

Table 1: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ by payment type², gender and Indigenous status³, June 2013⁴

Payment type	Gender						Indigenous status				All	
	Single males		Single females		Couples		Indigenous		Non-indigenous			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Disability Support Pension	117,072	31.7	96,440	16.7	45,646	14.2	13,215	24.1	245,943	20.3	259,158	20.4
Age Pension	63,520	17.2	104,778	18.1	54,167	16.8	2,743	5.0	219,722	18.1	222,465	17.5
Carer Payment	7,651	2.1	19,857	3.4	14,822	4.6	2,450	4.5	39,880	3.3	42,330	3.3
Parenting Payment Single	6,124	1.7	129,657	22.4			11,225	20.5	124,556	10.3	135,781	10.7
Newstart Allowance	114,184	31.0	109,407	18.9	41,997	13.1	14,603	26.6	250,985	20.7	265,588	20.9
Youth Allowance - Student	30,828	8.4	42,593	7.4	4,184	1.3	586	1.1	77,019	6.3	77,605	6.1
Youth Allowance - Other	8,814	2.4	8,979	1.6	2,410	0.7	2,087	3.8	18,116	1.5	20,203	1.6
Austudy	9,353	2.5	11,334	2.0	4,307	1.3	147	0.3	24,847	2.0	24,994	2.0
FTB (Only)	9,553	2.6	45,789	7.9	125,095	38.9	5,826	10.6	174,611	14.4	180,437	14.2
Parenting Payment Partnered					23,183	7.2	1,521	2.8	21,662	1.8	23,183	1.8
Other ⁵	1,723	0.5	8,783	1.5	5,729	1.8	485	0.9	15,750	1.3	16,235	1.3
All	368,822	100.0	577,617	100.0	321,540	100.0	54,888	100.0	1,213,091	100.0	1,267,979	100.0

Table 2: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ by State and Territory, gender and Indigenous status³, June 2013⁴

State and Territory	Gender						Indigenous status				All	
	Single males		Single females		Couples		Indigenous		Non-indigenous			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
NSW	119,912	32.5	190,520	33.0	110,893	34.5	22,714	41.4	398,611	32.9	421,325	33.2
VIC	86,793	23.5	133,194	23.1	67,684	21.0	4,809	8.8	282,862	23.3	287,671	22.7
QLD	89,743	24.3	142,726	24.7	83,932	26.1	17,584	32.0	298,817	24.6	316,401	25.0
SA	29,113	7.9	44,017	7.6	21,821	6.8	2,708	4.9	92,243	7.6	94,951	7.5
WA	27,492	7.5	44,572	7.7	25,221	7.8	3,474	6.3	93,811	7.7	97,285	7.7
TAS	9,867	2.7	15,359	2.7	7,690	2.4	1,981	3.6	30,935	2.6	32,916	2.6
NT	2,261	0.6	2,520	0.4	1,798	0.6	1,358	2.5	5,221	0.4	6,579	0.5
ACT	3,635	1.0	4,697	0.8	2,496	0.8	245	0.4	10,583	0.9	10,828	0.9
AUS⁶	368,822	100.0	577,617	100.0	321,540	100.0	54,888	100.0	1,213,091	100.0	1,267,979	100.0

Table 3: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ who pay enough rent to be eligible for the Maximum rate of Rent Assistance by gender and Indigenous status³, June 2013⁴

Rate of Rent Assistance based on rent paid	Gender						Indigenous status				All	
	Single males		Single females		Couples		Indigenous		Non-indigenous			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Paying enough rent to receive the maximum rate of CRA	251,284	68.1	446,129	77.2	267,656	83.2	37,038	67.5	928,031	76.5	965,069	76.1
Paying enough rent to receive the part rate of CRA	117,538	31.9	131,488	22.8	53,884	16.8	17,850	32.5	285,060	23.5	302,910	23.9
All	368,822	100.0	577,617	100.0	321,540	100.0	54,888	100.0	1,213,091	100.0	1,267,979	100.0

Table 4: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ in housing stress⁷ before and after Rent Assistance by Indigenous status³, gender and payment type², June 2013⁴

