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Labour Market Brief South Australia

Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for **South Australia** released in May for April showed that in **seasonally adjusted** terms:

- Total *employment* increased by 15,318 (1.8%) to 864,209 people.
 - Over the past year, employment in South Australia has increased by 42,791 (5.0%).
- Total *unemployment* decreased by 5,852 (-11.2%) to 52,398 people, and the *unemployment rate* decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 5.7%.
 - Over the past year, unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 10,724 (-20.5%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.4 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* has decreased by 8,014 (-6.2%) to 128,419 people, and the *underutilisation rate* decreased by 1.0 percentage points to 14.0%.
 - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 71,896 (-56.0%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 8.6 percentage points.

Nationally in April:

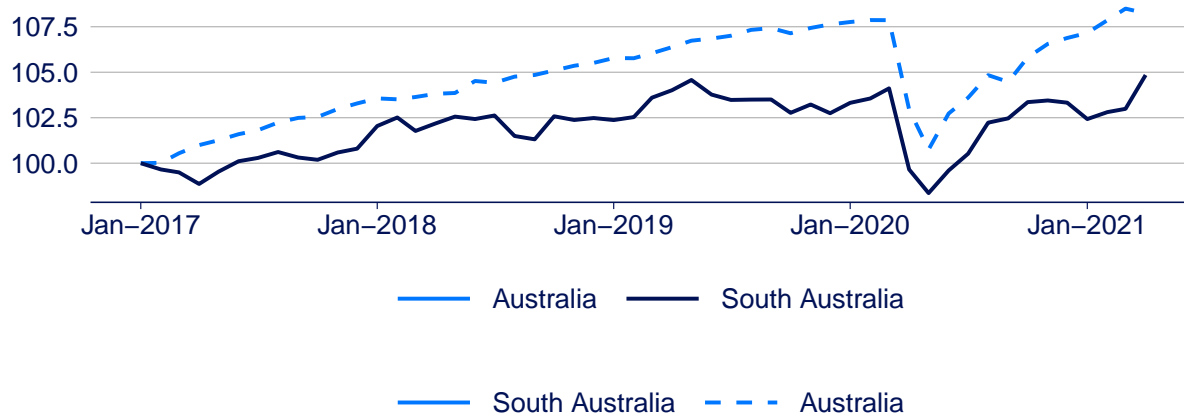
- Total *employment* decreased by 30,593 (-0.2%) to 13.04 million people.
 - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 637,886 (4.9%).
- Total *unemployment* decreased by 33,630 (-4.4%) to 756,225 people and the *unemployment rate* decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 5.5%.
 - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 89,077 (-11.8%) and the *unemployment rate* has decreased by 0.9 percentage points.
- Total *underutilisation* decreased by 63,630 (-3.5%) to 1.83 million people, and the *underutilisation rate* decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 13.3%.
 - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 823,742 (-45.1%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 6.7 percentage points.

Employment

- In April, seasonally adjusted employment in South Australia increased by 15,318 (1.8%) to 864,209 people.
- Compared with April last year, total employment in South Australia has increased by 42,791 (5.0%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 30,593 (-0.2%) to 13.04 million people.

