

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Duration on payments

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Senator Siewert asked:

What is the average duration on payment for each of the 'working age payments for 2013-14, 2003-04 and 2009-10.

Answer:

The 2003-14 data are available on data.gov.au at the following link
<<https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>>.

Data on average duration of each working age payment are unavailable for 2003-04.

Attachment A provides the average duration for each of the working age payments as at June 2010.

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Attachment A

Average duration - As at June 2010	
Benefit Type	Average duration on current payment (weeks)
ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	57
ABSTUDY (Non-Living Allowance)	62
Austudy	52
Newstart Allowance	95
Parenting Payment Partnered	165
Parenting Payment Single	247
Partner Allowance	531
Sickness Allowance	26
Special Benefit	97
Widow Allowance	252
Youth Allowance (apprentice)	69
Youth Allowance (other)	68
Youth Allowance (student)	76