Indigenous status/ gender/ housing stress	Disability Support Pension	Age Pension	Carer Payment	Parenting Payment (single)	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (student)	Youth Allowance (other)	Austudy	FTB (only)	Parenting Payment (partnered)	Other ⁵	All
Indigenous status												
Indigenous												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	8,306	1,612	1,026	6,229	11,296	507	1,760	124	1,223	859	351	33,293
Percentage	63.3	59.1	42.1	55.7	79.1	87.7	87.0	84.4	21.0	56.8	78.9	61.3
After Rent Assistance												
Number	2,789	504	380	2,895	6,667	410	1,326	93	658	556	217	16,495
Percentage	21.2	18.5	15.6	25.9	46.7	70.9	65.5	63.3	11.3	36.7	48.8	30.4
Total	13,127	2,727	2,438	11,187	14,289	578	2,023	147	5,819	1,513	445	54,293
Non-indigenous												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	170,143	131,005	22,466	84,017	211,344	67,916	15,361	21,495	57,885	15,016	13,406	810,054
Percentage	69.4	59.8	56.5	67.6	86.7	89.3	87.3	87.6	33.2	69.6	87.1	67.4
After Rent Assistance												
Number	73,749	62,413	11,477	50,267	148,711	56,596	12,209	16,880	34,237	10,645	9,290	486,474
Percentage	30.1	28.5	28.9	40.4	61.0	74.4	69.4	68.8	19.6	49.3	60.4	40.5
Total	245,030	219,038	39,779	124,278	243,745	76,089	17,594	24,547	174,331	21,582	15,386	1,201,399
Gender												
Single males												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	81,952	41,201	3,791	4,274	101,104	27,889	7,587	8,362	3,827		1,414	281,401
Percentage	70.3	65.1	49.7	70.1	91.4	91.5	88.7	90.1	40.1		93.0	77.4
After Rent Assistance												
Number	29,938	18,144	1,223	2,391	69,662	23,851	6,117	6,683	2,131		1,052	161,192
Percentage	25.7	28.7	16.0	39.2	62.9	78.2	71.5	72.0	22.3		69.2	44.3
Total	116,621	63,325	7,622	6,101	110,667	30,495	8,553	9,277	9,535		1,521	363,717
Single females												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	71,509	68,060	11,856	85,972	89,525	37,365	7,859	9,861	20,049		7,973	410,029
Percentage	74.4	65.1	59.9	66.5	84.2	88.7	89.9	88.2	43.9		92.5	71.6
After Rent Assistance												
Number	32,332	31,298	5,829	50,771	63,108	30,750	6,341	7,778	11,957		5,387	245,551
Percentage	33.6	29.9	29.4	39.2	59.4	73.0	72.6	69.6	26.2		62.5	42.9
Total	96,121	104,549	19,799	129,364	106,295	42,114	8,739	11,182	45,695		8,622	572,480
Couples												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	24,988	23,356	7,845		32,011	3,169	1,675	3,396	35,232	15,875	4,370	151,917
Percentage	55.0	43.3	53.0		77.9	78.1	72.0	80.2	28.2	68.7	76.8	47.5
After Rent Assistance												
Number	14,268	13,475	4,805		22,608	2,405	1,077	2,512	20,807	11,201	3,068	96,226
Percentage	31.4	25.0	32.5		55.0	59.3	46.3	59.3	16.7	48.5	53.9	30.1
Total	45,415	53,891	14,796		41,072	4,058	2,325	4,235	124,920	23,095	5,688	319,495
All												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	178,449	132,617	23,492	90,246	222,640	68,423	17,121	21,619	59,108	15,875	13,757	843,347
Percentage	69.1	59.8	55.6	66.6	86.3	89.2	87.3	87.5	32.8	68.7	86.9	67.2
After Rent Assistance												
Number	76,538	62,917	11,857	53,162	155,378	57,006	13,535	16,973	34,895	11,201	9,507	502,969
Percentage	29.6	28.4	28.1	39.2	60.2	74.4	69.0	68.7	19.4	48.5	60.1	40.1

Total	258,157	221,765	42,217	135,465	258,034	76,667	19,617	24,694	180,150	23,095	15,831	1,255,692
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Table 5: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ who are sharing⁹ by payment type², gender and Indigenous status³, June 2013⁴

Payment type	Gender				Indigenous status				All	
	Single males		Single females		Indigenous		Non-indigenous		All	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age Pension	9,777	10.5	18,411	20.5	319	6.9	27,869	15.6	28,188	15.4
Newstart Allowance	51,341	55.1	28,627	31.8	3,131	67.3	76,837	43.1	79,968	43.7
Youth Allowance (student)	19,784	21.2	27,929	31.0	257	5.5	47,456	26.6	47,713	26.1
Youth Allowance (other)	5,381	5.8	5,710	6.3	854	18.4	10,237	5.7	11,091	6.1
Austudy	6,154	6.6	6,294	7.0	31	0.7	12,417	7.0	12,448	6.8
Other ⁵	709	0.8	2,983	3.3	58	1.2	3,634	2.0	3,692	2.0
All	93,146	100.0	89,954	100.0	4,650	100.0	178,450	100.0	183,100	100.0

