

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

**Question No: 644**

**Topic: Mobility Allowance**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

Can you provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Mobility Allowance:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. sex;
- d. Indigenous status;
- e. condition/disability;
- f. duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- g. number and percentage reporting 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 Mobility Allowance 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".

<b>Table a) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Age Group</b>	
<b>Customer Age</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
15-20	7,827
21-24	5,992
25-29	6,259
30-34	5,584
35-39	5,164
40-44	5,847
45-49	5,987
50-54	6,401
55-59	5,522
60-64	4,428
65+	4,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

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<b>Table b) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by State</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
New South Wales	19,129
Victoria	17,154
Queensland	12,308
Western Australia	4,940
South Australia	7,328
Tasmania	1,767
Australian Capital Territory	616
Northern Territory	211
Unknown	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

<b>Table c) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Gender</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Males	34,461
Females	29,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

<b>Table d) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Indigenous Indicator</b>	
<b>Indigenous Indicator</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Indigenous	1,432
Non-Indigenous	62,059
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

**Table e)** Data regarding the condition/disability of Mobility Allowance recipients is unavailable.

<b>Table f) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Duration on Mobility Allowance</b>	
<b>Duration on Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Less Than 1 Year	7,088
1 - 2 Years	6,714
2 - 5 Years	14,852
5 - 10 Years	14,888
10 Years Plus	19,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

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<b>Table g) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Earnings</b>		
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
Had Earnings	18,322	29
No Earnings	45,169	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>	

<b>Table h) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Rate</b>		
<b>Rate of Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
High Rate	6889	11
Low Rate	56,602	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>	

<b>Table i) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Hours Worked</b>	
<b>Hours worked last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
No hours	47,302
1 - 14 hours	1,797
15 - 29 hours	3,425
30 hours +	10,967
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

<b>Table j) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Earnings</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	45,169
\$1 - \$61	2,937
\$62 - \$235	7,123
\$236 - \$249	360
\$250 Plus	7,902
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

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<b>Table k) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Earnings from Other Sources</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight from other sources</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	22,030
\$1 - \$61	35,299
\$62 - \$235	4,604
\$236 - \$249	88
\$250 Plus	1,470
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,491</b>

<b>Table l) Recipients of Mobility Allowance by Income Support Payment</b>	
<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Abstudy (Living Allowance)	<20
Age	2,326
Austudy	52
Carer Payment	159
Disability Support Pension	53,226
Not on Income Support	6,225
Newstart Allowance	1,188
Parenting Payment Partnered	<20
Parenting Payment Single	49
Partner Allowance	<20
Sickness Allowance	<20
Special Benefit	<20
Widow Allowance	<20
Wifes Pension - Age	<20
Wifes Pension - Disability	<20
Youth Allowance (Apprentice)	<20
Youth Allowance (Other)	128
Youth Allowance (Student)	70

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