Labour Market Brief
South Australia

Summary
The ABS Labour Force Survey data for South Australia released in June for May showed that in trend terms:

- Total employment increased by 3,878 (0.4%) to 0.95 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in South Australia has increased by 46,166 (4.8%).
- Total unemployment increased by 128 (0.3%) to 39,205 people, and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.9%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 3,813 (-9.7%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.6 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation has increased by 408 (0.4%) to 110,515 people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 11.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 328 (-0.3%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 0.6 percentage points.

Nationally in May:

- Total employment increased by 39,779 (0.3%) to 14.00 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 426,578 (3.0%).
- Total unemployment increased by 1,117 (0.2%) to 512,780 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 14,514 (-2.8%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.2 percentage points.
- Total underutilisation increased by 8,134 (0.6%) to 1.42 million people, and the underutilisation rate remained steady at 9.8%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 31,067 (2.2%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
Employment

- In May, trend employment in South Australia increased by 3,878 (0.4%) to 0.95 million people.
- Compared with May last year, total employment in South Australia has increased by 46,166 (4.8%).
- Nationally, employment increased by 39,779 (0.3%) to 14.00 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in South Australia increased by 4,261 (0.7%) to 634,373 in May, and has increased by 35,010 (5.5%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in South Australia, in original terms decreased by 7,789 (-2.4%) to 319,226 in May. Part-time employment has increased by 14,333 (4.5%) over the last year.
Unemployment

- In May, the total number of unemployed people in South Australia increased by 128 (0.3%) to 39,205.
- Compared with May last year, unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 3,813 (-9.7%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in May increased by 1,117 (0.2%) to 512,780 people.

Unemployed Total: South Australia & Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Unemployment Rate

- In May, the trend unemployment rate in South Australia remained steady at 3.9%.
- Compared with May last year, the unemployment rate in South Australia has decreased by 0.6 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.5%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In May, the trend unemployment rate for males in South Australia remained steady at 4.3%.
- Compared with May last year male unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 0.9 percentage points.
- In the same period, the trend unemployment rate for females decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.5%.
- Compared with May last year female unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 0.3 percentage points.

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 64.6%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 1.4 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in May remained steady at 66.8%.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate remained steady at 7.2%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 280 (0.4%) to 71,310 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 3,485 (4.9%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in May increased by 0.1 percentage points to 6.3% and the total number of people underemployed increased by 7,017 (0.8%) to 907,542.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 12, Trend)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 23, Trend)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate remained steady at 11.1%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 408 (0.4%) to 110,515.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in South Australia has decreased by 328 (-0.3%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in May remained steady at 9.8%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 8,134 (0.6%) to 1.42 million.

![Graph of Underutilisation Rate: South Australia & Australia](image)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 23, Trend)

![Graph of Underutilised Total: South Australia & Australia](image)

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Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs increased by 588,276 (0.5%) to 128.60 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in South Australia has increased by 8.31 million (6.5%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in May increased by 7.22 million (0.4%) to 1,944 million.

Monthly Hours Worked In All Jobs: South Australia & Australia

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Australia

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, May 2023 (Table 19, Trend)