Table 6: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ paying more than 50 per cent of income in rent⁸ before and after Rent Assistance by Indigenous status³, gender and payment type², June 2013⁴

Indigenous status/ gender/ housing stress	Disability Support Pension	Age Pension	Carer Payment	Parenting Payment (single)	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (student)	Youth Allowance (other)	Austudy	FTB (only)	Parenting Payment (partnered)	Other ⁵	All
Indigenous status												
Indigenous												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	1,568	289	156	1,239	5,600	320	937	67	277	380	177	11,010
Percentage	11.9	10.6	6.4	11.1	39.2	55.4	46.3	45.6	4.8	25.1	39.8	20.3
After Rent Assistance												
Number	483	113	61	335	2,327	188	467	47	168	208	88	4,485
Percentage	3.7	4.1	2.5	3.0	16.3	32.5	23.1	32.0	2.9	13.7	19.8	8.3
Total	13,127	2,727	2,438	11,187	14,289	578	2,023	147	5,819	1,513	445	54,293
Non-indigenous												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	43,407	34,793	5,464	22,498	122,794	48,281	9,236	13,506	12,710	7,023	7,818	327,530
Percentage	17.7	15.9	13.7	18.1	50.4	63.5	52.5	55.0	7.3	32.5	50.8	27.3
After Rent Assistance												
Number	15,468	14,592	2,401	7,777	61,279	29,751	4,694	8,054	7,922	4,212	4,200	160,350
Percentage	6.3	6.7	6.0	6.3	25.1	39.1	26.7	32.8	4.5	19.5	27.3	13.3
Total	245,030	219,038	39,779	124,278	243,745	76,089	17,594	24,547	174,331	21,582	15,386	1,201,399
Gender												
Single males												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	18,645	11,136	745	1,473	64,738	20,659	4,583	5,700	987		1,017	129,683
Percentage	16.0	17.6	9.8	24.1	58.5	67.7	53.6	61.4	10.4		66.9	35.7
After Rent Assistance												
Number	5,805	4,422	304	493	29,426	12,512	2,196	3,160	602		579	59,499
Percentage	5.0	7.0	4.0	8.1	26.6	41.0	25.7	34.1	6.3		38.1	16.4
Total	116,621	63,325	7,622	6,101	110,667	30,495	8,553	9,277	9,535		1,521	363,717
Single females												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	20,524	18,556	2,826	22,264	49,866	26,266	4,905	6,287	4,764		4,988	161,246
Percentage	21.4	17.7	14.3	17.2	46.9	62.4	56.1	56.2	10.4		57.9	28.2
After Rent Assistance												
Number	7,283	7,528	1,156	7,619	26,102	16,271	2,576	3,899	3,088		2,562	78,084
Percentage	7.6	7.2	5.8	5.9	24.6	38.6	29.5	34.9	6.8		29.7	13.6
Total	96,121	104,549	19,799	129,364	106,295	42,114	8,739	11,182	45,695		8,622	572,480
Couples												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	5,806	5,390	2,049		13,790	1,676	685	1,586	7,236	7,403	1,990	47,611
Percentage	12.8	10.0	13.8		33.6	41.3	29.5	37.4	5.8	32.1	35.0	14.9
After Rent Assistance												
Number	2,863	2,755	1,002		8,078	1,156	389	1,042	4,400	4,420	1,147	27,252
Percentage	6.3	5.1	6.8		19.7	28.5	16.7	24.6	3.5	19.1	20.2	8.5
Total	45,415	53,891	14,796		41,072	4,058	2,325	4,235	124,920	23,095	5,688	319,495
All												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	44,975	35,082	5,620	23,737	128,394	48,601	10,173	13,573	12,987	7,403	7,995	338,540
Percentage	17.4	15.8	13.3	17.5	49.8	63.4	51.9	55.0	7.2	32.1	50.5	27.0
After Rent Assistance												
Number	15,951	14,705	2,462	8,112	63,606	29,939	5,161	8,101	8,090	4,420	4,288	164,835
Percentage	6.2	6.6	5.8	6.0	24.7	39.1	26.3	32.8	4.5	19.1	27.1	13.1

Total	258,157	221,765	42,217	135,465	258,034	76,667	19,617	24,694	180,150	23,095	15,831	1,255,692
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Table 7: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ paying more than 50 per cent of income in rent⁸ before and after Rent Assistance by Indigenous status³, gender and State and Territory, June 2013⁴

