

LABOUR MARKET, MAY 2017

Summary

During May, total employment:

- fell by a marginal 300 in South Australia in trend terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.2%); and
- rose 0.6% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (nationally, total employment rose 0.3%).

During May, the unemployment rate:

- was 7.1% in South Australia in trend terms (5.7% nationally); and
- was 6.9% in South Australia in seasonally adjusted terms (5.5% nationally).

Underemployment is above average in South Australia and as a result the overall trend labour force underutilisation rate was 17.0% in May, above the national rate of 14.4%.

Further Analysis

Employment

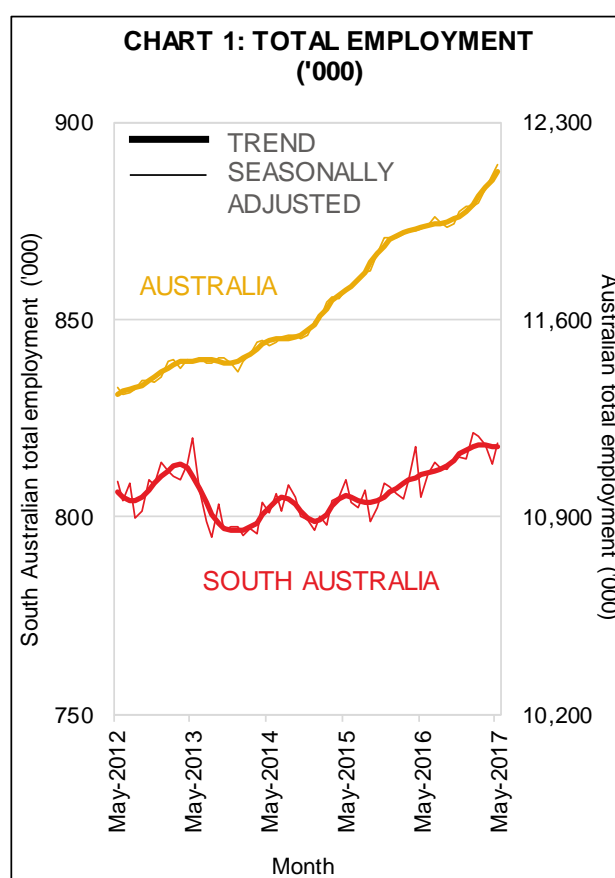
In trend terms, total employment in South Australia fell by a marginal 300, and rose by 25,200 (0.2%) nationally in May—see Chart 1.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 200 persons and part-time employment fell by 100.
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 19,300 persons (0.2%) and part-time employment rose by 5,900 (0.2%).

Annual trend employment growth was 0.9% for South Australia and 1.6% nationally.

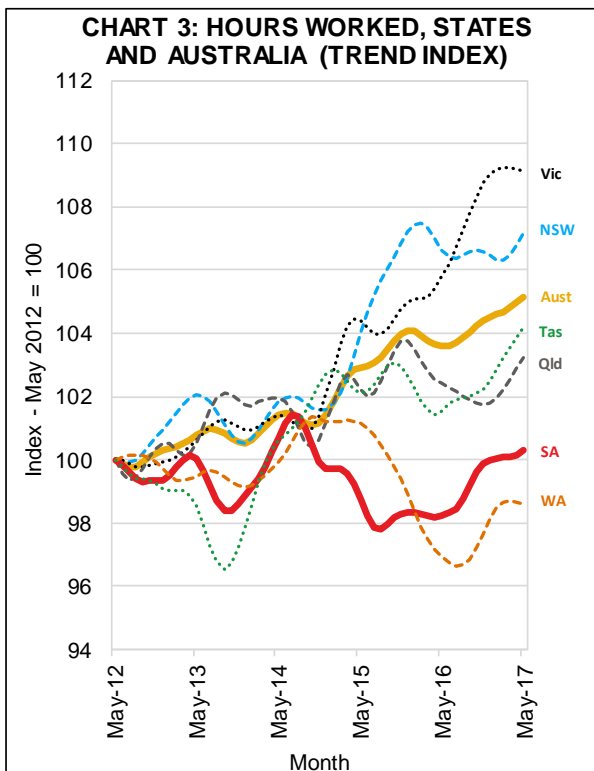
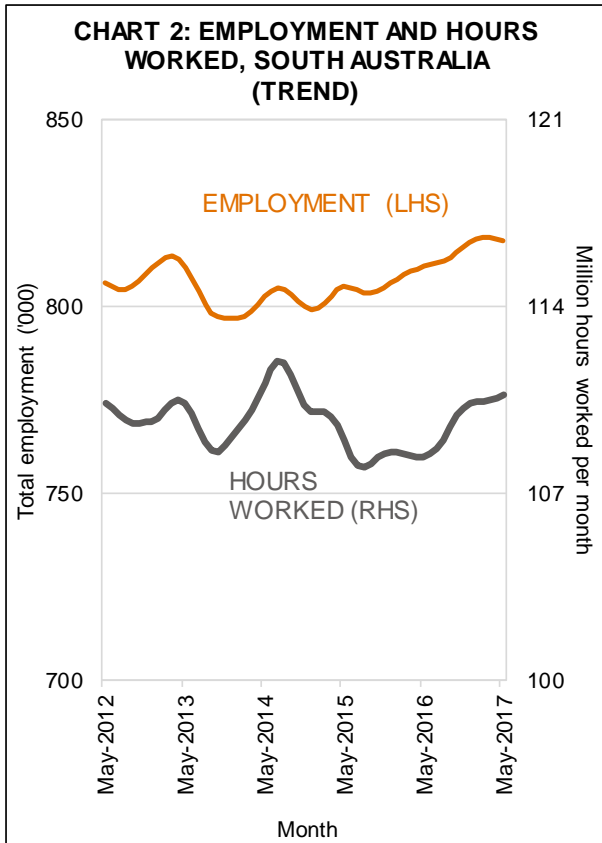
In seasonally adjusted terms, total employment in South Australia rose by 5,200 people (0.6%) in May, following a fall of 0.6% in April. Employment rose by 42,000 (0.3%) nationally.