EMPLOYED TOTAL: SA & AUS

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

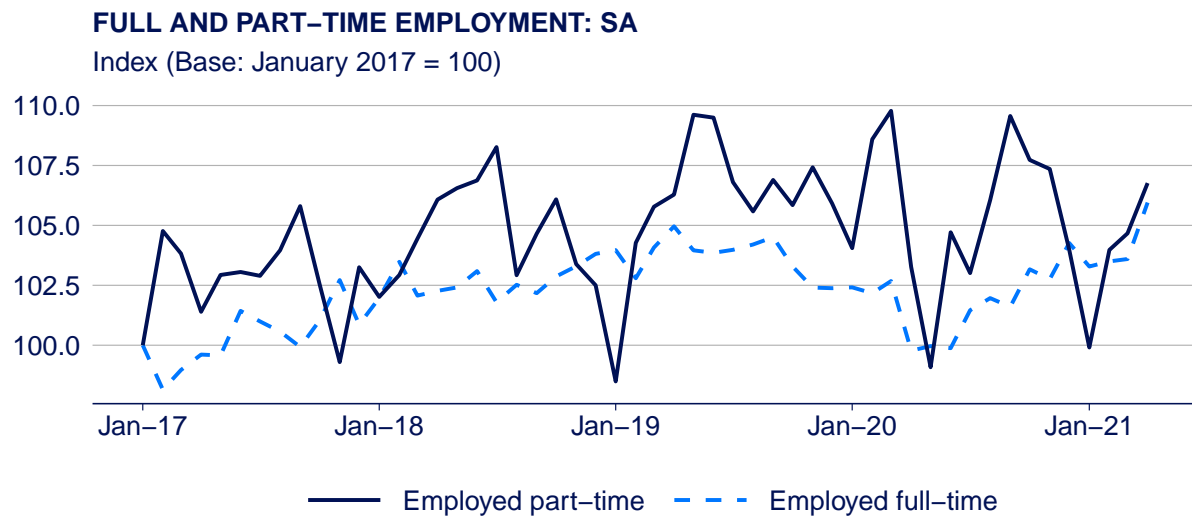


Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in South Australia increased by 12,533 (2.2%) to 563,599 in April, and has increased by 32,868 (5.8%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in South Australia, in original terms increased by 5,944 (2.0%) to 302,642 in April. Part-time employment has increased by 9,915 (3.3%) over the last year.





Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 12, Derived)

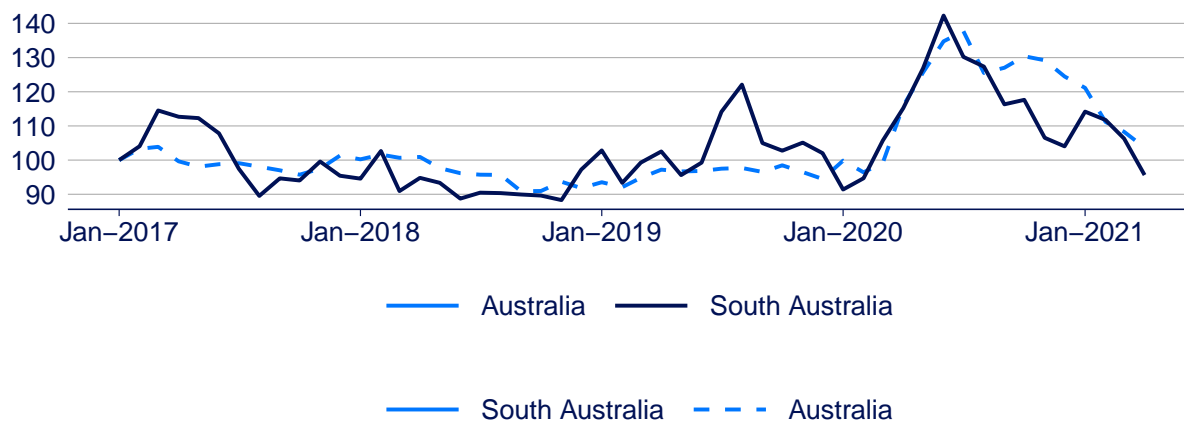


Unemployment

- In April, the total number of unemployed people in South Australia decreased by 5,852 (-11.2%) to 52,398.
- Compared with April last year, unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 10,724 (-20.5%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in April decreased by 33,630 (-4.4%) to 756,225 people.

UNEMPLOYED TOTAL: SA & AUS

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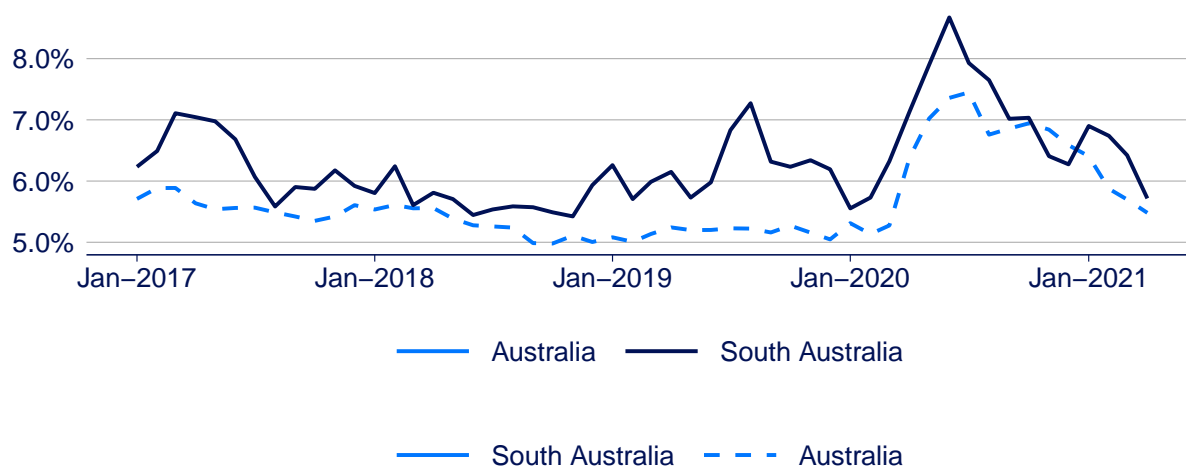


Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Unemployment Rate

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in South Australia decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 5.7%.
- Compared with April last year, the unemployment rate in South Australia has decreased by 1.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 5.5%

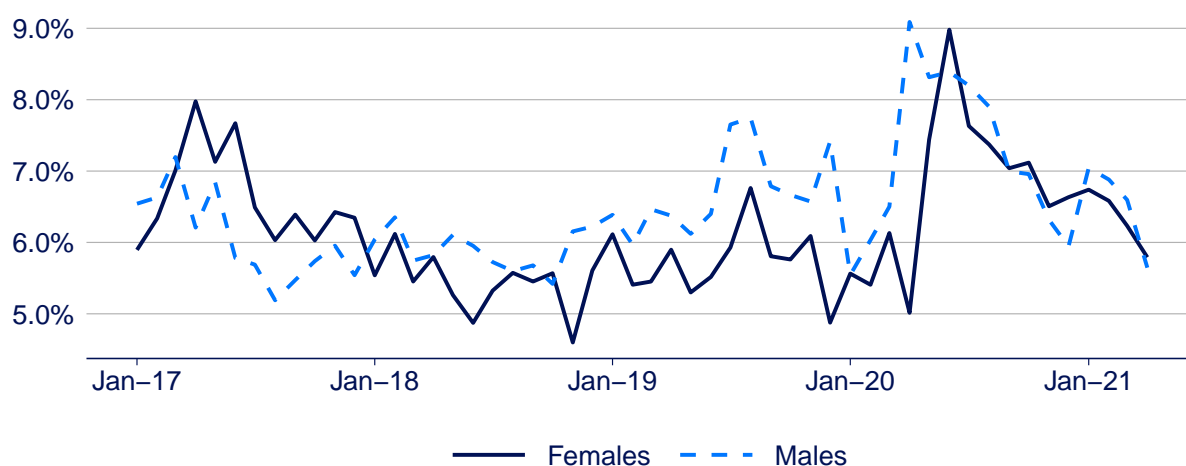


UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: SA & AUS

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in South Australia decreased by 1.0 percentage points to 5.6%.
- Compared with April last year male unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 3.5 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 5.8%.
- Compared with April last year female unemployment in South Australia has increased by 0.8 percentage points.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: MALE AND FEMALE: SA

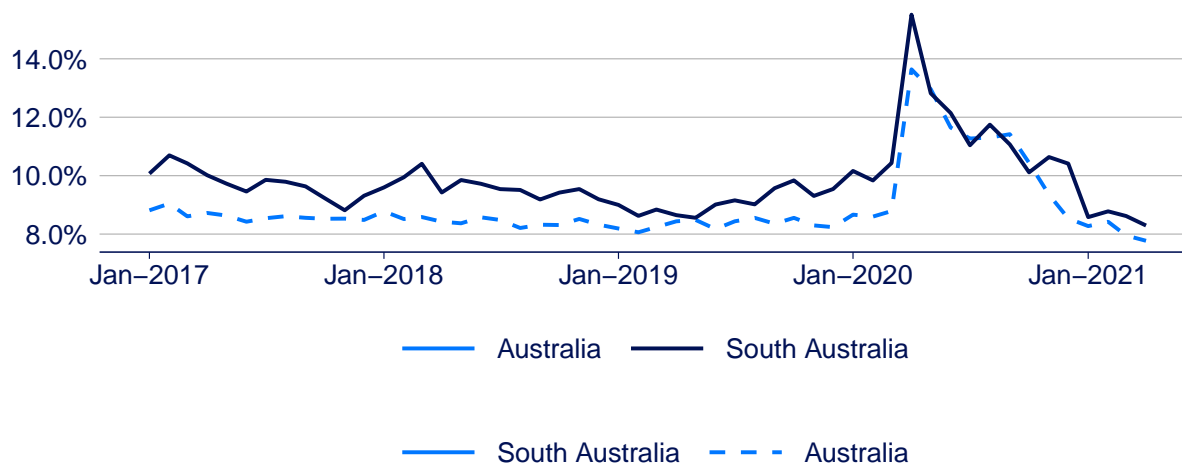
Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)



