

LABOUR MARKET, AUGUST 2017

Summary

During August, total employment:

- rose 0.2% in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment also rose 0.2%); and
- rose 0.3% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.4%).

During August, the unemployment rate:

- was 6.1% in South Australia in trend terms (5.6% nationally); and
- was 5.7% 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 16.0% in August, above the national rate of 14.2%.

Further Analysis

Employment

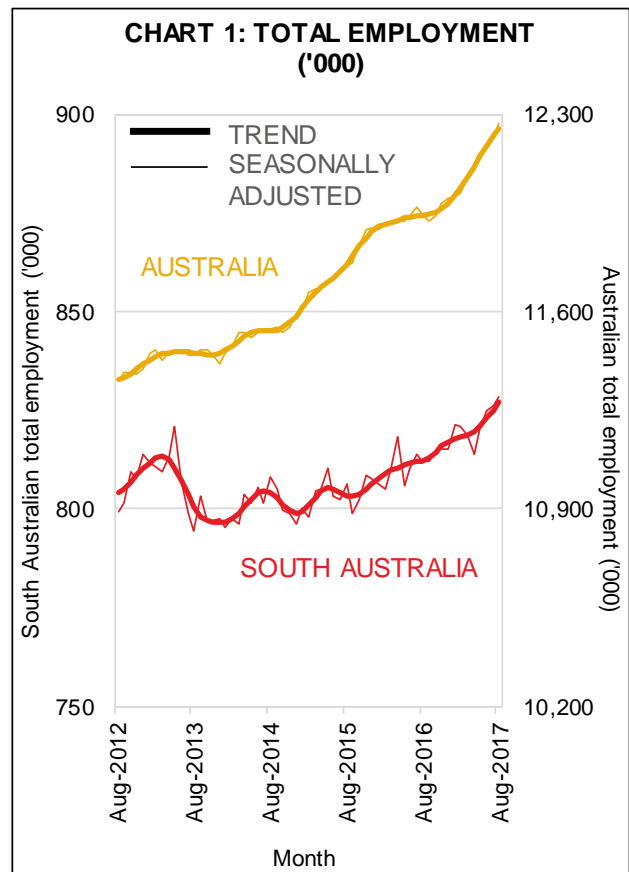
In trend terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,000 (0.2%), and rose by 27,100 (0.2%) nationally in August—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment rose by 1,500 persons (0.3%) and part-time employment rose by 500 (0.2%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 21,500 persons (0.3%) and part-time employment rose by 5,600 (0.1%).

Annual trend employment growth was 1.8% for South Australia and 2.6% nationally.

