

LABOUR MARKET, DECEMBER 2017

Summary

During December, total employment:

- fell by a marginal 200 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 0.3%).

During December, the unemployment rate:

- was 5.9% in South Australia in trend terms (5.4% nationally); and
- was 5.9% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.5% nationally).

Further Analysis

Employment

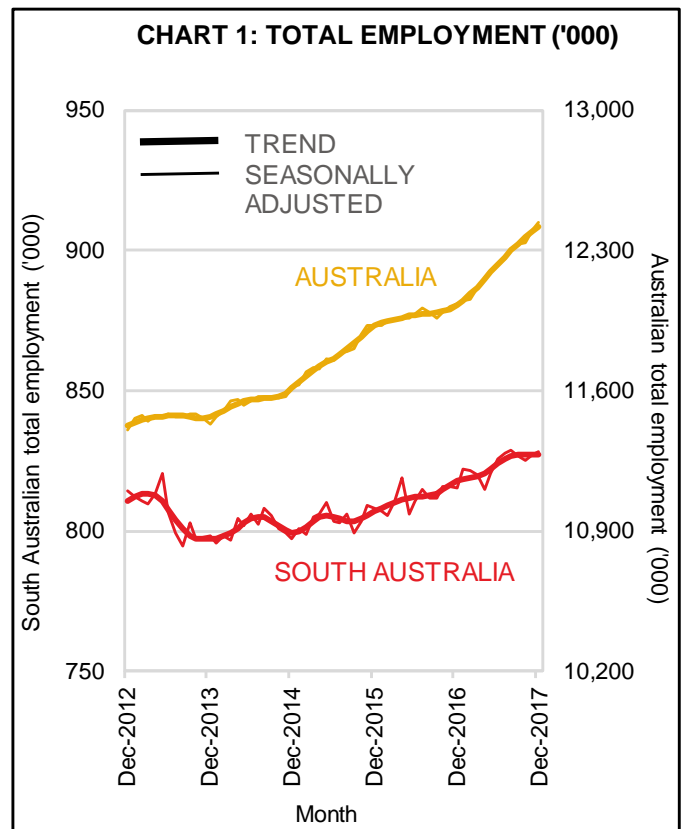
In **trend** terms, total employment in South Australia fell by 200, and rose by 25,000 (0.2%) nationally in December—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 600 persons (0.1%) but part-time employment fell by 800 (0.3%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 16,600 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 8,400 (0.2%).

Annual trend employment growth was 1.2% for South Australia and 3.3% nationally.

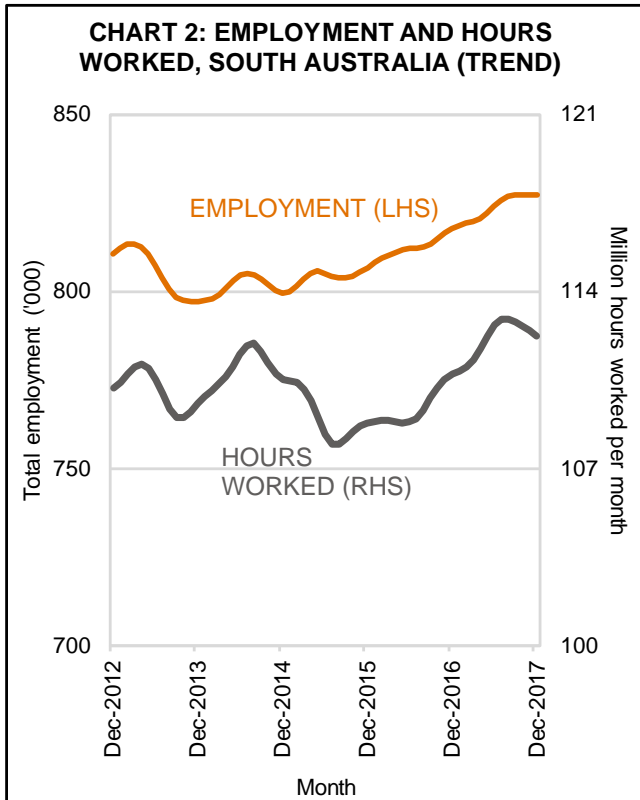
In **seasonally adjusted** terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 1,300 people (0.2%) in December, following a rise of 0.2% in November. Employment rose by 34,700 (0.3%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 9,600 (1.8%) while part-time employment rose by 10,900 (3.9%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 15,100 people (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 19,500 (0.5%).