Underemployment

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 8.3%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 2,162 (-2.8%) to 76,021 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 61,172 (-80.5%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in April decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 7.8% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 30,000 (-2.8%) to 1.07 million

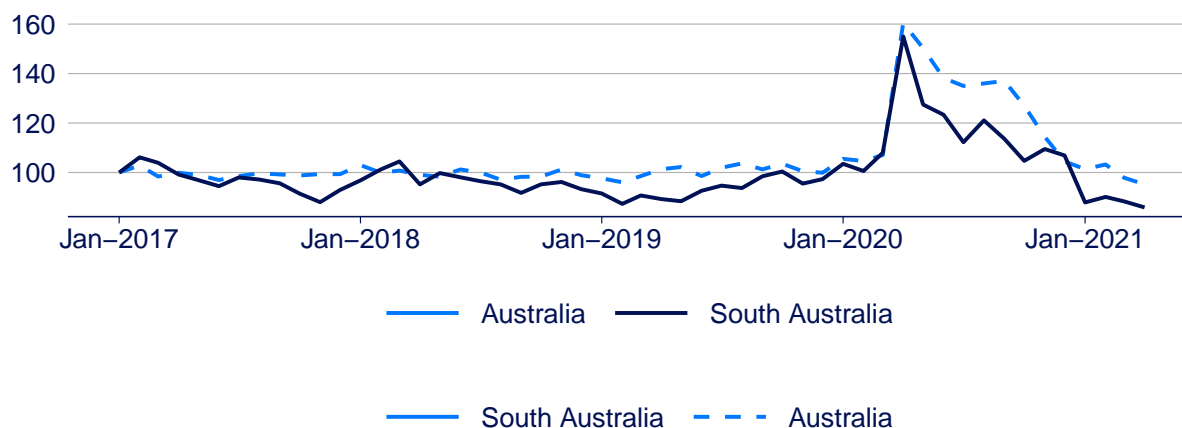
UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE (PROPORTION OF LABOUR FORCE): SA & AUS



Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

UNDEREMPLOYED TOTAL: SA & AUS

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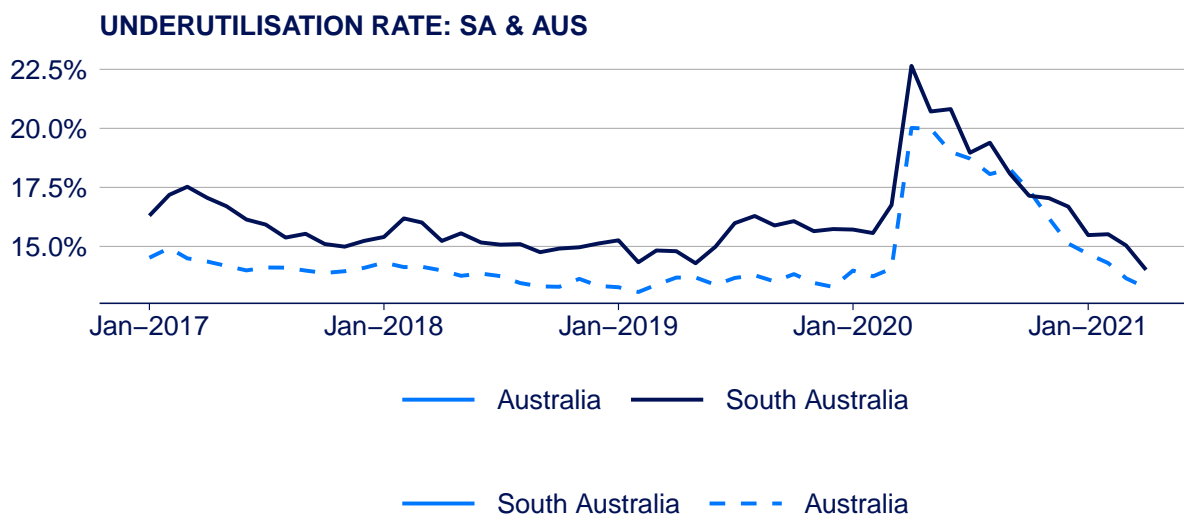


Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)

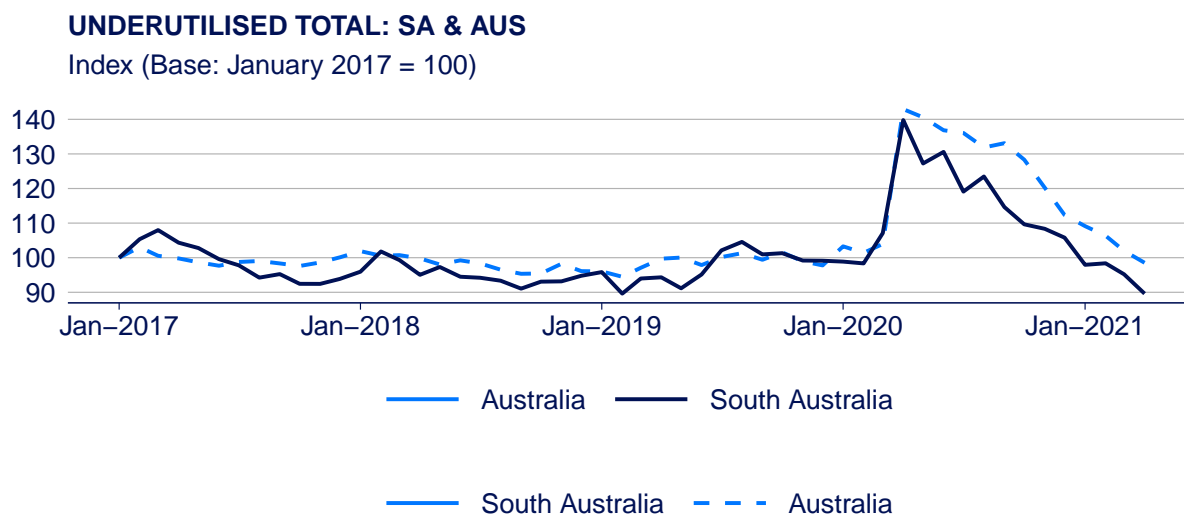


Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 1.0 percentage points to 14.0%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 8,014 (-6.2%) to 128,419.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in South Australia has decreased by 71,896 (-56.0%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in April decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 13.3%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 63,630 (-3.5%) to 1.83 million.



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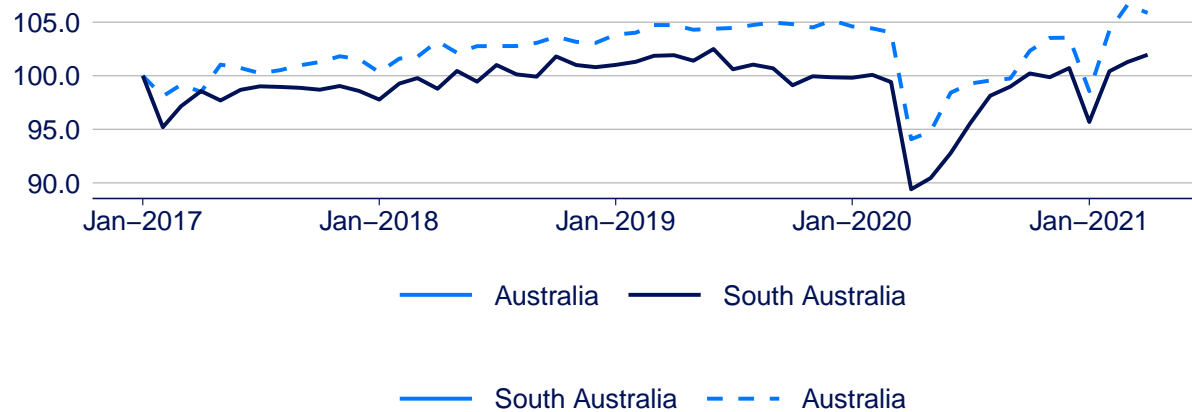


Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 766,196 (0.7%) to 115.55 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in South Australia has increased by 14.23 million (12.3%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in April decreased by 12.83 million (-0.7%) to 1,793 million.

MONTHLY HOURS WORKED IN ALL JOBS: SA & AUS

Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)



Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2021 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)

