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a 10-year compendium,
1989–1999**

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This compendium comprises recipient numbers, characteristics and expenditure for all Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) income support payments and a number of supplementary payments and other services for the period June 1989 to June 1999. For completeness, it also includes the numbers of recipients of Service Pensions, student assistance and payments under the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program, along with a selection of demographic, economic and labour force statistics.

The compendium is intended as a ready reference of statistics for a wide audience. It should be used in conjunction with relevant departmental annual reports, portfolio budget statements and other documents of record when discussing trends or the effects of policy measures.

1.2 Sources

The primary sources are the annual reports of FaCS, the Department of Veteran's Affairs, the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. Reports to Parliament on the operations of the *Social Security Act 1991*, the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and the *Student Assistance Act 1973* were also consulted, along with FaCS' statistical overviews of recipients.

Where FaCS' figures have been revised or series extended, data have been drawn from unpublished historical microfiche. Other sources are identified in footnotes to the tables.

Demographic, economic and labour force statistics are drawn from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and were the most recent available at the date of compilation.

Footnotes also identify changes in series or policy changes with significant effects.

1.3 Order of tables

Tables 2.1 and 2.2 summarise the number of and expenditure on income support and related payments for the period June 1989 to June 1999.

Tables 2.3 through to 2.13 deal with individual income support payments. The number of tables reflects the complex structure of and the numerous changes to income support payments over the past decade. Substantial changes are generally accompanied by new tables (for instance, the tables for AUSTUDY end in 1998 and new tables for Youth Allowance appear for 1999). Lesser changes are outlined in footnotes, with more detail in appendixes.

- Appendix A is designed to help readers track the various changes to the payment types.

- Appendix B offers an integrated picture of the rates of receipt of all income support payments at June 1999.
- Appendix C offers an overview of the means testing of FaCS payments, including tables to help readers interpret the reported intervals of income and assets in the main tables.

Tables 3.1 to 3.4 deal with selected supplementary payments and services. Table 4 deals with expenditure. Tables 5, 6 and 7 offer information on FaCS rates of payment along with additional economic, labour force and demographic information.

1.4 Conventions and notation

All values reported are at 30 June of the indicated year, except where otherwise noted. Where the reported value of an item is zero, the cell is left blank whether the actual count was zero or because the only valid value was zero.

For example, in Table 2.2 the cell reporting the number of Rehabilitation Allowees in 1998 is blank as the count of recipients was zero, whereas the cell for Parenting Payment (Partnered) for 1994 is blank because the payment did not exist at June 1994.

The notation 'n/a' (for 'not available') is used where a cell might have a valid value but none was published or recorded.

For example, in Table 2.3 the number of male Age Pensioners born in New Zealand is cited as 4 574 in 1995 (when a value was reported) and n/a in 1996 (when a value was not reported).

Values are italicised to draw readers' attention to variations in the reporting of cell values.

For example:

- The reported numbers of recipients under the various income intervals for 1989 to 1993 inclusive are italicised to indicate that the reported intervals vary from year to year in an irregular fashion. Readers should consult Appendix C for the relevant detail.
- From 1992, the reported numbers of Age Pensioners aged 75 years or more is in plain type, while values reported in italics show the population 75 years or more disaggregated into five-year age groups. The italics draw attention to the disaggregation.

Most other such instances are accompanied by explanatory footnotes.

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2 Income support payments

2.1 Summary of income support recipients and dependent children, June 1989 to June 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Income support recipients ¹	3,250,234	3,321,937	3,690,609	4,035,539	4,174,781	4,315,196	4,610,817	4,798,709	4,783,957	4,796,810	4,759,352
<i>Percentage of population 15 or more years of age²</i>	<i>24.8%</i>	<i>25.0%</i>	<i>27.3%</i>	<i>29.5%</i>	<i>30.2%</i>	<i>30.8%</i>	<i>32.5%</i>	<i>33.3%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>32.3%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>
Recipients of workforce age ³	1,534,465	1,590,855	1,914,842	2,195,988	2,272,147	2,355,409	2,578,555	2,744,074	2,703,616	2,692,926	2,627,742
<i>Percentage of population of workforce age</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>14.4%</i>	<i>17.1%</i>	<i>19.4%</i>	<i>19.9%</i>	<i>20.4%</i>	<i>22.1%</i>	<i>23.2%</i>	<i>22.5%</i>	<i>22.1%</i>	<i>21.3%</i>
Dependent children ⁴											
In families where the parents receive income support	724,080	705,083	820,224	929,908	963,498	981,127	983,429	1,173,295	1,196,183	1,220,439	1,225,877
In low income families where the parents do not receive income support but do receive more than the minimum rate of family payment	411,162	437,510	455,547	565,585	660,454	701,923	687,943	585,849	625,047	578,988	544,745
In families receiving only the minimum rate of family payment	2,625,220	2,529,932	2,423,675	2,224,595	2,100,465	1,855,949	1,814,944	1,738,823	1,669,930	1,619,438	1,670,572
Total dependent children	3,760,462	3,672,525	3,699,446	3,720,088	3,724,417	3,538,999	3,486,316	3,497,967	3,491,160	3,418,865	3,441,194
Population in respect of whom income support or family payments are made	7,010,696	6,994,462	7,390,055	7,755,627	7,899,198	7,854,195	8,097,133	8,296,676	8,275,117	8,215,675	8,200,546
<i>Percentage of the total population</i>	<i>41.6%</i>	<i>40.9%</i>	<i>42.7%</i>	<i>44.2%</i>	<i>44.6%</i>	<i>43.9%</i>	<i>44.7%</i>	<i>45.2%</i>	<i>44.5%</i>	<i>43.7%</i>	<i>43.3%</i>
Expenditure (\$'000)	21,286,733	23,341,740	27,340,133	31,759,163	34,566,745	37,335,463	38,221,497	40,769,987	43,175,027	43,444,255	44,565,845
<i>As a percentage of Commonwealth outlays</i>	<i>25.7%</i>	<i>26.4%</i>	<i>28.2%</i>	<i>30.6%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>31.8%</i>	<i>31.1%</i>	<i>31.1%</i>	<i>32.0%</i>	<i>32.3%</i>	<i>30.3%</i>
<i>As a percentage of Gross Domestic Product</i>	<i>6.28%</i>	<i>6.31%</i>	<i>7.21%</i>	<i>8.20%</i>	<i>8.52%</i>	<i>8.67%</i>	<i>8.39%</i>	<i>8.39%</i>	<i>8.36%</i>	<i>7.71%</i>	<i>7.53%</i>

¹ Includes recipients of FaCS pensions and allowances, recipients of DVA service pensions and income support supplements, recipients of student assistance administered by FaCS and DETYA and recipients of Community Development Employment Projects payments administered by ATSIC. See Appendix A for a full list of income support payments at 30 June 1999.

² Based on ABS estimated resident population (see table 7.1).

³ Men of workforce age are those aged 15 to 64 years inclusive, women those aged 15 to 59 years inclusive. As the age categories reported for each payment type vary, this estimate was derived from a range of other data sources and cannot be directly replicated from the tables for each payment type.

⁴ Most dependent children are under 16 years of age, though the figure also includes dependent students aged 16 to 24 years of age.

2.2 Summary of income support recipients by payment type, June 1989 to June 1999

Payment	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pensioners	1,334,310	1,340,468	1,375,849	1,446,168	1,515,682	1,581,874	1,578,698	1,602,834	1,680,214	1,682,618	1,715,792
Disability Support Pensioners	307,795	316,713	334,234	378,558	406,572	436,234	464,430	499,235	527,514	553,336	577,682
Sheltered Employment Allowance and Wives	10,435	10,124	10,148								
Rehabilitation Allowance and Wives	2,543	2,792	4,638	2,500	745	198	41	14	3		
Sickness Allowance	79,017	79,851	72,647	43,641	45,226	45,848	46,050	34,518	15,633	16,285	11,181
Wife pension (partner receives Age Pension)	22,609	23,766	26,537	30,902	33,520	36,539	39,611	41,125	36,577	36,233	32,196
Wife pension (partner receives Disability Support Pension)	89,890	91,068	94,006	101,731	108,327	116,036	121,839	107,803	91,307	79,892	68,532
Carer Payment	8,012	8,798	10,158	12,630	15,045	17,699	20,098	25,037	29,558	33,979	40,070
Partner Allowance ⁵	156,500	161,200	233,400	242,300	254,800	237,500	216,739	69,891	70,170	77,746	80,497
Parenting Payment (Single)	239,469	248,886	265,720	287,228	298,444	313,437	324,941	342,290	358,893	372,286	384,821
Parenting Payment (Partnered)								237,321	239,317	236,550	227,677
Bereavement Allowance	116	222	315	342	83	91	44	59	46	51	53
Widow B Pension	83,526	78,725	74,124	69,066	64,633	59,916	54,936	49,875	18,820	13,579	10,519
Widow Allowance							8,733	11,723	17,508	24,759	27,524
Mature Age Allowances						37,758	54,118	57,886	60,737	55,132	46,969
Unemployment Payments	379,317	406,049	650,936	831,015	889,566	848,598	794,821	824,957	801,823	790,305	713,387
Youth Allowance: Full-time Students											303,692
AUSTUDY	246,000	269,475	327,652	381,749	341,129	394,062	394,259	410,808	361,497	352,148	
ABSTUDY	19,363	17,271	17,862	23,266	33,857	24,425	32,137	36,154	42,455	43,822	45,528
Austudy Payment											47,170
DVA Service Pension and Income Support Supplement	392,741	386,348	377,909	371,606	371,551	352,883	411,838	399,989	387,054	387,596	382,287
CDEP participants	10,800	13,800	17,772	20,095	21,898	24,051	27,041	28,305	30,131	30,257	31,967
Special Benefit	24,291	27,581	30,102	35,042	28,503	25,542	20,440	18,885	14,700	10,236	11,808
Total	3,406,734	3,321,937	3,690,609	4,035,539	4,174,781	4,315,196	4,610,817	4,798,709	4,783,957	4,796,810	4,759,352

⁵ Figures for 1989 to 1994 inclusive, are estimates of the dependent partners of allowees. See table 2.3.3 (Partner Allowance) for details.

2.3 Characteristics of Age Pensioners, June 1989 to June 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	403,339	404,486	418,383	447,888	481,196	514,217	544,571	570,328	597,859	613,587	634,112
Females	930,971	935,982	957,466	998,280	1,034,486	1,067,657	1,034,127	1,032,506	1,082,355	1,069,031	1,081,680
Persons	1,334,310	1,340,468	1,375,849	1,446,168	1,515,682	1,581,874	1,578,698	1,602,834	1,680,214	1,682,618	1,715,792
Age pensioners as % of population aged 65+ (males) and 60+ (females)											
Males	51.3	50.0	50.0	52.0	54.2	56.4	58.3	59.5	61.0	61.4	62.2
Females	65.1	64.3	64.5	66.2	67.7	68.8	65.7	64.5	66.5	64.7	64.3
By age groups											
Males											
65-69	111,349	116,531	129,578	154,350	181,739	207,233	226,134	235,019	238,537	234,621	231,636
70-74	107,051	101,542	100,253	102,917	107,640	115,262	125,113	140,133	161,806	181,982	201,756
75+	184,939	186,413	188,552	190,621	191,817	191,722	193,324	195,176	197,516	196,984	200,720
75-79	n/a	n/a	n/a	95,064	91,440	87,083	85,332	85,500	87,721	88,969	94,045
80-84	n/a	n/a	n/a	61,393	64,049	66,104	67,468	67,257	65,860	62,129	59,133
85-89	n/a	n/a	n/a	26,372	27,817	29,286	30,654	31,742	32,684	33,975	34,991
90-94	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,749	7,443	8,090	8,577	9,161	9,626	10,176	10,705
95 or more	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,043	1,068	1,159	1,293	1,516	1,625	1,735	1,846
Females											
60-64	166,007	167,252	175,269	192,664	202,606	210,482	211,685	193,988	208,299	187,256	189,393
65-69	197,335	197,859	199,645	206,140	215,008	224,657	221,391	229,398	243,097	245,263	247,237
70-74	188,828	185,058	188,300	194,006	200,659	207,722	194,425	195,064	202,960	206,492	212,546
75+	378,801	385,813	394,252	405,470	416,213	424,796	406,626	414,056	427,999	430,020	432,504
75-79	n/a	n/a	n/a	178,179	177,423	174,613	160,751	162,602	168,614	169,787	171,684
80-84	n/a	n/a	n/a	127,544	133,340	139,500	135,531	136,026	137,632	134,286	129,923
85-89	n/a	n/a	n/a	67,025	71,133	74,693	74,687	78,002	81,975	84,545	87,439
90-94	n/a	n/a	n/a	25,600	27,022	28,442	28,153	29,474	31,391	32,900	34,578
95 or more	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,122	7,295	7,548	7,504	7,952	8,387	8,502	8,880
Persons											
60-64	166,007	167,252	175,269	192,664	202,606	210,482	211,685	193,988	208,299	187,256	189,393
65-69	308,684	314,390	329,223	360,490	396,747	431,890	447,525	464,417	481,634	479,884	478,873
70-74	295,879	286,600	288,553	296,923	308,299	322,984	319,538	335,197	364,766	388,474	414,302
75+	563,740	572,226	582,804	596,091	608,030	616,518	599,950	609,232	625,515	627,004	633,224
75-79	n/a	n/a	n/a	273,243	268,863	261,696	246,083	248,102	256,335	258,756	265,729
80-84	n/a	n/a	n/a	188,937	197,389	205,604	202,999	203,283	203,492	196,415	189,056
85-89	n/a	n/a	n/a	93,397	98,950	103,979	105,341	109,744	114,659	118,520	122,430
90-94	n/a	n/a	n/a	32,349	34,465	36,532	36,730	38,635	41,017	43,076	45,283
95 or more	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,165	8,363	8,707	8,797	9,468	10,012	10,237	10,726

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Estimated average age (years)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	73.7	73.4	73.2	73.0	73.1	72.9	72.9	72.9
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	72.8	72.8	72.8	72.7	73.0	72.9	72.9	73.2
Rates paid											
Standard rate (single)											
Males	135,215	135,482	139,315	147,066	156,745	165,054	172,363	163,849	170,277	174,675	186,358
Females	641,313	645,390	675,372	673,804	676,919	682,467	628,595	606,619	634,276	625,751	624,418
Persons	776,528	780,872	814,687	820,870	833,664	847,521	800,958	770,468	804,553	800,426	810,776
Married rate (couple)											
Males	268,124	269,004	279,068	300,822	324,451	349,163	372,208	406,479	427,582	438,912	447,754
Females	289,658	290,592	300,094	324,476	357,567	385,190	405,532	425,887	448,079	443,280	457,262
Persons	557,782	559,596	579,162	625,298	682,018	734,353	777,740	832,366	875,661	882,192	905,016
Maximum rate											
Male	296,730	285,581	280,360	295,972	319,661	333,801	346,257	351,696	381,114	397,094	412,362
Female	677,819	659,514	644,401	664,041	699,564	714,026	716,550	696,944	751,184	746,017	756,032
Persons	974,549	945,095	924,761	960,013	1,019,225	1,047,827	1,062,807	1,048,640	1,132,298	1,143,111	1,168,394
Reduced rate											
Male	106,609	118,905	138,023	151,916	161,535	180,416	198,314	218,632	216,745	216,493	221,750
Female	253,152	276,468	313,065	334,239	334,922	353,631	317,577	335,562	331,171	323,014	325,648
Persons	359,761	395,373	451,088	486,155	496,457	534,047	515,891	554,194	547,916	539,507	547,398
Number with PHB Card ⁶											
Male	349,487	349,391	365,942	384,420	468,626	End of series					
Female	774,547	775,748	803,266	824,588	1,020,472						
Persons	1,124,034	1,125,139	1,169,208	1,209,008	1,489,098						
Supplementary payments ⁷											
Male											
Receiving additional pension for children	442	n/a	291	286	n/a	End of series					
Receiving mother's/guardian's allowance	265	253	275	276	n/a						
Receiving remote area allowance	2,440	2,496	2,791	2,957	3,203						
Female											
Receiving additional pension for children	4,158	n/a	2,471	2,681	n/a						
Receiving mother's/guardian's allowance	2,296	2,275	2,154	2,159	n/a						
Receiving remote area allowance	4,040	4,117	4,555	4,775	5,120						
Persons											
Receiving additional pension for children	4,600	2,806	2,762	2,967	n/a						
Receiving mother's/guardian's allowance	2,561	2,528	2,429	2,435	n/a						
Receiving remote area allowance	6,480	6,613	7,346	7,732	8,323						

⁶ From April 1993, the Pensioner Health Benefit Card (later the Pensioner Concession Card) was issued automatically to all pensioners.

⁷ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Grants											
New grants	62,245	63,955	81,390	107,310	End of series						
Transfers from other pensions	34,933	37,457	39,850	29,872							
Total grants	97,178	101,412	121,240	137,182							
Paid under income test											
Single-Male											
Nil	24,145	24,128	24,167	24,897	25,972	27,138	28,560	29,517	24,800	26,720	27,300
Up to the free area	71,589	76,921	73,375	79,198	85,809	90,432	92,257	82,258	94,160	96,360	101,476
Up to the free area plus child disregard	14,546	18,528	22,389	24,125	23,763	7,902	8,054	7,827	7,044	6,701	7,173
Over free area plus child disregard	12,858	15,034	18,557	16,988	18,284	35,591	37,878	39,718	38,595	37,598	38,688
Single-Female											
Nil	99,044	90,730	89,141	88,587	88,757	88,448	89,346	89,817	87,460	89,075	88,165
Up to the free area	358,873	368,074	352,047	366,377	379,956	384,322	377,999	353,382	385,757	380,287	376,718
Up to the free area plus child disregard	51,272	66,591	81,210	84,402	75,618	24,955	24,523	24,587	21,925	20,526	20,909
Over free area plus child disregard	98,638	116,888	131,776	127,284	123,540	173,446	122,275	127,684	125,540	118,409	115,380
Single-Persons											
Nil	123,189	114,858	113,308	113,484	114,729	115,586	117,906	119,334	112,260	115,795	115,465
Up to the free area	430,462	444,995	425,422	445,575	465,765	474,754	470,256	435,640	479,917	476,647	478,194
Up to the free area plus child disregard	65,818	85,119	103,599	108,527	99,381	32,857	32,577	32,414	28,969	27,227	28,082
Over free area plus child disregard	111,496	131,922	150,333	144,272	141,824	209,037	160,153	167,402	164,135	156,007	154,068
Couple-Male											
Nil	20,376	16,528	16,313	16,494	17,582	18,333	20,087	24,287	18,576	21,699	23,303
Up to the free area	181,862	169,469	161,668	177,848	192,655	201,320	209,438	219,034	244,839	250,358	259,166
Up to the free area plus child disregard	38,737	46,670	56,732	59,228	62,882	12,984	12,433	13,779	13,520	12,410	12,829
Over free area plus child disregard	35,307	33,613	41,267	39,081	37,988	99,210	105,712	126,367	120,518	118,141	111,405
Couple -Female											
Nil	22,878	18,679	18,746	18,814	19,736	20,147	21,614	24,414	20,167	22,597	24,543
Up to the free area	200,334	185,202	176,742	192,963	212,543	221,675	228,553	229,757	257,950	251,384	265,357
Up to the free area plus child disregard	43,474	49,342	59,403	61,815	65,698	13,604	12,876	13,781	13,399	12,086	12,789
Over free area plus child disregard	50,065	34,652	42,212	42,328	45,309	111,227	116,388	134,482	126,031	119,361	111,745
Couple-Persons											
Nil	43,254	35,207	35,059	35,308	37,318	38,480	41,701	48,701	38,743	44,296	47,846
Up to the free area	382,196	354,671	338,410	370,811	405,198	422,995	437,991	448,791	502,789	501,742	524,523
Up to the free area plus child disregard	82,211	96,012	116,135	121,043	128,580	26,588	25,309	27,560	26,919	24,496	25,618
Over free area plus child disregard	85,372	68,265	83,479	81,409	83,297	210,437	222,100	260,849	246,549	237,502	223,150

