

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 238**

**Topic: Family Tax Benefit A - General Questions**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide the latest number of families in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A by:

- a. State/Territory;
- b. electorate AND age of child AND number of children per family;
- c. percentage and number on the maximum rate;
- d. age of child;
- e. number of years in receipt of payment;
- f. number and percentage in income stream categories; and
- g. other payments received.

**Answer:**

As at 28 March 2014, the number of customers in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A by requested characteristics is as follows.

**Family Tax Benefit Part A by State/Territory**

| State/Territory | Count of customers |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| ACT             | 16,234             |
| NSW             | 487,505            |
| NT              | 18,009             |
| Qld             | 331,618            |
| SA              | 119,642            |
| Tas             | 41,894             |
| Vic             | 384,481            |
| WA              | 136,634            |
| Unknown         | 1,515              |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>1,537,532</b>   |

Source: FTB Instalment Cognos package, as at 28 March 2014

This data is also available on [www.data.gov.au](http://www.data.gov.au). Minor differences are due to rules used to derive location data.

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**Family Tax Benefit Part A by electorate AND age of child AND number of children per family**

Preparation of data for this part of the question is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.

**Family Tax Benefit Part A by maximum rate**

There were 576,853 customers who received maximum rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A or 37.5% of the total Family Tax Benefit Part A population.

**Family Tax Benefit Part A by age of child**

| Age (child)  | Count of customers*   |
|--------------|---|
| Less than 1  | 149,575   |
| 01           | 180,407   |
| 02           | 178,293   |
| 03           | 179,496   |
| 04           | 181,735   |
| 05           | 182,212   |
| 06           | 182,575   |
| 07           | 177,520   |
| 08           | 172,460   |
| 09           | 161,277   |
| 10           | 163,300   |
| 11           | 159,657   |
| 12           | 160,662   |
| 13           | 162,276   |
| 14           | 161,241   |
| 15           | 157,701   |
| 16           | 128,093   |
| 17           | 98,254  |
| 18           | 10,183  |
| 19+          | 356   |
| <b>Total</b> | * It is important to note that customer numbers by age of child are unique counts for each of the ages. If customers have children across multiple ages, they will be counted more than once. Therefore the 'Total' for this table has not been included. |

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**Family Tax Benefit Part A by number of years in receipt of payment**

This data is not available for Family Tax Benefit.

**Family Tax Benefit Part A by number and percentage in income stream categories**

| Income categories | Number of customers |              |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                   | Count               | Percentage   |
| No income         | 84,439              | 5.5          |
| With income       | 1,453,093           | 94.5         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1,537,532</b>    | <b>100.0</b> |

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**Family Tax Benefit Part A by other payments received**

| Type of income support payments                                     | Count of customers |
|---|--------------------|
| Abstudy Payment   | 1,344              |
| Age Pension   | 11,203             |
| Austudy Payment   | 9,025              |
| Carer Payment   | 52,011             |
| Department of Veterans' Affairs                                     | 716                |
| Disability Support Pension  | 93,616             |
| Grant of Department of Veterans' Affairs War Widow(er)s Pension     | 100                |
| Newstart Allowance  | 177,096            |
| No Primary Payment  | 870,721            |
| Parenting Payment Partnered   | 58,941             |
| Parenting Payment Single  | 257,436            |
| Partner Allowance   | <20                |
| Pre 1986 Frozen Rate War Widow                                      | <20                |
| Sickness Allowance  | 1,154              |
| Social Security Pension paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs | <20                |
| Special Benefit   | 244                |
| Widow Allowance   | 488                |
| Widow B Pension   | <20                |
| Wife Pension  | <20                |

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| Type of income support payments | Count of customers |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Youth Allowance                 | 3,408              |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>1,537,532</b>   |

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