

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Families and children

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest number of families, by state, in receipt of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A. How many of those are on the maximum rate? Does the department collect data on the age of children on FTB Part A? If so, can the department please provide the latest data on the age of children on FTB Part A? Please also provide the estimated costs, over the forward estimates, of FTB Part A?

Answer:

The following table shows the number of customers receiving FTB Part A by fortnightly instalment, as well as those receiving the maximum rate of instalment of FTB Part A, as at 25 October 2013 broken down by state.

State	Number of FTB Part A customers	Number of FTB Part A customers receiving Maximum Rate
New South Wales	488,724	190,947
Victoria	383,648	142,447
Queensland	331,538	119,582
Western Australia	136,360	44,630
South Australia	120,163	44,320
Tasmania	42,135	17,155
Northern Territory	18,010	9,699
Australian Capital Territory	16,121	4,491
Unknown	1,616	410
Total	1,538,315	573,681

Note: The data in this table is point in time and for instalment customers only.

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The following table shows the number of FTB Part A children as at 25 October 2013.

Age of child	Number of FTB Part A children
0	152,235
1	181,394
2	178,038
3	183,415
4	184,369
5	184,157
6	184,172
7	177,439
8	170,395
9	164,262
10	164,206
11	163,397
12	164,039
13	165,984
14	164,209
15	160,599
16	131,548
17	113,883
18	29,171
19	1,390
Total	3,018,302

Notes:

- An FTB Part A child is a child for which the family is receiving FTB Part A.
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According to the Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO), published on 5 August 2013, the estimated costs of FTB Part A over the forward estimates are as follows:

Family Tax Benefit Part A	Estimated Gross Expenditure			
Financial year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
\$million	\$14,377.552	\$14,555.630	\$14,652.448	\$14,752.861