

## Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

### QUESTION ON NOTICE

Australian Government response to the COVID-19 pandemic - 11 August 2020

**Outcome: Employment**

**Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000120**

Senator Rachel Siewert on 11 August 2020, Proof Hansard page 1

***Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - August 2021***

#### **Question**

Senator SIEWERT: First, I'd like to look at some of the current stats. Would you be able to give the committee some updates on the employment figures and also the current jobactive case load demographics? Are you able to give that to the committee on a regular basis? We've now got DSS providing us with regular updates; I think it's now every two weeks. Is it possible for the committee to have the same updates from your department so that we can actually get a full picture of what the situation is? Is that something that the department is able to do? Mr Smyth: I'm sure we can facilitate that. If you'd like, I will give you a quick update at the moment on the composition of the case load.  
Senator SIEWERT: Yes, that'd be great

## Answer

### jobactive Caseload Demographics – as at 31 August 2021

	Number
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	469,482
Female	471,838
<b>Participant Cohorts</b>	
Indigenous	96,800
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	195,274
People with Disability	243,552
Mental Health	118,849
Drug and Alcohol	59,449
Homeless	86,782
Refugees	42,387
Ex-Offenders	102,872
Youth (aged under 25)	151,280
Mature (aged 50+)	274,773
Parents <sup>(a)</sup>	154,309
<b>Age group</b>	
Under 22 years	72,116
22 to 24 years	79,164
25 to 34 years	217,507
35 to 44 years	201,996
45 to 54 years	178,453
55+ years	192,084
<b>Total</b>	<b>941,320</b>

(a) The Parent cohort comprises participants receiving Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered, or recipients of JobSeeker Payment or Youth Allowance who are Principal Carer Parents.