

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 232

Topic: Age Pension

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the current number of recipients of the Age Pension by:

- (a) age;
- (b) full pension/part pension
- (c) state/territory;
- (d) electorate;
- (e) gender
- (f) indigenous/non-indigenous status;
- (g) duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-3,3-4, 4-5, 5-10, 10+);
- (h) number and percentage reporting employment;
- (i) number and percentage on part rate due to means test;
- (j) reported hours of work undertaken;
- (k) reported income from employment;
- (l) reported income from other assets; and
- (m) other payments received.

Answer:

The data requested as at 30 June 2014 for questions b-g are available on data.gov.au at the following link:

<<https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>>.

September data will be available in late 2014.

Data for questions a and j-m are provided in Attachment A. For questions h, the number and percentage reporting employment income, and i, data are provided in the Department of Social Services' Annual Report 2013-14 on page 61 at the following link:

<<https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/corporate-publications/annual-reports/dss-annual-report-2013-14>>.

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Attachment A

(a) Age Pensioners by age groups	Recipients
65	111,698
66	129,997
67	148,500
68-69	256,995
70-74	604,630
75-84	860,309
85 and over	292,773
All	2,404,902

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract).

(j) Information is not collected about the amount of hours worked by Age Pension recipients.

(k) The average income received from employment of Age Pension recipients was \$32 per fortnight.

(l) The average income received from other assets of Age Pension recipients was \$145 per fortnight.

(m) Age Pensioners receiving Other payments*	Recipients
Carer Allowance	103,177
Energy Supplement	2,305,509
Clean Energy Advance	51
CDEP Participation Supplement	20
Double Orphan Supplement	138
Drought Force Supplement	<20
Family Tax Benefit	6760
Mobility Allowance	2388
Pharmaceutical Allowance	<20
Pension Supplement	2,366,787
Remote Area Allowance	14,715
Rent Assistance	284,423
Telephone Allowance	49
Utilities Allowance	444
Education Entry Payment	<20
Total With One or More Supplements	2,393,843

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract).

*Not all Age Pension recipients receive other payments.