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Topic: Commonwealth Rent Assistance

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Senator Siewert asked:

Please provide details of the proportion of Rent Assistance recipients paying over 30 per cent of their income in Rent, by state and territory and rest of state/territory, as at June 2014.

Answer:

Proportion of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) recipients paying more than 30 per cent of their income in Rent - by state/territory capital city and rest of state/territory, as at June 2014 (a), (b), (c)

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	AUST
Capital City	49.1	42.7	42.0	46.0	38.9	36.7	52.1	46.4	44.5
Rest of State	33.5	27.7	40.1	33.5	22.5	25.8	N/A	35.4	34.0
Total	42.0	38.2	40.9	43.3	35.3	30.6	52.1	43.3	40.3

Source: DSS unpublished data

Notes:

- a) Includes income units paid CRA under the *Social Security Act 1991* or *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999* who were entitled to a daily rate of assistance at 6 June 2014. 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 income units.
- b) Australian total includes other territories and unknown addresses.
- c) Affordability is calculated for all income units receiving CRA by dividing rent by total income from all sources. The CRA entitlement for the reference fortnight in June is included in Total Income from all sources for the calculation of affordability with CRA.