

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Disability Support Pension (DSP) – Recipients with Earnings

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Question:

- a) How many DSP recipients report earnings?
- b) Provide a breakdown of DSP recipients:
 - 1) by main medical condition;
 - 2) by age;
 - 3) by gender; and
 - 4) by Indigenous / non-Indigenous status.
- c) For each year since 1994, list the number and percent of DSP recipients with earnings.

Answer:

- a) There were 65,209 Disability Support Pension recipients who reported earnings as at 27 December 2013.
- b) The data provided in the following two tables relates only to Disability Support Pension (DSP) recipients with earnings. Table 1 is a breakdown of DSP recipients with earnings by age. Table 2 is a breakdown of recipients by main medical condition, gender and Indigenous/non-Indigenous status.

TABLE 1	
Age Range	Number
16-19	1,730
20-24	5,868
25-29	6,015
30-34	5,834
35-39	5,832
40-44	7,017
45-49	7,401
50-54	8,407
55-59	8,252
60-64	7,688
65+	1,165
TOTAL	65,209

Primary Medical Condition Classification	Gender						Total Population		
	Males			Females			Indigenous	Non Indigenous	Total
	Indigenous	Non Indigenous	Total	Indigenous	Non Indigenous	Total			
Missing	< 20	< 20	< 20	< 20	< 20	< 20	< 20	np	30
Acquired Brain Impairment	37	1,050	1,087	25	431	456	62	1,481	1,543
Amputation	< 20	np	86	< 20	np	33	< 20	np	119
Cancer/Tumour	< 20	np	361	< 20	np	558	< 20	np	919
Chronic Pain	< 20	np	259	< 20	np	385	< 20	np	644
Circulatory System	33	839	872	29	532	561	62	1,371	1,433
Congenital Anomalies	< 20	np	1,082	< 20	np	809	27	1,864	1,891
Endocrine & Immune System	< 20	np	494	23	516	539	36	997	1,033
Gastro-Intestinal System	< 20	np	166	< 20	np	349	< 20	np	515
Granted Prior To 12/11/91	< 20	np	786	< 20	np	481	< 20	np	1,267
Infectious Diseases	< 20	np	57	< 20	np	88	< 20	np	145
Inherited Disorders	< 20	np	52	< 20	np	61	< 20	np	113
Intellectual/Learning	310	12,471	12,781	156	7,332	7,488	466	19,803	20,269
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	117	4,779	4,896	127	5,781	5,908	244	10,560	10,804
Nervous System	32	1,533	1,565	26	1,616	1,642	58	3,149	3,207
Poorly Defined Cause	< 20	np	246	< 20	np	858	< 20	np	1,104
Psychological/Psychiatric	200	8,131	8,331	179	7,039	7,218	379	15,170	15,549
Reproductive System	< 20	< 20	< 20	< 20	np	40	< 20	np	41
Respiratory System	< 20	np	389	30	463	493	43	839	882
Sense Organs	29	1,647	1,676	31	1,332	1,363	60	2,979	3,039
Skin Disorder & Burns	< 20	np	26	< 20	np	np	< 20	np	56
Urogenital System	< 20	np	172	< 20	np	169	21	320	341
Visceral Disorder	< 20	np	127	< 20	np	138	< 20	np	265
TOTAL	844	34,681	35,525	699	28,985	29,684	1,543	63,666	65,209

* To protect individuals privacy, cell sizes of less than twenty (20) are represented as <20.

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* It is optional for individuals to identify as Indigenous. This data may therefore represent an undercount.

c) The Table below provides the number and percent of Disability Support Pension recipients with earnings for each year since 1994.

TABLE 3			
Date	Number	Percentage	Data Source / Notes
June 1994	n/a	5.9%	2000-01 FaCS Annual Report. Number with earnings not provided, only percentage. In DSS Annual Report 1993-94, percentage is rounded to 6%
June 1995	n/a	6.3%	1994-95 DSS Annual Report.
June 1996	n/a	6.5%	2000-01 FaCS Annual Report. Number with earnings not provided, only percentage. In DSS Annual Report 1995-96, the percentage is described as 'just over six per cent'
June 1997	n/a	7.3%	Annual Report. Number with earnings not provided, only percentage
June 1998	n/a	7.3%	Annual Report. Number with earnings not provided, only percentage
June 1999	47,007	8.1%	1998-99 FaCS Annual Report.
June 2000	50,595	8.4%	1999-2000 FaCS Annual Report.
June 2001	57,055	9.1%	2000-01 FaCS Annual Report.
June 2002	63,865	9.7%	FaCS Annual Report 2001-02
June 2003	63,238	9.4%	FaCS Annual Report 2002-03
June 2004	n/a	9.1%	Characteristics of Disability Support Pension Recipients report June 2005 (FaCS Annual Report 2003-04 only has a rounded percentage of 9%, and no number).
June 2005	66,119	9.4%	Characteristics of Disability Support Pension Recipients report June 2005
June 2006	72,337	10.2%	Characteristics of Disability Support Pension Recipients report June 2006
June 2007	70,853	9.9%	Characteristics of Disability Support Pension Recipients report June 2013
June 2008	71,907	9.8%	
June 2009	69,741	9.2%	
June 2010	69,192	8.7%	
June 2011	69,470	8.5%	
June 2012	69,895	8.4%	
June 2013	68,437	8.3%	

* n/a denotes that data was not available for the reporting period.