Indigenous status/ gender/ housing stress	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUS⁶
Indigenous status									
Indigenous									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	4,114	937	3,849	565	853	349	289	52	11,010
Percentage	18.3	19.6	22.2	21.1	24.9	17.9	21.7	21.4	20.3
After Rent Assistance									
Number	1,700	380	1,554	190	396	111	129	24	4,485
Percentage	7.6	8.0	8.9	7.1	11.6	5.7	9.7	9.9	8.3
Total	22,498	4,771	17,372	2,677	3,428	1,955	1,334	243	54,293
Non-indigenous									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	112,547	74,909	80,937	21,250	25,979	6,320	1,456	4,131	327,530
Percentage	28.5	26.7	27.4	23.3	28.0	20.7	28.4	39.6	27.3
After Rent Assistance									
Number	58,682	35,576	38,499	8,503	13,436	2,207	811	2,636	160,350
Percentage	14.8	12.7	13.0	9.3	14.5	7.2	15.8	25.3	13.3
Total	395,228	280,073	295,736	91,281	92,926	30,584	5,128	10,436	1,201,399
Gender									
Single males									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	41,549	30,278	32,492	9,517	10,290	2,991	794	1,771	129,683
Percentage	35.1	35.3	36.8	33.2	38.0	30.8	36.0	49.7	35.7
After Rent Assistance									
Number	20,255	13,603	14,535	3,589	4,983	1,033	405	1,096	59,499
Percentage	17.1	15.9	16.4	12.5	18.4	10.6	18.4	30.8	16.4
Total	118,431	85,670	88,362	28,674	27,094	9,715	2,205	3,561	363,717
Single females									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	54,027	36,571	41,501	10,259	13,044	3,162	734	1,946	161,246
Percentage	28.6	27.7	29.3	23.5	29.5	20.8	29.6	42.0	28.2
After Rent Assistance									
Number	27,690	17,390	19,463	4,080	6,756	1,050	394	1,260	78,084
Percentage	14.7	13.2	13.8	9.4	15.3	6.9	15.9	27.2	13.6
Total	189,008	131,897	141,420	43,616	44,206	15,206	2,477	4,638	572,480
Couples									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	21,085	8,997	10,793	2,039	3,498	516	217	466	47,611
Percentage	19.1	13.4	13.0	9.4	14.0	6.8	12.2	18.8	14.9
After Rent Assistance									
Number	12,437	4,963	6,055	1,024	2,093	235	141	304	27,252
Percentage	11.3	7.4	7.3	4.7	8.4	3.1	7.9	12.3	8.5
Total	110,287	67,277	83,326	21,668	25,054	7,618	1,780	2,480	319,495
All									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	116,661	75,846	84,786	21,815	26,832	6,669	1,745	4,183	338,540
Percentage	27.9	26.6	27.1	23.2	27.8	20.5	27.0	39.2	27.0
After Rent Assistance									
Number	60,382	35,956	40,053	8,693	13,832	2,318	940	2,660	164,835

Percentage	14.5	12.6	12.8	9.3	14.4	7.1	14.5	24.9	13.1
Total	417,726	284,844	313,108	93,958	96,354	32,539	6,462	10,679	1,255,692

Footnotes

1. Recipients refer to income units receiving a rent assistance payment for the fortnight ending 14 June 2013. An income unit comprises a single person (with or without dependent children) or a couple (with or without dependent children). Single social security recipients living together in the same household are regarded as separate income units.
2. One member of a couple is treated as the reference person for the income unit, based on the type of payment they receive. The general order of priority is Pensions, Allowances, Family Tax Benefit (FTB). An income unit will be reported as receiving Parenting Payment (partnered) if their partner is not receiving another social security payment. They will only be reported as receiving FTB Part A if neither receives a social security payment.
3. An income unit is classified as Indigenous if at least one partner in the unit has indicated to Centrelink that he/she identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Where information about Indigenous recipients is provided, the following advice applies: It is optional for individuals to identify as Indigenous. These data may therefore represent an undercount.
4. As at fortnight ending 14 June 2013.
5. Other includes payments such as Bereavement Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance, Emergency Circumstance Payment, etc and individuals with regular care children between 14% and 35% eligible for Rent Assistance.
6. Australian total includes income units in other territories and unknown addresses.
7. A recipient is in housing stress if their rent (after rent assistance) is more than 30 percent of their income. A small number of income units where affordability was not able to be calculated are excluded from housing stress calculations so totals in this table may be lower than those in other tables.
8. A small number of income units where affordability was not able to be calculated are excluded from housing stress calculations so totals in this table may be lower than those in other tables.
9. Income support recipients exempt from sharers rules include income units with dependent children, partnered and those receiving Disability Support Pension and Carers Payment
10. Percentages may not sum to 100.0 due to rounding.

n.a. = not available.

Source: Department of Social Security Housing Data Set September 2013.