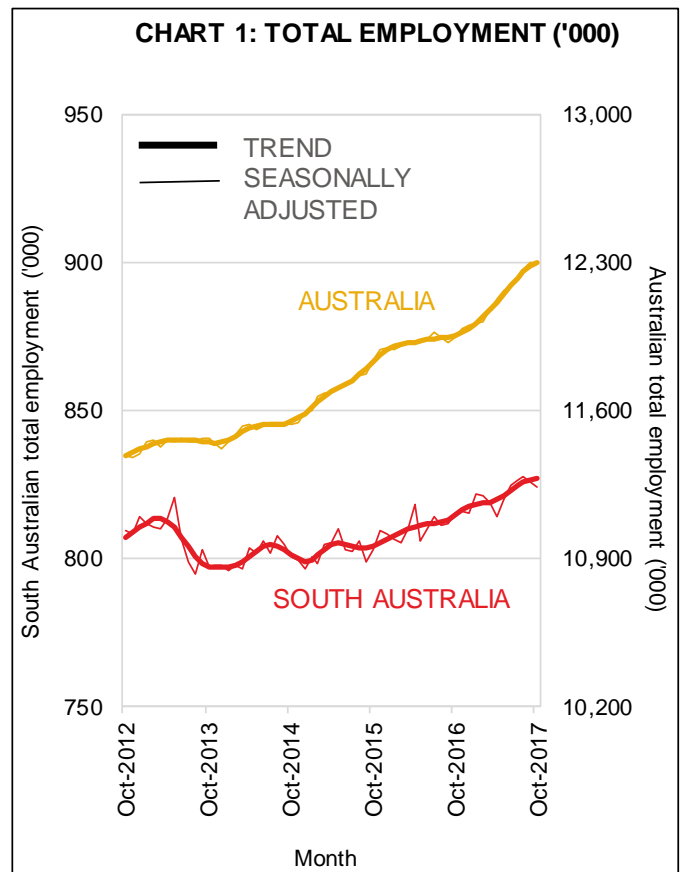
In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 500 (0.1%), and rose by 20,000 (0.2%) nationally in October—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 100 persons and part-time employment rose by 300 (0.1%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 16,000 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 4,000 (0.1%).

Annual trend employment growth was 1.5% for South Australia and 2.9% nationally.

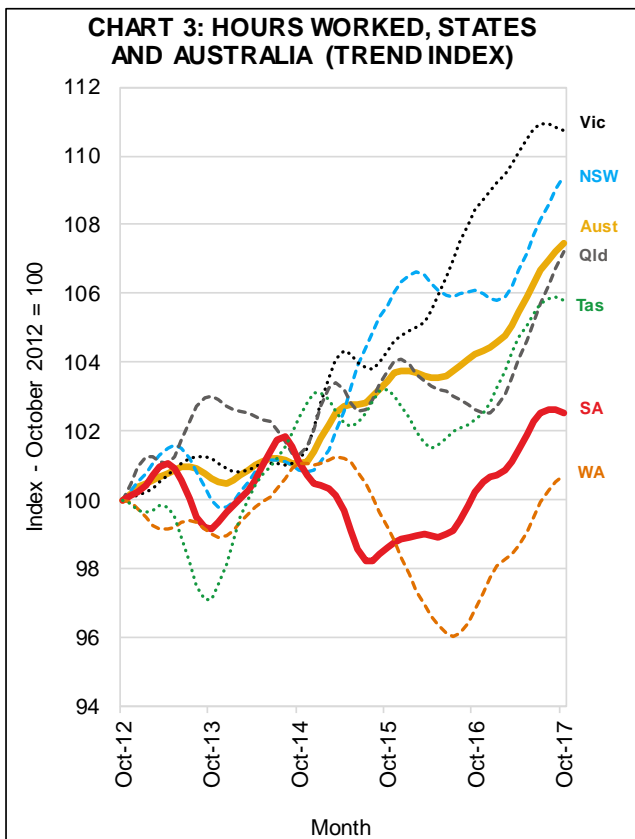
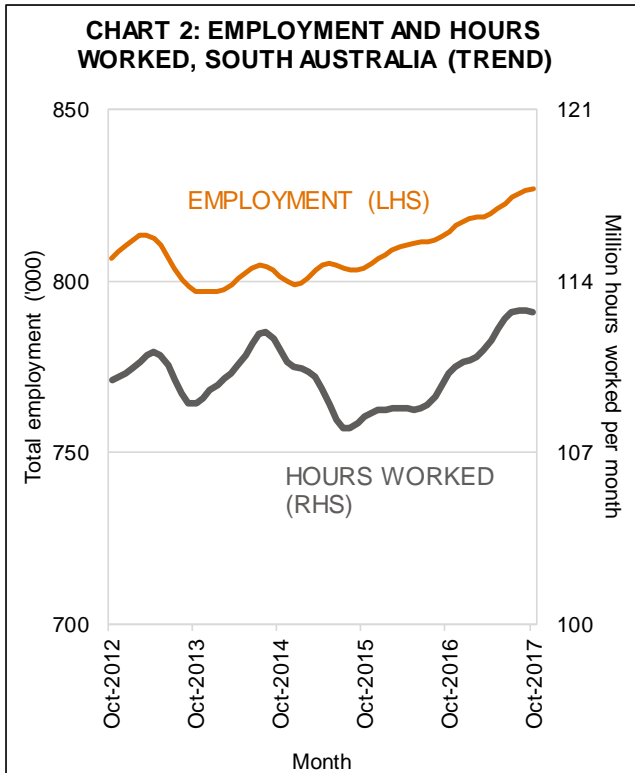
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 1,800 people (0.2%) in October, following a fall of 0.2% in September. Employment rose by 3,700 nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 7,900 (1.5%) while part-time employment fell by 9,700 (3.3%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 24,300 people (0.3%) and part-time employment fell by 20,700 (0.5%).



