

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

**Topic:** Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Questions from Senator Gallagher - Question 5

**Question reference number:** SQ20-000546

**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

**Type of Question:** Written.

**Date set by the Committee for the return of answer:** 21 August 2020

**Question:**

Comparing July 2019 with July 2020, how many families, with how many children, received Family Tax Benefit? Broken down by:

- a. FTB A, FTB B and those receiving both FTB A and FTB B
- b. State/territory
- c. Whether parents are receiving an income support payments – and which payment type

**Answer:**

- a) Table 1. Number of families and children receiving Family Tax Benefit broken down by FTB Part A, FTB Part B and receiving both FTB Part A and Part B as at July 2019 and July 2020.

	July 2019		July 2020	
	Recipients	Children	Recipients	Children
By payment				
Total FTB population	1,359,114	2,653,594	1,382,869	2,684,279
FTB Part A population	1,350,169	2,612,521*	1,374,340	2,644,109*
FTB Part B population	1,086,795	1,987,503*	1,110,292	2,021,108*
By entitlement type				
FTB Part A and B	1,077,850	1,974,469	1,101,763	2,008,835
FTB Part A only	272,319	638,052*	272,577	635,274*
FTB Part B only	8,945	13,034*	8,529	12,273*

Note: Data is as at the last Friday of the month

All child counts include regular care children except for the counts marked \*

Total FTB population is a unique count of families that receive either or both FTB Part A and Part B. Simply adding the FTB A and B populations would otherwise result in double counting.

b) Table 2. Number of families and children receiving Family Tax Benefit broken down by state and territory as at July 2019 and July 2020.

State or Territory	July 2019		July 2020	
	Recipients	Children	Recipients	Children
ACT	14,322	27,268	14,551	27,700
NSW	408,949	802,540	413,912	807,232
VIC	338,395	653,897	343,201	659,622
QLD	307,089	609,050	315,979	622,671
WA	133,770	260,160	137,865	266,681
SA	103,348	197,566	104,000	197,831
NT	16,725	32,044	16,955	32,329
TAS	35,703	69,617	35,664	68,914
UNKNOWN	813	1,452	742	1,299
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,359,114</b>	<b>2,653,594</b>	<b>1,382,869</b>	<b>2,684,279</b>

Note: Data is as at the last Friday of the month. All child counts include regular care children.

c) Table 3. Number of Family Tax Benefit families and children broken down by whether parents are receiving an income support payment, and which payment type as at July 2019 and July 2020

	July 2019		July 2020	
	Recipients	Children	Recipients	Children
<b>Income Support Payment status</b>				
Does not receive an income support payment	773,963	1,493,033	679,230	1,309,969
Receives an income support payment	585,151	1,160,561	703,639	1,374,310
<b>Income support payment recipients by type of payment</b>				
Jobseeker Payment	0	0	262,386	480,877
Parenting Payment Single	225,400	467,657	236,566	488,632
Newstart Allowance	141,702	257,376	0	0
Carer Payment	71,615	154,417	74,225	159,688
Disability Support Pension	68,667	119,809	66,142	115,407
Parenting Payment Partnered	41,971	100,908	37,742	85,846
Other	35,796	60,394	26,578	43,860
<b>Total</b>	<b>585,151</b>	<b>1,160,561</b>	<b>703,639</b>	<b>1,374,310</b>

Notes: Data is as at last Friday of the month. All child counts include regular care children.

To avoid double counting for couple families that are both on an income support payment, the payment counted is based on the following hierarchy:

- a. JobSeeker Payment
- b. Youth Allowance (Other)
- c. Youth Allowance (Student and Apprentice)
- d. Special Benefit
- e. Austudy
- f. Abstudy
- g. Parenting Payment Partnered
- h. Partner Allowance

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**Senator:** Katy Gallagher

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**Question:**

How many people currently use the Pension Loans Scheme?

**Answer:**

At 30 June 2020, there were 3,142 Pension Loans Scheme loans.