- In South Australia, full-time employment fell by 1,800 (0.3%) while part-time employment rose by 7,000 (2.5%).
- Nationally, full-time employment rose by 52,100 people (0.6%) and part-time employment fell by 10,100 (0.3%).



Hours worked

In trend terms, monthly hours worked in all jobs rose by 0.2% in South Australia in May and was 2.1% higher than a year earlier—see Chart 2. Nationally, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 1.5% through the year to May.

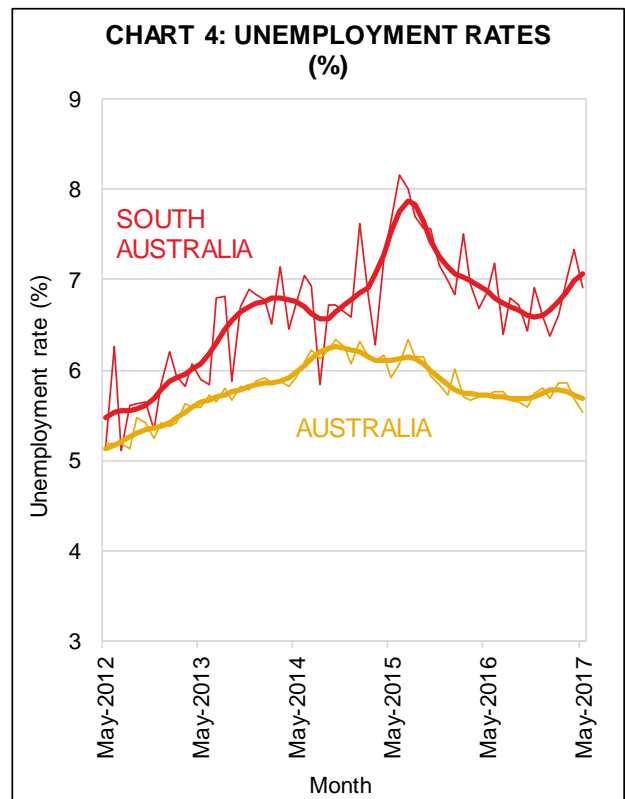


Unemployment

In **trend** terms, the unemployment rate in South Australia rose from 7.0% in April to 7.1% in May. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.7% in May—see Table 1 and Chart 4.

