

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 11

Question No: 669

Topic: Youth Allowance

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the current number of people in receipt of Youth Allowance by:

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

Answer:

The following tables provide the number of Youth Allowance recipients as at the 27 December 2013 according to the breakdown requested. Note: Youth Allowance includes Youth Allowance (other), Youth Allowance (student) and Youth Allowance (apprentice). In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than 20 are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

Table a) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Age Group	
Customer Age	Recipients
15-19	130,859
20	53,009
21-24	102,061
25-29	np
30-34	<20
Total	294,825

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Table b) Recipients of Youth Allowance by State	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	92,267
Victoria	80,351
Queensland	60,207
Western Australia	21,364
South Australia	24,890
Tasmania	8404
Australian Capital Territory	4251
Northern Territory	2613
Unknown	478
Total	294,825

Table c) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Gender	
Gender	Recipients
Males	141,082
Females	153,743
Total	294,825

Table d) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Indigenous Indicator	
Indigenous Indicator	Recipients
Indigenous	18,734
Non-Indigenous	276,091
Total	294,825

Table e) Data regarding the condition/disability of a person for whom Youth Allowance recipients may be caring is unavailable.

Table f) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Duration on Youth Allowance	
Duration on Payment	Recipients
Less Than 1 Year	120,730
1 - 2 Years	60,306
2 - 5 Years	101,475
5 - 10 Years	np
10 Years Plus	<20
Total	294,825

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Table g) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Earnings		
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients	%
Had Earnings	86,613	29.4
No Earnings	208,212	70.6
Total	294,825	

Table h) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Rate		
Rate of Payment	Recipients	%
Full Rate	227,608	77.2
Part Rate	55,702	18.9
Zero Rate	9,874	3.3
Undetermined Rate	1,641	0
Total	294,825	

Table i) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Hours Worked Last Fortnight	
Hours worked last fortnight	Recipients
No hours	215,426
1 - 14 hours	16,297
15 - 29 hours	24,427
30 hours +	38,675
Total	294,825

Table j) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Earnings Last Fortnight	
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients
Nil earnings	208,212
\$1 - \$61	1,564
\$62 - \$235	13,656
\$236 - \$249	1,507
\$250 Plus	69,886
Total	294,825

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Table k) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Earnings from Other Sources (eg Interest, Superannuation, Compensation, real estate income)	
Earnings last fortnight from other sources	Recipients
Nil earnings	136,784
\$1 - \$61	153,432
\$62 - \$235	3,218
\$236 - \$249	102
\$250 Plus	1,289
Total	294,825

Table l) Recipients of Youth Allowance by Supplementary Payments (note: recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)	
Supplement	Recipients
Carer Allowance	759
Clean Energy Supplement	<20
CDEP Participation Supplement	60
Double Orphan Pension	21
Drought Force Supplement	44
Family Tax Benefit	912
Green Corps Supplement	<20
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	1,066
Mobility Allowance	165
Pharmaceutical Allowance	13,551
Remote Area Allowance	4,643
Rent Assistance (paid as a component of Family Tax Benefit)	76,712
RJCP Supplement	451
Work for the Dole Supplement	1,653
Youth Disability Supplement	9,495
Telephone Allowance	1,987
Income Support Bonus	81,839

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.