

Table 1: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ by payment type², gender and Indigenous status³, September 2012⁴

Payment type	Gender						Indigenous status				All	
	Single males		Single females		Couples		Indigenous		Non-indigenous			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Disability Support Pension	113,273	32.8	92,822	16.8	45,599	14.6	12,266	24.1	239,428	20.7	251,694	20.8
Age Pension	60,096	17.4	100,616	18.2	52,009	16.7	2,481	4.9	210,240	18.1	212,721	17.6
Carer Payment	6,912	2.0	16,970	3.1	13,470	4.3	2,074	4.1	35,278	3.0	37,352	3.1
Parenting Payment (Single)	7,256	2.1	157,696	28.5			12,365	24.3	152,587	13.2	164,952	13.6
Newstart Allowance	102,193	29.6	75,148	13.6	37,769	12.1	11,816	23.3	203,294	17.5	215,110	17.8
Youth Allowance - Student	29,513	8.6	41,214	7.5	3,776	1.2	498	1.0	74,005	6.4	74,503	6.2
Youth Allowance - Other	6,736	2.0	7,150	1.3	1,832	0.6	1,535	3.0	14,183	1.2	15,718	1.3
Austudy	8,369	2.4	9,746	1.8	3,943	1.3	120	0.2	21,938	1.9	22,058	1.8
FTB (Only)	9,167	2.7	41,714	7.6	123,294	39.5	5,558	10.9	168,617	14.6	174,175	14.4
Parenting Payment (Partnered)					24,274	7.8	1,548	3.0	22,726	2.0	24,274	2.0
Other ⁵	1,580	0.5	9,333	1.7	5,868	1.9	545	1.1	16,236	1.4	16,781	1.4
All	345,095	100.0	552,409	100.0	311,834	100.0	50,806	100.0	1,158,532	100.0	1,209,338	100.0

Table 2: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ by State and Territory, gender and Indigenous status³, September 2012⁴

State and Territory	Gender						Indigenous status				All	
	Single males		Single females		Couples		Indigenous		Non-indigenous			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
NSW	113,293	32.8	183,516	33.2	108,093	34.7	20,893	41.1	384,009	33.1	404,902	33.5
VIC	80,843	23.4	126,173	22.8	64,638	20.7	4,377	8.6	267,277	23.1	271,654	22.5
QLD	83,518	24.2	135,815	24.6	81,880	26.3	16,569	32.6	284,644	24.6	301,213	24.9
SA	27,142	7.9	41,978	7.6	21,174	6.8	2,438	4.8	87,856	7.6	90,294	7.5
WA	25,980	7.5	43,598	7.9	24,517	7.9	3,287	6.5	90,808	7.8	94,095	7.8
TAS	9,331	2.7	14,939	2.7	7,509	2.4	1,827	3.6	29,952	2.6	31,779	2.6
NT	2,058	0.6	2,478	0.4	1,665	0.5	1,185	2.3	5,016	0.4	6,201	0.5
ACT	2,851	0.8	3,858	0.7	2,346	0.8	211	0.4	8,844	0.8	9,055	0.7
AUS ⁶	345,095	100.0	552,409	100.0	311,834	100.0	50,806	100.0	1,158,532	100.0	1,209,338	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, September 2012⁴

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	232,376	67.3	424,162	76.8	261,438	83.8	34,061	67.0	883,915	76.3	917,976	75.9
Paying enough rent to receive the part rate of CRA	112,719	32.7	128,247	23.2	50,396	16.2	16,745	33.0	274,617	23.7	291,362	24.1
All	345,095	100.0	552,409	100.0	311,834	100.0	50,806	100.0	1,158,532	100.0	1,209,338	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, September 2012⁴

