

Topic: Newstart/Youth Allowance Recipients

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

In 2015-16, please advise the average number of Newstart Allowance (NSA) and Youth Allowance (YA) (Other) recipients respectively who were:

- a) Receiving income support continuously for less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; 12 months to 2 years; 2 years to 5 years, and over 5 years
- b) In respect of each of these groups, what was the average probability that they were off income support one year later?

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients according to the breakdown requested.

Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) recipients by duration on income support as at June 2015 with the percentage not on income support as at June 2016				
	Newstart Allowance		Youth Allowance (other)	
	Duration on income support as at June 2015	Percentage not on income support as at June 2016	Duration on income support as at June 2015	Percentage not on income support as at June 2016
< 3 months	64,780	51.0	10,564	48.6
3 to < 6 months	64,712	45.8	18,879	44.9
6 to < 12 months	85,104	38.0	17,463	38.9
12 months to < 2 years	121,968	31.3	26,772	35.5
2 years to < 5 years	186,039	23.7	32,968	31.4
5+ years	226,116	15.6	5,974	30.1
Total	748,719	28.4	112,620	37.3

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS extract).

Note: As data for one year after the 2015 calendar year is not yet available, June 2015 data has been provided.