

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 9

Question No: 223

Topic: Characteristics of income support recipients

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Senator Siewert asked:

Please update Answers to Questions On Notice, Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Additional Budget Estimates 2011-12, Outcome 4, DEEWR Question No. EW1043_12.

EW1043_12: Provide the number of Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other), Youth Allowance (student), Parenting Payment (Single), Parenting Payment (Partnered), Disability Support Pension, Age Pension, Carer Payment recipients as at end of January 2012:

- i. by state and territory;*
- ii. by age;*
- iii. by gender;*
- iv. by Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;*
- v. total numbers (Australia-wide).*

Answer:

The following tables provide the number of recipients of the payment types requested above as at 27 September 2013 by state/territory; age; gender; Indigenous status and total numbers.

Income Support Recipients by State and Territory

	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)	Youth Allowance (student)
Australian Capital Territory	5,254	636	2,590	909	4,794
New South Wales	207,166	35,128	80,579	30,588	81,493
Northern Territory	11,219	2,661	3,604	2,268	456
Queensland	137,740	21,147	61,263	27,287	42,640
South Australia	58,163	7,693	19,453	9,487	20,196
Tasmania	21,160	3,216	7,517	3,901	5,974
Victoria	163,318	25,509	54,065	22,722	77,707
Western Australia	55,765	7,782	25,916	8,865	17,403
Unknown ¹	44	93	34	15	647
Total	659,829	103,865	255,021	106,042	251,310

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 27 September 2013

Note (1) At time of extraction state/territory had not been recorded.

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	Age Pension	Carer Payment	Disability Support Pension
Australian Capital Territory	22,644	1,221	8,563
New South Wales	761,231	89,473	268,213
Northern Territory	8,329	1,327	9,759
Queensland	434,174	42,012	163,894
South Australia	203,176	16,981	74,766
Tasmania	65,364	7,852	27,993
Victoria	582,332	57,637	201,381
Western Australia	200,137	12,782	62,764
Unknown ¹	81,828	208	7,905
Total	2,359,215	229,493	825,238

Source: Sept 2013 DSS Basic Data Set

Note (1) At time of extraction state/territory had not been recorded.

Income Support Recipients by Age

	<21 years	21 - 29 years	30 - 39 years	40 - 49 years	50 - 59 years	60+ years
Newstart Allowance	N/A	149,018	150,132	171,003	129,999	59,677
Parenting Payment Partnered	4,880	37,163	46,706	13,913	1,024	179
Parenting Payment Single	13,824	98,015	101,156	38,934	2,714	378
Youth Allowance (other)	84,262	21,780	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Youth Allowance (student)	132,174	119,133	<20	<20	<20	0

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 27 September 2013

	<25 years	25 – 34 years	35 – 44 years	45 – 54 years	55 – 64 years	65+ years
Age Pension	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,082	2,345,133
Carer Payment	9,611	22,252	41,985	56,617	67,788	31,240
Disability Support Pension	54,593	83,026	129,735	210,064	315,026	32,794

Source: Sept 2013 DSS Basic Data Set

These numbers exclude people residing overseas so may be an undercount of people eligible for payment.

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Payments by Gender, Indigenous Status and Total

	Female	Male	Non Indigenous	Indigenous	Total
Newstart Allowance	306,782	353,047	602,248	57,581	659,829
Parenting Payment Partnered	94,341	9,524	94,973	8,892	103,865
Parenting Payment Single	242,519	12,502	223,461	31,560	255,021
Youth Allowance (other)	48,953	57,089	89,427	16,615	106,042
Youth Allowance (student)	139,108	112,202	249,206	2,104	251,310

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 27 September 2013

	Female	Male	Indigenous	Not Indigenous	Total
Age Pension	1,304,841	1,054,374	14,885	2,344,330	2,359,215
Carer Payment*	158,790	70,703	10,873	218,620	229,493
Disability Support Pension	384,682	440,556	46,511	778,727	825,238

Source: Sept 2013 DSS Basic Data Set

Note: Carer Payment 'Female' population includes recipients with an 'Unknown' sex.