

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Australian Government response to the COVID-19 pandemic - 11 August 2020**

**Outcome: Employment Programs**

**Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000124**

Senator Rachel Siewert on 11 August 2020, Proof Hansard page 1

***Data Update | Employment and jobactive Monthly Update - September 2021***

**Question**

Senator SIEWERT: First, I'd like to look at some of the current stats. Would you be able to give the committee some updates on the employment figures and also the current jobactive case load demographics? Are you able to give that to the committee on a regular basis? We've now got DSS providing us with regular updates; I think it's now every two weeks. Is it possible for the committee to have the same updates from your department so that we can actually get a full picture of what the situation is? Is that something that the department is able to do? Mr Smyth: I'm sure we can facilitate that. If you'd like, I will give you a quick update at the moment on the composition of the case load.  
Senator SIEWERT: Yes, that'd be great

**Answer****jobactive Caseload Demographics – as at 30 September 2021**

		<b>Number</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male		459,090
Female		464,256
<b>Participant Cohorts</b>		
Indigenous		95,989
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse		191,086
People with Disability		243,329
Mental Health		118,770
Drug and Alcohol		58,858
Homeless		85,972
Refugees		41,642
Ex-Offenders		101,812
Youth (aged under 25)		146,627
Mature (aged 50+)		272,284
Parents <sup>(a)</sup>		151,788
<b>Age group</b>		
Under 22 years		69,728
22 to 24 years		76,899
25 to 34 years		212,679
35 to 44 years		198,055
45 to 54 years		174,962
55+ years		191,024
<b>Total</b>		
		<b>923,347</b>

(a) The Parent cohort comprises participants receiving Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered, or recipients of JobSeeker Payment or Youth Allowance who are Principal Carer Parents.