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Question:

Please provide details for all of Australia's bilateral social security agreements on the number of persons eligible in each country for each treaty, the number of applications received in each country for each treaty, the number of applications processed under each treaty in each country and the number of applications approved under each treaty in each country.

Answer:

"details for all of Australia's bilateral social security agreements on the number of persons eligible in each country for each treaty"

No data is available on the number of people eligible in each country under social security agreements.

The number of people actually receiving benefits under international agreements as at 13 January 2012 was 345,842. The number of people receiving benefits under each agreement is set out in the table below.

Under international agreements, people may be entitled to an Australian Government benefit, a benefit from another country or both.

The number of persons receiving benefits in each country is set out in the following table.

Persons receiving benefits under International Agreements with Australia (as at 13 January 2012)		
Agreement	Persons in Australia	Persons not in Australia
Australia / Austria	7,572	3,198
Australia / Belgium	1,346	288
Australia / Canada	12,955	6,974
Australia / Chile	2,529	609
Australia / Croatia	6,548	3,518
Australia / Cyprus	2,406	1,290
Australia / Czech Republic	626	143
Australia / Denmark	2,322	682
Australia / Finland	2,840	650
Australia / Germany	31,983	6,728
Australia / Greece	1,656	15,396
Australia / Ireland	3,484	810
Australia / Italy	53,126	41,780
Australia / Japan	472	77
Australia / Korea (South)	62	7
Australia / Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of	503	1,401
Australia / Malta	4,408	7,561
Australia / Netherlands	13,903	13,668
Australia / New Zealand	37,805	18,799
Australia / Norway	537	180
Australia / Poland	3,077	356
Australia / Portugal	1,643	2,057
Australia / Slovak Republic	122	23
Australia / Slovenia	1,616	533
Australia / Spain	3,056	8,158
Australia / Switzerland	2,971	730
Australia / USA	7,566	3,092
TOTAL	207,134	138,708

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No data is available for the total number of claims made under international agreements in each country.

Data is available for the number of claims made in respect of Australian Government benefits under international agreements and the numbers granted and rejected. The following table sets out the claims processing details in respect of claims for Australian Government benefits under international agreements.

Claims processing for Australian Government Benefits under International Social Security Agreements during the period 1 June 2010 – 31 December 2011			
Agreement	Total Claims	Granted	Rejected
Australia / Austria	171	98	56
Australia / Belgium	41	13	20
Australia / Canada	316	189	89
Australia / Chile	75	62	14
Australia / Croatia	309	217	67
Australia / Cyprus	120	85	24
Australia / Czech Republic	26	24	2
Australia / Denmark	98	57	30
Australia / Finland	132	108	17
Australia / Germany	455	302	115
Australia / Greece	5,372	4,445	714
Australia / Ireland	181	113	50
Australia / Italy	1,164	910	208
Australia / Japan	34	11	16
Australia / Korea (South)	17	3	9
Australia / Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of	568	482	87
Australia / Malta	498	387	93
Australia / Netherlands	486	315	138
Australia / New Zealand	6,020	4,398	1,285
Australia / Norway	31	14	12
Australia / Poland	141	126	11
Australia / Portugal	202	146	40
Australia / Slovenia	32	19	6
Australia / Spain	555	445	91
Australia / Switzerland	86	29	36
Australia / USA	519	383	119