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	8,068	1,541	911	6,947	9,380	423	1,279	103	1,028	887	389	30,956
Percentage	66.3	62.6	44.2	56.4	81.5	87.0	87.1	88.0	18.5	57.7	76.7	61.7
After Rent Assistance												
Number	2,824	515	342	3,144	5,579	339	976	71	549	571	225	15,135
Percentage	23.2	20.9	16.6	25.5	48.5	69.8	66.4	60.7	9.9	37.2	44.4	30.2
Total	12,160	2,462	2,062	12,313	11,507	486	1,469	117	5,548	1,537	507	50,168
Non-indigenous												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	173,633	131,671	20,559	101,679	175,693	65,555	11,990	19,097	49,846	15,548	13,863	779,134
Percentage	72.8	62.9	58.4	66.8	89.4	89.8	87.3	88.2	29.6	68.7	87.5	67.9
After Rent Assistance												
Number	78,245	62,700	10,734	59,774	125,232	54,630	9,547	14,998	28,731	10,793	9,581	464,965
Percentage	32.8	29.9	30.5	39.3	63.7	74.8	69.5	69.2	17.1	47.7	60.5	40.5
Total	238,413	209,453	35,182	152,235	196,578	73,009	13,731	21,660	168,270	22,638	15,847	1,147,016
Gender												
Single males												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	83,923	41,157	3,627	4,945	91,141	26,657	5,743	7,550	3,285		1,284	269,312
Percentage	74.4	68.7	52.6	68.4	92.2	91.4	88.1	91.2	35.9		93.7	79.2
After Rent Assistance												
Number	32,255	18,110	1,295	2,690	62,822	22,839	4,613	6,029	1,770		936	153,359
Percentage	28.6	30.2	18.8	37.2	63.6	78.3	70.8	72.9	19.3		68.3	45.1
Total	112,771	59,877	6,889	7,229	98,815	29,165	6,518	8,274	9,156		1,371	340,065
Single females												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	71,517	68,492	10,431	103,681	65,103	36,464	6,243	8,507	16,999		8,481	395,918
Percentage	77.4	68.3	61.7	65.9	90.0	89.7	90.3	88.6	40.8		92.6	72.3
After Rent Assistance												
Number	33,625	31,615	5,241	60,228	47,921	29,969	5,044	6,783	10,035		5,775	236,236
Percentage	36.4	31.5	31.0	38.3	66.2	73.7	73.0	70.6	24.1		63.1	43.2
Total	92,457	100,329	16,916	157,319	72,355	40,660	6,911	9,604	41,617		9,158	547,326
Couples												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	26,261	23,563	7,412		28,829	2,857	1,283	3,143	30,590	16,435	4,487	144,860
Percentage	57.9	45.6	55.2		78.1	77.8	72.4	80.6	24.9	68.0	77.0	46.8
After Rent Assistance												
Number	15,189	13,490	4,540		20,068	2,161	866	2,257	17,475	11,364	3,095	90,505
Percentage	33.5	26.1	33.8		54.4	58.9	48.9	57.9	14.2	47.0	53.1	29.2
Total	45,345	51,709	13,439		36,915	3,670	1,771	3,899	123,045	24,175	5,825	309,793
All												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	181,701	133,212	21,470	108,626	185,073	65,978	13,269	19,200	50,874	16,435	14,252	810,090
Percentage	72.5	62.9	57.6	66.0	88.9	89.8	87.3	88.2	29.3	68.0	87.1	67.7
After Rent Assistance												
Number	81,069	63,215	11,076	62,918	130,811	54,969	10,523	15,069	29,280	11,364	9,806	480,100
Percentage	32.4	29.8	29.7	38.2	62.9	74.8	69.2	69.2	16.8	47.0	60.0	40.1
Total	250,573	211,915	37,244	164,548	208,085	73,495	15,200	21,777	173,818	24,175	16,354	1,197,184

Table 5: Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients¹ who are sharing¹² by payment type², gender and Indigenous status³, September 2012⁴

Payment type	Gender				Indigenous status				All	
	Single males		Single females		Indigenous		Non-indigenous			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Age Pension	9,009	10.7	17,465	21.0	299	7.5	26,175	16.0	26,474	15.8
Newstart Allowance	46,496	55.1	25,749	30.9	2,809	70.0	69,436	42.4	72,245	43.1
Youth Allowance (student)	18,786	22.3	27,003	32.4	210	5.2	45,579	27.9	45,789	27.3
Youth Allowance (other)	3,999	4.7	4,420	5.3	611	15.2	7,808	4.8	8,419	5.0
Austudy	5,447	6.5	5,543	6.7	26	0.6	10,964	6.7	10,990	6.6
Other ⁵	634	0.8	3,109	3.7	57	1.4	3,686	2.3	3,743	2.2
All	84,371	100.0	83,289	100.0	4,012	100.0	163,648	100.0	167,660	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, September 2012⁴

