

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 3 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. EW0073_14

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Labour market figures - income support recipients

Data on recipients 1. Please provide the latest available breakdowns of recipients of each of NSA, YA(O), PPS, & PPP by: age (<25, 25-49, 50+); state/territory; sex; duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5yrs +); youngest child under 6 yrs, 6yrs +; principal carer status (including separate data for sole parents) and partial work capacity status for NSA and YA(O) recipients; whether recipients also receive Carer Allowance; and whether they have current earnings. 2. Please provide annual trend data from 2007 to the most recent data for 2013, for recipients of NSA and YA(O) broken down by (a) duration of receipt of income support - <1 year, 1-2 years, 2-3 years, 3 years+) (b) principal carer status (broken down into single parents and partnered parents) and (c) partial work capacity status

Answer

Recipients of Parenting Payment, Newstart or Youth Allowance (other) cannot simultaneously receive Carer Allowance, as Carer Allowance is a not a supplementary payment.

The following data is provided in response to the remaining questions.

Newstart, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single Recipients by Age - March 2013					
Age Group	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)	Total
Under 25	70372	17639	52246	106753	247010
25-49 yrs	396306	84222	198433	N/A	678961
50+ yrs	179736	1183	3067	N/A	183986
Total	646414	103044	253746	106753	1109957

Newstart, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single Recipients by State in the Fortnight ending 31 March 2013					
State/Territory	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)	Total
Australian Capital Territory	5072	648	2602	869	9191
New South Wales	203698	34997	80334	31010	350039
Northern Territory	10918	2686	3639	2362	19605
Queensland	137604	21207	60980	28163	247954
South Australia	57198	7512	19296	9555	93561
Tasmania	20367	3176	7491	3822	34856
Victoria	158703	25109	53665	22347	259824
Western Australia	52767	7613	25703	8596	94679
Unknown	87	96	36	29	248
Total	646414	103044	253746	106753	1109957

Unknown - recipients who are not allocated to any of the reported locations at the time the data was extracted.

Newstart, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single Recipients by Gender - March 2013					
Gender	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)	Total
Female	303765	93507	241539	49974	688785
Male	342649	9537	12207	56779	421172
Total	646414	103044	253746	106753	1109957

Newstart, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single Recipients by Duration on Income Support - March 2013					
Duration on Income Support	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)	Total
<1 year	218265	23929	34471	42662	319327
1- 2 years	99105	16421	32553	20508	168587
2-5 years	145703	32617	82255	40274	300849
5 years +	183341	30077	104467	3309	321194
Total	646414	103044	253746	106753	1109957

Newstart, Youth Allowance (other), Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single Recipients by Earnings - March 2013					
	Newstart Allowance	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Youth Allowance (other)	Total
No Earnings	516233	94160	193250	88610	892253
Had Earnings	130181	8884	60496	18143	217704
Total	646414	103044	253746	106753	1109957

Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) Principal Carer Recipients - March 2013		
	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
Principal Carers	111204	84

Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) Principal Carer, Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single Recipients by age of youngest child - March 2013					
Age of Youngest Child	Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) Principal Carers		Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Total
	Not Partnered	Partnered			
Under 6	177	144	103037	206028	309386
6 plus	85827	24003	<20	47708	np
Unknown	842	295	<20	<20	np
Total	86846	24442	103044	253746	468078

NOTE: In order to protect individuals' privacy, populations <20 are reported as ""<20"" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided ""np"".

Unknown - Recipient's data unavailable at time of data extraction.

Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) Recipients with a Partial Capacity to Work of under 30 hours, assessed in the last two years - March 2013		
	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
Partial Capacity	117347	6900

Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) Recipients with a Partial Capacity to Work of under 30 hours, assessed in the last two years - Time Series		
Date	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
Jun-07	30417	1041
Jun-08	54339	2093
Jun-09	70098	3094
Jun-10	83025	3853
Jun-11	88514	4375
Jun-12	99884	4975
Mar-13	117347	6900

Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) Recipients by Duration on Income Support – Time Series			
	Duration on Income Support	Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (other)
Jun-07	<1 Year	160431	33305
	1-2 Years	58433	13329
	2-3 Years	38289	11332
	3 Years+	160640	10732
	Total	417793	68698
Jun-08	<1 Year	155850	32508
	1-2 Years	57036	12488
	2-3 Years	34382	10504
	3 Years+	152133	9407
	Total	399401	64907
Jun-09	<1 Year	261278	45147
	1-2 Years	70099	15126
	2-3 Years	39480	12043
	3 Years+	149337	10591
	Total	520194	82907
Jun-10	<1 Year	222377	40389
	1-2 Years	120565	20222
	2-3 Years	51687	14656
	3 Years+	159264	13192
	Total	553893	88459
Jun-11	<1 Year	197003	37365
	1-2 Years	91944	18824
	2-3 Years	73249	15834
	3 Years+	165284	13949
	Total	527480	85972
Jun-12	<1 Year	209322	33827
	1-2 Years	87495	18908
	2-3 Years	59868	15978
	3 Years+	193088	15089
	Total	549773	83802
Mar-13	<1 Year	218265	42662
	1-2 Years	99105	20508
	2-3 Years	59482	20725
	3 Years+	269562	22858
	Total	646414	106753

Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) Principal Carers – Time Series			
	Not Partnered	Partnered	Total
Jun-07	8373	5414	13787
Jun-08	14640	7382	22022
Jun-09	20951	11384	32335
Jun-10	25814	12673	38487
Jun-11	27960	13018	40978
Jun-12	30590	13656	44246
Mar-13	86846	24442	111288

Data Descriptions

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DEEWR Blue Book dataset - ADH13-0442)

Recipients of Parenting Payment Partnered/Parenting Payment Single/Youth Allowance (other) who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system.

Recipients of Newstart Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not in receipt of CDEP Participation Supplement.

Duration refers to duration on any income support payment and may not reflect duration on current payment type.

Not Partnered recipients are classified as those identified as Single, Not Required, Divorced, Separated, Unknown or Widowed

Partnered recipients are classified as those Married, De-Facto and Registered

Earnings refers to employment earnings reported in the last fortnight of the reported period.