

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 432

Topic: Carer Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer Allowance by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- f. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- g. duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- h. number and percentage reporting other employment;
- i. number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- j. reported hours of work undertaken;
- k. reported income from employment;
- l. reported income from other assets; and
- m. other payments received.

Answer:

The following tables provide data as at December 2013 on the number of recipients of Carer Allowance by:

a. age;

Age	Number
0-24	13,159
25-34	50,958
35-44	117,885
45-54	119,926
55-64	118,768
65 and over	158,425
Total	579,121

Note: all tables exclude Carer Allowance (Health Care Card only) recipients.

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b. state/territory;

State/Territory	Number
Australian Capital Territory	5,308
New South Wales	204,297
Northern Territory	2,956
Queensland	109,907
South Australia	46,489
Tasmania	16,259
Victoria	154,737
Western Australia	38,805
Unknown	363
Total	579,121

c. electorate;

Electorate	Number
Adelaide	2,933
Aston	3,161
Ballarat	4,694
Banks	4,043
Barker	4,224
Barton	4,309
Bass	2,992
Batman	4,944
Bendigo	4,343
Bennelong	2,552
Berowra	1,836
Blair	4,829
Blaxland	8,222
Bonner	2,754
Boothby	2,826
Bowman	3,577
Braddon	3,739
Bradfield	1,502
Brand	3,602
Brisbane	1,217
Bruce	4,352
Calare	4,249
Calwell	8,250
Canberra	2,608
Canning	3,525
Capricornia	3,181
Casey	3,202
Charlton	4,915
Chifley	6,890
Chisholm	3,137

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Cook	2,431
Corangamite	3,364
Corio	5,362
Cowan	2,749
Cowper	5,898
Cunningham	4,157
Curtin	1,233
Dawson	3,219
Deakin	2,843
Denison	2,447
Dickson	2,966
Dobell	4,789
Dunkley	3,585
Durack	2,502
Eden-Monaro	3,536
Fadden	3,964
Fairfax	3,592
Farrer	4,279
Fisher	3,875
Flinders	3,904
Flynn	3,701
Forde	4,339
Forrest	2,808
Fowler	8,427
Franklin	2,834
Fraser	2,698
Fremantle	2,658
Gellibrand	4,686
Gilmore	5,290
Gippsland	5,135
Goldstein	2,339
Gorton	6,624
Grayndler	3,005
Greenway	3,689
Grey	4,918
Griffith	1,719
Groom	3,614
Hasluck	3,019
Herbert	3,570
Higgins	2,082
Hindmarsh	3,744
Hinkler	7,048
Holt	5,407
Hotham	4,072
Hughes	3,865

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Hume	4,204
Hunter	4,619
Indi	3,954
Isaacs	3,563
Jagajaga	3,064
Kennedy	3,755
Kingsford Smith	3,118
Kingston	4,803
Kooyong	1,758
La Trobe	3,194
Lalor	5,331
Leichhardt	3,162
Lilley	2,769
Lindsay	4,836
Lingiari	1,547
Longman	5,454
Lyne	5,911
Lyons	4,245
Macarthur	5,329
Mackellar	1,771
Macquarie	3,284
Makin	4,041
Mallee	4,818
Maranoa	4,731
Maribyrnong	5,591
Mayo	3,097
McEwen	4,973
McMahon	7,658
McMillan	4,587
McPherson	3,552
Melbourne	2,243
Melbourne Ports	1,791
Menzies	3,071
Mitchell	2,293
Moncrieff	3,401
Moore	1,998
Moreton	2,464
Murray	5,062
New England	4,407
Newcastle	3,727
North Sydney	1,285
O'Connor	2,780
Oxley	3,558
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Parkes	4,529

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Parramatta	4,445
Paterson	5,299
Pearce	3,011
Perth	2,253
Petrie	4,023
Port Adelaide	6,088
Rankin	4,094
Reid	3,787
Richmond	4,555
Riverina	4,132
Robertson	3,884
Ryan	1,842
Scullin	6,426
Shortland	5,114
Solomon	1,414
Stirling	2,594
Sturt	3,327
Swan	2,226
Sydney	1,814
Tangney	1,813
Throsby	5,393
Wakefield	6,483
Wannon	4,210
Warringah	1,321
Watson	6,405
Wentworth	1,393
Werriwa	6,397
Wide Bay	5,614
Wills	5,591
Wright	4,227
Unknown	572
Total	579,121

d. sex;

Sex	Number
Female	425,405
Male	153,716
Total	579,121

e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;

Indigenous Status	Number
Indigenous	17,670
Non-Indigenous/Unknown	561,451
Total	579,121

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f. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring;

Medical Condition	Number of Care Recipients
Autistic Disorder	51,272
Osteoarthritis	48,101
Depression	32,252
Musculo-Skeletal Disorder - other	29,265
Asperger's Disorder	23,397
Circulatory System – other e.g. Vasculitis	19,863
Learning Disability	19,829
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	18,104
IQ is less than 55	16,319
Diabetes – insulin dependent	14,511
Anxiety	13,955
Schizophrenia	13,431
Hypertension	12,680
Spinal Disorder - other	11,872
Senile Dementia	11,806
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11,670
Coronary Artery Disease	11,650
Diabetes – non insulin dependent	10,453
Arthritis - other	8,809
Cerebral Palsy	8,548
Other Medical Condition	237,586
Total	625,373

g. duration on payment;

Duration of Current Episode	Number
Less than 1 year	73,104
1 year to less than 2 years	77,365
2 years to less than 5 years	171,802
5 years to less than 10 years	155,519
10 years and over	101,331
Total	579,121

Note: This table ignores breaks in continuity of less than 14 days when calculating duration of current episode. For example, if a person was on Carer Allowance for 10 years then went off for a day and then went back on, this break in payment would be ignored.

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m. other payments received.

Income support payment	Number of Carer Allowance recipients
Carer Payment	220,024
Age Pension	102,700
Disability Support Pension	30,981
Parenting Payment Single	15,513
Newstart Allowance	14,149
Parenting Payment Partnered	4,669
Wife Pension (DSP)	2,545
Wife Pension (AGE)	2,466
Youth Allowance	793
Partner Allowance	588
Austudy	553
Widow Allowance	371
Sickness Allowance	150
Special Benefit	79

The above table lists the primary income support payments received by Carer Allowance recipients. They might also receive other supplementary payments. The Department of Social Services does not have complete data on all payments.

The following items are not relevant for Carer Allowance:

- h. number and percentage reporting other employment;
- i. number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- j. reported hours of work undertaken;
- k. reported income from employment;
- l. reported income from other assets.