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	1,829	320	164	1,525	4,939	256	682	54	254	397	185	10,605
Percentage	15.0	13.0	8.0	12.4	42.9	52.7	46.4	46.2	4.6	25.8	36.5	21.1
After Rent Assistance												
Number	588	118	55	419	2,063	146	327	33	178	212	91	4,230
Percentage	4.8	4.8	2.7	3.4	17.9	30.0	22.3	28.2	3.2	13.8	17.9	8.4
Total	12,160	2,462	2,062	12,313	11,507	486	1,469	117	5,548	1,537	507	50,168
Non-indigenous												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	52,242	39,455	5,310	27,953	108,464	46,153	6,940	12,102	11,005	7,140	8,086	324,850
Percentage	21.9	18.8	15.1	18.4	55.2	63.2	50.5	55.9	6.5	31.5	51.0	28.3
After Rent Assistance												
Number	18,528	15,620	2,355	9,390	53,638	27,729	3,542	7,078	6,883	4,345	4,388	153,496
Percentage	7.8	7.5	6.7	6.2	27.3	38.0	25.8	32.7	4.1	19.2	27.7	13.4
Total	238,413	209,453	35,182	152,235	196,578	73,009	13,731	21,660	168,270	22,638	15,847	1,147,016
Gender												
Single males												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	23,257	12,308	757	1,649	59,685	19,679	3,312	5,149	833		891	127,520
Percentage	20.6	20.6	11.0	22.8	60.4	67.5	50.8	62.2	9.1		65.0	37.5
After Rent Assistance												
Number	7,092	4,724	304	556	26,477	11,562	1,560	2,808	496		503	56,082
Percentage	6.3	7.9	4.4	7.7	26.8	39.6	23.9	33.9	5.4		36.7	16.5
Total	112,771	59,877	6,889	7,229	98,815	29,165	6,518	8,274	9,156		1,371	340,065
Single females												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	24,198	21,766	2,733	27,829	41,112	25,220	3,773	5,578	4,203		5,390	161,802
Percentage	26.2	21.7	16.2	17.7	56.8	62.0	54.6	58.1	10.1		58.9	29.6
After Rent Assistance												
Number	8,833	8,197	1,160	9,253	21,919	15,259	1,953	3,374	2,752		2,791	75,491
Percentage	9.6	8.2	6.9	5.9	30.3	37.5	28.3	35.1	6.6		30.5	13.8
Total	92,457	100,329	16,916	157,319	72,355	40,660	6,911	9,604	41,617		9,158	547,326
Couples												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	6,616	5,701	1,984		12,606	1,510	537	1,429	6,223	7,537	1,990	46,133
Percentage	14.6	11.0	14.8		34.1	41.1	30.3	36.7	5.1	31.2	34.2	14.9
After Rent Assistance												
Number	3,191	2,817	946		7,305	1,054	356	929	3,813	4,557	1,185	26,153
Percentage	7.0	5.4	7.0		19.8	28.7	20.1	23.8	3.1	18.9	20.3	8.4
Total	45,345	51,709	13,439		36,915	3,670	1,771	3,899	123,045	24,175	5,825	309,793
All												
Before Rent Assistance												
Number	54,071	39,775	5,474	29,478	113,403	46,409	7,622	12,156	11,259	7,537	8,271	335,455
Percentage	21.6	18.8	14.7	17.9	54.5	63.1	50.1	55.8	6.5	31.2	50.6	28.0
After Rent Assistance												
Number	19,116	15,738	2,410	9,809	55,701	27,875	3,869	7,111	7,061	4,557	4,479	157,726
Percentage	7.6	7.4	6.5	6.0	26.8	37.9	25.5	32.7	4.1	18.9	27.4	13.2
Total	250,573	211,915	37,244	164,548	208,085	73,495	15,200	21,777	173,818	24,175	16,354	1,197,184

