

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 243

Topic: Austudy

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the current number of people receiving Austudy by:

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

Answer:

The data requested as at June 2014 for questions a-h 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 as at June 2014 for questions i-l are provided in **Attachment A**.

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Attachment A

i) Recipients of Austudy by Hours Worked Last Fortnight	
Hours worked last fortnight	Recipients
No hours	35,492
1 - 14 hours	3,637
15 - 29 hours	4,900
30 hours +	4,168
Total	48,197

j) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings Last Fortnight	
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients
Nil earnings	34,064
\$1 - \$61	223
\$62 - \$235	1,985
\$236 - \$249	254
\$250 Plus	11,671
Total	48,197

k) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings from other sources	
Earnings last fortnight from other sources	Recipients
Nil earnings	8,838
\$1 - \$61	35,736
\$62 - \$235	2,267
\$236 - \$249	71
\$250 Plus	1,285
Total	48,197

l) Recipients of Austudy by Supplementary Payments (note: recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)	
Supplement	Recipients
Carer Allowance	599
Clean Energy Supplement	47,057
Double Orphan Pension	<20
Family Tax Benefit	6,715
Mobility Allowance	44
Pension Supplement	<20
Pharmaceutical Allowance	445
Remote Area Allowance	176
Rent Assistance	24,923
Work for the Dole Supplement	<20
Income Support Bonus	42,126
Education Entry Payment	479

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