

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 728

Topic: Carer Supplement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Can you provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Carer Supplement by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- f. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- g. duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- h. number and percentage reporting other employment;
- i. number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- j. reported hours of work undertaken;
- k. reported income from employment;
- l. reported income from other assets; and
- m. other payments received.

Answer:

The following tables provide the number of Carer Supplement recipients/care receivers as at 31 March 2014 according to the breakdown requested. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Table (a) Recipients of Carer Supplement by Age Group	
Age Group	Recipients
Less than 24	14,496
25-34	53,783
35-44	122,159
45-54	123,536
55-64	123,925
65-74	95,840
75-84	52,584
85 and over	10,713
Total	597,036

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Table (b) Recipients of Carer Supplement by State	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	211,005
Victoria	159,143
Queensland	113,167
Western Australia	40,243
South Australia	47,928
Tasmania	16,950
Australian Capital Territory	5,426
Northern Territory	2,711
Other	463
Total	597,036

Table (c) Recipients of Carer Supplement by Electorate

State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Recipients
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	2,641
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	2,741
New South Wales	Banks	4,009
New South Wales	Barton	4,302
New South Wales	Bennelong	2,563
New South Wales	Berowra	1,823
New South Wales	Blaxland	8,184
New South Wales	Bradfield	1,503
New South Wales	Calare	4,233
New South Wales	Charlton	4,908
New South Wales	Chifley	6,788
New South Wales	Cook	2,474
New South Wales	Cowper	5,968
New South Wales	Cunningham	4,171
New South Wales	Dobell	4,840
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	3,578
New South Wales	Farrer	4,283
New South Wales	Fowler	8,350
New South Wales	Gilmore	5,344
New South Wales	Grayndler	3,021
New South Wales	Greenway	3,666
New South Wales	Hughes	3,803

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New South Wales	Hume	4,209
New South Wales	Hunter	4,582
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	3,164
New South Wales	Lindsay	4,829
New South Wales	Lyne	5,911
New South Wales	Macarthur	5,218
New South Wales	Mackellar	1,801
New South Wales	Macquarie	3,248
New South Wales	McMahon	7,532
New South Wales	Mitchell	2,258
New South Wales	New England	4,477
New South Wales	Newcastle	3,701
New South Wales	North Sydney	1,292
New South Wales	Page	5,564
New South Wales	Parkes	4,576
New South Wales	Parramatta	4,494
New South Wales	Paterson	5,261
New South Wales	Reid	3,800
New South Wales	Richmond	4,600
New South Wales	Riverina	4,140
New South Wales	Robertson	3,961
New South Wales	Shortland	5,143
New South Wales	Sydney	1,850
New South Wales	Throsby	5,385
New South Wales	Warringah	1,334
New South Wales	Watson	6,436
New South Wales	Wentworth	1,407
New South Wales	Werriwa	6,312
Northern Territory	Lingiari	1,156
Northern Territory	Solomon	1,407
Queensland	Blair	4,533
Queensland	Bonner	2,626
Queensland	Bowman	3,391
Queensland	Brisbane	1,220
Queensland	Capricornia	3,087
Queensland	Dawson	3,096

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Queensland	Dickson	2,763
Queensland	Fadden	3,747
Queensland	Fairfax	3,413
Queensland	Fisher	3,646
Queensland	Flynn	3,521
Queensland	Forde	4,086
Queensland	Griffith	1,666
Queensland	Groom	3,498
Queensland	Herbert	3,428
Queensland	Hinkler	6,815
Queensland	Kennedy	3,537
Queensland	Leichhardt	3,022
Queensland	Lilley	2,681
Queensland	Longman	5,139
Queensland	Maranoa	4,436
Queensland	Mcpherson	3,444
Queensland	Moncrieff	3,356
Queensland	Moreton	2,408
Queensland	Oxley	3,346
Queensland	Petrie	3,826
Queensland	Rankin	3,877
Queensland	Ryan	1,739
Queensland	Wide Bay	5,279
Queensland	Wright	3,978
South Australia	Adelaide	2,886
South Australia	Barker	4,151
South Australia	Boothby	2,650
South Australia	Grey	4,943
South Australia	Hindmarsh	3,479
South Australia	Kingston	4,899
South Australia	Makin	3,758
South Australia	Mayo	3,276
South Australia	Port Adelaide	5,860
South Australia	Sturt	3,302
South Australia	Wakefield	6,822
Tasmania	Bass	2,958

