

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 13

**Topic:** Family Tax Benefit

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of how many people currently receive Family Tax Benefit A by rate of payment and number of children? Please provide the figures for the 2011/2012 financial year and to date.

**Answer:** It is not possible to provide final figures for the 2011-12 financial year until after the claim period ends on 30 June 2014.

At 29 June 2012, there were approximately 1,616,000 families eligible to receive FTB Part A in instalments. There were approximately 3,149,000 FTB Part A eligible children within these families.

The breakdown of these families by rate of payment is available in the FaHCSIA Annual Report, Table 5.3.

The breakdown of these families by number of children was as follows<sup>1,2</sup>:

<b>Number of FTB Children</b>	<b>FTB –A Customers</b>
1	633,650
2	600,590
3	261,920
4	84,570
5 or more	34,790
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,615,500</b>

Based on 2009/10 (the last entitlement year for which the claim period has finished), an additional approximate 7% of families claim FTB A as a lump sum payment.

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At 28 September 2012, there were approximately 1,568,000 families eligible to receive FTB Part A in instalments. There were approximately 3,071,000 FTB Part A eligible children within these families.

The breakdown of these families by rate of payment was as follows<sup>1</sup>:

Maximum rate: 558,000  
Maintenance reduced rate: 249,000  
Broken rate (below higher income free area): 325,000  
Base rate: 294,000  
Broken rate (above higher income free area): 31,000  
Tapered base rate: 100,000  
Regular care rate: 12,000

The breakdown of these families by number of children was as follows<sup>1,2</sup>:

<b>Number of FTB Children</b>	<b>FTB –A Customers</b>
1	615,570
2	575,800
3	256,840
4	84,790
5 or more	35,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,568,400</b>

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not equal the sum of all the sub-components due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> These figures include customers who have only Regular Care Children (shared care less than 35%)