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Question

Work Experience Phase

The projected number of individuals entering the 'Work Experience Phase' of JSA in each year from 2012-13 to 2014-15, and the projected number of individuals already in that phase of assistance at 1 July 2012

Answer

Reliable projected figures for this cohort are not available. Job Services Australia is a demand-driven program, with highly variable factors. These include job seeker movement in and out of employment services and between streams; and market conditions such as moving into education or employment affecting the numbers of job seekers moving through the Work Experience Phase.

On 31 August 2011, there were 123,235 job seekers who were in the Work Experience Phase.