

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

Question No: 615

Topic: Austudy

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Senator Brown 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 28 March 2014 according to the breakdown requested. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

Please note that some of the information is available at www.data.gov.au.

| Table a) Recipients of Austudy by Age Group | |
|--|-------------------|
| Customer Age | Recipients |
| 25-29 | 20,041 |
| 30-34 | 9,794 |
| 35-39 | 5,702 |
| 40-44 | 4,317 |
| 45-49 | 3,203 |
| 50-54 | 2,314 |
| 55-59 | 1,170 |
| 60+ | 461 |
| Total | 47,002 |

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| Table b) Recipients of Austudy by State | |
|--|-------------------|
| State | Recipients |
| New South Wales | 14,814 |
| Victoria | 12,685 |
| Queensland | 10,066 |
| Western Australia | 3,552 |
| South Australia | 3,737 |
| Tasmania | 1,218 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 729 |
| Northern Territory | 167 |
| Other | 34 |
| Total | 47,002 |

| Table c) Recipients of Austudy by Gender | |
|---|-------------------|
| Gender | Recipients |
| Males | 22,603 |
| Females | 24,399 |
| Total | 47,002 |

| Table d) Recipients of Austudy by Indigenous Indicator | |
|---|-------------------|
| Indigenous Indicator | Recipients |
| Indigenous | 229 |
| Non-Indigenous | 46,773 |
| Total | 47,002 |

| Table e) Recipients of Austudy by Duration on Austudy | |
|--|-------------------|
| Duration on Payment | Recipients |
| Less Than 1 Year | 38,844 |
| 1 - 2 Years | 5,056 |
| 2 - 5 Years | 2,882 |
| 5 - 10 Years | np |
| 10 Years Plus | <20 |
| Total | 47,002 |

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| Table f) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings | | |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Earnings last fortnight | Recipients | % |
| Had Earnings | 13,531 | 28.8 |
| No Earnings | 33471 | 71.2 |
| Total | 47,002 | |

| Table g) Recipients of Austudy by Rate | | |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Rate of Payment | Recipients | % |
| Full Rate | 38,857 | 82.7 |
| Part Rate | 6555 | 13.9 |
| Zero Rate | 960 | 2 |
| Undetermined Rate | 630 | 0 |
| Total | 47,002 | |

| Table h) Recipients of Austudy by Hours Worked | |
|---|-------------------|
| Hours worked last fortnight | Recipients |
| nil hours | 34,938 |
| 1 - 14 hours | 3,325 |
| 15 - 29 hours | 4,764 |
| 30 hours + | 3,975 |
| Total | 47,002 |

| Table i) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings | |
|---|-------------------|
| Earnings last fortnight | Recipients |
| Nil earnings | 33,471 |
| \$1 - \$61 | 219 |
| \$62 - \$235 | 1,757 |
| \$236 - \$249 | 217 |
| \$250 Plus | 11,338 |
| Total | 47,002 |

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| Table j) Recipients of Austudy by Earnings from other sources | |
|--|-------------------|
| Earnings last fortnight from other sources | Recipients |
| Nil earnings | 9,027 |
| \$1 - \$61 | 34,780 |
| \$62 - \$235 | 2,020 |
| \$236 - \$249 | 75 |
| \$250 Plus | 1,100 |
| Total | 47,002 |

| Table k) Recipients of Austudy by Supplementary Payments | |
|---|--------|
| (note: recipients may receive more than 1 supplement) | |
| Carer Allowance | 612 |
| Clean Energy Supplement | 45,994 |
| Double Orphan Pension | <20 |
| Family Tax Benefit | 6,831 |
| Mobility Allowance | 51 |
| Pension Supplement | <20 |
| Pharmaceutical Allowance | 538 |
| Remote Area Allowance | 191 |
| Rent Assistance (a) | 24,823 |
| Income Support Bonus (c) | 32,751 |
| Education Entry Payment (d) | 471 |

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)