

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 259

Topic: Carer Payment

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer Payment by:

- (a) age;
- (b) state/territory;
- (c) electorate
- (d) sex;
- (e) indigenous/non-indigenous status;
- (f) condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- (g) duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- (h) number and percentage reporting other employment;
- (i) number and percentage of people 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 June 2014 for questions a-e and 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 f and j-m are provided in **Attachment A**, while for questions h and i, data are provided in the Department of Social Services' Annual Report 2013-14 on page 71 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

(f) Carer Payment by Primary medical condition (Top 25)	Recipients
Osteoarthritis	21,978
Depression	17,863
Musculo- Skeletal Disorder - Other	14,863
Autistic Disorder	11,612
Circulatory System - Other EG Vasculitis	8432
Schizophrenia	7132
Spinal Disorder - Other	7004
Anxiety	6398
Hypertension	5884
IQ is less than 55	5305
Diabetes - Non Insulin Dependent	5255
Ischaemic Heart Disease	5142
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	4682
Coronary Artery Disease	4667
Learning Disability	4506
Senile Dementia	4280
Diabetes - Insulin Dependent	4093
Chronic Pain	4049
Arthritis - Other	3817
Cerebral Palsy	3356
Hemiplegia (Paralysis)	3318
Asperger's Disorder	3311
Cancer/Tumour - Other	3240
Brain Injury - Traumatic	3126
Fractures and Crush Injuries	2914
Other medical condition	76,654
Total	242,881

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

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

(k) The average income received from employment of Carer Payment recipients was \$60 per fortnight.

(l) The average income received from other assets of Carer Payment recipients was \$38 per fortnight.

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(m) Carer Payment recipients receiving other payments	Recipients
Carer Allowance	228,425
Energy Supplement	241,566
CDEP Participation Supplement	45
Double Orphan Supplement	67
Family Tax Benefit	61,942
Mobility Allowance	160
Pension Supplement	239,829
Pharmaceutical Allowance	<20
Pensioner Education Supplement	3883
Remote Area Allowance	2576
Rent Assistance	61,739
RJCP Supplement	<20
Telephone Allowance	<20
Utilities Allowance	<20
Education Entry Payment	5288
Total With One or More Supplements	242,957

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