

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

Question No: 675

Topic: Austudy

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the current number of people receiving Austudy by:

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

Answer:

The following tables provide the number of Austudy recipients as at the 27 December 2013 according to the breakdown requested. 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 Austudy by Age Group	
Customer Age	Recipients
25-29	15,214
30-34	7,946
35-39	4,653
40-44	3,621
45-49	2,685
50-54	1,868
55-59	967
60+	404
Total	37,358

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Table b) Recipients of Austudy by State	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	11,850
Victoria	10,054
Queensland	8,107
Western Australia	2,675
South Australia	3,013
Tasmania	983
Australian Capital Territory	507
Northern Territory	135
Other	34
Total	37,358

Table c) Recipients of Austudy by Gender	
Gender	Recipients
Males	17,850
Females	19,508
Total	37,358

Table d) Recipients of Austudy by Indigenous Indicator	
Indigenous Indicator	Recipients
Indigenous	156
Non-Indigenous	37,202
Total	37,358

Table e) Recipients of Austudy by Duration on Austudy	
Duration on Payment	Recipients
Less Than 1 Year	23,038
1 - 2 Years	9,025
2 - 5 Years	4,974
5 - 10 Years	np
10 Years Plus	<20
Total	37,358

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Table f) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings		
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients	%
Had Earnings	10,626	28.4
No Earnings	26,732	71.6
Total	37,358	

Table g) Recipients of Austudy by Rate		
Rate of Payment	Recipients	%
Full Rate	30,921	82.8
Part Rate	4,811	12.9
Zero Rate	1,479	4
Undetermined Rate	147	0
Total	37,358	

Table h) Recipients of Austudy by Hours Worked	
Hours worked last fortnight	Recipients
nil hours	27,925
1 - 14 hours	1,907
15 - 29 hours	3,097
30 hours +	4,429
Total	37,358

Table i) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings	
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients
Nil earnings	26,732
\$1 - \$61	153
\$62 - \$235	1,104
\$236 - \$249	161
\$250 Plus	9,208
Total	37,358

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Table j) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings from other sources (eg Interest, Superannuation, Compensation, real estate income)	
Earnings last fortnight from other sources	Recipients
Nil earnings	6,697
\$1 - \$61	27,973
\$62 - \$235	1,753
\$236 - \$249	49
\$250 Plus	886
Total	37,358

Table k) Recipients of Austudy by Supplementary Payments (note: recipients may receive more than 1 supplement)	
Carer Allowance	544
Clean Energy Supplement	<20
Double Orphan Pension	<20
Family Tax Benefit	5,767
Mobility Allowance	39
Pension Supplement	<20
Pharmaceutical Allowance	364
Remote Area Allowance	146
Rent Assistance (a)	18,964
Income Support Bonus (c)	34,358
Education Entry Payment (d)	<20

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.