

**Table 1** Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients<sup>1</sup> by payment type

Payment Type	December 2010		March 2011	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Disability Support Pension	230,359	20.9	235,851	20.9
Age Pension	198,139	17.9	201,215	17.8
Carer Payment	28,503	2.6	29,489	2.6
Parenting Payment (Single)	164,896	14.9	166,160	14.7
Newstart Allowance	201,682	18.3	211,765	18.7
Youth Allowance - Student	55,762	5.0	65,431	5.8
Youth Allowance - Other	15,385	1.4	15,050	1.3
Austudy	15,497	1.4	17,848	1.6
FTB (Only)	152,946	13.9	147,006	13.0
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	27,980	2.5	27,896	2.5
Other <sup>2</sup>	13,073	1.2	12,821	1.1
<b>All</b>	<b>1,104,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,130,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2** Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients<sup>1</sup> by marital status

Marital Status	December 2010		March 2011	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Couples	288,535	26.1	289,406	25.6
Single Females	504,317	45.7	519,027	45.9
Single Males	311,370	28.2	322,099	28.5
<b>All</b>	<b>1,104,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,130,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3** Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients<sup>1</sup> by state and territory

State and territory	December 2010		March 2011	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
NSW	375,211	34.0	383,258	33.9
VIC	243,216	22.0	249,770	22.1
QLD	274,590	24.9	282,121	25.0
SA	80,656	7.3	82,728	7.3
WA	88,679	8.0	89,466	7.9
TAS	27,774	2.5	28,539	2.5
NT	5,210	0.5	5,371	0.5
ACT	8,633	0.8	9,092	0.8
Other <sup>3</sup>	253	0.0	187	0.0
<b>AUS</b>	<b>1,104,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,130,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4** Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients<sup>1</sup> who pay enough rent to be eligible for the maximum rate of Rent Assistance<sup>4</sup>

Rate of Rent Assistance based on rent paid	December 2010		March 2011	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Maximum Rate	810,577	73.4	840,034	74.3
Part Rate	293,645	26.6	290,498	25.7
<b>All</b>	<b>1,104,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,130,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Recipients are income units, which is a single person or a couple, with or without children.

<sup>2</sup> Includes a range of minor payments including Bereavement Allowance, Crisis Payment, Sickness Allowance etc.

<sup>3</sup> State and Territory totals include people who live in other territories, such as Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) islands etc.

<sup>4</sup> Recipients may not receive the maximum rate of rent assistance because of income testing.

Source: FaHCSIA Housing Data Sets December 2010 and March 2011

**Table 5** Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients<sup>1</sup> in housing stress<sup>5</sup>  
before and after Rent Assistance, December 2010<sup>6</sup>

Payment Type/State and Territory	Before Rent Assistance		After Rent Assistance	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Disability Support Pension	178,285	77.8	79,762	34.8
Age Pension	134,079	67.9	63,123	32.0
Carer Payment	17,463	61.5	8,905	31.4
Parenting Payment (Single)	106,379	64.7	59,421	36.1
Newstart Allowance	169,378	87.6	117,481	60.7
Youth Allowance - Student	48,040	88.4	39,645	72.9
Youth Allowance - Other	13,235	88.8	10,635	71.4
Austudy	13,310	88.0	10,558	69.8
FTB (Only)	46,869	30.7	26,469	17.3
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	18,244	65.5	12,288	44.1
Other <sup>2</sup>	11,618	91.6	7,952	62.7
<b>All</b>	<b>756,900</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>436,239</b>	<b>40.0</b>
NSW	263,221	70.9	151,516	40.8
VIC	162,891	67.9	89,525	37.3
QLD	192,107	70.9	115,829	42.8
SA	50,643	63.7	27,505	34.6
WA	60,297	68.9	36,674	41.9
TAS	17,965	65.6	8,726	31.9
NT	3,434	67.3	2,157	42.3
ACT	6,153	72.4	4,194	49.3
Other <sup>3</sup>	189	79.1	113	47.3
<b>AUS</b>	<b>756,900</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>436,239</b>	<b>40.0</b>

**Table 6** Number and percentage of Rent Assistance recipients<sup>1</sup> in housing stress<sup>5</sup>  
before and after Rent Assistance, March 2011<sup>6</sup>

Payment Type/State and Territory	Before Rent Assistance		After Rent Assistance	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Disability Support Pension	168,191	71.7	72,783	31.0
Age Pension	124,110	61.9	58,043	29.0
Carer Payment	16,838	57.3	8,540	29.1
Parenting Payment (Single)	109,322	66.0	62,453	37.7
Newstart Allowance	179,697	88.2	127,356	62.5
Youth Allowance - Student	57,019	90.4	47,698	75.6
Youth Allowance - Other	12,984	89.3	10,292	70.8
Austudy	15,353	88.5	12,263	70.7
FTB (Only)	45,780	31.2	26,060	17.8
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	18,435	66.4	12,692	45.7
Other <sup>2</sup>	11,420	91.9	7,833	63.0
<b>All</b>	<b>759,149</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>446,013</b>	<b>40.0</b>
NSW	261,813	69.1	153,938	40.6
VIC	163,246	66.3	91,838	37.3
QLD	195,131	70.1	119,436	42.9
SA	51,108	62.7	28,283	34.7
WA	59,597	67.4	36,619	41.4
TAS	18,025	64.1	8,927	31.8
NT	3,555	67.5	2,231	42.4
ACT	6,558	73.3	4,669	52.2
Other <sup>3</sup>	116	72.0	72	44.7
<b>AUS</b>	<b>759,149</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>446,013</b>	<b>40.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Recipients are income units, which is a single person or a couple, with or without children.

<sup>5</sup> A recipients is in housing stress if their rent is more than 30 per cent of their income.

<sup>6</sup> A small number of income units are excluded from housing stress calculations so totals in this table may be lower than those in other tables.

Source: FaHCSIA Housing Data Sets December 2010 and March 2011