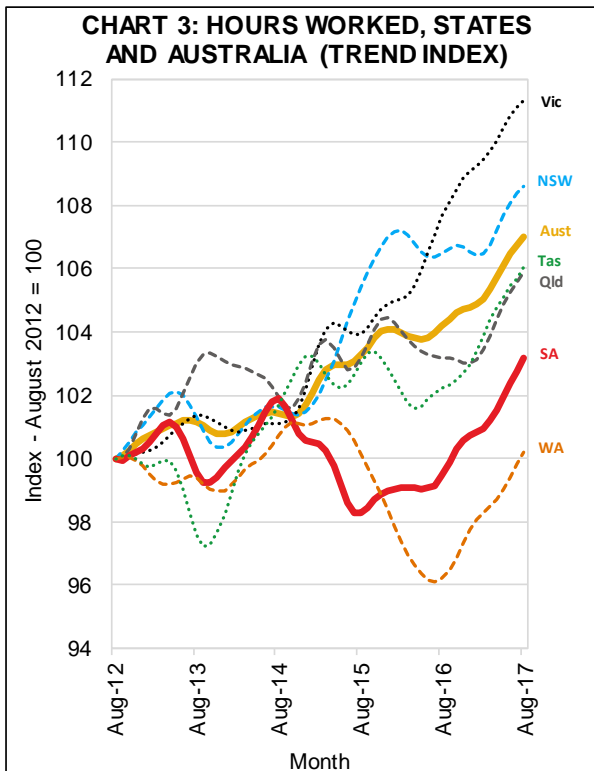
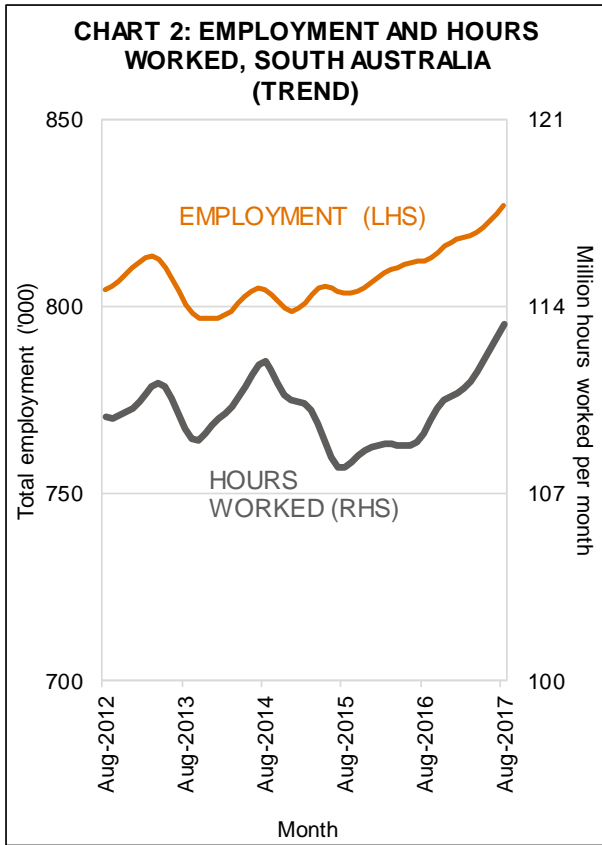
In seasonally adjusted terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 2,100 people (0.3%) in August, following a rise of 0.2% in July. Employment rose by 54,200 (0.4%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 700 (0.1%) while part-time employment rose by 2,800 (1.0%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 40,100 people (0.5%) and part-time employment rose by 14,100 (0.4%).



Hours worked

In trend terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.4% in South Australia in August and was 3.7% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 2.7% through the year to August.

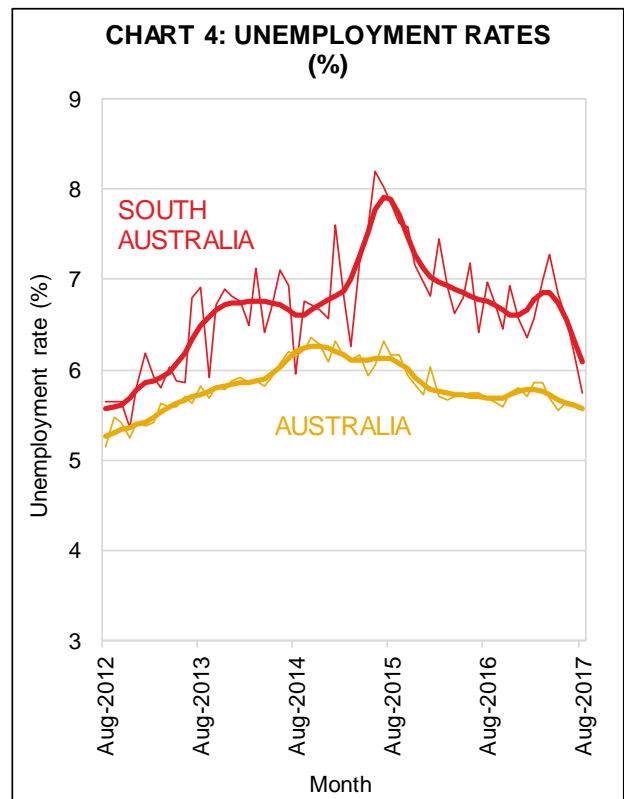


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia fell from 6.3% in July to 6.1% in August. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.6% in August—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

	Aug 16 (%)	Jul 17 (%)	Aug 17 (%)
NSW	5.0	4.9	4.9
VIC	5.7	6.1	6.1
QLD	6.2	6.1	6.0
SA	6.8	6.3	6.1
WA	6.3	5.6	5.5
TAS	6.6	6.0	6.1
AUST	5.7	5.6	5.6