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Paid under assets test											
Single-Males											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	189	275	171	495	2,726	3,295	4,482	3,342	4,427	5,794	9,714
Over non-homeowner threshold	566	596	656	1,363	191	696	1,132	1,187	1,251	1,502	2,007
Single-Females											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	554	1,198	1,047	2,643	8,387	9,135	11,329	8,084	10,241	13,336	18,289
Over non-homeowner threshold	1,878	1,909	2,149	4,511	661	2,161	3,123	3,065	3,353	4,118	4,957
Single-Persons											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	743	1,473	1,218	3,138	11,113	12,430	15,811	11,426	14,668	19,130	28,003
Over non-homeowner threshold	2,444	2,505	2,805	5,874	852	2,857	4,255	4,252	4,604	5,620	6,964
Couple-Male											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	610	500	255	1,290	9,120	10,133	13,420	11,055	15,827	20,025	23,152
Over non-homeowner threshold	2,554	2,224	2,833	6,881	4,224	7,581	11,118	11,957	14,302	16,279	17,899
Couple-Female											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	809	530	255	1,343	9,709	11,062	14,269	11,343	16,007	20,885	23,914
Over non-homeowner threshold	3,152	2,187	2,738	7,213	4,572	8,213	11,832	12,110	14,525	16,967	18,914
Couple-Persons											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	1,419	1,030	510	2,633	18,829	17,714	27,689	22,398	31,834	40,910	47,066
Over non-homeowner threshold	5,706	4,411	5,571	14,094	8,796	15,794	22,950	24,067	28,827	33,246	36,813
Home ownership											
Owners											
Males	299,679	298,993	310,765	335,193	361,264	384,566	407,966	417,097	439,699	444,699	461,354
Females	619,796	618,916	637,835	672,608	703,723	724,986	702,346	695,303	724,358	697,937	711,104
Persons	919,475	917,909	948,600	1,007,801	1,064,987	1,109,552	1,110,312	1,112,400	1,164,057	1,142,636	1,172,458
Non-owners											
Males	103,660	105,493	107,618	112,695	119,932	129,651	136,605	153,231	158,160	168,888	172,758
Females	311,175	317,066	319,631	325,672	330,763	342,671	331,781	337,203	357,997	371,094	370,576
Persons	414,835	422,559	427,249	438,367	450,695	472,322	468,386	490,434	516,157	539,982	543,334
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	261,022	255,968	262,373	279,372	299,246	321,546	339,089	347,437	360,146	364,991	374,668
UK/Ireland/Eire	54,098	51,762	54,071	56,611	60,105	62,956	65,689	68,433	70,802	72,160	73,821
Italy	20,331	23,175	25,655	29,181	32,279	35,533	38,222	41,670	44,976	47,602	49,645
Greece	5,824	6,703	7,414	8,409	9,546	10,927	12,187	13,314	14,600	15,676	17,181
Netherlands	5,580	6,357	6,741	7,241	8,468	9,629	10,404	10,971	11,696	12,135	12,483
New Zealand	3,110	3,331	3,480	3,778	4,032	4,293	4,575	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poland	10,181	11,074	11,464	11,783	n/a	11,829	11,709	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	43,193	46,116	47,185	51,513	67,520	57,504	62,696	88,503	95,639	101,023	106,314

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females											
Australia	680,385	678,993	690,814	718,002	742,043	765,900	724,705	711,451	726,299	710,949	713,351
UK/Ireland/Eire	110,466	107,608	112,222	115,240	117,381	119,066	117,314	117,492	122,533	120,397	121,526
Italy	28,355	30,995	33,335	35,969	38,248	40,669	42,742	44,369	47,281	47,980	49,667
Greece	9,789	11,229	12,353	13,510	14,733	16,289	17,900	18,669	21,097	21,895	23,438
Netherlands	8,557	9,680	10,170	10,764	11,951	13,219	13,769	13,988	14,770	14,978	15,319
New Zealand	6,766	7,186	7,429	7,865	8,291	8,510	7,997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poland	11,167	11,681	11,913	12,123	n/a	12,483	12,648	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	75,486	78,610	79,230	84,807	101,839	91,521	97,052	126,537	150,375	152,832	158,379
Persons											
Australia	941,407	934,961	953,187	997,374	1,041,289	1,087,446	1,063,794	1,058,888	1,086,445	1,075,940	1,088,019
UK/Ireland/Eire	164,564	159,370	166,293	171,851	177,486	182,022	183,003	185,925	193,335	192,557	195,347
Italy	48,686	54,170	58,990	65,150	70,527	76,202	80,964	86,039	92,257	95,582	99,312
Greece	15,612	17,932	19,767	21,919	24,279	27,216	30,087	31,983	35,697	37,571	40,619
Netherlands	14,137	16,037	16,911	18,005	20,419	22,848	24,173	24,959	26,466	27,113	27,802
New Zealand	9,876	10,517	10,909	11,643	12,323	12,803	12,572	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Poland	21,348	22,755	23,377	23,906	n/a	24,312	24,357	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	118,680	124,726	126,415	136,320	169,359	149,025	159,748	215,040	246,014	253,855	264,693

2.4 Disability and sickness payments

2.4.1 Characteristics of Disability Support Pensioners, June 1989 to June 1999⁸

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	227,285	233,251	244,699	273,697	291,471	309,123	324,672	340,256	352,607	361,539	373,340
Females	80,510	83,462	89,535	104,861	115,101	127,111	139,758	158,979	174,907	191,797	204,342
Persons	307,795	316,713	334,234	378,558	406,572	436,234	464,430	499,235	527,514	553,336	577,682
By age groups											
Males											
Under 20	4,370	4,340	4,363	6,412	6,634	5,396	5,950	6,397	7,161	7,733	8,384
20-29	14,899	15,312	16,331	19,135	20,498	23,370	24,725	25,871	27,019	27,987	29,197
30-39	22,380	23,029	24,737	31,272	34,422	37,568	40,677	43,769	46,502	48,112	49,799
40-49	36,063	37,142	39,416	45,764	49,601	53,724	57,745	62,226	65,097	68,025	71,816
50-59	74,304	73,812	76,364	83,929	89,559	96,009	102,554	108,894	114,126	115,979	118,652
60-64	71,360	75,461	79,021	82,977	86,725	89,531	89,285	89,201	90,482	91,121	93,097
65 and over	3,909	4,155	4,467	4,208	4,032	3,525	3,736	3,898	2,220	2,582	2,395
Females											
Under 20	3,493	3,468	3,337	4,881	4,938	4,006	4,345	4,642	5,152	5,445	5,742
20-29	10,779	10,978	11,604	12,949	13,835	15,925	17,020	18,117	19,011	20,016	20,666
30-39	14,216	14,555	15,438	18,497	19,955	21,686	23,467	25,693	27,458	28,597	29,938
40-49	21,499	22,657	24,730	29,189	31,908	34,779	37,577	41,351	43,853	46,082	49,265
50-59	29,378	30,650	33,297	38,324	43,520	49,843	56,382	65,430	75,454	81,312	87,254
60-64	615	654	675	613	577	542	653	3,434	3,798	10,159	11,262
65 and over	530	500	454	408	368	330	314	312	181	186	215
Persons											
Under 20	7,863	7,808	7,700	11,293	11,572	9,402	10,295	11,039	12,313	13,178	14,126
20-29	25,678	26,290	27,935	32,084	34,333	39,295	41,745	43,988	46,030	48,003	49,863
30-39	36,596	37,584	40,175	49,769	54,377	59,254	64,144	69,462	73,960	76,709	79,737
40-49	57,562	59,799	64,146	74,953	81,509	88,503	95,322	103,577	108,950	114,107	121,081
50-59	103,682	104,462	109,661	122,253	133,079	145,852	158,936	174,324	189,580	197,291	205,906
60-64	71,975	76,115	79,696	83,590	87,302	90,073	89,938	92,635	94,280	101,280	104,359
65 and over	4,439	4,655	4,921	4,616	4,400	3,855	4,050	4,210	2,401	2,768	2,610
Rates paid											
Standard rate (single)											
Males	103,537	106,452	112,890	131,692	141,489	150,708	160,094	168,993	179,724	190,199	213,907
Females	66,858	69,450	74,160	85,936	91,772	99,681	108,674	118,282	128,487	139,723	152,753
Persons	170,395	175,902	187,050	217,628	233,261	250,389	268,768	287,275	308,211	329,922	366,660

⁸ From 1995 to 1998, includes recipients of Disability Wage Supplement.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Married rate (couple)											
Males	123,748	126,799	131,809	142,005	149,982	158,415	164,578	171,263	172,883	171,340	159,433
Females	13,652	14,012	15,375	18,925	23,329	27,430	31,084	40,697	46,420	52,074	51,589
Persons	137,400	140,811	147,184	160,930	173,311	185,845	195,662	211,960	219,303	223,414	211,022
Maximum rate											
Males	197,949	200,004	209,044	233,712	253,456	265,957	277,223	285,866	300,313	301,782	312,647
Females	70,759	72,729	77,834	90,865	101,612	111,556	121,741	135,435	149,621	161,795	172,015
Persons	268,708	272,733	286,878	324,577	355,068	377,513	398,964	421,301	449,934	463,577	484,662
Reduced rate											
Males	29,336	33,247	35,655	39,985	38,015	43,166	47,449	54,390	52,294	59,757	60,693
Females	9,751	10,733	11,701	13,996	13,489	15,555	18,017	23,544	25,286	30,002	32,327
Persons	39,087	43,980	47,356	53,981	51,504	58,721	65,466	77,934	77,580	89,759	93,020
Paid under income test											
Single—Males											
Nil	52,760	54,164	57,789	65,843	71,839	77,437	84,275	110,497	78,721	88,673	97,622
Up to the free area	41,080	42,715	43,936	53,050	57,791	60,288	61,620	42,723	85,168	83,150	91,810
Up to the free area plus child disregard	3,779	4,804	5,621	7,341	6,663	2,529	2,671	2,712	2,750	3,065	3,359
Over free area plus child disregard	3,559	4,601	5,357	5,060	4,784	9,901	10,781	12,461	12,420	13,991	18,722
Single—Females											
Nil	31,404	33,127	35,549	40,344	44,345	48,881	54,363	75,494	48,967	57,895	62,950
Up to the free area	25,525	27,278	28,643	35,032	38,151	41,322	44,141	31,902	67,969	68,468	72,514
Up to the free area plus child disregard	1,622	2,654	3,142	4,088	3,772	1,384	1,575	1,857	2,043	2,264	2,330
Over free area plus child disregard	1,704	6,265	6,691	6,239	5,340	7,782	8,155	8,630	9,078	10,381	13,757
Single—Persons											
Nil	84,164	87,291	93,338	106,187	116,184	126,318	138,638	185,991	127,688	146,568	160,572
Up to the free area	66,605	69,993	72,579	88,082	95,942	101,610	105,761	74,625	153,137	151,618	164,324
Up to the free area plus child disregard	5,401	7,458	8,763	11,429	10,435	3,913	4,246	4,569	4,793	5,329	5,689
Over free area plus child disregard	5,263	10,866	12,048	11,299	10,123	17,683	18,936	21,091	21,498	24,372	32,479
Couple—Males											
Nil	40,099	38,967	40,657	43,838	46,047	47,399	49,622	63,786	28,089	35,380	34,544
Up to the free area	61,240	61,549	62,066	69,164	77,792	80,856	81,990	69,436	107,575	93,761	87,515
Up to the free area plus child disregard	11,796	14,389	15,638	15,928	14,172	3,191	3,018	3,416	3,522	3,592	3,336
Over free area plus child disregard	11,899	11,176	12,731	11,569	10,310	24,622	26,870	31,811	30,820	32,871	28,251
Couple—Females											
Nil	7,430	6,440	7,033	8,057	8,922	9,728	10,731	16,156	8,316	11,610	12,298
Up to the free area	6,359	5,879	6,385	7,802	9,580	10,839	11,796	11,891	24,520	24,024	24,295
Up to the free area plus child disregard	1,071	989	1,127	1,355	1,607	385	390	555	693	836	865
Over free area plus child disregard	5,218	657	788	1,586	3,047	6,150	7,720	11,451	12,118	13,974	12,358
Couple—Persons											
Nil	47,529	45,407	47,690	51,895	54,968	57,127	60,353	79,942	36,405	46,990	46,842
Up to the free area	67,599	67,428	68,451	76,966	87,372	91,695	93,786	81,327	132,095	117,785	111,810
Up to the free area plus child disregard	12,867	15,378	16,765	17,283	15,780	3,576	3,408	3,971	4,215	4,428	4,201
Over free area plus child disregard	17,117	11,833	13,519	13,155	13,357	30,772	34,590	43,262	42,938	46,845	40,609

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Paid under assets test											
Single—Males											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	94	80	71	156	355	471	627	473	533	1032	1995
Over non-homeowner threshold	99	88	116	242	36	82	120	127	132	288	399
Single—Females											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	46	85	87	141	146	268	367	320	346	570	1036
Over non-homeowner threshold	26	41	48	92	14	44	73	79	84	145	166
Single—Persons											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	140	165	158	297	501	739	994	793	879	1602	3031
Over non-homeowner threshold	125	129	164	334	50	126	193	206	216	433	565
Couple—males											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	267	196	99	365	1,359	1702	2157	1928	1917	3585	3693
Over non-homeowner threshold	613	522	618	1,141	324	645	921	886	960	2,151	2,094
Couple—Females											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	42	11	12	32	137	233	304	424	491	1018	1122
Over non-homeowner threshold	63	36	30	93	40	94	143	220	282	612	651
Couple—Persons											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	309	207	111	397	1,496	1935	2461	2352	2408	4603	4815
Over non-homeowner threshold	676	558	648	1,234	364	739	1,064	1,106	1,242	2,763	2,745
Home ownership											
Owners											
Males	111,997	112,985	116,907	125,407	131,520	137,230	140,903	145,999	147,501	147,435	148,804
Females	22,920	23,415	25,550	29,729	33,088	36,837	40,683	50,203	56,700	64,131	68,501
Persons	134,917	136,400	142,457	155,136	164,608	174,067	181,586	196,202	204,201	211,566	217,305
Non-owners											
Males	115,288	120,266	127,792	148,290	159,951	171,893	183,769	194,257	205,106	214,104	224,536
Females	57,590	60,047	63,985	75,132	82,013	90,274	99,075	108,776	118,207	127,666	135,841
Persons	172,878	180,313	191,777	223,422	241,964	262,167	282,844	303,033	323,313	341,770	360,377
Number with PHB Card⁹											
Males	206,909	212,197	225,383	252,648							
Females	73,028	75,769	82,009	96,621	End of series						
Persons	279,937	287,966	307,392	349,269							

⁹ From April 1993, the Pensioner Health Benefit Card (later the Pensioner Concession Card) was issued automatically to all pensioners.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Supplementary payments ¹⁰											
Males											
Receiving additional pension for children	3,901	n/a	3,153	2,972							
Receiving mother's/guardian's allowance	1,343	1,348	1,474	1,606	End of series						
Receiving remote area allowance	3,143	3,254	3,840	4,095							
Females											
receiving additional pension for children	10,521		9,484	10,764							
Receiving mother's/guardian's allowance	4,734	4,880	5,165	5,719							
Receiving remote area allowance	1,129	1,209	1,418	1,556							
Persons											
Receiving additional pension for children	14,422	12,193	12,637	13,736							
Receiving mother's/guardian's allowance	6,077	6,228	6,639	7,325							
Receiving remote area allowance	4,272	4,463	5,258	5,651							
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	148,606	153,118	160,671	181,772	195,267	208,895	219,712	228,881	239,696	247,377	258,316
UK/Ireland	17,306	17,095	19,032	20,631	21,618	22,642	23,886	24,580	25,260	25,566	26,217
Italy	12,801	12,560	12,878	13,600	14,011	14,300	14,392	13,845	13,055	12,354	13,239
Greece	9,334	10,048	10,259	10,910	11,186	11,487	11,898	12,124	12,048	11,869	12,216
Former Republic of Yugoslavia	8,552	9,276	10,054	11,084	11,550	11,858	11,649	11,616	11,356	11,081	11,736
Other	30,686	31,154	31,805	35,700	37,839	39,941	43,135	49,210	51,192	53,292	51,616
Females											
Australia	62,129	64,010	68,472	80,492	88,512	97,675	106,132	118,682	130,079	141,975	151,510
UK/Ireland	4,251	4,361	4,987	5,795	6,367	7,139	8,154	9,503	10,594	11,709	12,338
Italy	2,327	2,270	2,341	2,506	2,572	2,720	3,000	3,455	3,695	4,136	4,673
Greece	2,256	2,406	2,548	2,816	3,026	3,273	3,653	4,170	4,473	4,910	5,201
Former Republic of Yugoslavia	2,064	2,292	2,496	2,841	2,971	3,186	3,322	3,640	3,815	4,103	4,483
Other	7,483	8,123	8,691	10,411	11,653	13,118	15,497	19,529	22,251	24,964	26,137
Persons											
Australia	210,734	217,128	229,143	262,264	283,779	306,570	325,844	347,563	369,775	389,352	409,826
UK/Ireland	21,557	21,456	24,019	26,426	27,985	29,781	32,040	34,083	35,854	37,275	38,555
Italy	15,128	14,830	15,219	16,106	16,583	17,020	17,392	17,300	16,750	16,490	17,912
Greece	11,590	12,454	12,807	13,726	14,212	14,760	15,551	16,294	16,521	16,779	17,417
Former Republic of Yugoslavia	10,616	11,568	12,550	13,925	14,521	15,044	14,971	15,256	15,171	15,184	16,219
Other	38,170	39,277	40,496	46,111	49,492	53,059	58,632	68,739	73,443	78,256	77,753

¹⁰ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational.

2.4.2 Characteristics of Sheltered Employment Allowees and wives, 1989 to 1991¹¹

	1989	1990	1991	
Males	6,517	6,331	6,382	End of series
Females	3,918	3,793	3,766	
Persons	10,435	10,124	10,148	
By age groups				
Males				
<16			2	
16-19	472	360	293	
20-29	2,509	2,376	2,313	
30-39	1,895	1,932	2,009	
40-49	969	1,006	1,095	
50-59	492	483	504	
60-64	166	158	147	
65 and over	14	16	19	
Females				
<16				
6-19	288	243	187	
20-29	1,612	1,503	1,460	
30-39	1,161	1,174	1,201	
40-49	599	633	658	End of series
50-59	248	234	246	
60-64	9	6	14	
65 and over	1			
Persons				
<16	2			
16-19	760	603	480	
20-29	4,121	3,879	3,773	
30-39	3,056	3,106	3,210	
40-49	1,568	1,639	1,753	
50-59	740	717	750	
60-64	175	164	161	
65 and over	15	16	19	

¹¹ From November 1991, recipients were transferred to Disability Support Pension and their wives to Wife Pension.