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, September 2012⁴

Indigenous status/ gender/ housing stress	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT ¹⁰	AUS ⁶
Indigenous status									
Indigenous									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	3,851	883	3,805	601	837	331	251	42	10,605
Percentage	18.6	20.4	23.3	25.0	25.9	18.4	21.7	20.1	21.1
After Rent Assistance									
Number	1,495	358	1,556	197	374	119	116	<20	4,230
Percentage	7.2	8.3	9.5	8.2	11.6	6.6	10.0	n.a	8.4
Total	20,671	4,321	16,352	2,404	3,235	1,800	1,158	209	50,168
Non-indigenous									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	113,074	73,126	79,959	21,609	25,568	6,854	1,539	3,080	324,850
Percentage	29.7	27.7	28.4	24.9	28.4	23.1	31.2	35.3	28.3
After Rent Assistance									
Number	56,957	33,689	36,859	8,318	12,614	2,391	824	1,821	153,496
Percentage	15.0	12.7	13.1	9.6	14.0	8.1	16.7	20.9	13.4
Total	380,630	264,452	281,661	86,913	89,937	29,638	4,930	8,732	1,147,016
Gender									
Single males									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	41,644	29,371	31,627	9,591	10,136	3,075	787	1,262	127,520
Percentage	37.2	36.9	38.5	35.9	39.6	33.4	39.2	45.1	37.5
After Rent Assistance									
Number	19,352	12,677	13,756	3,463	4,704	1,042	376	697	56,082
Percentage	17.3	15.9	16.7	13.0	18.4	11.3	18.7	24.9	16.5
Total	111,835	79,587	82,254	26,700	25,604	9,200	2,008	2,801	340,065
Single females									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	54,843	36,071	41,379	10,537	13,165	3,554	795	1,441	161,802
Percentage	30.1	28.9	30.8	25.3	30.4	24.0	32.7	37.8	29.6
After Rent Assistance									
Number	27,116	16,669	18,682	4,003	6,505	1,200	429	878	75,491
Percentage	14.9	13.3	13.9	9.6	15.0	8.1	17.7	23.0	13.8
Total	181,981	124,961	134,483	41,575	43,246	14,780	2,430	3,817	547,326
Couples									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	20,438	8,567	10,758	2,082	3,104	556	208	419	46,133
Percentage	19.0	13.3	13.2	9.9	12.8	7.5	12.6	18.0	14.9
After Rent Assistance									
Number	11,984	4,701	5,977	1,049	1,779	268	135	259	26,153
Percentage	11.1	7.3	7.4	5.0	7.3	3.6	8.2	11.1	8.4
Total	107,485	64,225	81,276	21,042	24,322	7,458	1,650	2,323	309,793
All									
Before Rent Assistance									
Number	116,925	74,009	83,764	22,210	26,405	7,185	1,790	3,122	335,455
Percentage	29.1	27.5	28.1	24.9	28.3	22.9	29.4	34.9	28.0
After Rent Assistance									
Number	58,452	34,047	38,415	8,515	12,988	2,510	940	1,834	157,726
Percentage	14.6	12.7	12.9	9.5	13.9	8.0	15.4	20.5	13.2
Total	401,301	268,773	298,013	89,317	93,172	31,438	6,088	8,941	1,197,184

Footnotes

1. 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.
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 recipient is provided, the following advice: It is optional for individuals to identify as Indigenous. These data may therefore represent an undercount.
4. As at fortnight ending 7 September 2012.
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 are excluded from housing stress calculations so totals in this table may be lower than those in other tables.
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9. Income units with eligible RA children aged 16 to 19 have been included for the first time in the child counts when working out income unit type from September 2012. This is due to a change to FTB eligibility on 1 January 2012.
10. To protect individuals' privacy, cell sizes of less than twenty (20) are represented as "<20"
11. Percentages may not sum to 100.0 due to rounding.
12. Income support recipients exempt from sharers rules include income units with dependent children, partnered and those receiving Disability Support Pension and Carers Payment

n.a. = not available.

Source: FaHCSIA Housing Data Set September 2012.