Labour Market Brief
South Australia

Summary

The ABS Labour Force Survey data for South Australia released in August for July showed that in seasonally adjusted terms:

• Total employment increased by 3,834 (0.4%) to 0.95 million people.
  – Over the past year, employment in South Australia has increased by 43,645 (4.6%).
• Total unemployment decreased by 1,252 (-3.1%) to 39,937 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 4.0%.
  – Over the past year, unemployment in South Australia has increased by 1,418 (3.6%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
• Total underutilisation has increased by 3,240 (2.8%) to 115,406 people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 11.6%.
  – Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 12,303 (10.7%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.7 percentage points.

Nationally in July:

• Total employment decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.
  – Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 387,055 (2.8%).
• Total unemployment increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people and the unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%
  – Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has increased by 55,463 (10.3%) and the unemployment rate has increased by 0.3 percentage points.
• Total underutilisation increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million people, and the underutilisation rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%.
  – Over the past year, total underutilisation has increased by 134,992 (9.2%) and the underutilisation rate has increased by 0.6 percentage points.
Employment

- In July, seasonally adjusted employment in South Australia increased by 3,834 (0.4%) to 0.95 million people.
- Compared with July last year, total employment in South Australia has increased by 43,645 (4.6%).
- Nationally, employment in decreased by 14,644 (-0.1%) to 14.03 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in South Australia decreased by 2,559 (-0.4%) to 639,578 in July, and has increased by 34,671 (5.4%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in South Australia, in original terms increased by 3,685 (1.2%) to 315,991 in July. Part-time employment has increased by 8,707 (2.8%) over the last year.
**Unemployment**

- In July, the total number of unemployed people in South Australia decreased by 1,252 (-3.1%) to 39,937.
- Compared with July last year, unemployment in South Australia has increased by 1,418 (3.6%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in July increased by 35,590 (6.6%) to 540,959 people.

![Unemployed Total: South Australia & Australia Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)](chart.png)

**Unemployment Rate**

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in South Australia decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 4.0%.
- Compared with July last year, the unemployment rate in South Australia has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment increased by 0.2 percentage points to 3.7%

![Unemployment Rate: South Australia & Australia](chart.png)
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In July, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in South Australia increased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.5%.
- Compared with July last year male unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 0.4 percentage points.
- In the same period, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for females in remained steady at 3.6%.
- Compared with July last year female unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 0.1 percentage points.

Source: 6202.0 – Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Participation Rate

- The participation rate remained steady at 64.3%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has increased by 1.5 percentage points.
- Nationally, the participation rate in July decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.7%.

![Participation Rate: South Australia & Australia](image)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 7.6%. The total number of people underemployed has increased by 4,492 (6.0%) to 75,469 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has increased by 10,885 (14.4%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in July remained steady at 6.4% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 3,924 (-0.4%) to 929,868.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 11.6%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has increased by 3,240 (2.8%) to 115,406.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in South Australia has increased by 12,303 (10.7%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in July increased by 0.2 percentage points to 10.1%, and the total number of underutilised people increased by 31,666 (2.2%) to 1.47 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 761,238 (-0.6%) to 128.31 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in South Australia has increased by 8.12 million (6.3%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in July increased by 3.89 million (0.2%) to 1,952 million.

Monthly Hours Worked In All Jobs: South Australia & Australia
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, July 2023 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)