

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 100

Topic: Income Management in the Northern Territory

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Senator Siewert asked:

What is the number and percentage of people, Indigenous and non-indigenous, who are on income support payments in the Northern Territory?

Provide this information by:

- age,
- gender,
- main social security payment.

Answer:

Detailed data is attached.

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		Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous (%)	Non-Indigenous (%)
On an Income Support Payment in the Northern Territory		23962	13877	100%	100%
Age	under 21 years	2912	1012	12%	7%
	21 to 29 years	6117	1562	26%	11%
	30 to 39 years	5340	1603	22%	12%
	40 to 49 years	4289	1616	18%	12%
	50 to 59 years	2663	1661	11%	12%
	60 years and over	2641	6423	11%	46%
Gender	Male	10009	6907	42%	50%
	Female	13953	6970	58%	50%
Main Social Security Payment	Abstudy (Living Allowance)	678	28	3%	0%
	Age Pension	1708	5108	7%	37%
	Austudy		86	0%	1%
	Carer Payment	659	449	3%	3%
	Disability Support Pension	6794	3626	28%	26%
	Newstart Allowance	7418	1805	31%	13%
	Parenting Payment Partnered	2537	330	11%	2%
	Parenting Payment Single	2613	1392	11%	10%
	Partner Allowance	<20	46	0%	0%
	Sickness Allowance	<20	26	0%	0%
	Special Benefit	<20	<20	0%	0%
	Widow Allowance	70	75	0%	1%
	Widow B Pension	<20	<20	0%	0%
	Wife Pension (AGE)	<20	21	0%	0%
	Wife Pension (DSP)	<20	22	0%	0%
	Youth Allowance (Other)	1428	346	6%	2%
	Youth Allowance (Student & Apprentice)	<20	501	0%	4%

DATA DESCRIPTIONS

Source: Centrelink Administrative data (DEEWR Blue Book dataset)

Recipients of Parenting Payment Partnered/Parenting Payment Single/Youth Allowance (other)/ Youth Allowance (student)/Youth Allowance (apprentice) who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system.

Recipients of Sickness Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system.

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Recipients of Newstart Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not in receipt of CDEP Participation Supplement.

Recipients of Partner Allowance / Widow Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not in receipt of CDEP Participation Supplement or a zero rate of payment.

Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as indigenous. These data may therefore represent an undercount.

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