	1989	1990	1991
Country of birth (selected countries)			
Males			
Australia	5,817	5,732	5,788
UK/Ireland	244	202	203
New Zealand	45	49	53
Vietnam	5	4	8
Yugoslavia	29	20	24
Other	378	324	306
Females			
Australia	3,540	3,467	3,427
UK/Ireland	126	116	129
New Zealand	19	19	21
Vietnam	3	6	9
Yugoslavia	13	11	16
Other	217	174	164
Persons			
Australia	9,356	9,199	9,215
UK/Ireland	370	318	332
New Zealand	64	68	74
Vietnam	8	10	17
Yugoslavia	42	31	40
Other	595	498	470
Rates paid			
Standard rate (single)			
Males	5,881	n/a	5,784
Females	3,349	n/a	3,266
Persons	9,230	n/a	9,050
Married rate (couple)			
Males	636	n/a	598
Females	569	n/a	500
Persons	1,205	n/a	1,098
Maximum rate			
Males	5,404	n/a	4,984
Females	3,293	n/a	3,015
Persons	8,697	n/a	7,999
Reduced rate			
Males	1,113	n/a	1,398
Females	625	n/a	751
Persons	1,738	n/a	2,149

	1989	1990	1991
Paid under income test			
Single—Males			
Nil	150	n/a	281
0.01–\$40.00	4,687	n/a	4,061
\$40.01–\$88.00	918	n/a	1,257
Over \$88.00	148	n/a	183
Single—Females			
Nil	93	n/a	139
0.01–\$40.00	2,792	n/a	2,407
\$40.01–\$88.00	431	n/a	624
Over \$88.00	86	n/a	96
Single—Persons			
Nil	243	n/a	420
0.01–\$40.00	7,479	n/a	6,468
\$40.01–\$88.00	1,349	n/a	1,881
Over \$88.00	234	n/a	279
Married—Males			
Nil	46	n/a	40
\$0.01–\$35.00	391	n/a	367
\$35.01–\$75.00	120	n/a	144
Over \$75.00	55	n/a	47
Married—Females			
Nil	41	n/a	35
\$0.01–\$35.00	320	n/a	292
\$35.01–\$75.00	103	n/a	130
Over \$75.00	52	n/a	43
Married—Persons			
Nil	87	n/a	75
\$0.01–\$35.00	711	n/a	659
\$35.01–\$75.00	223	n/a	274
Over \$75.00	107	n/a	90
Paid under assets test (\$)			
Single—Males			
Up to non-homeowner threshold	2	n/a	2
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a	
Single—Females			
Up to non-homeowner threshold		n/a	
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a	
Single—Persons			
Up to non-homeowner threshold	2	n/a	2
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a	

End of series

	1989	1990	1991
Couple—Males			
Up to non-homeowner threshold		n/a	
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a	End of series
Couple—Females			
Up to non-homeowner threshold		n/a	
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a	
Couple—Persons			
Up to non-homeowner threshold		n/a	
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a	

2.4.3 Characteristics of Rehabilitation Allowees and wives, 1989 to 1997¹²

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Males	1,332	1,442	2,455	1,329	396	102	19	9	
Females	1,211	1,350	2,183	1,171	349	96	22	5	3 End of series
Persons	2,543	2,792	4,638	2,500	745	198	41	14	3
By age groups									
Males									
Under 16		2							
16-19	172	130	149	59	10				
20-29	440	415	682	354	113	32	5	2	
30-39	433	509	883	502	148	37	7	3	
40-49	223	295	564	317	108	28	5	4	
50-59	54	80	169	91	16	5	2		
60-64	9	11	8	5	1				
65 and over	1			1					
Females									
Under 16	1	3	1						
16-19	160	139	150	59	6	2			
20-29	414	425	655	363	112	24	6	1	
30-39	393	425	744	422	137	38	8	3	2
40-49	203	306	516	265	77	21	5		
50-59	40	52	115	62	17	11	3	1	1 End of series
60-64			1						
65 and over			1						
Persons									
Under 16	1	5	1						
16-19	332	269	299	118	16	2			
20-29	854	840	1,337	717	225	56	11	3	
30-39	826	934	1,627	924	285	75	15	6	2
40-49	426	601	1,080	582	185	49	10	4	
50-59	94	132	284	153	33	16	5	1	1
60-64	9	11	9	5	1				
65 and over	1		1	1	0				

¹² From November 1991, there were no new grants of Rehabilitation Allowance and, since early 1998, there have no longer been any recipients of this payment.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Rates paid									
Standard rate (single)									
Males	841	n/a	n/a	748	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Females	718	n/a	n/a	585	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Persons	1,559	n/a	n/a	1,333	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)									
Males	491	n/a	n/a	581	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Females	493	n/a	n/a	586	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Persons	984	n/a	n/a	1,167	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maximum rate									
Males	1,201	n/a	2,291	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Females	1,052	n/a	1,934	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Persons	2,253	n/a	4,225	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reduced rate									
Males	131	n/a	164	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Females	159	n/a	249	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Persons	290	n/a	413	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paid under income test									
Single—Males									
Nil	494	n/a	1,055	584	171	47	9	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area	300	n/a	231	129	49	13	4	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area plus child disregard	19	n/a	31	18	5			n/a	n/a
Over free area plus child disregard	24	n/a	26	16	9	3		n/a	n/a
Single—Females									
Nil	433	n/a	788	405	103	23	4	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area	229	n/a	225	125	56	16	5	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area plus child disregard	23	n/a	44	28	4			n/a	n/a
Over free area plus child disregard	31	n/a	32	24	9	6	2	n/a	n/a
Single—Persons									
Nil	927	n/a	1,843	989	274	70	13	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area	529	n/a	456	254	105	29	9	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area plus child disregard	42	n/a	75	46	9			n/a	n/a
Over free area plus child disregard	55	n/a	58	40	18	9	2	n/a	n/a
Married—Males									
Nil	348	n/a	839	404	108	26	3	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area	52	n/a	133	91	29	6	2	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area plus child disregard	32	n/a	53	31	6			n/a	n/a
Over free area plus child disregard	56	n/a	87	55	19	7	1	n/a	n/a

End of series

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Married—Females									
Nil	350	n/a	822	404	114	32	7	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area	55	n/a	126	97	35	11	3	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area plus child disregard	32	n/a	55	29	6			n/a	n/a
Over free area plus child disregard	56	n/a	84	56	22	7	1	n/a	n/a
Married—Persons									
Nil	698	n/a	1,661	808	222	58	10	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area	107	n/a	259	188	64	17	5	n/a	n/a
Up to the free area plus child disregard	64	n/a	108	60	12	0		n/a	n/a
Over free area plus child disregard	112	n/a	171	111	41	14	2	n/a	n/a
Paid under assets test									
Single—Males									
Up to non-homeowner threshold	4	n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a
Single—Females									
Up to non-homeowner threshold	2	n/a	7	n/a	1		n/a	n/a	n/a
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a
Single—Persons									
Up to non-homeowner threshold	6	n/a	7	n/a	1		n/a	n/a	n/a
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a End of series
Couple—Males									
Up to non-homeowner threshold	3	n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a
Couple—Females									
Up to non-homeowner threshold		n/a		n/a		1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a
Couple—Persons									
Up to non-homeowner threshold	3	n/a		n/a		1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a		n/a			n/a	n/a	n/a
Country of birth (selected countries)									
Males									
Australia	1,035	1,072	1,801	995	300	81	16	n/a	n/a
UK/Ireland	81	119	246	101	24	4		n/a	n/a
New Zealand	15	24	42	27	7	3	2	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	13	25	44	25	12	3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yugoslavia	7	13	23	11	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	181	189	299	170	53	11	1	n/a	n/a

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Females									
Australia	958	1,049	1,742	935	289	76	16	n/a	n/a
UK/Ireland	59	88	159	75	18	4	3	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	18	24	41	19	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	9	26	33	19	8	3	1	n/a	n/a
Yugoslavia	3	5	13	15	4	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	164	158	195	108	28	12	2	n/a	n/a
Persons									
Australia	1,993	2,121	3,543	1,747	511	134	26	n/a	n/a
UK/Ireland	140	207	405	266	83	21	8	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	33	48	83	80	14	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	22	51	77	137	49	17	3	n/a	n/a
Yugoslavia	10	18	36	26	4	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	345	347	494	278	81	23	3	n/a	n/a

2.4.4 Characteristics of Sickness Allowees, 1989 to 1999 ¹³

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	56,916	57,143	51,882	30,474	30,878	30,422	30,317	22,251	10,635	11,166	7,799
Females	22,101	22,708	20,765	13,167	14,348	15,426	15,733	12,267	4,998	5,119	3,382
Persons	79,017	79,851	72,647	43,641	45,226	45,848	46,050	34,518	15,633	16,285	11,181
By age groups											
Males											
Under 18	441	443	244	182	220	286	317	189	100	88	
18-20	2,449	2,388	2,235	1,535	1,577	1,574	1,493	1,055	655	714	8
21-24	4,306	4,286	4,179	2,900	2,983	2,927	3,003	2,083	1,192	1,387	832
25-34	13,223	13,360	12,922	8,312	8,240	8,138	7,867	5,617	2,812	3,175	2,217
35-44	12,532	12,750	12,034	7,255	7,346	7,396	7,490	5,680	2,509	2,533	2,129
45-54	11,812	11,967	10,629	5,693	6,055	6,037	6,278	4,765	2,084	2,026	1,621
55-59	6,175	5,918	4,851	2,426	2,509	2,509	2,622	1,979	841	754	653
60-64	5,978	6,031	4,788	2,171	1,948	1,555	1,247	883	442	489	339
Females											
Under 18	451	416	289	168	208	263	349	240	67	65	
18-20	2,058	2,071	1,850	1,205	1,294	1,367	1,388	829	392	399	3
21-24	2,552	2,525	2,279	1,663	1,834	1,916	1,964	1,466	681	678	400
25-34	4,923	4,914	4,644	3,089	3,204	3,361	3,506	2,754	1,207	1,276	922
35-44	5,436	5,359	4,839	3,074	3,239	3,476	3,496	2,783	1,069	1,086	808
45-54	5,430	6,132	5,768	3,482	3,888	4,131	4,252	3,429	1,278	1,267	982
55-59	1,251	1,291	1,096	486	681	912	778	727	286	305	239
60-64								39	18	43	28
Persons											
Under 18	892	859	533	350	428	549	666	429	167	153	
18-20	4,507	4,459	4,085	2,740	2,871	2,941	2,881	1,884	1,047	1,113	11
21-24	6,858	6,811	6,458	4,563	4,817	4,843	4,967	3,549	1,873	2,065	1,232
25-34	18,148	18,274	17,566	11,401	11,444	11,499	11,373	8,371	4,019	4,451	3,139
35-44	17,967	18,109	16,873	10,329	10,585	10,872	10,986	8,463	3,578	3,619	2,937
45-54	17,243	18,099	16,397	9,175	9,943	10,168	10,530	8,194	3,362	3,293	2,603
55-59	7,425	7,209	5,947	2,912	3,190	3,421	3,400	2,706	1,127	1,059	892
60-64	5,977	6,031	4,788	2,171	1,948	1,555	1,247	922	460	498	367

¹³ Until September 1996, recipients of unemployment payments who were temporarily incapacitated were transferred to Sickness Allowance. The drop in numbers between 1996 and 1997 reflects the change of practice whereby temporarily incapacitated recipients of unemployment payments remain on that payment, rather than transferring to Sickness Allowance.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Rates paid											
Males											
Standard rate (single)	31,300	31,986	30,371	18,548	18,379	18,276	18,569	13,366	6,257	6,820	4,435
Without children	30,981	31,719	30,145	18,434	18,287	18,130	18,430	13,314	6,203	6,773	4,392
With children	319	267	226	114	92	146	139	52	54	47	43
Married rate (couple)	25,616	25,157	21,511	11,926	12,499	12,146	11,748	8,885	4,378	4,346	3,364
Without children	12,753	12,799	10,705	5,818	12,467	5,395	5,138	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	12,855	12,347	10,789	6,108	32	6,751	6,610	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	7	11	16								
Females											
Standard rate (single)	20,911	21,357	19,222	12,031	13,045	13,936	14,058	10,281	4,170	4,187	2,745
Without children	19,817	20,533	18,626	11,789	12,818	13,296	13,413	10,072	4,028	3,988	2,621
With children	1,094	824	596	242	227	640	645	209	142	199	124
Married rate (couple)	1,190	1,351	1,543	1,136	1,303	1,490	1,675	1,986	828	932	637
Without children	681	808	1,001	699	890	820	933	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	508	535	538	437	413	670	742	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	1	8	4								
Persons											
Standard rate (single)	52,211	53,343	49,593	30,579	31,424	32,212	32,627	23,647	10,427	11,007	7,180
Without children	50,798	52,252	48,771	30,223	31,105	31,426	31,843	23,386	10,231	10,761	7,013
With children	1,413	1,091	822	356	319	786	784	261	196	246	167
Married rate (couple)	26,806	26,508	23,054	13,062	13,802	13,636	13,423	10,871	5,206	5,278	4,001
Without children	13,434	13,607	11,706	6,517	13,357	6,215	6,071	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	13,363	12,882	11,327	6,545	445	7,421	7,352	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	8	19	20								
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	36,807	36,711	34,527	22,175	22,726	22,347	21,703	16,155	8,087	8,788	5,927
UK/Ireland	4,302	4,246	3,710	2,355	2,315	2,281	2,133	1,491	654	660	444
Greece	1,619	1,545	1,233	484	506	470	471	400	n/a	93	n/a
Italy	1,599	1,462	1,276	603	536	464	n/a	n/a	135	118	84
Yugoslavia	1,716	4,083	4,196	1,956	1,820	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	102
Americas	506	593	520	249	258	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	535	285	511	266	269	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lebanon	1,872	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	475	n/a	139	n/a	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	1,202	1,214	1,043	365	338	n/a	n/a	370	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Asia	1,876	1,116	800	389	437	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	n/a	3,289	2,591	688	680	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	1,048	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	730	710	466	272	281	218
Oceania (other than Australia & NZ)	299	1,437	1,401	894	900	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	3,535	1,162	75	50	93	4,130	4,825	3,369	1,348	1,226	1,024

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females											
Australia	16,101	16,358	15,087	10,142	11,118	11,884	11,873	9,398	4,022	4,143	2,667
UK/Ireland	1,391	1,470	1,334	844	948	917	918	668	255	270	179
Greece	381	387	333	155	154	170	171	159	n/a	26	n/a
Italy	285	299	261	109	123	138	n/a	n/a	32	30	19
Yugoslavia	439	1,192	1,312	646	658	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	34
Americas	234	283	266	129	154	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	219	142	195	112	114	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lebanon	326	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	129	n/a	26	n/a	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	318	337	358	120	133	n/a	n/a	152	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Asia	661	536	410	222	294	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	n/a	670	514	159	149	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	577	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	435	449	314	134	128	117
Oceania (other than Australia & NZ)	135	717	673	503	478	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	1,034	316	22	26	25	1,882	2,193	1,576	529	522	366
Persons											
Australia	52,908	53,069	49,614	32,317	33,844	34,231	33,576	25,553	12,109	12,931	8,594
UK/Ireland	5,693	5,716	5,044	3,199	3,263	3,198	3,051	2,159	909	930	623
Greece	2,000	1,932	1,566	639	660	640	642	559	n/a	119	
Italy	1,884	1,761	1,537	712	659	602	n/a	n/a	167	148	103
Yugoslavia	2,155	5,275	5,508	2,602	2,478	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	136
Americas	740	876	786	378	412	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	754	428	706	378	383	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lebanon	2,198	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	604	n/a	165	n/a	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	1,520	1,551	1,401	485	471	n/a	n/a	522	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Asia	2,537	1,652	1,210	611	731	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	n/a	3,959	3,105	847	829	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	1,625	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,165	1,159	780	406	409	335
Oceania (other than Australia & NZ)	434	2,154	2,074	1,397	1,378	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	4,569	1,478	97	76	118	6,012	7,018	4,945	1,877	1,748	1,390
Duration of Allowance ¹⁴											
Males											
Up to 7 weeks	11,074	10,683	9,696	8,050	8,030	7,344	7,512	3,971	2,541	2,461	1,781
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	9,291	8,676	7,904	6,443	6,459	6,035	6,258	3,035	1,388	1,686	1,236
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	8,330	8,957	8,915	6,371	6,781	6,913	6,639	6,199	1,711	1,820	1,655
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	9,779	10,033	10,274	5,968	6,725	6,888	6,636	6,393	1,501	1,719	1,732
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	9,222	8,999	7,888	2,664	2,682	3,013	3,011	2,457	1,659	1,540	928
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	4,554	4,414	3,167	572	156	193	224	156	824	1,165	263
Over 3 years	4,664	5,381	4,038	405	45	36	37	40	1,011	775	203

¹⁴ On the introduction of the Disability Reform package in November 1991, long-term Sickness Allowees were transferred to Disability Support Pension. The cessation of transfers to Sickness Allowance of temporarily incapacitated recipients of unemployment payments (in September 1996) also reduced the number of Sickness Allowees with short durations.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females											
Up to 7 weeks	4,379	4,309	3,845	3,322	3,625	3,525	3,596	1,675	1,225	1,042	718
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	3,923	3,638	3,093	2,824	3,022	3,225	3,282	1,565	685	770	494
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	3,213	3,744	3,597	2,658	3,096	3,287	3,319	3,557	812	885	665
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	3,531	3,770	3,905	2,585	3,075	3,522	3,607	3,728	684	786	834
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	3,610	3,454	3,293	1,280	1,435	1,742	1,753	1,621	776	704	437
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	1,669	1,823	1,369	300	72	105	157	97	386	550	120
Over 3 years	1,776	1,970	1,664	198	23	20	19	24	430	382	115
Persons											
Up to 7 weeks	15,453	14,992	13,541	11,372	11,655	10,869	11,108	5,646	3,766	3,503	2,499
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	13,214	12,314	10,996	9,267	9,481	9,260	9,540	4,600	2,073	2,456	1,730
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	11,543	12,701	12,512	9,029	9,877	10,200	9,958	9,756	2,523	2,705	2,320
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	13,310	13,803	14,179	8,553	9,800	10,410	10,243	10,121	2,185	2,505	2,566
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	12,832	12,453	11,180	3,944	4,117	4,755	4,764	4,078	2,435	2,244	1,365
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	6,223	6,237	4,536	872	228	298	381	253	1,210	1,715	383
Over 3 years	6,440	7,351	5,702	603	68	56	56	64	1,441	1,157	318
Mean duration (weeks)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	23.2	23.0	26.9	56.6	50.6	36.7
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.2	24.5	29.3	52.3	53.0	41.5
Persons	n/a	56.0	51.0	26.0	22.0	23.5	23.5	27.7	55.2	51.4	38.2
Median duration (weeks)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.6	15.0	19.8	22.0	22.3	19.3
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.9	16.0	22.3	21.0	23.4	22.3
Persons	n/a	26.0	25.0	14.0	14.0	15.7	15.3	20.6	22.0	22.6	20.0
Paid under income test											
Males											
Nil	43,595	44,167	41,294	23,684	24,086	23,953	26,813	16,285	6,503	6,947	7,595
Up to the free area	7,628	6,877	7,217	3,700	4,067	3,884	1,324	4,324	3,508	1,776	202
Over free area	5,693	6,099	3,372	3,090	2,725	2,585	2,180	1,642	624	2,443	2
Females											
Nil	18,541	19,053	17,516	10,736	11,744	12,558	14,269	8,506	2,832	2,947	3,229
Up to the free area	2,432	2,440	2,689	1,692	1,747	1,919	670	2,591	1,772	792	152
Over free area	1,128	1,215	560	739	857	949	794	1,170	394	1,380	1
Persons											
Nil	62,136	63,220	58,810	34,420	35,830	36,511	41,082	24,791	9,335	9,894	10,824
Up to the free area	10,060	9,317	9,905	5,392	5,814	5,803	1,994	6,915	5,280	2,568	354
Over free area	6,821	7,314	3,932	3,829	3,582	3,534	2,974	2,812	1,018	3,823	3

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Supplementary payments ¹⁵											
Mother's/guardian's allowance	1,375	876	824	489	End of series						
Remote area allowance	892		936	711							
Young homeless allowance	57	55	36	30							
No. of beneficiaries with children	14,776	13,973	12,150	6,901							
No. of children	32,267	30,719	26,361	14,411							

¹⁵ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational.