Hours worked

In **trend** terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs fell by 0.2% in South Australia in December and was 1.4% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 3.6% through the year to December.

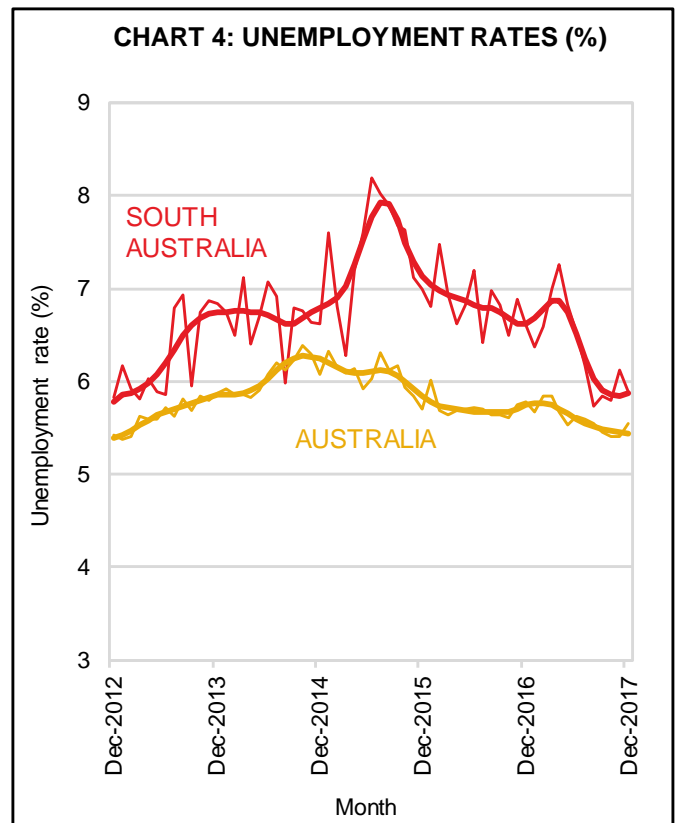
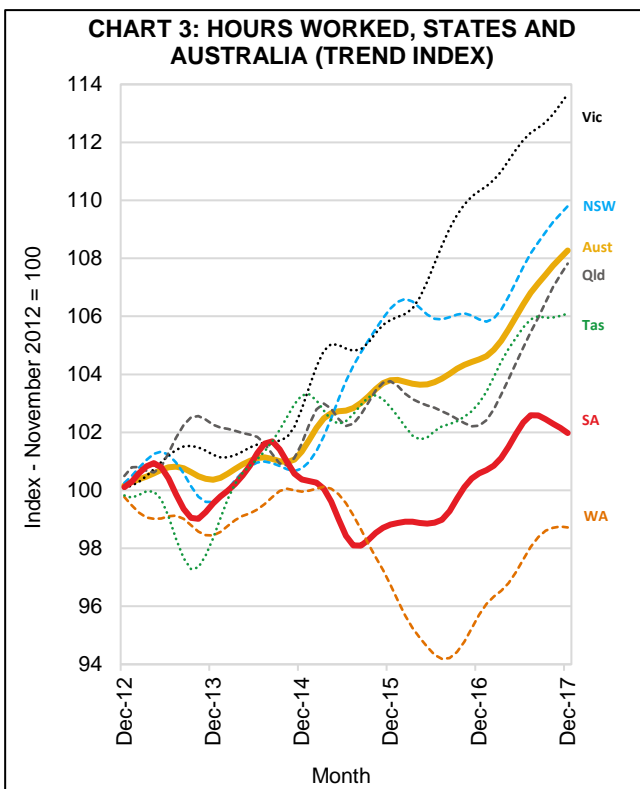


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 5.9% in December. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell to 5.4% in December from 5.5% in November—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

| | Dec 16 (%) | Nov 17 (%) | Dec 17 (%) |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NSW | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| VIC | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| QLD | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| SA | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| WA | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| TAS | 6.1 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| AUST | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 |