### Hours worked

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 0.1% in South Australia in October but was 2.3% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 3.1% through the year to October.

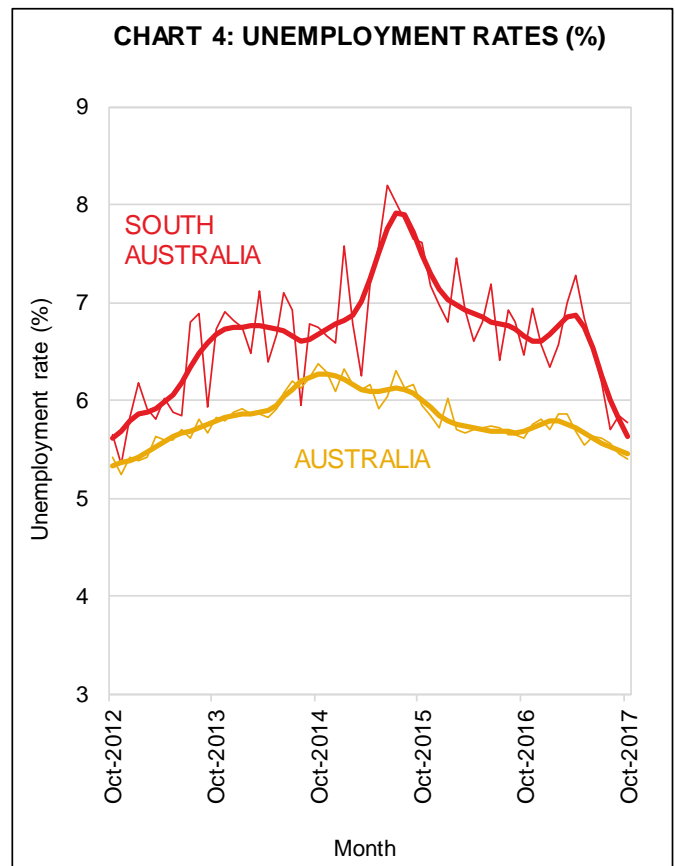


## Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 5.8% in September to 5.6% in October. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.5% in October—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

**Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend**

	Oct 16 (%)	Sep 17 (%)	Oct 17 (%)
NSW	5.0	4.7	4.7
VIC	5.8	5.9	5.9
QLD	6.1	5.9	5.9
<b>SA</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>
WA	6.4	5.7	5.8
TAS	6.5	6.0	6.0
<b>AUST</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>