2.5 Payments to partners and carers

2.5.1 Characteristics of Wife Pensioners whose partner receives Age Pension, 1989 to 1999¹⁶

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females	22,609	23,766	26,537	30,902	33,520	36,539	39,611	41,125	36,577	36,233	32,196
By age groups											
Under 20						24	19	2			
20-29						103	107	79	62	49	34
Under 30	122	135	139	133	128	127	126	81	62	49	34
30-39	431	440	550	623	674	754	799	661	575	489	422
40-49	1,893	1,975	2,197	2,646	3,010	3,244	3,523	3,294	2,918	2,686	2,439
50-59	17,542	18,155	19,823	22,954	25,852	28,503	30,698	28,911	25,764	22,585	19,969
60-64	1,636	1,824	2,268	2,573	2,515	2,483	2,865	6,555	6,334	9,540	8,424
65 and over	985	1,237	1,560	1,973	1,341	1,428	1,600	1,623	924	884	908
Rates paid											
Standard rate (single)	130	147	181	192	208	218	234	297	250	135	1
Married rate (couple)	22,479	23,619	26,356	30,710	33,312	36,321	39,377	40,828	36,327	36,098	32,195
Maximum rate	16,072	15,838	16,555	18,426	20,896	22,138	23,542	25,408	24,469	24,967	22,745
Reduced rate	6,537	7,928	9,982	12,476	12,624	14,401	16,069	15,717	12,108	11,266	9,451
Paid under income test											
Single											
Nil	38	n/a	34	35	43	38	46	64	61	24	
Up to the free area	68	n/a	105	110	110	116	121	150	141	94	
Up to the free area plus child disregard	14	n/a	22	23	23	7	8	8	10	2	1
Over free area plus child disregard	10	n/a	19	20	27	49	50	70	37	12	
Couple											
Nil	3,336	3,231	3,255	3,371	3,710	3,841	4,274	4,786	2,506	3,148	3,050
Up to the free area	12,708	12,909	13,509	16,218	17,602	18,800	19,814	20,887	21,697	21,587	19,606
Up to the free area plus child disregard	3,346	4,340	5,323	6,062	6,337	1,225	1,209	1,362	1,187	1,063	914
Over free area plus child disregard	2,776	3,010	3,900	4,181	4,295	10,734	11,632	12,003	9,409	8,643	7,036

¹⁶ From 1 July 1995, there were no new grants of Wife Pension.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Paid under assets test											
Single											
Up to non-homeowner threshold		n/a	1	3	5	8	9	2	1	3	
Over non-homeowner threshold		n/a	n/a	1				3			
Couple											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	72	53	73	172	975	1,056	1,422	1,048	1,025	1,155	1,133
Over non-homeowner threshold	241	223	297	706	393	665	1,026	742	503	502	456
Home ownership											
Homeowners	18,866	19,710	22,007	25,714	27,916	30,202	32,648	33,114	29,320	28,935	25,365
Non-homeowners	3,743	4,056	4,530	5,188	5,604	6,337	6,963	8,011	7,257	7,298	6,831
Supplement payments ¹⁷											
Number with PHB Card	18,967	19,599	21,925	24,453							
Additional allowances:											
Receiving additional pension for children	2,401	1,611	1,664	1,881	End of series						
Receiving remote area allowance	393	387	400	414							
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Australia	10,900	10,881	12,198	14,790	17,326	19,327	20,117	20,518	17,925	17,689	15,555
UK/Ireland/Eire	1,848	1,831	2,111	2,391	2,650	2,863	4,265	3,178	2,936	2,906	2,503
Italy	2,612	3,218	3,950	4,854	3,863	3,932	3,289	4,429	4,027	4,002	4,224
Poland	664	692	700	697	682	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greece	1,064	1,285	1,409	1,521	1,698	1,940	2,182	2,415	2,127	2,143	2,139
Yugoslavia	615	654	684	641	664	683	729	823	740	770	745
Philippines	366	599	761	893	1,038	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	4,539	4,606	4,724	5,115	5,599	7,794	9,029	9,762	8,822	8,723	7,030

¹⁷ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational. Also, from April 1993, the Pensioner Health Benefit Card (later the Pensioner Concession Card) was issued automatically to all pensioners.

2.5.2 Characteristics of Wife Pensioners whose partner receives Disability Support Pension, 1989 to 1999¹⁸

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females	89,890	91,068	94,006	101,731	108,327	116,036	121,839	107,803	91,307	79,892	68,532
By age groups											
Under 20	225	196	216	188	146	221	185	27	5		
20-29	2,797	2,758	2,870	3,483	3,617	3,708	3,909	2,717	1,844	1,244	822
30-39	10,742	10,843	11,173	12,608	13,436	14,376	15,381	12,413	10,102	8,105	6,500
40-49	24,310	24,595	25,818	28,199	30,052	32,022	33,664	29,633	25,136	21,225	18,266
50-59	49,642	50,461	51,714	55,288	59,116	63,840	66,518	58,202	50,596	43,824	38,262
60-64	1,555	1,609	1,666	1,565	1,585	1,510	1,827	4,519	3,489	5,361	4,545
65 and over	619	606	549	400	375	359	355	292	135	133	128
Rates paid											
Single	404	431	419	445	498	471	474	382	347	150	8
Couple	89,486	90,637	93,587	101,286	107,829	115,565	121,365	107,421	90,960	79,742	68,515
Maximum rate	72,857	72,521	73,179	79,153	86,841	91,196	94,340	82,962	72,324	62,126	53,557
Reduced rate	17,033	18,547	20,827	22,578	21,486	24,840	27,499	24,841	18,983	17,766	14,966
Paid under income test											
Single											
Nil	112	n/a	135	138	157	147	164	141	121	27	2
Up to the free area	192	n/a	172	182	224	205	201	147	178	95	1
Up to the free area plus child disregard	38	n/a	36	43	44	10	12	10	9	3	
Over free area plus child disregard	60	n/a	69	73	64	102	87	79	37	24	5
Couple											
Nil	32,644	32,424	33,699	36,337	38,262	39,560	41,426	34,346	15,631	17,232	15,177
Up to the free area	39,980	40,323	40,062	44,804	50,675	53,726	55,127	49,177	55,607	43,840	37,683
Up to the free area plus child disregard	7,897	9,506	10,088	10,343	9,658	2,125	2,063	2,079	1,913	1,764	1,531
Over free area plus child disregard	8,339	8,289	9,219	8,740	8,089	18,615	20,805	20,508	16,889	15,174	12,566

¹⁸ From 1 July 1995, there were no new grants of Wife Pension.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Paid under assets test											
Single											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	2	n/a	4	4	9	7	10	5	3	1	
Over non-homeowner threshold	n/a	n/a	3	5							
Couple											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	176	151	142	283	928	1122	1,357	927	692	1,199	1,095
Over non-homeowner threshold	450	375	377	779	217	417	587	384	227	533	463
Home ownership											
Homeowners	66,592	66,411	67,829	72,651	76,566	81,018	83,671	74,836	62,789	54,820	46,421
Non-homeowners	23,298	24,657	26,177	29,080	31,761	35,018	38,168	32,967	28,518	25,072	21,902
Supplementary payments ¹⁹											
Number with PHB Card	78,319	79,416	83,364	90,678							
Receiving additional pension for children	28,530	23,640	24,417	27,327	End of series						
Receiving remote area allowance	869	899	1,036	1,046							
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Australia	49,656	50,075	53,512	61,144	67,308	73,264	74,244	64,660	54,977	47,958	41,218
UK/Ireland/Eire	7,471	7,457	7,717	7,560	7,720	8,093	8,961	7,716	6,355	5,446	4,511
Italy	7,121	6,915	6,676	6,689	6,543	6,534	6,940	5,788	4,680	3,952	3,436
Poland	562	533	518	488	500	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greece	6,385	6,647	6,349	6,118	6,002	6,072	6,471	5,863	4,964	4,430	4,351
Yugoslavia	4,301	4,680	4,717	4,633	4,580	4,616	4,603	4,084	3,420	3,002	2,742
Philippines	714	1,005	1,118	1,287	1,403	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	13,680	13,756	13,399	13,812	14,271	17,457	20,620	19,692	16,911	15,104	12,265

¹⁹ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational. Also, from April 1993, the Pensioner Health Benefit Card (later the Pensioner Concession Card) was issued automatically to all pensioners.

2.5.3 Characteristics of recipients of Carer Payment, 1989 to 1999²⁰

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	5,172	5,491	6,148	7,490	8,733	10,034	11,137	12,740	13,999	15,215	16,899
Females	2,840	3,307	4,010	5,140	6,312	7,665	8,961	12,297	15,559	18,764	23,171
Persons	8,012	8,798	10,158	12,630	15,045	17,699	20,098	25,037	29,558	33,979	40,070
By age groups											
Males											
Under 20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	82	95	80	89	115	162
20-29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	418	416	461	519	644	657	805
Under 30	179	188	251	387	418	498	556	599	733	772	967
30-39	471	506	623	847	1,039	1,271	1,419	1,696	1,915	2,152	2,394
40-49	1,012	1,081	1,259	1,584	1,898	2,237	2,593	3,052	3,364	3,771	4,138
50-59	1,808	1,865	2,017	2,440	2,884	3,418	3,891	4,539	5,054	5,406	5,958
60-64	1,599	1,731	1,855	2,066	2,309	2,425	2,469	2,580	2,704	2,850	3,147
65 and over	103	120	143	166	185	185	209	274	229	264	295
Females											
Under 20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	178	176	138	184	215	247
20-29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	600	503	541	745	907	1,101	1,383
Under 30	288	328	387	502	600	681	717	883	1091	1316	1630
30-39	402	476	588	752	813	959	1,115	1,611	1,927	2,256	3,065
40-49	1,150	1,316	1,595	2,071	2,547	2,988	3,345	4,315	5,167	6,012	7,143
50-59	974	1,149	1,379	1,755	2,269	2,933	3,582	5,047	6,750	8,041	9,721
60-64	19	30	51	47	60	68	132	327	457	918	1,305
65 and over	7	8	10	13	23	36	70	114	167	221	307
Persons											
Under 20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	260	271	218	273	330	409
20-29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,018	919	1,002	1,264	1,551	1,758	2,188
Under 30	467	516	638	889	1018	1179	1273	1482	1824	2088	2597
30-39	873	982	1,211	1,599	1,852	2,230	2,534	3,307	3,842	4,408	5,459
40-49	2,162	2,397	2,854	3,655	4,445	5,225	5,938	7,367	8,531	9,783	11,281
50-59	2,782	3,014	3,396	4,195	5,153	6,351	7,473	9,586	11,804	13,447	15,679
60-64	1,618	1,761	1,906	2,113	2,369	2,493	2,601	2,907	3,161	3,768	4,452
65 and over	110	128	153	179	208	221	279	388	396	485	602
Rates paid											
Standard rate (single)											
Males	882	1,066	1,362	1,829	2,199	2,710	3,081	3,850	4,506	5,207	7,578
Females	2,557	2,962	3,580	4,239	4,611	5,246	5,807	6,761	7,897	9,134	13,931
Persons	3,439	4,028	4,942	6,068	6,810	7,956	8,888	10,611	12,403	14,341	21,509

²⁰ The data in this table include carers of Age and Disability Support Pensioners and carers of Rehabilitation and Sheltered Employment Allowees.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Married rate (couple)											
Males	4,290	4,425	4,786	5,661	6,534	7,324	8,056	8,890	9,493	10,008	9,321
Females	283	345	430	901	1,701	2,419	3,154	5,536	7,662	9,630	9,240
Persons	4,573	4,770	5,216	6,562	8,235	9,743	11,210	14,426	17,155	19,638	18,561
Maximum rate											
Males	4,473	4,648	5,169	6,334	7,629	8,660	9,597	10,854	12,086	12,743	14,007
Females	2,034	2,308	2,831	3,620	4,651	5,585	6,499	8,889	11,349	13,448	16,439
Persons	6,507	6,956	8,000	9,954	12,280	14,245	16,096	19,743	23,435	26,191	30,446
Reduced rate											
Males	699	843	979	1,156	1,104	1,374	1,540	1,886	1,913	2,472	2,892
Females	806	999	1,179	1,520	1,661	2,080	2,462	3,408	4,210	5,316	6,732
Persons	1,505	1,842	2,158	2,676	2,765	3,454	4,002	5,294	6,123	7,788	9,624
Paid under income test											
Single											
Males											
Nil	352	500	662	912	1,121	1,415	1,666	n/a	n/a	2,061	1,683
Up to the free area	400	400	474	644	831	989	1,058	n/a	n/a	2,522	1,798
Up to the free area plus child disregard	53	77	105	149	129	43	48	n/a	n/a	94	72
Over free area plus child disregard	55	84	113	114	99	227	268	n/a	n/a	442	382
Females											
Nil	745	1,008	1,301	1,630	1,977	2,358	2,701	n/a	n/a	2,835	2,846
Up to the free area	1,029	1,052	1,205	1,522	1,824	2,102	2,325	n/a	n/a	4,966	4,211
Up to the free area plus child disregard	123	198	256	299	268	95	95	n/a	n/a	191	201
Over free area plus child disregard	109	688	798	750	508	650	609	n/a	n/a	1,042	1,149
Persons											
Nil	1,097	1,508	1,963	2,542	3,098	3,773	4,367	n/a	n/a	4,896	4,529
Up to the free area	1,429	1,452	1,679	2,166	2,655	3,091	3,383	n/a	n/a	7,488	6,009
Up to the free area plus child disregard	176	275	361	448	397	138	143	n/a	n/a	285	273
Over free area plus child disregard	164	772	911	864	607	877	877	n/a	n/a	1,484	1,531

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Couple (each)											
Males											
Nil	1,593	1,615	1,784	2,164	2,509	2,799	3,181	n/a	n/a	2,520	2,328
Up to the free area	2,123	2,128	2,188	2,624	3,206	3,530	3,731	n/a	n/a	5,605	5,201
Up to the free area plus child disregard	325	399	463	463	456	90	120	n/a	n/a	162	163
Over free area plus child disregard	240	246	313	320	263	793	863	n/a	n/a	1,348	1,192
Females											
Nil	161	155	195	312	472	605	793	n/a	n/a	1,583	1,635
Up to the free area	130	140	169	244	393	541	694	n/a	n/a	4,131	4,213
Up to the free area plus child disregard	50	20	28	60	149	24	25	n/a	n/a	191	178
Over free area plus child disregard	472	24	37	277	663	1,206	1,570	n/a	n/a	3,313	2,739
Persons											
Nil	1,754	1,770	1,979	2,476	2,981	3,404	3,974	n/a	n/a	4,103	3,963
Up to the free area	2,253	2,268	2,357	2,868	3,599	4,071	4,425	n/a	n/a	9,736	9,414
Up to the free area plus child disregard	375	419	491	523	605	114	145	n/a	n/a	353	341
Over free area plus child disregard	712	270	350	597	926	1,999	2,433	n/a	n/a	4,661	3,931
Paid under assets test											
Single											
Males											
Up to non-homeowner threshold		1	2		17	29	33	n/a	n/a	60	53
Over non-homeowner threshold	4	4	6	7	2	7	8	n/a	n/a	28	31
Females											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	3	8	9	2	30	31	52	n/a	n/a	72	60
Over non-homeowner threshold	4	8	8	13	4	10	25	n/a	n/a	28	33
Persons											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	3	9	11	2	47	60	85	n/a	n/a	132	113
Over non-homeowner threshold	8	12	14	20	6	17	33	n/a	n/a	56	64
Couple (each)											
Males											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	9	9	6	18	81	75	101	n/a	n/a	231	227
Over non-homeowner threshold	18	28	32	75	19	37	60	n/a	n/a	142	160
Females											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	1	1		3	17	21	40	n/a	n/a	233	249
Over non-homeowner threshold	13	5	4	29	7	22	32	n/a	n/a	179	185
Persons											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	10	10	6	21	98	96	141	n/a	n/a	464	476
Over non-homeowner threshold	31	33	36	104	26	59	92	n/a	n/a	321	345

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Home ownership											
Owners											
Males	3,102	3,214	3,485	4,142	4,656	5,166	5,603	6,326	6,666	7,044	7,611
Females	1,146	1,375	1,689	2,160	2,618	3,127	3,719	5,773	7,645	9,400	11,742
Person	4,248	4,589	5,174	6,302	7,274	8,293	9,322	12,099	14,311	16,444	19,353
Non-owners											
Males	2,070	2,277	2,663	3,348	4,077	4,868	5,534	6,414	7,333	8,171	9,288
Females	1,694	1,932	2,321	2,980	3,694	4,538	5,242	6,525	7,914	9,364	11,429
Person	3,764	4,209	4,984	6,328	7,771	9,406	10,776	12,938	15,247	17,535	20,717
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	3,133	3,435	3,938	4,886	5,793	6,678	7,365	8,364	9,327	10,337	11,558
UK/Ireland	539	585	673	782	864	1,024	1,088	1,209	1,253	1,284	1,386
Italy	225	219	226	275	307	336	360	367	385	374	382
Greece	229	195	211	233	245	277	337	361	369	392	392
Former Republic of Yugoslavia	180	192	214	251	277	312	328	351	333	n/a	n/a
Lebanon	52	61	79	118	147	162	198	n/a	n/a	253	283
Other	814	804	807	945	1,100	1,245	1,461	2,088	2,332	2,575	2,898
Females											
Australia	2,221	2,609	3,168	4,101	5,010	5,966	6,729	8,859	11,016	13,266	16,400
UK/Ireland	149	179	231	253	309	407	508	773	992	1,144	1,380
Italy	103	119	143	161	190	225	285	375	423	498	570
Greece	45	49	69	86	114	128	162	225	319	343	405
Former Republic of Yugoslavia	30	32	35	44	46	55	77	117	172	n/a	n/a
Lebanon	22	33	39	47	63	101	122	n/a	n/a	293	388
Other	270	285	325	448	580	783	1,078	1,948	2,637	3,220	4,028
Persons											
Australia	5,354	6,044	7,106	8,987	10,803	12,644	14,094	17,223	20,343	23,603	27,958
UK/Ireland	689	764	904	1,035	1,173	1,431	1,596	1,982	2,245	2,428	2,766
Italy	328	338	369	436	497	561	645	742	808	872	952
Greece	274	244	280	319	359	405	499	586	688	735	797
Former Republic of Yugoslavia	209	224	249	295	323	367	405	468	505	n/a	n/a
Lebanon	74	94	118	165	210	263	320	n/a	n/a	546	671
Other	1,083	1,089	1,132	1,393	1,680	2,028	2,539	4,036	4,969	5,795	6,926

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Supplementary payments ²¹											
Number with PHB Card											
Males	4,868	5,128	5,854	7,053	8,696						
Females	2,242	2,568	3,217	4,082	6,292	End of series					
Persons	7,110	7,696	9,071	11,135	14,988						
Receiving additional pension for children											
Males	729		643	515							
Females	487		516	732	End of series						
Persons	1,216	1,087	1,159	1,247							
Receiving remote area allowance											
Males	43	50	66	64							
Females	24	38	55	77	End of series						
Persons	67	88	121	141							

²¹ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational. Also, from April 1993, the Pensioner Health Benefit Card (later the Pensioner Concession Card) was issued automatically to all pensioners.

2.5.4 Characteristics of Partner Allowees, 1989 to 1999²²

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	9800	10700	19500	18700	22500	24400	23,485	5,989	5,837	7,763	8,319
Females	146700	150500	213900	223600	232300	213100	193,254	63,902	64,333	69,983	72,178
Persons	156500	161200	233400	242300	254800	237500	216,739	69,891	70,170	77,746	80,497
By age groups											
Males											
Under 40							11,733		1		
40-44							2,724	347	210	169	89
45-49							2,252	869	589	624	642
50-54							1,690	1,121	965	1,093	1,142
55-59							1,326	1,371	1,290	1,530	1,707
60-64							127	1,448	1,714	2,031	2,440
65 and over							3,633	833	1,068	2,318	2,300
Females											
Under 40							94,479	2	10	8	1
40-44							25,112	4,809	3,553	2,597	1,334
45-49							21,729	12,128	11,348	11,522	10,949
50-54							19,753	18,252	19,526	20,719	21,029
55-59							23,701	22,025	26,732	27,636	29,590
60-64							8,086	3,748	2,920	6,774	8,028
65 and over							393	2,938	243	727	1,248
Persons											
Under 40							106,212	2	11	8	1
40-44							27,836	5,156	3,764	2,766	1,422
45-49							23,981	12,997	11,938	12,146	11,591
50-54							21,443	19,373	20,491	21,812	22,171
55-59							25,027	23,396	28,022	29,166	31,296
60-64							8,213	5,196	4,635	8,805	10,468
65 and over							4,026	3,771	1,311	3,045	3,548

²² Partner Allowance was introduced in September 1994 and paid to the partners of Special Beneficiaries and the partners of Newstart, Job Search and Sickness Allowees. Before this date, dependent partners of allowees did not have an entitlement in their own right and the numbers cited for 1989 through 1994 are estimates only. From 1 July 1995, those with dependent children transferred to Parenting Allowance (later Parenting Payment Partnered), those born on or before 1 July 1955 who were without dependent children remained on Partner Allowance and the remainder were required to test their eligibility for other payments (usually Job Search Allowance).

