

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 681

Topic: Carer Payment

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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer Payment by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. sex;
- d. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- e. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- f. duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- g. number and percentage reporting other 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 Carer Payment recipients/care receivers 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".

Please note that some of this information is available at www.data.gov.au (March 2014 tables).

Table (a) Recipients of Carer Payment by Age Group	
Age Group	Recipients
Less than 24	10,090
25-34	23,644
35-44	43,739
45-54	58,740
55-64	70,241
65 and over	33,275
Total	239,729

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Table (b) Recipients of Carer Payment by State	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	92,863
Victoria	60,504
Queensland	44,209
Western Australia	13,414
South Australia	17,718
Tasmania	8,109
Australian Capital Territory	1,283
Northern Territory	1,401
Other	228
Total	239,729

Table (c) Recipients of Carer Payment by Gender	
Gender	Recipients
Males	73,906
Females	165,823
Total	239,729

Table (d) Recipients of Carer Payment by Indigenous Indicator	
Indigenous Indicator	Recipients
Indigenous	11,468
Non-Indigenous	212,518
Unknown	15,743
Total	239,729

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Table (e) Condition/disability of person for whom they are caring	
1st listed medical/disability condition (top 20)	Care receivers
Osteoarthritis	21,752
Depression	17,614
Musculo-Skeletal Disorder - Other	14,589
Autistic Disorder	11,018
Circulatory System - Other e.g. Vasculitis	8,364
Schizophrenia	7,079
Spinal Disorder - Other	6,773
Anxiety	6,333
Hypertension	5,895
IQ Is Less Than 55	5,317
Diabetes - Non Insulin Dependent	5,103
Ischaemic Heart Disease	5,031
Coronary Artery Disease	4,678
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	4,650
Learning Disability	4,493
Senile Dementia	4,204
Diabetes - Insulin Dependent	4,015
Chronic Pain	3,900
Arthritis - Other	3,782
Cerebral Palsy	3,335
Other medical condition	90,841
Total	238,766

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Table (f) Carer Payment recipients by duration of current episode	
Duration period	Recipients
Less than 1 year	42,857
1 to less than 2 years	39,030
2 to less than 5 years	75,639
5 to less than 10 years	55,460
10 years and over	26,743
Total	239,729

(g) As at 28 March 2014, there were 23,904 (10%) Carer Payment recipients who reported employment.

(h) As at 28 March 2014, there were 181,085 (76%) Carer Payment recipients who received the maximum rate of payment, while 58,644 (24%) received a part rate of payment.

Table (i) Carer Payment recipients by hours of work undertaken and percentage of population		
Duration period	Recipients	Per cent
Nil hours reported	223,348	93.2%
0-7	4,805	2.0%
8-14	4,779	2.2%
15-22	5,247	0.5%
23-29	1,331	0.1%
30 or more	219	2.0%
Total	239,729	100.0%

(j) As at 28 March 2014, the average reported income from employment was \$618. The average reported income from employment across all Carer Payment recipients was \$62.

(k) As at 28 March 2014, the average reported income from other assets was \$51. The average reported income from other assets across all Carer Payment recipients was \$37.

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Table (l) Supplementary Payments made to Carer Payment Recipients - Financial Year to March 2014	
Supplement	No. of Payments
Clean Energy Supplement	262,998
Clean Energy Advance	936
CDEP Participant Supplement	73
Education Entry Payment	4,441
Incentive Allowance	<20
Pharmaceutical Allowance	<20
Basic Pension Supplement	260,981
Minimum Pension Supplement	261,013
Remaining Pension Supplement	260,903
Remote Area Allowance	3,256
Telephone Allowance	41
Utilities Allowance	32

* recipients may receive more than one supplement

(l) In addition to the supplementary payments listed in Table (l) above, at 28 March 2014, 225,656 Carer Payment recipients were also receiving Carer Allowance.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data