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Topic: Income Support Payments

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

As a proportion of the working age population overall in Australia, what has been the trend in the receipt of any income support payments over the last decade?

Answer:

Year	Working age population as per ABS Labour Force Survey*	Working age income support recipients**	Working age income support recipients as a proportion of Labour Force population	
June 2006	10,617,808	2,317,076	22%	1:5
June 2007	10,895,210	2,222,942	20%	1:5
June 2008	11,211,043	2,161,293	19%	1:5
June 2009	11,429,709	2,337,727	20%	1:5
June 2010	11,594,833	2,450,118	21%	1:5
June 2011	11,790,772	2,462,419	21%	1:5
June 2012	11,956,616	2,433,231	20%	1:5
June 2013	12,160,528	2,488,004	20%	1:5
June 2014	12,269,625	2,538,178	21%	1:5
June 2015	12,468,573	2,548,288	20%	1:5
June 2016	12,669,494	2,470,236	19%	1:5

* Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2006 - 2016, Labour Force Summary. Data extracted on 03 Nov 2016 00:50 UTC (GMT) from ABS.Stat © Commonwealth of Australia, <http://stat.data.abs.gov.au/#>

**Payments include Newstart, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment Partnered, Parenting Payment Single, ABSTUDY (Living Allowance), ABSTUDY (Non-Living Allowance), Austudy, Youth Allowance (student), Youth Allowance (apprentice), Partner Allowance, Special Benefit, Widow Allowance, Carer Payment, and Disability Support Pension.