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Duration of allowance											
Males											
Up to 7 weeks								304	1,126	391	254
Over 7 weeks to 3 months								233	342	452	286
Over 3 months to 6 months								528	453	1,072	513
Over 6 months to 1 year								1,295	822	2,289	1,039
Over 1 year to 2 years								3,628	1,193	1,406	1,296
Over 2 years								1	1,901	2,153	4,931
Females											
Up to 7 weeks								4,024	4,216	2,912	2,278
Over 7 weeks to 3 months								3,451	3,063	3,053	2,472
Over 3 months to 6 months								7,195	5,765	6,300	4,886
Over 6 months to 1 year								14,178	11,639	12,208	8,817
Over 1 year to 2 years								35,040	17,811	15,916	13,751
Over 2 years								14	21,839	29,594	39,974
Persons											
Up to 7 weeks								4,328	5,342	3,303	2,532
Over 7 weeks to 3 months								3,684	3,405	3,505	2,758
Over 3 months to 6 months								7,723	6,218	7,372	5,399
Over 6 months to 1 year								15,473	12,461	14,497	9,856
Over 1 year to 2 years								38,668	19,004	17,322	15,047
Over 2 years								15	23,740	31,747	44,905
Mean duration (weeks)											
Males								57.5	66.6	73.6	167.0
Females								54.5	75.1	93.1	130.0
Persons								54.7	74.4	91.9	134.0
Median duration (weeks)											
Males								61.1	59.0	49.3	143.0
Females								56.8	74.0	85.6	121.0
Persons								57.2	72.5	82.3	123.0
Paid under income test											
Males											
Nil								2,806	1,905	7,301	8,047
Up to the free area								1,334	2,378	96	35
Over free area								1,849	1,554	366	237
Females											
Nil								26,679	17,145	65,424	68,746
Up to the free area								20,276	35,007	761	475
Over free area								16,947	12,181	3,798	2,957

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons											
Nil								29,485	19,050	72,725	76,793
Up to the free area								21,610	37,385	857	510
Over free area								18,796	13,735	4,164	3,194
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia								3,424	3,062	3,199	3,461
UK/Ireland								560	553	667	746
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos								287	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam								n/a	371	910	920
Italy								109	115	120	145
China								n/a	n/a	n/a	654
Greece								126	144	181	n/a
Other								1,483	1,592	2,686	2,393
Females											
Australia								41,498	42,942	45,150	45,362
UK/Ireland								5,759	6,018	6,447	6,460
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos								2,562	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam								n/a	1,353	1,506	1,501
Italy								1,457	1,809	2,078	2,190
China								n/a	n/a	n/a	1,605
Greece								1,298	1,505	1,739	n/a
Other								11,328	10,706	13,063	15,060
Persons											
Australia								44,922	46,004	48,349	48,823
UK/Ireland								6,319	6,571	7,114	7,206
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos								2,849	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam								n/a	1,724	2,416	2,421
Italy								1,566	1,924	2,198	2,335
China								n/a	n/a	n/a	2,259
Greece								1,424	1,649	1,920	n/a
Other								12,811	12,298	15,749	17,453

2.6 Payments to parents

2.6.1 Characteristics of recipients of Parenting Payment (Single), 1989 to 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	10,180	11,305	13,616	16,444	17,529	18,897	19,913	21,964	23,920	25,546	27,118
Females	229,289	237,581	252,104	270,784	280,915	294,540	305,028	320,326	334,973	346,740	357,703
Persons	239,469	248,886	265,720	287,228	298,444	313,437	324,941	342,290	358,893	372,286	384,821
<i>Female recipients as % of women aged 16–59</i>	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.2
<i>Recipients as % of total population</i>	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.9
By age groups											
Males											
Under 20 years	36	26	29	38	39	38	32	28	34	53	74
20–29 years	1,574	1,818	2,072	2,463	2,520	2,703	2,831	3,125	3,468	3,709	4,001
30–39 years	4,669	5,193	6,268	7,541	8,000	8,427	8,850	9,611	10,418	10,988	11,529
40–49 years	2,951	3,272	4,131	5,104	5,568	6,162	6,512	7,299	7,925	8,570	9,120
50–59 years	817	843	977	1,149	1,253	1,396	1,517	1,701	1,859	2,009	2,156
60+ years	133	153	139	149	149	171	171	200	216	217	238
Females											
Under 20 years	9,528	10,219	9,997	9,937	9,864	9,919	10,173	10,237	10,443	10,425	10,602
20–29 years	84,773	87,835	90,917	95,745	97,942	100,950	102,845	106,209	109,329	110,861	112,745
30–39 years	91,565	95,200	103,581	113,041	117,881	124,090	128,291	134,594	140,234	144,752	147,914
40–49 years	37,701	38,880	42,242	46,526	49,573	53,540	57,318	62,270	67,189	72,056	77,135
50–59 years	5,610	5,354	5,294	5,468	5,596	5,990	6,347	6,905	7,672	8,426	9,092
60+ years	112	93	73	67	59	51	54	111	106	220	215
Persons											
Under 20 years	9,564	10,245	10,026	9,975	9,903	9,957	10,205	10,265	10,477	10,478	10,676
20–29 years	86,347	89,653	92,989	98,208	100,462	103,653	105,676	109,334	112,797	114,570	116,746
30–39 years	96,234	100,393	109,849	120,582	125,881	132,517	137,141	144,205	150,652	155,740	159,443
40–49 years	40,652	42,152	46,373	51,630	55,141	59,702	63,830	69,569	75,114	80,626	86,255
50–59 years	6,427	6,197	6,271	6,617	6,849	7,386	7,864	8,606	9,531	10,435	11,248
60+ years	245	246	212	216	208	222	225	311	322	437	453
Estimated average age (years)											
Females	32.6	32.5	32.6	32.8	32.7	32.8	33.0	33.1	33.3	33.5	34.0
Males	38.2	38.2	38.2	38.2	37.9	38.2	38.3	38.4	38.3	38.4	39.0

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Grants of Pension											
New grants	103,779	108,970	118,086	123,557							
Transfers	2,758	1,190	1,777	832	End of series						
Total grants	106,537	110,160	119,863	124,389							
Category of sole parents											
Males											
Widower	793	805	864	976	953	981	971				
Divorcee	1,020	953	1,102	1,232	1,127	1,007	887				
Separated husband	7,959	9,060	10,086	12,379	6,979	7,685	8,205	End of series			
Other	408	487	1,564	1,857	8,470	9,224	9,850				
Females											
Unmarried	46,590	47,845	49,623	52,625	53,709	54,311	54,703				
Widow	10,978	9,940	9,412	9,052	8,269	7,745	7,245				
Divorcee	26,842	22,817	20,208	18,025	15,236	12,847	10,505	End of series			
Separated wife	125,418	139,549	156,925	176,429	40,733	39,095	37,352				
Other	19,461	17,430	15,936	14,653	162,968	180,542	195,223				
Rates paid											
Maximum rate											
Males	8,271	9,120	10,877	12,962	15,664	16,721	17,406	18,467	20,195	21,614	22,918
Females	142,138	141,934	144,858	152,477	239,688	246,880	249,027	248,428	261,697	270,245	278,121
Persons	150,409	151,054	155,735	165,439	255,352	263,601	266,433	266,895	281,892	291,859	301,039
Reduced rate											
Males	1,909	2,185	2,739	3,482	1,861	2,176	2,507	3,497	3,725	3,932	4,200
Females	87,151	95,647	107,246	118,307	41,209	47,660	56,001	71,898	73,276	76,495	78,582
Persons	89,060	97,832	109,985	121,789	43,070	49,836	58,508	75,395	77,001	80,427	82,782
Paid under income test (\$pw)											
Males											
Nil	7,885	8,852	10,716	13,028	14,548	15,356	15,967	16,004	9,553	11,714	5,115
Up to the free area	715	740	905	1,094	1,133	1,377	1,455	2,050	10,038	9,405	14,644
Up to the free area plus child disregard	418	520	591	594	568	141	180	319	413	461	142
Over free area plus child disregard	1,135	1,172	1,371	1,670	1,226	1,943	2,215	2,501	3,828	3,966	7,217
Females											
Nil	176,605	182,264	192,430	207,586	220,171	225,747	227,543	211,936	117,175	145,411	49,715
Up to the free area	15,196	16,189	16,948	18,638	19,574	21,208	21,589	28,434	133,400	114,325	186,757
Up to the free area plus child disregard	11,196	13,222	13,695	11,697	10,985	2,666	3,012	5,476	7,001	7,396	1,376
Over free area plus child disregard	26,053	25,709	28,799	32,423	29,721	44,372	52,260	73,988	76,760	79,608	119,855
Persons											
Nil	184,490	191,116	203,146	220,614	234,719	241,103	243,510	227,940	126,728	157,125	54,830
Up to the free area	15,911	16,929	17,853	19,732	20,707	22,585	23,044	30,484	143,438	123,730	201,401
Up to the free area plus child disregard	11,617	13,742	14,286	12,291	11,553	2,807	3,192	5,795	7,414	7,857	1,518
Over free area plus child disregard	27,188	26,881	30,170	34,093	30,947	46,315	54,475	76,489	80,588	83,574	127,072

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Paid under assets test											
Males											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	2	5	5	10	58	61	82	75	73		
Over non-homeowner threshold	25	16	28	48	6	19	14	15	15	End of series	
Females											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	48	39	27	82	404	442	484	160	505		
Over non-homeowner threshold	188	158	205	358	45	105	140	122	132	End of series	
Persons											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	50	44	32	92	462	503	566	235	578		
Over non-homeowner threshold	213	174	233	406	51	124	154	137	147	End of series	
Home ownership											
Males											
Homeowners	2,925	3,121	3,705	4,326	4,104	4,168	4,113	5,005	5,273	5,547	5,671
Non-homeowners	7,255	8,184	9,911	12,118	13,425	14,729	15,800	16,959	18,647	19,999	21,447
Females											
Homeowners	53,513	52,852	55,121	56,861	54,759	53,478	52,504	62,638	64,640	66,613	68,779
Non-homeowners	175,776	184,729	196,983	213,923	226,155	241,053	252,515	257,688	270,333	280,127	288,924
Not coded						9	9				
Persons											
Homeowners	56,438	55,973	58,826	61,187	58,863	57,646	56,617	67,643	69,913	72,160	74,450
Non-homeowners	183,031	192,913	206,894	226,041	239,580	255,782	268,315	274,647	288,980	300,126	310,371
Not coded						9	9				
Supplementary payments ²³											
Number with PHB Card											
Males											
	9,079	10,116	12,307	14,882	17,418	18,781					
Females											
	98,051	212,217	225,961	242,127	278,813	292,300	End of series				
Persons											
	214,322	222,333	238,268	257,009	296,231	311,081					
Receiving additional pension for children											
Males											
for 1 child	5,422	6,517	8,040	9,977	10,040						
2 children	3,145	3,260	3,873	4,535	5,207						
3 or more children	1,608	1,517	1,681	1,874	2,239						
Females											
							End of series				
for 1 child	109,206	121,024	129,002	139,421	134,198						
2 children	77,632	77,050	81,244	86,838	92,002						
3 or more children	42,416	39,345	41,736	44,425	54,414						

²³ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons											
for 1 child	9,738	127,541	137,042	149,398	144,238						
2 children	101,196	80,310	85,117	91,373	97,209						
3 or more children	103,975	40,862	43,417	46,299	56,653						
Average number of children per family						End of series					
Males	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.6						
Females	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.8						
Persons	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.7						
Number of dependent children	424,933	425,731	453,282	487,552	n/a						
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	n/a	8,624	10,518	12,934	13,903	14,907	15,534	17,009	18,658	21,512	21,482
UK/Ireland	n/a	895	1,088	1,189	1,232	1,311	1,450	1,586	1,652	n/a	1,661
New Zealand	n/a	306	389	449	449	505	586	638	696	832	854
Vietnam	n/a	114	122	147	165	185	227	282	332	389	378
Lebanon	n/a	87	89	99	111	140	137	157	177	204	193
Other	n/a	1,279	1,410	1,626	1,669	1,849	1,979	2,292	2,405	2,609	2,550
Females											
Australia	n/a	190,570	205,319	222,749	232,439	242,284	246,414	256,609	267,672	290,745	285,671
UK/Ireland	n/a	16,081	15,885	15,479	14,777	15,330	16,795	17,243	17,419	n/a	17,223
New Zealand	n/a	5,607	5,879	6,377	6,649	7,324	8,174	8,940	9,657	11,026	11,055
Vietnam	n/a	2,292	2,666	3,004	3,396	4,098	5,008	5,964	6,711	7,773	7,834
Lebanon	n/a	1,306	1,360	1,514	1,666	2,111	2,292	2,557	2,671	2,868	2,751
Other	n/a	21,725	20,995	21,661	21,988	23,393	26,345	29,013	30,843	34,328	33,169
Persons											
Australia	191,298	199,194	215,837	235,683	246,342	257,191	261,948	273,618	286,330	312,256	307,153
UK/Ireland	17,387	16,976	16,973	16,668	16,009	16,641	18,245	18,829	19,071	n/a	18,884
New Zealand	n/a	5,913	6,268	6,826	7,098	7,829	8,760	9,578	10,353	11,858	11,909
Vietnam	n/a	2,406	2,788	3,151	3,561	4,283	5,235	6,246	7,043	8,162	8,212
Lebanon	n/a	1,393	1,449	1,613	1,777	2,251	2,429	2,714	2,848	3,073	2,944
Other	30,784	23,004	22,405	23,287	23,657	25,242	28,324	31,305	33,248	36,937	35,719

2.6.2 Characteristics of recipients of Parenting Payment (Partnered), 1996 to 1999²⁴

	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	18,190	20,055	19,843	20,282
Females	219,131	219,262	216,707	207,395
Persons	237,321	239,317	236,550	227,677
By age groups				
Males				
Under 20	34	35	31	35
20-29	2,268	2,375	2,260	2,328
30-39	8,075	8,502	8,465	8,429
40-49	6,362	7,323	7,214	7,521
50-59	1,293	1,614	1,698	1,814
60 and over	157	206	175	155
Females				
Under 20	4,316	4,249	3,964	3,650
20-29	68,468	66,571	63,640	57,625
30-39	103,364	101,873	100,379	96,109
40-49	38,685	41,492	43,299	44,272
50-59	4,158	4,901	5,265	5,585
60 and over	140	177	160	154
Persons				
Under 20	4,350	4,283	3,995	3,685
20-29	70,736	68,946	65,900	59,953
30-39	111,439	110,375	108,844	104,538
40-49	45,047	48,815	50,513	51,793
50-59	5,451	6,515	6,963	7,399
60 and over	297	383	335	309
Rates paid				
Males				
Maximum	n/a	n/a	10,869	11,380
Reduced	n/a	n/a	8,974	8,902
Females				
Maximum	n/a	n/a	138,648	137,294
Reduced	n/a	n/a	78,059	70,101
Persons				
Maximum	n/a	n/a	149,517	148,674
Reduced	n/a	n/a	87,033	79,003

²⁴ Parenting Payment (Partnered) was introduced on 1 July 1995 (as Parenting Allowance). At that date, recipients of Partner Allowance with dependent children were transferred to Parenting Payment (Partnered) along with new recipients. See Partner Allowance (Table 2.5.4) for other details.

	1996	1997	1998	1999
Duration of Allowance				
Males				
Up to 6 months	n/a	n/a	5,911	6,489
Over 6 months to 1 year	n/a	n/a	3,860	3,751
Over 1 year to 2 years	n/a	n/a	4,446	3,995
Over 2 years to 3 years	n/a	n/a	5,626	2,399
Over 3 years				3,648
Females				
Up to 6 months	n/a	n/a	38,853	38,607
Over 6 months to 1 year	n/a	n/a	29,538	26,922
Over 1 year to 2 years	n/a	n/a	43,646	34,631
Over 2 years to 3 years	n/a	n/a	104,670	27,851
Over 3 years				79,384
Persons				
Up to 6 months	n/a	n/a	44,764	45,096
Over 6 months to 1 year	n/a	n/a	33,398	30,673
Over 1 year to 2 years	n/a	n/a	48,092	38,626
Over 2 years to 3 years	n/a	n/a	110,296	30,250
Over 3 years				83,032
Mean duration (weeks)				
Males	n/a	n/a	67.1	88.1
Females	n/a	n/a	91.2	112.0
Persons	n/a	n/a	89.2	108.7
Median duration (weeks)				
Males	n/a	n/a	54.0	68.1
Females	n/a	n/a	101.2	110.6
Persons	n/a	n/a	96.4	103.6
Home ownership				
Homeowners				
Males	n/a	n/a	9,984	9,757
Females	n/a	n/a	90,124	86,783
Persons	n/a	n/a	100,108	96,540
Non-homeowners				
Males	n/a	n/a	9,859	10,525
Females	n/a	n/a	126,583	120,612
Persons	n/a	n/a	136,442	131,137

	1996	1997	1998	1999
Country of birth (selected countries)				
Males				
Australia	n/a	n/a	14,020	14,391
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	397	400
UK/Ireland/Eire	n/a	n/a	1,076	1,108
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	273	283
China	n/a	n/a	524	517
Other	n/a	n/a	3,553	3,583
Females				
Australia	n/a	n/a	149,666	141,466
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	9,023	8,795
UK/Ireland/Eire	n/a	n/a	7,887	7,356
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	6,277	6,259
China	n/a	n/a	4,751	4,720
Other	n/a	n/a	39,103	38,799
Persons				
Australia	n/a	n/a	163,686	155,857
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	9,420	9,195
UK/Ireland/Eire	n/a	n/a	8,963	8,464
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	6,550	6,542
China	n/a	n/a	5,275	5,237
Other	n/a	n/a	42,656	42,382

2.7 Payments to widows

2.7.1 Characteristics of Bereavement Allowees, 1989 to 1999²⁵

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	4	5	12	15	8	8	5	9	5	8	5
Females	112	217	303	327	75	83	39	50	41	43	48
Persons	116	222	315	342	83	91	44	59	46	51	53
By age groups											
Males											
16-19	n/a								n/a		n/a
20-29	n/a			2					n/a	1	n/a
30-39	n/a		1	1			1	1	n/a		n/a
40-49	n/a	2	1	2	1			2	n/a		n/a
50-59	n/a	3	6	3	2	4	3	2	n/a	2	n/a
60-64	n/a		3	6	4	4	1	4	n/a	3	n/a
65 and over	n/a		1	1	1				n/a	1	n/a
Females											
16-19	n/a	4	1						n/a		n/a
20-29	n/a	5	13	10		1	2	3	n/a	2	n/a
30-39	n/a	12	15	12	5	3	1	4	n/a	2	n/a
40-49	n/a	110	132	122	29	35	14	19	n/a	16	n/a
50-59	n/a	86	141	181	40	49	25	24	n/a	19	n/a
60-64	n/a		1	1					n/a	3	n/a
65 and over	n/a		1	1					n/a	2	n/a
Persons											
16-19	1	4	1						n/a		n/a
20-29	7	5	13	12		1	2	3	n/a	3	n/a
30-39	11	12	16	13	5	3	2	5	n/a	2	n/a
40-49	80	112	133	124	30	35	14	21	n/a	16	n/a
50-59	17	89	147	184	42	53	28	26	n/a	21	n/a
60-64			3	7	5	4	1	4	n/a	6	n/a
65 and over			2	2	1				n/a	3	n/a

²⁵ A number of widows were transferred to Widow B Pension in November 1992.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	n/a	3	9	12	7	5	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UK/Ireland	n/a	1	2	1	1			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greece	n/a		1			1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Italy	n/a							n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	1						n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Philippines	n/a							n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yugoslavia	n/a							n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	n/a							n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	n/a			2		2		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Females											
Australia	n/a	142	206	231	45	62	26	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UK/Ireland	n/a	25	19	21	11	9	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greece	n/a	2	15	8	2	4	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Italy	n/a	10	11	19	1	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Philippines	n/a	9	5	51	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Yugoslavia	n/a	3	7	6	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	n/a	3	1	2	3	1	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	n/a	21	38	11	8	9	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Persons											
Australia	68	145	215	243	52	67	30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
UK/Ireland	11	26	21	22	12	9	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greece	2	2	16	8	2	5	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Italy	7	10	11	19	1	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	2	3	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Philippines	1	9	5	51	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Yugoslavia	11	3	7	6	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	12	21	38	13	8	10	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

