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TOPIC: Youth Allowance

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QUESTION No.: AI-165

How many students from a regional area in each of the last five years received Youth Allowance, living away from home? (Please break down into the ASGC-RA map zones.)

ANSWER

The following table provides a breakdown by remoteness area of regional Youth Allowance students (dependent and independent), based on the recipient's recorded home postcode, who had received a living away from home rate in each of the past 5 calendar years.

Remoteness Area	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Inner Regional	25 234	24 180	25 780	28 311	28 600
Outer Regional	11 385	10 606	11 356	12 794	13 731
Remote	1047	922	982	1103	1125
Very Remote	356	261	280	266	264
Regional Total	38 022	35 969	38 398	42 474	43 720

Note: Remoteness area distribution is based on the recipient's home postcode as recorded at the date of effect using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas to 2006 Remoteness Areas concordance. For independent Youth Allowance (students), a recipient's home location has only been an eligibility criterion for two elements of workforce participation since 1 January 2011. Therefore, it is possible that data that includes independent Youth Allowance (students) broken down by remoteness area may not be an accurate reflection of those recipient's home location.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DEEWR Research and Evaluation Data Base).