Table 1: Unemployment Rates —Trend

	May 16 (%)	Apr 17 (%)	May 17 (%)
NSW	5.2	4.9	4.8
VIC	5.7	6.1	6.1
QLD	6.3	6.3	6.3
SA	6.9	7.0	7.1
WA	5.9	5.9	5.8
TAS	6.5	5.9	5.9
AUST	5.7	5.7	5.7

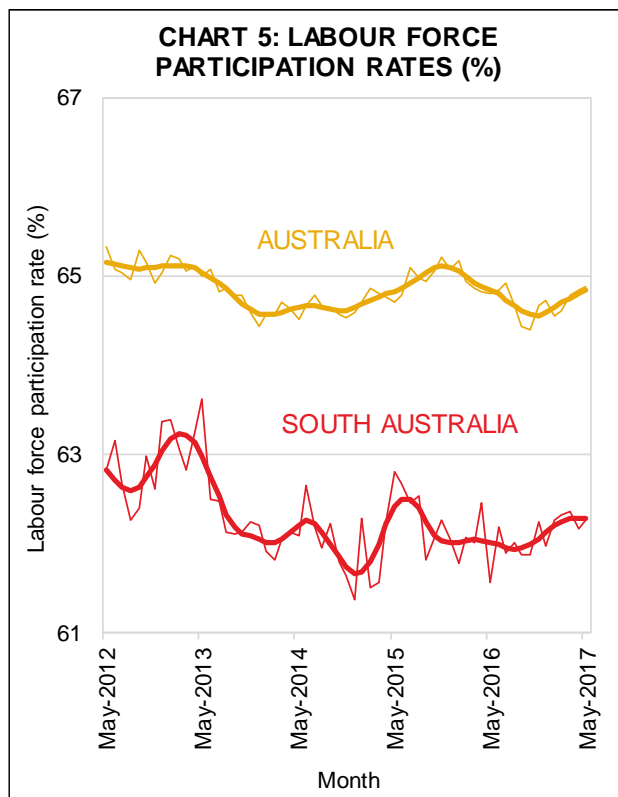


In **seasonally adjusted** terms, South Australia's unemployment rate fell from 7.3% in April to 6.9% in May. Australia's unemployment rate fell from 5.7% in April to 5.5% in May.



Participation

In **trend** terms, the participation rate in South Australia remained unchanged at 62.3%. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 64.8%—see Chart 5.



In **seasonally adjusted** terms, the South Australian participation rate rose 0.1 of a percentage point to 62.3% in May. Nationally, the participation rate remained unchanged at 64.9%.

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Table A1: Labour Force Aggregates - Trend

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		May-16	Apr-17	May-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	523.4	528.2	528.0	0.0%	0.9%
Part-time employment	('000)	287.4	289.8	289.7	0.0%	0.8%
Total employment	('000)	810.8	818.0	817.7	0.0%	0.9%
Unemployment	('000)	59.9	61.5	62.1	1.1%	3.8%
Unemployment rate	%	6.9	7.0	7.1	0.1pp	0.2pp
Participation rate	%	62.0	62.3	62.3	0.0pp	0.3pp
Total hours worked	millions	108.4	110.5	110.7	0.2%	2.1%
AUSTRALIA						
		May-16	Apr-17	May-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,159.7	8,239.3	8,258.5	0.2%	1.2%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,768.3	3,857.7	3,863.6	0.2%	2.5%
Total employment	('000)	11,928.0	12,097.0	12,122.1	0.2%	1.6%
Unemployment	('000)	723.6	734.0	729.2	-0.7%	0.8%
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	5.7	5.7	0.0pp	0.0pp
Participation rate	%	64.8	64.8	64.8	0.0pp	0.0pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,652.7	1,674.8	1,677.7	0.2%	1.5%

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

Table A2: Labour Force Aggregates - Seasonally Adjusted

SOUTH AUSTRALIA		May-16	Apr-17	May-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	521.1	529.9	528.1	-0.3%	1.4%
Part-time employment	('000)	283.8	283.7	290.7	2.5%	2.4%
Total employment	('000)	804.9	813.6	818.8	0.6%	1.7%
Unemployment	('000)	59.3	64.4	60.7	-5.7%	2.3%
Unemployment rate	%	6.9	7.3	6.9	-0.4pp	0.0pp
Participation rate	%	61.6	62.2	62.3	0.1pp	0.7pp
Total hours worked	millions	108.3	111.3	111.0	-0.3%	2.5%
AUSTRALIA						
		May-16	Apr-17	May-17	Change (%)	
					In month	Thru year
Full-time employment	('000)	8,139.4	8,235.4	8,287.4	0.6%	1.8%
Part-time employment	('000)	3,780.4	3,875.3	3,865.2	-0.3%	2.2%
Total employment	('000)	11,919.8	12,110.7	12,152.6	0.3%	2.0%
Unemployment	('000)	722.9	730.5	711.9	-2.5%	-1.5%
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	5.7	5.5	-0.2pp	-0.2pp
Participation rate	%	64.8	64.8	64.9	0.0pp	0.1pp
Total hours worked	millions	1,657.2	1,664.2	1,695.3	1.9%	2.3%

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