2.7.2 Characteristics of Widow B Pensioners, 1989 to 1999²⁶

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females	83,526	78,725	74,124	69,066	64,633	59,916	54,936	49,875	18,820	13,579	10,519
By age groups											
Under 45	n/a	n/a	n/a	23	52	76	68	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
45-49	5,182	3,624	1,883	73	76	82	90	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
50-54	19,589	17,204	14,441	11,223	9,228	6,965	4,687	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
55-59	37,773	36,606	36,172	36,825	33,793	29,994	25,314	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Under 60	62,544	57,434	52,496	48,144	43,149	37,117	30,159	21,095	12,299	9,315	6,725
60 and over	20,982	21,291	21,628	20,921	21,484	22,799	24,777	28,780	6,521	4,264	3,794
60-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,049	7,385	7,477	8,084	11,763	5,071	3,201	2,773
65 and over	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,872	14,099	15,322	16,693	17,017	1,450	1,063	1,021
Rates paid											
Maximum rate	68,090	63,113	58,959	54,926	52,896	48,656	44,382	40,025	15,451	11,318	8,734
Reduced rate	15,436	15,612	15,165	14,140	11,737	11,260	10,554	9,850	3,369	2,261	1,785
Paid under income test											
Nil	28,091	25,331	23,457	21,301	19,885	18,008	16,748	15,319	5,043	4,281	3,267
Up to the free area	41,458	39,056	36,184	34,731	33,315	30,973	27,959	24,891	10,393	7,012	5,471
Up to the free area plus child disregard	7,267	7,757	7,299	7,107	5,737	1,614	1,355	1,336	473	320	230
Over free area plus child disregard	6,379	6,280	6,906	5,438	5,180	8,770	8,318	7,960	2,775	1,893	1,496
Paid under assets test											
Up to non-homeowner threshold	91	71	259	113	496	488	476	295	113	63	46
Over non-homeowner threshold	246	230	19	382	20	63	80	74	23	10	9
Home ownership											
Homeowners	43,390	40,143	37,724	35,022	32,384	29,146	25,977	23,219	9,558	6,612	5,045
Non-homeowners	40,136	38,582	36,400	34,044	32,249	30,556	28,741	26,656	9,262	6,967	5,474
Not coded						214	218				

²⁶ Widow B Pension was effectively closed to new grants from 1 July 1987. A significant number who met qualifications were transferred to Age Pension in March 1997.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Supplementary payments ²⁷											
Number with PHB Card	77,189	70,468	68,997	63,971							
Receiving additional pension for children											
Number of children	77,336	77,552	73,143	68,248							
1 child	5,286	923	766	638							
2 children	769	181	150	127	End of series						
3 or more	135	69	65	53							
Average number of children per family	1	1	1	1							
Receiving remote area allowance	941	951	934	847							
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Australia	52,409	47,988	44,766	41,053	37,785	33,734	29,235	25,031	11,573	8,403	6,440
UK/Ireland/Eire	9,701	9,452	8,778	8,010	7,353	7,151	6,671	6,150	1,971	1,372	1,057
Italy	3,002	2,969	2,873	2,834	2,544	2,304	2,080	1,952	970	782	664
Greece	2,250	2,376	2,167	2,045	1,923	1,785	1,633	1,524	763	619	500
Former Republic of Yugoslavia	1,798	1,855	1,758	1,697	1,620	1,538	1,385	1,268	445	318	254
Other	14,367	14,085	13,782	13,427	13,408	13,404	13,932	13,950	3,098	2,085	1,604

²⁷ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational.

2.7.3 Characteristics of Widow Allowees, 1995 to 1999²⁸

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females	8,733	11,723	17,508	24,759	27,524
By age groups					
50-59	7,078	9,500	16,802	20,649	23,061
60 and over	1,655	2,223	706	4,110	5,463
Duration of Allowance		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Over 7 weeks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	733
Over 7 weeks to 3 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	839
Over 3 months to 6 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,520
Over 6 months to 9 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,633
Over 9 months to 1 year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,655
More than 1 to less than 2 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,521
2 to less than 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,068
3 to less than 4 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,588
4 to less than 5 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,994
5 years and over	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,972
Mean Duration (weeks)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	184
Median Duration (weeks)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	142
Country of birth (selected countries)					
Australia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16,919
UK/Ireland/Eire	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,463
China	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	632
Italy	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	524
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	446
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,540
Paid under income test					
Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25,525
Up to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	289
Over free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,710

²⁸ Introduced 1 January 1995.

2.8 Characteristics of recipients of Mature Age Allowances, 1994 to 1999²⁹

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	27,528	39,026	45,772	52,798	48,972	43,521
Females	10,230	15,095	12,114	7,939	6,160	3,448
Persons	37,758	54,118	57,886	60,737	55,132	46,969
By age groups						
Males						
60-64	27,528	39,026	45,772	52,798	48,972	43,521
Females						
Under 45	423	583	404	255	139	56
45-49	615	877	611	344	189	77
50-59	8,875	12,844	9,288	5,738	2,963	1,154
60-64	307	781	1,802	1,598	2,867	2,160
65+	10	10	9	4	2	1
Persons						
Under 45	423	583	404	255	139	56
45-49	615	877	611	344	189	77
50-59	8875	12844	9288	5738	2963	1154
60-64	27,835	39,807	47,574	54,396	51,839	45,681
65+	10	10	9	4	2	1
Duration on payment						
Males						
Up to 7 weeks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,512
Over 7 weeks to 3 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,285
Over 3 months to 6 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,658
Over 6 months to 9 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,046
Over 9 months to 1 year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,780
More than 1 to less than 2 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
2 to less than 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	735
3 to less than 4 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,643
4 to less than 5 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,773
5 years and over	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89

²⁹ The table aggregates data for Mature Age Allowances paid under pension conditions and under allowance conditions. Mature Age Allowance (MAA) was introduced in March 1994 for men over 60 years of age who were unemployed and had received income support for 12 months or more and were eligible for Newstart. MAA is not activity tested (unlike Newstart) and up until 30 June 1996, MAA was paid at the same rates and under the same income and assets tests as the Age Pension. Until 1 July 1995, the partners of MAA recipients could be granted Mature Age Partner Allowance, paid at the same rates and under the same conditions as Wife Pension. These women are included in the MAA population. From 1 July 1996, there were no new grants of MAA or MAPA under these conditions and these 'Pension' MAAs and MAPAs are a declining population. From 1 July 1996, MAA was paid under the allowance income and assets tests to people who had been on Newstart for 9 months or any other payment (except Special Benefit or Austudy Payment) for any period and had no recent workforce experience. This payment is sometimes referred to as 'Newstart' MAA: there is no equivalent 'Newstart' MAPA, though the partner of an MAA recipient may be eligible for Partner Allowance. From 1 July 1995, the Age Pension qualifying age for women is being progressively raised (from 60 to 65 years by January 2014) and, consequently, there is a growing population of women receiving MAA.

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females						
Up to 7 weeks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	252
Over 7 weeks to 3 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	245
Over 3 months to 6 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	470
Over 6 months to 9 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	342
Over 9 months to 1 year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	498
More than 1 to less than 2 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
2 to less than 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
3 to less than 4 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	213
4 to less than 5 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,402
5 years and over	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	18
Persons						
Up to 7 weeks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,764
Over 7 weeks to 3 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,530
Over 3 months to 6 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,128
Over 6 months to 9 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,388
Over 9 months to 1 year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,278
More than 1 to less than 2 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
2 to less than 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	739
3 to less than 4 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,856
4 to less than 5 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,175
5 years and over	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	107
Mean duration (weeks)						
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	207
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	207
Median duration						
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	171
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	171

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Country of birth (selected countries)						
Males						
Australia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25,201
Former Yugoslavia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	303
Italy	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,391
Greece	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,116
Netherlands	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	619
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,891
Females						
Australia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,047
Former Yugoslavia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31
Italy	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	99
Greece	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	82
Netherlands	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	42
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,147
Persons						
Australia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27,248
Former Yugoslavia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	334
Italy	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,490
Greece	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,198
Netherlands	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	661
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16,038
Paid under income test						
Males						
Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	556
Up to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30,667
Over to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,298
Females						
Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,231
Up to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,553
Over to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	664
Persons						
Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,787
Up to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32,220
Over to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,962

2.9 Characteristics of recipients of income support paid in respect of unemployment, 1989 to 1999³⁰

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	272,776	295,044	483,214	614,140	645,658	600,257	559,439	569,381	551,988	539,861	491,041
Females	106,541	111,005	167,722	216,875	243,908	248,341	235,382	255,576	249,835	250,444	222,346
Persons	379,317	406,049	650,936	831,015	889,566	848,598	794,821	824,957	801,823	790,305	713,387
By age groups											
Males											
Under 18	7,152	8,208	14,003	17,485	20,725	19,694	19,517	19,397	16,914	15,887	10,012
18-24	73,814	84,458	147,164	182,631	184,020	168,950	153,880	154,115	143,243	139,445	116,511
25-34	81,540	89,291	147,186	181,804	180,447	167,051	156,603	162,544	158,989	156,737	145,559
35-44	46,800	49,770	83,350	110,340	116,301	112,401	106,151	110,573	111,153	109,702	104,494
45-54	29,091	29,046	45,968	64,222	73,298	75,247	71,976	73,748	76,880	76,912	74,619
55-59	16,433	15,402	20,900	27,053	33,103	36,763	36,590	35,894	35,988	33,031	30,731
60-64	17,946	18,869	24,643	30,605	37,764	20,151	14,722	13,110	8,821	8,147	9,115
Females											
Under 18	7,839	7,999	12,001	14,399	17,923	17,652	17,884	17,552	15,278	14,679	9,056
18-24	51,606	54,271	85,091	106,879	115,206	111,528	101,421	103,217	95,453	93,834	76,462
25-34	21,754	22,150	32,219	41,044	44,740	45,986	45,634	51,051	50,334	51,358	47,339
35-44	13,322	13,791	19,952	26,999	30,540	31,983	31,617	35,985	37,558	37,996	37,483
45-54	9,711	10,413	15,508	23,484	29,217	32,664	31,648	37,651	40,173	41,150	40,610
55-59	2,309	2,381	2,951	4,070	6,282	8,528	7,178	9,638	10,648	10,592	10,480
60-64482	391	835	916								
Persons											
Under 18	14,991	16,207	26,004	31,884	38,648	37,346	37,401	36,949	32,192	30,566	19,068
18-24	125,420	138,729	232,255	289,510	299,226	280,478	255,301	257,332	238,696	233,279	192,973
25-34	103,294	111,441	179,405	222,848	225,187	213,037	202,237	213,595	209,323	208,095	192,898
35-44	60,122	63,561	103,302	137,339	146,841	144,384	137,768	146,558	148,711	147,698	141,977
45-54	38,802	39,459	61,476	87,706	102,515	107,911	103,624	111,399	117,053	118,062	115,229
55-59	18,741	17,783	23,850	31,123	39,385	45,291	43,768	45,532	46,636	43,623	41,211
60-64	17,947	18,869	24,644	30,605	37,764	20,151	14,722	13,592	9,212	8,982	10,031

³⁰ This table aggregates data for the various combinations of unemployment payments available over the period of this compendium. It includes data for Unemployment Benefit (up to 1991), Job Search Allowance (Table 2.9.2, up to 1996), Newstart Allowance (Table 2.9.1, from 1992), Youth Training Allowance (Table 2.9.3, from 1995 to 1998) and Youth Allowance (other) (Table 2.9.4, from 1999). For a more detailed account of the changes to income support payments, see Appendix A.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	194,955	211,055	351,235	446,702	471,173	443,667	416,654	426,432	416,173	409,803	328,147
UK/Ireland	19,077	21,445	34,218	40,756	40,901	34,792	31,099	30,147	28,405	26,533	23,252
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	11,540	12,574	16,782	20,425	22,016	21,854	20,549	19,473	15,414	14,978	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,415
New Zealand	4,510	6,254	11,656	14,301	14,368	12,672	12,107	13,287	12,818	12,604	11,012
Lebanon	6,327	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,886	7,974	7,601	7,307	6,897	6,287
Other	36,367	43,716	69,323	91,956	97,200	78,386	71,056	72,441	71,871	69,046	108,928
Females											
Australia	84,351	87,262	133,105	171,892	193,868	197,090	186,962	200,785	196,289	197,587	139,200
UK/Ireland	5,399	5,427	7,619	9,154	9,818	9,792	8,790	9,834	9,550	9,225	7,558
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	3,421	4,279	5,792	7,121	7,812	8,266	7,999	8,494	7,062	6,973	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,899
New Zealand	2,225	2,595	4,194	5,276	5,607	5,636	5,418	6,017	5,879	6,012	4,844
Lebanon	981	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,612	1,578	1,557	1,481	1,414	1,110
Other	10,164	11,442	17,012	23,432	26,803	25,945	24,635	28,889	29,574	29,233	63,735
Persons											
Australia	279,306	298,317	484,340	618,594	665,041	640,757	603,616	627,217	612,462	607,390	467,347
UK/Ireland	24,476	26,872	41,837	49,910	50,719	44,584	39,889	40,182	37,955	35,758	30,810
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	14,961	16,853	22,574	27,546	29,828	30,120	28,548	28,110	22,476	21,951	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	19,314
New Zealand	6,735	8,849	15,850	19,577	19,975	18,308	17,525	19,960	18,697	18,616	15,856
Lebanon	7,308	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10,498	9,552	9,158	8,788	8,311	7,397
Other	46,531	55,158	86,335	115,388	124,003	104,331	95,691	101,330	101,445	98,279	172,663
	379,317	406,049	650,936	831,015	889,566	848,598	794,821	825,957	801,823	790,305	713,387
Rates paid											
Males											
Standard rate (single)	161,524	180,519	304,674	385,485	404,033	382,159	362,533	373,557	370,826	373,005	340,916
Without children	160,298	179,333	302,996	383,469	402,777	380,181	360,589	372,523	369,099	n/a	n/a
With children	1,226	1,186	1,678	2,016	1,256	1,978	1,944	1,034	1,727	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	111,015	114,235	178,280	228,655	241,625	218,098	196,906	195,824	181,162	166,856	150,093
Without children	41,947	44,135	65,311	84,128	240,778	n/a	73,693	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	69,068	70,100	112,969	144,527	847	n/a	123,213	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	237	290	260								

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females											
Standard rate (single)	99,559	103,275	151,890	192,397	214,239	216,466	201,990	208,415	204,647	206,841	182,963
Without children	96,375	100,710	148,915	189,554	211,698	210,776	196,492	205,927	202,420	n/a	n/a
With children	3,184	2,565	2,975	2,843	2,541	5,690	5,498	2,488	2,227	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	6,899	7,625	15,743	24,478	29,669	31,875	33,392	47,161	45,188	43,603	39,383
Without children	3,029	3,545	9,284	13,862	18,524	n/a	17,712	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	3,870	4,080	6,459	10,616	11,145	n/a	15,680	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	83	105	89								
Persons											
Standard rate (single)	261,083	283,794	456,564	577,882	618,272	598,625	564,523	581,972	575,473	579,846	523,879
Without children	256,673	280,043	451,911	573,023	614,475	590,957	557,081	578,450	571,519	n/a	n/a
With children	4,410	3,751	4,653	4,859	3,797	7,668	7,442	3,522	3,954	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	117,914	121,860	194,023	253,133	271,294	249,973	230,298	242,985	226,350	210,459	189,476
Without children	44,976	47,680	74,595	97,990	259,302	n/a	91,405	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	72,938	74,180	119,428	155,143	11,992	n/a	138,893	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	320	395	349								
Duration of Allowance											
Males											
Up to 7 weeks	48,247	66,603	99,112	119,958	87,641	77,165	79,279	90,612	50,648	43,926	n/a
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	27,222	37,234	67,692	88,301	63,460	54,998	56,127	59,120	35,555	42,933	n/a
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	41,310	50,864	101,591	141,934	109,878	100,342	95,961	108,636	79,446	76,945	n/a
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	44,098	50,973	101,566	166,060	115,957	114,759	103,946	116,818	109,923	82,790	202,351
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	45,930	37,109	63,372	22,113	123,964	107,894	92,126	97,407	130,088	118,167	90,675
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	23,535	18,345	17,957	39,296	74,829	58,574	46,794	33,299	54,246	72,413	69,569
Over 3 years	42,434	33,916	31,924	36,478	69,925	86,525	85,206	63,489	92,082	102,687	128,446
Females											
Up to 7 weeks	22,838	28,028	39,943	49,048	36,827	35,068	36,891	41,606	23,833	21,376	n/a
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	14,314	16,681	27,507	36,243	28,382	26,343	26,916	28,997	17,776	22,847	n/a
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	18,451	22,163	37,906	53,362	55,632	52,924	48,042	57,011	44,366	44,427	n/a
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	18,370	19,869	32,750	53,824	43,610	46,241	43,352	52,698	50,747	39,595	103,486
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	17,159	13,144	19,587	7,591	42,853	44,981	40,055	43,560	60,779	55,942	42,004
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	7,083	5,293	4,687	10,156	20,026	20,268	17,089	13,086	23,012	31,812	28,526
Over 3 years	8,326	5,827	5,342	6,651	16,578	22,516	23,037	18,618	29,322	34,445	48,330
Persons											
Up to 7 weeks	71,085	94,631	139,055	169,006	124,468	112,233	116,170	132,218	74,481	65,302	n/a
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	41,536	53,915	95,199	124,544	91,842	81,341	83,043	88,117	53,331	65,780	n/a
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	59,761	73,027	139,497	195,296	165,510	153,266	144,003	165,647	123,812	121,372	n/a
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	62,468	70,842	134,316	219,884	159,567	161,000	147,298	169,516	160,670	122,385	305,837
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	63,089	50,253	82,959	29,704	166,834	152,875	132,181	140,967	190,867	174,109	132,679
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	30,618	23,638	22,644	49,452	94,845	78,842	63,883	46,385	77,258	104,225	98,095
Over 3 years	50,760	39,743	37,266	43,129	86,500	109,041	108,243	82,107	121,404	137,132	176,776

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Mean duration (weeks)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	77	92	89	99	82
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	60	74	73	80	83
Persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	71	72	86	84	93	83
Median duration (weeks)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	37	33	52	63	68
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	29	29	46	51	68
Persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	37	34	32	50	59	68
Paid under income test											
Males											
Nil	207,623	227,995	369,969	454,346	473,015	433,728	439,804	400,339	358,577	484,038	442,787
Up to the free area	31,963	30,229	59,806	72,625	82,032	70,857	29,110	78,554	123,068	8,194	6,220
Over to the free area	33,190	36,820	53,439	87,169	90,611	95,672	90,525	90,488	70,343	47,629	42,034
Females											
Nil	81,701	85,642	128,339	159,816	178,405	174,581	173,763	163,855	142,368	205,151	183,094
Up to the free area	11,398	11,016	19,120	24,771	27,659	26,186	12,618	35,889	58,624	6,325	4,603
Over to the free area	13,442	14,347	20,263	32,288	37,844	47,574	49,001	55,832	48,843	38,968	34,648
Persons											
Nil	289,324	313,637	498,308	614,162	651,420	608,309	613,567	564,194	500,945	689,189	625,881
Up to the free area	43,361	41,245	78,926	97,396	109,691	97,043	41,728	114,443	181,692	14,519	10,823
Over to the free area	46,632	51,167	73,702	119,457	128,455	143,246	139,526	146,320	119,186	86,597	76,682
Activity Type											
Males											
Job Search	n/a	n/a	n/a	594,591	617,788	571,358	530,269	520,800	490,382	492,674	388,593
Incapacitated	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,146	6,282	10,765	9,087	24,376	40,599	30,485	37,902
Training	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,762	16,813	16,030	17,225	19,321	14,754	6,161	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,641	4,775	2,104	2,858	4,884	6,253	10,541	64,546
Females											
Job Search	n/a	n/a	n/a	207,856	228,407	231,645	218,875	227,345	212,401	220,766	150,817
Incapacitated	n/a	n/a	n/a	424	2,506	4,745	4,231	13,741	24,100	18,992	21,768
Training	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,505	9,846	10,309	10,393	12,889	9,988	4,702	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,090	3,149	1,642	1,883	1,601	3,346	5,984	49,761
Persons											
Job Search	n/a	n/a	n/a	802,447	846,195	803,003	749,144	748,145	702,783	713,440	539,410
Incapacitated	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,570	8,788	15,510	13,318	38,117	64,699	49,477	59,670
Training	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,267	26,659	26,339	27,618	32,210	24,742	10,863	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,731	7,924	3,746	4,741	6,485	9,599	16,525	114,307

2.9.1 Characteristics of Newstart Allowees, 1992 to 1999³¹

Newstart duration over 12 months

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	244,744	325,427	311,881	279,936	240,907	272,592	289,458	273,540
Females	69,132	97,921	107,596	99,892	92,609	109,506	118,577	106,371
Persons	313,876	423,348	419,477	379,828	333,516	382,098	408,035	379,911
By age groups								
Males								
Under 18	1				65	9		
18-20	21,895	29,666	27,794	23,196	20,032	22,781	22,970	17,086
21-24	40,827	52,581	49,640	43,057	35,299	40,054	40,754	30,314
25-34	75,195	95,634	91,960	80,259	68,802	79,215	84,421	85,109
35-44	46,459	63,821	66,518	60,359	52,619	60,682	65,826	66,192
45-54	28,243	41,087	46,182	44,360	38,796	44,828	50,228	49,250
55-59	13,812	18,953	23,455	24,768	22,141	23,424	23,318	22,864
60-64	18,312	23,685	6,332	3,937	3,218	1,543	1,932	2,725
Females								
Under 18	2				92	16		
18-20	15,925	21,905	21,370	19,349	17,121	18,047	18,087	12,099
21-24	17,014	22,918	24,078	21,098	17,923	20,996	21,692	14,510
25-34	14,547	19,651	21,555	20,422	18,931	22,875	25,341	25,438
35-44	9,938	14,478	16,435	15,904	15,592	19,189	21,377	21,343
45-54	9,785	15,514	19,012	18,693	18,015	22,162	25,242	25,916
55-59	1,921	3,455	5,146	4,426	4,884	6,027	6,562	6,737
60-64					143	118	260	328
Persons								
Under 18	3					157	25	
18-20	37,820	51,571	49,164	42,545	37,153	40,828	41,057	29,185
21-24	57,841	75,499	73,718	64,155	53,222	61,050	62,446	44,824
25-34	89,742	115,285	113,515	100,681	87,733	102,090	109,762	110,547
35-44	56,397	78,299	82,953	76,263	68,211	79,871	87,203	87,535
45-54	38,028	56,601	65,194	63,053	56,811	66,990	75,470	75,166
55-59	15,733	22,408	28,601	29,194	27,025	29,451	29,880	29,601
60-64	18,312	23,685	6,332	3,937	3,361	1,661	2,192	3,053

³¹ Unemployment Benefit (see Table 2.9, 1989 to 1991) was payable from 1 July 1945 until replaced by Newstart and Job Search Allowances on 1 July 1991. From 1 January 1988, Job Search Allowance replaced Unemployment Benefit for 16 and 17 year olds. From 1 July 1991, Job Search Allowance was expanded to include all recipients of Unemployment Benefit in receipt of payment for less than 12 months. Those with longer durations were paid Newstart Allowance and Unemployment Benefit was abolished. From 20 September 1996, Job Search Allowance was subsumed into Newstart Allowance. The recipients reported in this table for 1997 to 1999 are Newstart Allowees with durations less than 12 months.

