

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 444**

**Topic: Aged Pension**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide the latest number of recipients of the Age Pension by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- f. duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-10, 10+);
- g. number and percentage reporting employment;
- h. number and percentage 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:**

Age Pension is received by 2,389,593 recipients (as at 31 March 2014). Breakdowns by various characteristics can be found below and are as at 31 March 2014.

Please note that some of the information is available at [www.data.gov.au](http://www.data.gov.au) .

<b>a. &amp; d. Age Pension by Age and Sex</b>			
<b>Age Groups</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>65</b>	49,601	62,846	<b>112,447</b>
<b>66</b>	59,750	71,759	<b>131,509</b>
<b>67</b>	66,685	78,231	<b>144,916</b>
<b>68-69</b>	117,766	137,198	<b>254,964</b>
<b>70-74</b>	283,850	316,780	<b>600,630</b>
<b>75-84</b>	392,194	462,647	<b>854,841</b>
<b>85 and over</b>	107,385	182,901	<b>290,286</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>1,077,231</b>	<b>1,312,362</b>	<b>2,389,593</b>

<b>b. Age Pension by State/Territory</b>	
<b>NSW</b>	770,890
<b>VIC</b>	588,862
<b>QLD</b>	441,363
<b>SA</b>	205,198
<b>WA</b>	203,417
<b>TAS</b>	66,172
<b>NT</b>	8,323
<b>ACT</b>	23,048
<b>Overseas / Unknown</b>	82,320
<b>All</b>	<b>2,389,593</b>

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<b>c. Age Pension by Electorate</b>	
<b>NSW</b>	
Banks	16,302
Barton	17,365
Bennelong	14,035
Berowra	10,779
Blaxland	16,455
Bradfield	9,469
Calare	18,297
Charlton	19,058
Chifley	14,2151
Cook	15,231
Cowper	22,346
Cunningham	18,232
Dobell	19,539
Eden-Monaro	18,941
Farrer	20,011
Fowler	14,513
Gilmore	23,321
Grayndler	13,795
Greenway	12,230
Hughes	13,160
Hume	17,883
Hunter	15,197
Kingsford Smith	14,671
Lindsay	13,301
Lyne	25,503
Macarthur	12,336
Mackellar	13,673
Macquarie	14,769
McMahon	14,994
Mitchell	12,074
Newcastle	15,772
New England	19,643
North Sydney	8,574
Page	21,553
Parkes	18,235
Parramatta	13,590
Paterson	22,223
Reid	13,265
Richmond	20,204
Riverina	17,011
Robertson	21,021
Shortland	21,751
Sydney	8,888
Throsby	21,002
Warringah	9,335
Watson	16,670
Wentworth	8,254
Werriwa	11,648
<b>VIC</b>	
Aston	13,912
Ballarat	17,371
Batman	17,909

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<b>Bendigo</b>	18,239
<b>Bruce</b>	18,799
<b>Calwell</b>	14,662
<b>Casey</b>	14,696
<b>Chisholm</b>	17,493
<b>Corangamite</b>	16,902
<b>Corio</b>	19,813
<b>Deakin</b>	17,194
<b>Dunkley</b>	18,103
<b>Flinders</b>	22,275
<b>Gellibrand</b>	16,982
<b>Gippsland</b>	20,592
<b>Goldstein</b>	12,199
<b>Gorton</b>	11,366
<b>Higgins</b>	9,890
<b>Holt</b>	13,002
<b>Hotham</b>	18,206
<b>Indi</b>	18,772
<b>Isaacs</b>	15,453
<b>Jagajaga</b>	13,536
<b>Kooyong</b>	9,030
<b>La Trobe</b>	11,665
<b>Lalor</b>	11,280
<b>Mallee</b>	20,102
<b>Maribyrnong</b>	18,922
<b>McEwen</b>	12,882
<b>Mcmillan</b>	20,047
<b>Melbourne</b>	8,654
<b>Melbourne Ports</b>	8,210
<b>Menzies</b>	15,664
<b>Murray</b>	21,019
<b>Scullin</b>	15,783
<b>Wannon</b>	19,150
<b>Wills</b>	18,781
<b>QLD</b>	
<b>Blair</b>	13,856
<b>Bonner</b>	14,218
<b>Bowman</b>	16,034
<b>Brisbane</b>	7,615
<b>Capricornia</b>	13,540
<b>Dawson</b>	13,021
<b>Dickson</b>	10,992
<b>Fadden</b>	16,479
<b>Fairfax</b>	17,738
<b>Fisher</b>	19,046
<b>Flynn</b>	12,321
<b>Forde</b>	13,579
<b>Griffith</b>	9,288
<b>Groom</b>	16,228
<b>Herbert</b>	11,434
<b>Hinkler</b>	25,134
<b>Kennedy</b>	16,706
<b>Leichhardt</b>	12,439
<b>Lilley</b>	15,396

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Longman	17,979
Maranoa	18,256
Mcperson	17,125
Moncrieff	16,987
Moreton	11,565
Oxley	10,638
Petrie	17,408
Rankin	11,945
Ryan	8,990
Wide Bay	21,026
Wright	13,852
<b>SA</b>	
Adelaide	14,129
Barker	20,433
Boothby	17,814
Grey	20,849
Hindmarsh	21,278
Kingston	17,122
Makin	18,146
Mayo	19,213
Port Adelaide	18,368
Sturt	20,000
Wakefield	17,744
<b>WA</b>	
Brand	16,201
Canning	18,393
Cowan	12,011
Curtin	9,141
Durack	9,489
Forrest	15,300
Fremantle	13,756
Hasluck	15,489
Moore	9,838
O'Connor	14,357
Pearce	13,689
Perth	14,334
Stirling	15,021
Swan	14,356
Tangney	11,622
<b>TAS</b>	
Bass	13,024
Braddon	14,396
Denison	11,319
Franklin	12,983
Lyons	14,434
<b>NT</b>	
Lingiari	3,870
Solomon	4,499
<b>ACT</b>	
Canberra	12,000
Fraser	11,033

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e. Age Pension recipients identifying as Indigenous was 15,274.

<b>f. Age Pension by Duration on payment</b>	
<b>Less than 1 year</b>	147,041
<b>1-2 years</b>	170,408
<b>2-3 years</b>	143,852
<b>3-4 years</b>	148,326
<b>4-5 years</b>	117,959
<b>5-10 years</b>	584,799
<b>10+ years</b>	1,076,874
<b>Other/unknown</b>	334
<b>All</b>	<b>2,389,593</b>

- g. Age Pension recipients reporting employment income was 102,723 (4.3 per cent).
- h. Age Pension recipients on part rate due to the means test was 974,089 (40.8 per cent).
- i. Information is not collected about the amount of hours worked by Age Pension recipients.
- j. The average income received from employment of Age Pension recipients with income received from employment was \$731 per fortnight (the average income received from employment averaged over all Age Pension recipients was \$31 per fortnight).
- k. The average income from assets of Age Pension recipients with income from assets was \$151 per fortnight (the average income received from assets averaged over all Age Pension recipients was \$143 per fortnight).
- l. The average income from other payments received of Age Pension recipients with income from other payments was \$133 per fortnight (the average income from other payments averaged over all Age Pension recipients was \$25 per fortnight).

Note: 1. "Income from assets" includes deemed income from financial investments, income from real estate, business, trusts and companies assets and assessed income from income streams.

2. "Income from other payments received" is income sourced neither from employment nor assets and may include income from foreign pensions and assessed income from other government payments.

Source: Department of Human Services and Department of Veterans' Affairs administrative data.