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State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Recipients
Tasmania	Braddon	3,731
Tasmania	Denison	2,507
Tasmania	Franklin	2,779
Tasmania	Lyons	4,326
Victoria	Aston	3,063
Victoria	Ballarat	4,810
Victoria	Batman	4,707
Victoria	Bendigo	4,998
Victoria	Bruce	4,260
Victoria	Calwell	8,606
Victoria	Casey	2,996
Victoria	Chisholm	2,810
Victoria	Corangamite	3,838
Victoria	Corio	5,123
Victoria	Deakin	2,783
Victoria	Dunkley	3,646
Victoria	Flinders	4,077
Victoria	Gellibrand	4,424
Victoria	Gippsland	5,266
Victoria	Goldstein	2,271
Victoria	Gorton	7,697
Victoria	Higgins	1,923
Victoria	Holt	6,144
Victoria	Hotham	3,852
Victoria	Indi	4,033
Victoria	Isaacs	4,120
Victoria	Jagajaga	3,040
Victoria	Kooyong	1,705
Victoria	La Trobe	3,393
Victoria	Lalor	7,405
Victoria	Mallee	4,592
Victoria	Maribyrnong	4,907
Victoria	Mcewen	4,845
Victoria	Mcmillan	4,473
Victoria	Melbourne	2,584
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	2,061

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Victoria	Menzies	2,969
Victoria	Murray	4,812
Victoria	Scullin	6,348
Victoria	Wannon	4,001
Victoria	Wills	5,633
Western Australia	Brand	3,630
Western Australia	Canning	3,594
Western Australia	Cowan	2,768
Western Australia	Curtin	1,242
Western Australia	Durack	2,531
Western Australia	Forrest	2,795
Western Australia	Fremantle	2,709
Western Australia	Hasluck	3,101
Western Australia	Moore	2,015
Western Australia	O'Connor	2,828
Western Australia	Pearce	3,077
Western Australia	Perth	2,270
Western Australia	Stirling	2,652
Western Australia	Swan	2,285
Western Australia	Tangney	3,630
Unknown	Unknown	20,301
TOTAL	TOTAL	597,036

Table (d) Recipients of Carer Supplement by Gender	
Gender	Recipients
Males	159,709
Females	437,137
Unknown	190
Total	597,036

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Table (e) Recipients of Carer Supplement by indigenous Indicator	
Indigenous Indicator	Recipients
Indigenous	18,004
Non-Indigenous	537,530
Unknown	41,502
Total	597,036

Table (f) Condition/disability of person for whom they are caring	
1st listed medical/disability condition (top 20)	Care receivers
Autistic Disorder	50,440
Osteoarthritis	49,525
Depression	32,708
Musculo-Skeletal Disorder - Other	29,745
Asperger's Disorder	23,475
Circulatory System - Other e.g. Vasculitis	20,602
Learning Disability	20,297
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	19,000
IQ Is Less Than 55	16,332
Diabetes - Insulin Dependent	14,672
Anxiety	14,317
Schizophrenia	13,840
Hypertension	13,126
Senile Dementia	12,476
Coronary Artery Disease	12,405
Spinal Disorder - Other	11,857
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11,805
Diabetes - Non Insulin Dependent	10,560
Arthritis - Other	8,971
Other Medical Condition	253,056
Unknown	<20
Total	639,211

(g) Duration on payment data are not collected for Carer Supplement as it is a 'one-off' payment.

(h) Other employment data are not collected for Carer Supplement as it is not relevant to eligibility for the payment as set out in the legislation.

(i) Part rate of payment due to the means test is not applicable to Carer Supplement as it is not means tested.

(j) Hours of work undertaken data are not collected for Carer Supplement as it is not relevant to eligibility for the payment as set out in the legislation.

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(k) Income from employment data are not collected for Carer Supplement as it is not relevant to eligibility for the payment as set out in the legislation.

(l) Income from other assets data are not collected for Carer Supplement as it is not means tested.

Table (m) Recipients of Carer Supplement by qualifying payment type	
Payment type	Recipients
Carer Allowance	585,797
Carer Payment	230,895
DVA - Partner Service Pension	14,933
Wife Pension(DSP)	2,684
Wife Pension(Age)	2,444
DVA - Wife Pension	<20
DVA - Carer Service Pension	<20

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data