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Rates paid								
Males								
Standard rate (single)	144,496	193,723	190,050	171,606	148,724	176,003	192,338	183,282
Without children	143,599	193,005	189,020	170,643	148,225	175,098	n/a	n/a
With children	897	718	1,030	963	499	905	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	100,248	131,704	121,831	108,330	92,183	96,589	97,120	90,258
Without children	37,949	131,283	42,198	38,394	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	62,299	421	79,633	69,936	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Females								
Standard rate (single)	61,837	85,823	93,283	85,535	75,713	88,378	96,787	86,893
Without children	60,871	84,461	90,976	83,260	74,712	87,292	n/a	n/a
With children	966	1,362	2,307	2,275	1,001	1,086	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	7,295	12,098	14,313	14,357	16,896	21,128	21,790	19,478
Without children	4,338	6,925	7,933	7,749	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	2,957	5,173	6,380	6,608	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Persons								
Standard rate (single)	206,333	279,546	283,333	257,141	224,437	264,381	289,125	270,175
Without children	204,470	277,466	279,996	253,903	222,937	262,390	n/a	n/a
With children	1,863	2,080	3,337	3,238	1,500	1,991	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	107,543	143,802	136,144	122,687	109,079	117,717	118,910	109,736
Without children	42,287	138,208	50,131	46,143	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	65,256	5,594	86,013	76,544	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Duration of Allowance								
Males								
Up to 7 weeks	38,596	12,126	11,224	10,740	10,119			
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	28,378	8,689	8,209	8,278	7,090			
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	45,451	15,180	15,216	15,735	12,280			
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	38,310	25,674	28,965	25,515	22,093			
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	18,384	118,990	103,229	87,740	92,609	126,648	114,808	79,077
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	39,188	74,836	58,522	46,729	33,239	53,875	71,976	66,757
Over 3 years	36,437	69,932	86,516	85,199	63,477	92,069	102,674	127,706
Females								
Up to 7 weeks	12,988	4,111	3,785	3,996	3,471			
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	9,268	2,884	3,090	3,198	2,638			
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	13,857	5,148	5,616	6,289	5,029			
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	10,816	8,986	10,567	9,499	9,648			
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	5,445	40,215	41,804	36,860	40,183	57,544	52,768	32,101
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	10,123	20,009	20,226	17,019	13,031	22,646	31,368	26,429
Over 3 years	6,635	16,568	22,508	23,031	18,609	29,316	34,441	47,841

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons								
Up to 7 weeks	51,584	16,237	15,009	14,736	13,590			
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	37,646	11,573	11,299	11,476	9,728			
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	59,308	2,328	20,832	22,024	17,309			
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	49,126	34,660	39,532	35,014	31,741			
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	23,829	159,205	145,033	124,600	132,792	184,192	167,576	111,178
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	49,311	94,845	78,748	63,748	46,270	76,521	103,344	93,186
Over 3 years	43,072	86,500	109,024	108,230	82,086	121,385	137,115	175,547
Mean duration (weeks)								
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	133.5	157.8	155.4	164.9	189.4
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	114.5	133.3	135.5	144.9	192.9
Persons	99.0	118.0	122.6	128.5	151.0	149.7	159.1	191.2
Median duration (weeks)								
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	97.5	84.8	111.0	122.1	149.1
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.9	77.3	100.0	113.4	144.6
Persons	55.0	92.0	93.6	93.5	82.3	107.0	119.6	146.9
Paid under income test								
Males								
Nil	187,377	245,181	230,264	217,151	172,516	180,780	259,568	247,982
Up to the free area	26,364	38,856	34,901	17,402	28,961	55,063	4,581	3,439
Over free area	31,003	41,390	46,716	45,383	39,430	36,749	25,309	22,119
Females								
Nil	52,292	72,917	75,371	72,658	60,122	62,476	97,424	88,444
Up to the free area	7,446	11,076	12,144	6,506	11,818	24,290	2,982	2,137
Over free area	9,394	13,928	20,081	20,728	20,669	22,740	18,171	15,790
Persons								
Nil	239,669	318,098	305,635	289,809	232,638	243,256	356,992	336,426
Up to the free area	33,810	49,932	47,045	23,908	40,779	79,353	7,563	5,576
Over free area	40,397	55,318	66,797	66,111	60,099	59,489	43,480	37,909
Activity Type								
Males								
Job Search	n/a	307,902	293,070	262,079	215,736	240,363	263,696	241,265
Incapacitated	n/a	3,758	6,293	4,940	10,512	19,749	16,582	21,367
Training	n/a	12,096	11,351	10,377	11,005	8,800	2,823	n/a
Other	n/a	1,671	1,167	2,540	3,654	3,680	6,357	10,908
Females								
Job Search	n/a	89,217	97,517	90,690	80,253	91,814	103,841	88,894
Incapacitated	n/a	1,235	2,466	2,115	5,001	10,440	9,278	11,400
Training	n/a	6,462	6,860	5,536	6,420	5,349	2,092	n/a
Other	n/a	1,007	753	1,551	935	1,903	3,366	6,077

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons								
Job Search	n/a	397,119	390,587	352,769	295,989	332,177	367,537	330,159
Incapacitated	3,850	4,993	8,759	7,055	15,513	30,189	25,860	32,767
Training	10,187	18,558	18,211	15,913	17,425	14,149	4,915	n/a
Other	299,839	2,678	1,920	4,091	4,589	5,583	9,723	16,985
Supplementary Payments ³²								
Mother/Guardian allowance	2,225							
Remote area allowance	7,014	9,037	End of series					
Homeless rate		5						
Country of birth (selected countries)								
Males								
Australia	174,659	230,909	223,901	203,195	174,086	201,998	217,088	203,379
UK/Ireland	16,902	21,185	18,021	15,700	13,127	14,058	14,637	13,889
Europe (excl. UK/Ireland)	18,302	25,314	22,719	18,861	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	7,020	9,926	10,268	9,138	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Americas	2,952	4,133	3,706	2,918	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	1,883	2,884	2,807	2,509	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	n/a	n/a	14,422	13,254	11,761	9,188	9,104	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,261
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	6,135	5,422	4,505	4,623	4,752	4,527
Other Asia	16,538	21,886	896	665	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	5,953	5,122	4,778	5,526	5,768	5,648
Oceania (excl. Australia and New Zealand)	6,089	8,564	2,059	1,655	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	399	626	994	1,497	32,650	37,199	38,109	36,836
Females								
Australia	53,876	76,251	83,370	77,762	71,271	84,563	92,220	81,591
UK/Ireland	3,041	3,974	4,434	3,919	3,587	4,196	4,514	4,190
Europe (excl. UK/Ireland)	3,120	4,709	5,595	4,823	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	875	1,348	1,471	1,370	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Americas	776	1,119	1,182	953	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	442	702	846	844	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	n/a	n/a	4,655	4,306	4,134	3,784	3,784	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,788
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	766	710	654	732	777	714
Other Asia	5,068	6,941	2,029	2,738	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	2,138	2,019	1,970	2,402	2,553	2,372
Oceania (excl. Australia and New Zealand)	1842	2742	809	752	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	92	135	301	406	10,993	13,829	14,729	13,716

³² From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational.

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons								
Australia	228,535	307,160	307,271	280,957	245,357	286,561	309,308	284,970
UK/Ireland	19,943	25,159	22,455	19,619	16,714	18,254	19,151	18,079
Europe (excl. UK/Ireland)	21,422	30,023	28,314	23,684	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	7,895	11,274	11,739	10,508	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Americas	3,728	5,252	4,888	3,871	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	2,325	3,586	3,653	3,353	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	n/a	n/a	19,077	17,560	15,895	12,972	12,888	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,049
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	6,901	5,422	5,159	5,355	5,529	5,241
Other Asia	21,606	28,827	2,925	3,403	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	8,091	7,141	6,748	7,928	8,321	8,020
Oceania (excl. Australia and New Zealand)	11306	2868	2407	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	491	761	1,295	1,903	43,643	51,028	52,838	50,552

2.9.2 Characteristics of Job Search Allowees, 1989 to 1996³³

	Newstart, duration under 12 months										
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	7,152	8,208	14,003	369,413	320,231	288,376	268,257	310,366	262,583	234,551	171,800
Females	7,839	7,999	12,001	147,745	145,987	140,745	125,574	146,660	125,178	117,226	77,466
Persons	14,991	16,207	26,004	517,158	466,218	429,121	393,831	457,026	387,761	351,777	249,266
By age groups											
Males											
Under 18	7,152	8,208	14,003	17,485	20,725	19,694	8,404	1,289	36	26	2
18-20				54,337	46,303	40,521	37,643	41,939	34,233	33,831	14,934
21-24				65,578	55,470	50,995	49,851	56,845	46,175	41,890	18,491
25-34				106,614	84,813	75,091	76,344	93,742	79,774	72,316	60,445
35-44				63,884	52,480	45,883	45,792	57,954	50,471	43,876	38,302
45-54				35,981	32,211	29,065	27,616	34,952	32,052	26,684	24,367
55-59				13,242	14,150	13,308	11,822	13,753	12,564	9,713	8,869
60-64				12,294	14,079	13,819	10,785	9,892	7,278	6,215	6,390
Females											
Under 18	7,839	7,999	12,001	14,397	17,923	17,652	8,130	1,245	35	22	0
18-20				42,613	39,165	35,711	32,084	34,062	28,671	28,255	10,665
21-24				31,328	31,218	30,369	28,728	34,111	27,739	25,800	9,739
25-34				26,497	25,089	24,431	25,212	32,120	27,459	26,017	21,897
35-44				17,061	16,062	15,548	15,713	20,393	18,369	16,619	16,140
45-54				13,699	13,703	13,652	12,955	19,636	18,011	15,908	14,710
55-59				2,149	2,827	3,382	2,752	4,754	4,621	4,030	3,727
60-64								339	273	575	588
Persons											
Under 18	14,991	16,207	26,004	31,882	38,648	37,346	16,534	2,534	71	48	2
18-20				96,949	85,468	76,232	69,727	76,001	62,904	62,086	25,599
21-24				96,906	86,688	81,364	78,579	90,956	73,914	67,690	28,230
25-34				133,111	109,902	99,522	101,556	125,862	107,233	98,333	82,342
35-44				80,945	68,542	61,431	61,505	78,347	68,840	60,495	54,442
45-54				49,680	45,914	42,717	40,571	54,588	50,063	42,592	39,077
55-59				15,391	16,977	16,690	14,574	18,507	17,185	13,743	12,596
60-64				12,294	14,079	13,819	10,785	10,231	7,551	6,790	6,978

³³ From 1 January 1988, Job Search Allowance replaced Unemployment Benefit for 16 and 17 year olds. From 1 July 1991, Job Search Allowance was expanded to include all recipients of Unemployment Benefit in receipt of payment for less than 12 months. Those with longer durations were paid Newstart Allowance and Unemployment Benefit was abolished. From 20 September 1996, Job Search Allowance was subsumed into Newstart Allowance. The recipients reported in this table for 1997 to 1999 are Newstart Allowees with durations less than 12 months.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Rate paid											
Males											
Standard rate (single)	6,868	7,939	13,703	241,000	210,310	192,109	179,811	207,074	178,437	165,232	114,401
Without children	6,687	7,936	13,700	239,881	209,772	191,161	178,831	206,543	177,625	n/a	n/a
With children	1	3	3	1,119	538	948	980	531	812	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	273	250	291	128,413	109,921	96,267	88,446	103,292	84,146	69,319	57,399
Without children	190	185	185	46,181	109,495	39,974	35,196	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	83	65	106	82,232	426	56,293	53,250	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	11	19	9								
Females											
Standard rate (single)	7,713	7,837	10,952	130,562	128,416	123,183	107,081	117,640	102,455	96,820	61,054
Without children	7,703	7,826	10,937	128,685	127,237	119,800	103,878	116,162	101,351	n/a	n/a
With children	10	11	15	1,877	1,179	3,383	3,203	1,478	1,104	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	121	152	1,040	17,183	17,571	17,562	18,493	29,020	22,723	20,406	16,412
Without children	108	136	1,028	9,524	11,599	8,989	9,457	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	13	16	12	7,659	5,972	8,573	9,036	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	5	10	9								
Persons											
Standard rate (single)	14,581	15,776	24,655	371,562	338,726	315,292	286,892	324,714	280,892	262,052	175,455
Without children	14,570	15,762	24,637	368,566	337,009	310,961	282,709	322,705	278,976	n/a	n/a
With children	11	14	18	2,996	1,717	4,331	4,183	2,009	1,916	n/a	n/a
Married rate (couple)	394	402	1,331	145,596	127,492	113,829	106,939	132,312	106,869	89,725	73,811
Without children	298	321	1,213	55,705	121,094	48,963	44,653	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	96	81	118	89,891	6,398	64,866	62,286	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rate not coded	16	29	18								
Duration of Allowance											
Males											
Up to 7 weeks	n/a	n/a	n/a	81,366	75,515	65,941	64,293	75,320	47,851	41,672	28,426
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	59,926	54,771	46,789	44,834	48,935	33,871	40,517	27,834
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	96,487	94,698	85,126	76,244	90,513	74,987	72,905	46,581
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	n/a	n/a	n/a	127,756	90,283	85,794	78,431	91,648	105,874	79,457	68,959
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,729	4,925	4,665	4,383	3,878			
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	108	31	52	65	60			
Over 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	41	8	9	7	12			
Females											
Up to 7 weeks	n/a	n/a	n/a	36,060	32,716	31,283	29,260	34,132	21,503	19,516	12,099
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	26,975	25,498	23,253	21,144	23,777	16,263	20,801	12,686
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	39,506	50,484	47,308	38,051	46,674	40,528	40,620	20,812
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	n/a	n/a	n/a	43,009	34,624	35,674	33,848	39,850	46,884	36,289	31,869
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,146	2,638	3,177	3,195	2,163			
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	33	17	42	70	55			
Over 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	16	10	8	6	9			

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons											
Up to 7 weeks	n/a	n/a	n/a	117,426	108,231	97,224	93,553	109,452	69,354	61,188	40,525
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	86,901	80,269	70,042	65,978	72,712	50,134	61,318	40,520
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	135,993	145,182	132,434	114,295	137,187	115,515	113,525	67,393
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	n/a	n/a	n/a	170,764	124,907	121,468	112,279	131,498	152,758	115,746	100,828
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,875	7,563	7,842	7,578	6,041			
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	141	48	94	135	115			
Over 3 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	57	18	17	13	21			
Mean duration (weeks)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	20	20	23	21	23
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	20	20	22	21	24
Persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	21	19	20	20	20	23	21	23
Median duration (weeks)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17	17	17	22	19	21
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16	17	17	21	18	21
Persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	17	16	17	17	17	21	19	21
Paid under income test											
Males											
Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	266,981	227,834	203,464	212,403	211,616	162,732	209,608	153,384
Up to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	46,263	43,176	35,956	11,388	48,737	66,972	3,361	1,994
Over free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	56,169	49,221	48,956	44,466	50,013	32,879	21,582	16,422
Females											
Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	107,525	105,488	99,210	92,770	89,934	67,027	94,744	62,630
Up to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	17,325	16,583	14,042	5,717	23,281	33,280	3,004	1,474
Over free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	22,894	23,916	27,493	27,087	33,445	24,871	19,478	13,362
Persons											
Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	374,507	333,322	302,674	305,173	301,550	229,759	304,352	216,014
Up to the free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	63,588	59,759	49,998	17,105	72,018	100,252	6,365	3,468
Over free area	n/a	n/a	n/a	79,063	73,137	76,449	71,553	83,458	57,750	41,060	29,784

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Activity Type											
Males											
Job Search	n/a	n/a	n/a	360,603	309,886	278,288	257,223	288,578	234,533	214,042	147,328
Incapacitated	n/a	n/a	n/a	775	2,528	4,472	4,062	13,505	20,445	13,673	16,535
Training	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,362	4,717	4,679	5,769	7,092	5,183	2,836	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,673	3,100	937	1,203	1,191	2,422	4,000	7,937
Females											
Job Search	n/a	n/a	n/a	142,939	139,190	134,128	118,564	132,432	106,854	103,282	61,923
Incapacitated	n/a	n/a	n/a	302	1,271	2,279	2,001	8,207	12,940	9,259	10,368
Training	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,822	3,402	3,449	4,098	5,396	4,073	2,287	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,682	2,124	889	911	625	1,311	2,398	5,175
Persons											
Job Search	n/a	n/a	n/a	503,540	449,076	412,416	375,787	421,010	341,387	317,324	209,251
Incapacitated	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,077	3,799	6,751	6,063	21,712	33,385	22,932	26,903
Training	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,184	8,119	8,128	9,867	12,488	9,256	5,123	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,355	5,224	1,826	2,114	1,816	3,733	6,398	13,112
Supplementary payments ³⁴											
Mother/Guardian Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,789	n/a						
Remote area allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	10,964	9,813	End of series					
Homeless rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,020	8,788						

³⁴ From 1 January 1993, supplementary payments were integrated into Family Payment or (where there were no dependent children) into the pension or allowance. From that date, entitlements to supplements are notional rather than operational.