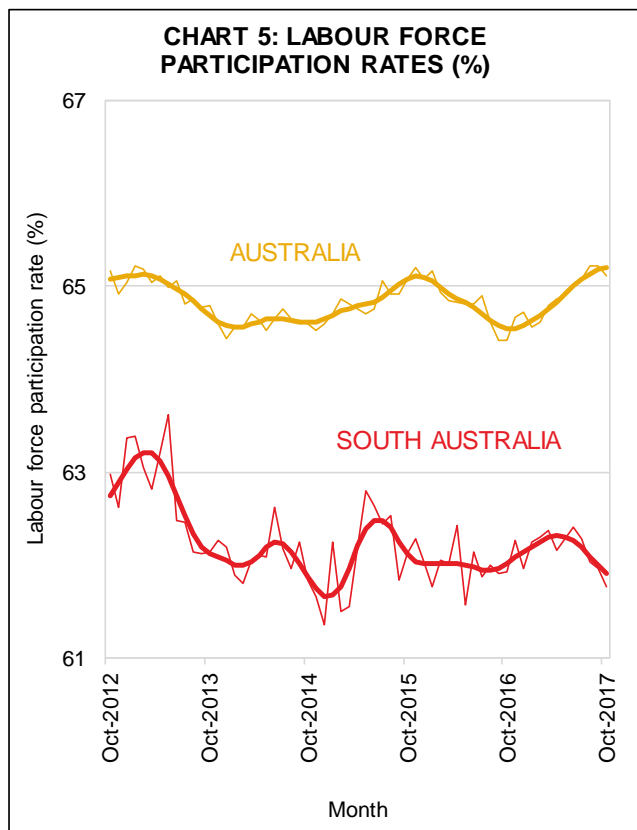


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.8% in October. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 5.5% in September to 5.4% in October.



## Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia fell from 62.0% in September to 61.9% in October. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 65.2%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 61.8% in October. Nationally, the participation rate fell 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.1%.

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

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Sep-17</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
Full-time employment	('000)	526.0	534.6	534.8	0.0%	1.7%
Part-time employment	('000)	288.4	291.8	292.1	0.1%	1.3%
Total employment	('000)	814.5	826.4	826.9	0.1%	1.5%
Unemployment	('000)	58.2	50.9	49.4	-2.9%	-15.0%
Unemployment rate	%	6.7	5.8	5.6	-0.2pp	-1.0pp
Participation rate	%	62.0	62.0	61.9	-0.1pp	-0.1pp
Total hours worked	millions	110.2	112.8	112.7	-0.1%	2.3%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>						
		<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Sep-17</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
Full-time employment	('000)	8,133.8	8,407.0	8,423.0	0.2%	3.6%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,820.7	3,874.2	3,878.1	0.1%	1.5%
Total employment	('000)	11,954.5	12,281.2	12,301.2	0.2%	2.9%
Unemployment	('000)	721.0	712.3	709.4	-0.4%	-1.6%
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	5.5	5.5	0.0pp	-0.2pp
Participation rate	%	64.5	65.2	65.2	0.0pp	0.7pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,668.7	1,716.8	1,720.3	0.2%	3.1%

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

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

<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Sep-17</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
Full-time employment	('000)	522.8	529.4	537.3	1.5%	2.8%
Part-time employment	('000)	292.5	296.3	286.6	-3.3%	-2.0%
Total employment	('000)	815.2	825.7	823.9	-0.2%	1.1%
Unemployment	('000)	56.3	51.3	50.5	-1.6%	-10.4%
Unemployment rate	%	6.5	5.8	5.8	-0.1pp	-0.7pp
Participation rate	%	61.9	62.0	61.8	-0.2pp	-0.2pp
Total hours worked	millions	111.0	112.3	112.6	0.2%	1.4%
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>						
		<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Sep-17</b>	<b>Oct-17</b>	<b>Change (%)</b>	
					<b>In month</b>	<b>Thru year</b>
Full-time employment	('000)	8,127.5	8,401.1	8,425.4	0.3%	3.7%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,813.8	3,892.3	3,871.7	-0.5%	1.5%
Total employment	('000)	11,941.4	12,293.4	12,297.1	0.0%	3.0%
Unemployment	('000)	710.3	709.6	701.5	-1.1%	-1.2%
Unemployment rate	%	5.6	5.5	5.4	-0.1pp	-0.2pp
Participation rate	%	64.4	65.2	65.1	-0.1pp	0.7pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,670.5	1,719.2	1,723.7	0.3%	3.2%

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