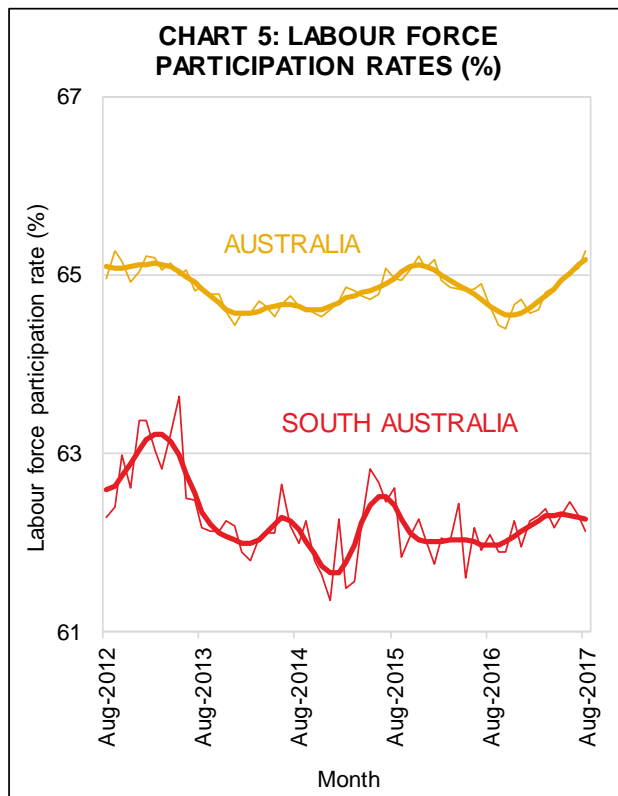


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 6.2% in July to 5.7% in August. Australia's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.6% in August.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 62.3% in August. Nationally, the participation rate rose by 0.1 of a percentage point to 65.2%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 62.1% in August. Nationally, the participation rate rose by 0.2 of a percentage point to 65.3%.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Aug-16	Jul-17	Aug-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	523.0	534.8	536.4	0.3%	2.6%
Part-time employment	('000)	289.2	290.1	290.6	0.2%	0.5%
Total employment	('000)	812.2	824.9	827.0	0.2%	1.8%
Unemployment	('000)	58.9	55.8	53.7	-3.8%	-8.9%
Unemployment rate	%	6.8	6.3	6.1	-0.2pp	-0.7pp
Participation rate	%	62.0	62.3	62.3	0.0pp	0.3pp
Total hours worked	millions	109.3	112.9	113.3	0.4%	3.7%
AUSTRALIA						
		Aug-16	Jul-17	Aug-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,135.0	8,366.8	8,388.3	0.3%	3.1%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,807.2	3,855.6	3,861.2	0.1%	1.4%
Total employment	('000)	11,942.2	12,222.4	12,249.5	0.2%	2.6%
Unemployment	('000)	720.0	725.3	723.2	-0.3%	0.5%
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	5.6	5.6	0.0pp	-0.1pp
Participation rate	%	64.6	65.1	65.2	0.1pp	0.5pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,663.2	1,704.6	1,708.6	0.2%	2.7%

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		Aug-16	Jul-17	Aug-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	524.9	535.6	534.9	-0.1%	1.9%
Part-time employment	('000)	287.3	290.8	293.7	1.0%	2.2%
Total employment	('000)	812.1	826.4	828.6	0.3%	2.0%
Unemployment	('000)	60.8	54.6	50.4	-7.7%	-17.2%
Unemployment rate	%	7.0	6.2	5.7	-0.5pp	-1.2pp
Participation rate	%	62.1	62.3	62.1	-0.2pp	0.0pp
Total hours worked	millions	109.5	113.4	112.8	-0.6%	3.0%
AUSTRALIA						
		Aug-16	Jul-17	Aug-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,141.1	8,352.2	8,392.3	0.5%	3.1%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,802.2	3,862.6	3,876.7	0.4%	2.0%
Total employment	('000)	11,943.3	12,214.7	12,269.0	0.4%	2.7%
Unemployment	('000)	719.7	728.5	727.5	-0.1%	1.1%
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	5.6	5.6	0.0pp	-0.1pp
Participation rate	%	64.6	65.1	65.3	0.2pp	0.6pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,663.0	1,699.3	1,705.4	0.4%	2.6%

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