Summary

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

- Total employment decreased by 5,018 (-0.6%) to 878,793 people.
  - Over the past year, employment in South Australia has increased by 15,345 (1.7%).

- Total unemployment decreased by 3,945 (-9.6%) to 41,166 people, and the unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 4.5%.
  - Over the past year, unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 11,374 (-27.6%), and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.

- Total underutilisation has decreased by 5,118 (-4.6%) to 111,082 people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 12.1%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 17,916 (-16.1%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 2.0 percentage points.

Nationally in April:

- Total employment increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.
  - Over the past year, employment in Australia has increased by 381,532 (2.8%).

- Total unemployment decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people and the unemployment rate remained steady at 3.9%
  - Over the past year, unemployment in Australia has decreased by 211,068 (-39.3%) and the unemployment rate has decreased by 1.5 percentage points.

- Total underutilisation decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million people, and the underutilisation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%.
  - Over the past year, total underutilisation has decreased by 441,226 (-31.8%) and the underutilisation rate has decreased by 3.3 percentage points.
Labour Market Brief

South Australia

Employment

- In April, seasonally adjusted employment in South Australia decreased by 5,018 (-0.6%) to 878,793 people.
- Compared with April last year, total employment in South Australia has increased by 15,345 (1.7%).
- Nationally, employment in increased by 3,974 (0.0%) to 13.40 million people.

Full and Part Time Employment

- Full-time employment in South Australia decreased by 2,541 (-0.4%) to 577,177 in April, and has increased by 13,600 (2.4%) over the year.
- Part-time employment in South Australia, in original terms increased by 1,132 (0.4%) to 304,094 in April. Part-time employment has increased by 1,744 (0.6%) over the last year.
Unemployment

- In April, the total number of unemployed people in South Australia decreased by 3,945 (-9.6%) to 41,166.
- Compared with April last year, unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 11,374 (-27.6%) people.
- Nationally, total unemployment in April decreased by 10,960 (-2.0%) to 537,066 people.

![UNEMPLOYED TOTAL: SA & AUS](Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)

Unemployment Rate

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in South Australia decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 4.5%.
- Compared with April last year, the unemployment rate in South Australia has decreased by 1.2 percentage points.
- Nationally, unemployment remained steady at 3.9%
Male and Female Unemployment Rates

- In April, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for males in South Australia decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 5.2%.
- Compared with April 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 decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.7%.
- Compared with April last year female unemployment in South Australia has decreased by 2.2 percentage points.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
**Participation Rate**

- The participation rate decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 62.8%.
- Over the past year, the participation rate has remained steady at 62.8%.
- Nationally, the participation rate in April decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 66.3%.

*Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)*
Underemployment

- The underemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.6%. The total number of people underemployed has decreased by 1,173 (-1.7%) to 69,916 people.
- Over the past year, total underemployment has decreased by 6,542 (-9.4%).
- Nationally, the underemployment rate in April decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 6.1% and the total number of people underemployed decreased by 32,615 (-3.8%) to 852,474.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 12, Seasonally Adjusted)
Underutilisation

- The underutilisation rate decreased by 0.4 percentage points to 12.1%. Over the past month, the number of underutilised people has decreased by 5,118 (-4.6%) to 111,082.
- Over the past year, underutilisation in South Australia has decreased by 17,916 (-16.1%).
- Nationally the underutilisation rate in April decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 10.0%, and the total number of underutilised people decreased by 43,575 (-3.1%) to 1.39 million.

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 23, Seasonally Adjusted)
Hours Worked

- The total number of hours worked in all jobs decreased by 0.96 million (-0.8%) to 115.89 million.
- Over the past year, the number of hours worked in South Australia has increased by 650,307 (0.6%).
- Nationally, the total number of hours worked in April increased by 22.96 million (1.3%) to 1,833 million.

MONTHLY HOURS WORKED IN ALL JOBS: SA & AUS
Index (Base: January 2017 = 100)

Source: ABS Labour Force, Australia, April 2022 (Table 19, Seasonally Adjusted)