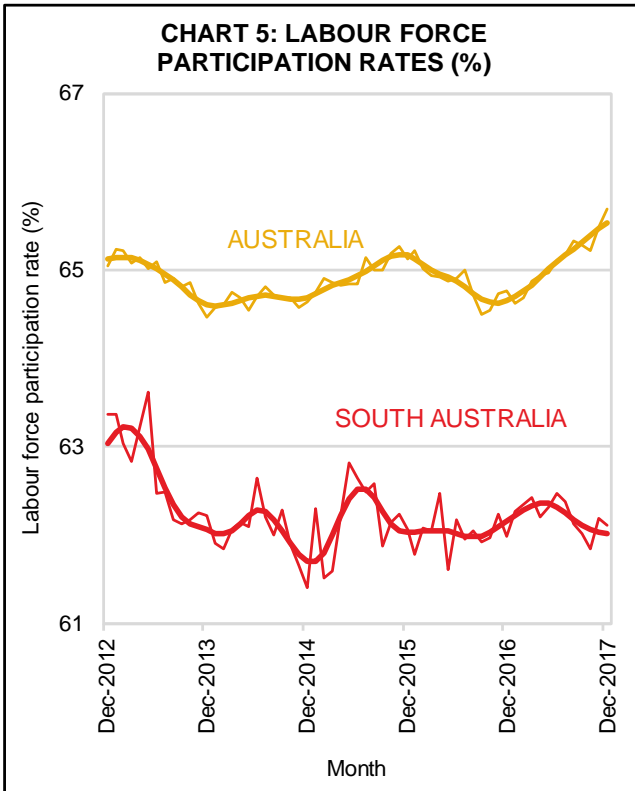


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 6.1% in November to 5.9% in December. Australia's unemployment rate rose from 5.4% in November to 5.5% in December.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 62.0%. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 65.5%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate fell 0.1 of a percentage point to 62.1% in December. Nationally, the participation rate rose 0.2 of a percentage point to 65.7% in December.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | Dec-16 | Nov-17 | Dec-17 | Change (%) | |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 527.5 | 538.1 | 538.8 | 0.1% | 2.1% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 290.2 | 289.2 | 288.4 | -0.3% | -0.6% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 817.7 | 827.4 | 827.2 | 0.0% | 1.2% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 58.0 | 51.4 | 51.6 | 0.3% | -11.1% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 0.0pp | -0.8pp |
| Participation rate | % | 62.2 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 0.0pp | -0.1pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 110.7 | 112.4 | 112.3 | -0.2% | 1.4% |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | |
| | | Dec-16 | Nov-17 | Dec-17 | Change (%) | |
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 8,183.8 | 8,488.8 | 8,505.4 | 0.2% | 3.9% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 3,842.7 | 3,906.0 | 3,914.4 | 0.2% | 1.9% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 12,026.4 | 12,394.8 | 12,419.8 | 0.2% | 3.3% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 733.4 | 714.9 | 715.0 | 0.0% | -2.5% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0.0pp | -0.3pp |
| Participation rate | % | 64.7 | 65.5 | 65.5 | 0.1pp | 0.9pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 1,678.1 | 1,734.4 | 1,738.4 | 0.2% | 3.6% |

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

| SOUTH AUSTRALIA | | Dec-16 | Nov-17 | Dec-17 | Change (%) | |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 528.6 | 545.6 | 536.0 | -1.8% | 1.4% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 286.9 | 281.5 | 292.4 | 3.9% | 1.9% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 815.5 | 827.1 | 828.4 | 0.2% | 1.6% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 57.6 | 54.0 | 51.8 | -4.1% | -10.0% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.9 | -0.2pp | -0.7pp |
| Participation rate | % | 62.0 | 62.2 | 62.1 | -0.1pp | 0.1pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 111.2 | 112.6 | 112.0 | -0.5% | 0.7% |
| AUSTRALIA | | | | | | |
| | | Dec-16 | Nov-17 | Dec-17 | Change (%) | |
| | | | | | In month | Thru year |
| Full-time employment | ('000) | 8,215.6 | 8,503.8 | 8,518.9 | 0.2% | 3.7% |
| Part-time employment | ('000) | 3,822.1 | 3,902.3 | 3,921.8 | 0.5% | 2.6% |
| Total employment | ('000) | 12,037.7 | 12,406.1 | 12,440.8 | 0.3% | 3.3% |
| Unemployment | ('000) | 738.2 | 710.1 | 730.6 | 2.9% | -1.0% |
| Unemployment rate | % | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 0.1pp | -0.2pp |
| Participation rate | % | 64.8 | 65.5 | 65.7 | 0.2pp | 0.9pp |
| Total hours worked | millions | 1,682.3 | 1,740.6 | 1,736.4 | -0.2% | 3.2% |

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