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	n/a	n/a	n/a	267,281	233,904	219,766	203,054	235,447	198,463	177,942	124,768
UK/Ireland	n/a	n/a	n/a	23,855	19,716	16,771	15,246	16,790	14,037	11,583	9,363
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,915	7,554	7,432	7,183	8,187	7,161	6,698	n/a
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,708	8,026	6,719	6,734	7,530	6,055	5,770	5,364
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,154
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,751	2,534	3,071	2,641	2,093	1,760
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	59,653	51,031	34,937	33,506	39,341	34,226	30,465	26,391
Females											
Australia	n/a	n/a	n/a	115,971	114,516	113,720	99,926	114,160	97,483	91,563	57,609
UK/Ireland	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,113	5,844	5,358	4,752	6,053	5,082	4,436	3,368
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,571	3,401	3,611	3,622	3,744	3,405	3,398	n/a
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,921	3,631	3,498	3,203	4,261	3,115	3,078	2,472
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,111
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	846	860	879	718	611	396
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	18,169	18,595	13,712	13,211	17,563	15,375	14,140	11,510
Persons											
Australia	n/a	n/a	n/a	383,252	348,420	333,486	302,980	349,607	295,946	269,505	182,377
UK/Ireland	n/a	n/a	n/a	29,968	25,560	22,129	19,998	22,843	19,119	16,019	12,731
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,486	10,955	11,043	10,805	11,931	10,566	10,096	n/a
New Zealand	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,629	11,657	10,217	9,937	11,791	9,170	8,848	7,836
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,265
Lebanon	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,597	3,394	3,950	3,359	2,704	2,156
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	77,822	69,626	48,649	46,717	56,904	49,601	44,605	37,901

2.9.3 Characteristics of Youth Training Allowees, 1995 to 1998³⁵

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Males	11,246	18,108	16,813	15,852
Females	9,916	16,307	15,151	14,641
Persons	21,162	34,415	31,964	30,493
By age				
Males				
15	236	456	479	341
16	4933	7,242	6,311	5,592
17	6077	10,410	10,023	9,919
Females				
15	351	624	612	479
16	4211	6,365	5,766	5,091
17	5354	9,318	8,773	9,071
Persons				
15	587	1,080	1,091	820
16	9144	13,607	12,077	10,683
17	11431	19,728	18,796	18,990
Rates paid				
Standard rate (single)				
Males	11,116	17,759	16,386	15,435
Without children	11,115	17,755	16,376	n/a
With children	1	4	10	n/a
Females	9,374	15,062	13,814	13,234
Without children	9,354	15,053	13,777	n/a
With children	20	9	37	n/a
Persons	20,490	32,821	30,200	28,669
Without children	20,469	32,808	30,153	n/a
With children	21	13	47	n/a
Married rate (couple)				
Males	130	349	427	417
Females	542	1,245	1,337	1,407
Persons	672	1,594	1,764	1,824

³⁵ Youth Training Allowance commenced payment on 1 January 1995 and ceased on 30 June 1998, when most recipients transferred to Youth Allowance (other).

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Duration of Allowance				
Males				
Up to 7 weeks	4,246	5,173	2,797	2,254
Over 7 weeks to 3 months	3,015	3,095	1,684	2,416
Over 3 months to 6 months	3,982	5,843	4,459	4,040
Over 6 months to 1 year		3,077	4,049	3,333
Over 1 year to 2 years	3	920	3,440	3,359
Over 2 years to 3 years			371	437
Over 3 years			13	13
Females				
Up to 7 weeks	3,635	4,003	2,330	1,860
Over 7 weeks to 3 months	2,574	2,582	1,513	2,046
Over 3 months to 6 months	3,702	5,308	3,838	3,807
Over 6 months to 1 year	5	3,200	3,863	3,306
Over 1 year to 2 years		1,214	3,235	3,174
Over 2 years to 3 years			366	444
Over 3 years			6	4
Persons				
Up to 7 weeks	7,881	9,176	5,127	4,114
Over 7 weeks to 3 months	5,589	5,677	3,197	4,462
Over 3 months to 6 months	7,684	11,151	8,297	7,847
Over 6 months to 1 year	5	6,277	7,912	6,639
Over 1 year to 2 years	3	2,134	6,675	6,533
Over 2 years to 3 years			737	881
Over 3 years			19	17
Paid under income as test				
Males				
Nil	10,250	16,207	15,065	14,862
Up to the free area	320	856	1,033	252
Over free area	676	1,045	715	738
Females				
Nil	8,335	13,799	12,865	12,983
Up to the free area	395	790	1,054	339
Over free area	1,186	1,718	1,232	1,319
Persons				
Nil	18,585	30,006	27,930	27,845
Up to the free area	715	1,646	2,087	591
Over free area	1,862	2,763	1,947	2,057

	1995	1996	1997	1998
Activity Type				
Males				
Job Search	10,967	16,486	15,486	14,936
Incapacitated	85	359	405	230
Training	1,079	1,224	771	502
Other	n/a	39	151	184
Females				
Job Search	9,621	14,660	13,733	13,643
Incapacitated	115	533	720	455
Training	759	1,073	566	323
Other	n/a	41	132	220
Persons				
Job Search	20,588	31,146	29,219	28,579
Incapacitated	200	892	1,125	685
Training	1,838	2,297	1,337	825
Other	n/a	80	283	404
Country of birth (selected countries)				
Males				
Australia	10,405	16,899	15,712	14,773
New Zealand	251	322	310	313
UK/Ireland	153	230	171	104
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	112	182	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	131	138
Lebanon	18	25	43	52
Other	307	450	446	472
Females				
Australia	9,274	15,354	14,243	13,804
New Zealand	196	303	272	275
UK/Ireland	119	194	163	111
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	71	99	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	72	61
Lebanon	8	24	31	26
Other	248	333	370	364
Persons				
Australia	19,679	32,253	29,955	28,577
New Zealand	447	625	582	588
UK/Ireland	272	424	334	215
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	183	281	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	203	199
Lebanon	26	49	74	78
Other	555	783	816	836

2.9.4 Characteristics of Youth Allowees (Other), 1999³⁶

	1999
Males	45,702
Females	38,508
Persons	84,210
By age	
Males	
15	248
16	3,297
17	6,464
18	12,938
19	11,802
20	10,705
21 and over	248
Females	
15	298
16	2,913
17	5,845
18	11,635
19	9,644
20	8,003
21 and over	170
Persons	
15	546
16	6,210
17	12,309
18	24,573
19	21,446
20	18,708
21 and over	418

³⁶ Youth Allowance became payable from 1 July 1998. Youth Allowance (Student) replaced AUSTUDY for full time students under 25 years of age (enumerated in tables 2.10.1 and 2.10.2). Youth Allowance (other) replaced Youth Training Allowance (table 2.9.3) and Newstart Allowance (tables 2.9.1 and 2.9.2) for unemployed people under 21 years of age.

1999

Rates paid

Males

At home	28,675
Away from home or couple	15,984
Single with dependents	16
Couple with dependents	1,027
Independent	25,348
dependent	20,354

Females

At home	23,102
Away from home or couple	15,027
Single with dependents	162
Couple with dependents	217
Independent	22,104
dependent	16,404

Persons

At home	51,777
Away from home or couple	31,011
Single with dependents	178
Couple with dependents	1,244
Independent	47,452
dependent	36,758

Duration of Allowance

Males

Under 3 months	8,600
Between 3 and 6 months	7,086
Between 6 and 9 months	4,234
Between 9 and 1year	10,586
Between1 year and 2 years	11,653
2 years and over	3,543

Females

Under 3 months	6,123
Between 3 and 6 months	5,587
Between 6 and 9 months	3,244
Between 9 and 1year	11,019
Between1 year and 2 years	9,951
2 years and over	2,584

	1999
Duration of Allowance	
Persons	
Under 3 months	14,723
Between 3 and 6 months	12,673
Between 6 and 9 months	7,478
Between 9 and 1year	21,605
Between 1 year and 2 years	21,604
2 years and over	6,127
Paid under income as test	
Males	
Nil	41,422
Up to the free area	787
Over free area	3,493
Females	
Nil	32,020
Up to the free area	992
Over free area	5,496
Persons	
Nil	73,442
Up to the free area	1,779
Over free area	8,989
Activity Type	
Males	
Job Search	41,139
Incapacitated	1,691
Training	1,093
Other	1,779
Females	
Job Search	33,109
Incapacitated	2,238
Training	868
Other	2,293
Persons	
Job Search	74,248
Incapacitated	3,929
Training	1,961
Other	4,072

2.10 Student assistance

2.10.1 Characteristics of Youth Allowees (full-time students), 1999³⁷

	1999
Males	139,488
Females	164,204
Persons	303,692
By age	
Males	
15	342
16	34,336
17	29,574
18	18,563
19	14,495
20	12,928
21	10,016
22	7,051
23	5,400
24	4,489
25 and over	2,294
Females	
15	620
16	36,779
17	33,809
18	23,994
19	19,701
20	17,390
21	12,530
22	7,777
23	5,401
24	4,240
25 and over	1,963
Persons	
15	962
16	71,115
17	63,383
18	42,557
19	34,196
20	30,318
21	22,546
22	14,828
23	10,801
24	8,729
25 and over	4,257

³⁷ Youth Allowance became payable from 1 July 1998. Youth Allowance (Student) replaced AUSTUDY for full time students under 25 years of age (see table 2.10.2). Youth Allowance (other) replaced Youth Training Allowance (table 2.9.3) and Newstart Allowance (tables 2.9.1 and 2.9.2) for unemployed people under 21 years of age.

	1999
Rates paid	
Males	
At home	115,633
Away from home or couple	23,270
Single with dependents	30
Couple with dependents	555
Independents	30,968
Dependent	108,520
Females	
At home	128,149
Away from home or couple	35,720
Single with dependents	81
Couple with dependents	254
Independents	40,244
Dependent	123,960
Persons	
At home	243,782
Away from home or couple	58,990
Single with dependents	111
Couple with dependents	809
Independents	71,212
Dependent	232,480
Duration of Allowance	
Males	
Under 3 months	17,169
Between 3 and 6 months	21,470
Between 6 and 9 months	11,534
Between 9 months and 1 year	83,543
Between 1 year and 2 years	4,034
2 years and over	1,738
Females	
Under 3 months	19,276
Between 3 and 6 months	24,757
Between 6 and 9 months	13,119
Between 9 months and 1 year	100,083
Between 1 year and 2 years	5,122
2 years and over	1,847

	1999
Persons	
Under 3 months	36,445
Between 3 and 6 months	46,227
Between 6 and 9 months	24,653
Between 9 months and 1 year	183,626
Between 1 year and 2 years	9,156
2 years and over	3,585
Mean duration (weeks)	
Males	36.8
Females	37.1
Persons	37.0
Median duration (weeks)	
Males	45
Females	45
Persons	45
Paid under income test	
Males	
Nil	133,242
Up to the free area	2,851
Over free area	3,395
Females	
Nil	152,325
Up to the free area	5,640
Over free area	6,239
Persons	
Nil	285,567
Up to the free area	8,491
Over free area	9,634
Study Level ³⁸	
Males	
Secondary	66,105
TGA	3,637
TGB	45,447
TGC	12,231
TGD	12,068

³⁸ These denote the levels of study which qualify claimants for assistance under Youth Allowance and Austudy Payment. Tertiary Group A (TGA) includes studies for postgraduate bachelor degrees. Tertiary Group B (TGB) includes studies for undergraduate degrees. Tertiary Group C (TGC) includes studies for associate diplomas. Tertiary Group D (TGD) includes TAFE courses.

	1999
Females	
Secondary	71,544
TGA	5,097
TGB	59,371
TGC	14,361
TGD	13,831
Persons	
Secondary	137,649
TGA	8,734
TGB	104,818
TGC	26,592
TGD	25,899
Institution of study	
Males	
Primary	1,436
Secondary	61,681
Private	2,355
TEAF	24,117
University/Higher Education	49,899
Females	
Primary	1,829
Secondary	66,604
Private	4,403
TEAF	25,931
University/Higher Education	65,437
Persons	
Primary	3,265
Secondary	128,285
Private	6,758
TEAF	50,048
University/Higher Education	115,336

2.10.2 Characteristics of AUSTUDY recipients, 1989 to 1998³⁹

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Males	114,126	114,873	152,561	184,207	186,325	188,593	187,245	187,323	174,120	169,349
Females	131,874	154,602	175,091	197,542	154,804	205,469	207,014	223,485	187,377	182,799
Persons	246,000	269,475	327,652	381,749	341,129	394,062	394,259	410,808	361,497	352,148
By age groups										
Males										
15 and younger	n/a	n/a	n/a	880	694	683	636	77	72	76
16-19	80,416	80,519	107,401	119,783	117,392	113,318	105,499	96,206	90,261	91,207
20-29	28,371	28,158	37,076	51,483	54,560	58,993	64,148	71,140	64,329	57,978
30-39	4,416	4,877	6,300	8,629	9,577	10,574	11,150	12,992	12,857	11,410
40-49	793	988	1,498	2,258	2,676	3,271	3,760	5,459	4,937	4,424
50-59	130	331	286	347	429	537	697	1,288	1,157	1,121
60-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	42	34	55	125	94	98
65 and over	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	8	10	7	36	50	40
Females										
15 and younger	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,070	856	821	811	127	128	124
16-19	94,147	111,007	124,398	130,690	108,417	126,489	120,951	109,520	101,697	102,973
20-29	29,536	34,180	39,312	52,280	35,164	60,639	66,394	83,314	69,894	64,925
30-39	6,045	6,912	8,118	6,255	4,641	7,753	8,157	18,977	8,768	8,482
40-49	1,932	2,337	2,870	2,445	1,193	3,201	3,537	9,644	4,291	4,322
50-59	214	166	393	385	32	567	633	1,799	1,163	1,218
60-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	0	5	8	89	57	58
65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	0	1	0	15	38	27
Persons										
15 and younger	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,950	1,550	1,504	1,447	204	200	200
16-19	174,563	191,526	231,799	250,473	225,809	239,807	226,450	205,726	191,958	194,180
20-29	57,907	62,338	76,388	103,763	89,724	119,632	130,542	154,454	134,223	122,903
30-39	10,461	11,789	14,418	14,884	14,218	18,327	19,307	31,969	21,625	19,892
40-49	2,725	3,325	4,368	4,703	3,869	6,472	7,297	15,103	9,228	8,746
50-59	344	497	679	732	461	1,104	1,330	3,087	2,320	2,339
60-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	57	42	39	63	214	151	156
65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	8	11	7	51	88	67

³⁹ From 1 July 1998, AUSTUDY was subsumed by Youth Allowance (Student) for full time students under 25 years of age (see table 2.10.1) and by Austudy Payment for older students (see table 2.10.3).

2.10.3 Characteristics of ABSTUDY recipients, 1989 to 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	7,602	6,996	7,245	11,212	17,554	11,583	11,622	16,282	20,713	19,572	20,363
Females	11,761	10,275	10,617	12,054	16,303	12,842	20,515	19,872	21,742	24,250	25,165
Persons	19,363	17,271	17,862	23,266	33,857	24,425	32,137	36,154	42,455	43,822	45,528
By age groups											
Males											
15 and younger	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,262	8,695	2,348	2,312	9,379	9,932	10,197	n/a
16-19	3,697	3,705	3,703	4,353	3,958	3,986	3,849	2,738	3,977	3,222	n/a
20-29	1,968	1,867	1,996	2,565	2,568	2,667	2,573	2,010	3,069	2,753	n/a
30-39	1,140	944	1,048	1,482	1,610	1,729	1,878	1,291	2,163	1,999	n/a
40-49	503	347	385	440	579	681	796	601	1,049	1,005	n/a
50-59	294	133	113	99	132	150	175	207	241	310	n/a
60-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	9	9	17	15	39	23	56	n/a
65 and over	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	3	5	24	17	259	30	n/a
Females											
15 and younger	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,219	11,282	2,387	9,704	9,579	10,122	10,612	n/a
16-19	4,497	4,275	4,244	4,588	1,452	4,325	4,424	3,263	4,581	3,968	n/a
20-29	3,165	2,844	3,042	2,625	1,988	2,823	2,900	2,958	3,034	3,854	n/a
30-39	2,348	1,920	2,014	1,649	1,207	1,926	2,015	2,284	2,187	3,023	n/a
40-49	1,066	834	867	713	301	987	1,081	1,188	1,316	1,821	n/a
50-59	685	402	450	203	61	289	308	448	439	745	n/a
60-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	24	6	80	36	96	36	145	n/a
65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	33	6	25	47	56	27	82	n/a
Persons											
15 and younger	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,481	19,977	4,735	12,016	18,958	20,054	20,809	n/a
16-19	8,194	7,980	7,947	8,941	5,410	8,311	8,273	6,001	8,558	7,190	n/a
20-29	5,133	4,711	5,038	5,190	4,556	5,490	5,473	4,968	6,103	6,607	n/a
30-39	3,488	2,864	3,062	3,131	2,817	3,655	3,893	3,575	4,350	5,022	n/a
40-49	1,569	1,181	1,252	1,153	880	1,668	1,877	1,789	2,365	2,826	n/a
50-59	979	535	563	302	193	439	483	655	680	1,055	n/a
60-64	n/a	n/a	n/a	33	15	97	51	135	59	201	n/a
65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	35	9	30	71	73	286	112	n/a

2.10.4 Characteristics of recipients of Austudy Payment, 1999⁴⁰

	1999
Males	27,373
Females	19,797
Persons	47,170
By age groups	
Males	
25–29	11,861
30–34	6,048
35–39	4,262
40–44	2,687
45–49	1,475
50–54	725
55–59	267
60–64	42
65 and over	6
Females	
25–29	9,054
30–34	3,990
35–39	2,491
40–44	1,949
45–49	1,426
50–54	659
55–59	205
60–64	19
65 and over	4
Persons	
25–29	20,915
30–34	10,038
35–39	6,753
40–44	4,636
45–49	2,901
50–54	1,384
55–59	472
60–64	61
65 and over	10

⁴⁰ From 1 July 1998, Austudy Payment replaced AUSTUDY for older students (see table 2.10.2).

	1999
Rates paid	
Males	
Single or Couple	27,373
Single with dependents	106
Couple with dependents	4,839
Females	
Single or Couple	19,797
Single with dependents	509
Couple with dependents	1,650
Persons	
Single or Couple	47,170
Single with dependents	615
Couple with dependents	6,489
Duration of allowance	
Males	
Under 3 months	2,764
Between 3 months and 6 months	3,401
Between 6 months and 9 months	1,043
Between 9 months and 1 year	16,005
Between 1 year and 2 years	2,020
2 years and over	2,140
Females	
Under 3 months	2,736
Between 3 months and 6 months	2,937
Between 6 months and 9 months	803
Between 9 months and 1 year	10,981
Between 1 year and 2 years	1,182
2 years and over	1,158
Persons	
Under 3 months	5,500
Between 3 months and 6 months	6,338
Between 6 months and 9 months	1,846
Between 9 months and 1 year	26,986
Between 1 year and 2 years	3,202
2 years and over	3,298
Mean duration (weeks)	
Males	55
Females	50
Persons	53

	1999
Median duration (weeks)	
Males	50
Females	50
Persons	50
Paid under income test	
Males	
Nil	25,705
Up to the free area	620
Over free area	1,048
Females	
Nil	17,902
Up to the free area	727
Over free area	1,168
Persons	
Nil	43,607
Up to the free area	1,347
Over free area	2,216
Study Level ⁴¹	
Males	
Secondary	583
TGA	1,774
TGB	15,095
TGC	5,752
TGD	4,169
Females	
Secondary	329
TGA	1,446
TGB	10,822
TGC	4,091
TGD	3,109
Persons	
Secondary	912
TGA	3,220
TGB	25,917
TGC	9,843
TGD	7,278

⁴¹ These denote the levels of study which qualify claimants for assistance under Youth Allowance and Austudy Payment. Tertiary Group A (TGA) includes studies for postgraduate bachelor degrees. Tertiary Group B (TGB) includes studies for undergraduate degrees. Tertiary Group C (TGC) includes studies for associate diplomas. Tertiary Group D (TGD) includes TAFE courses.

	1999
Institution of study	
Males	
Secondary	128
Private Secondary	388
TAFE	2,337
Private Tertiary	8,289
University/Higher Education	16,231
Females	
Secondary	170
Private Secondary	289
TAFE	1,898
Private Tertiary	5,555
University/Higher Education	11,885
Persons	
Secondary	298
Private Secondary	677
TAFE	4,235
Private Tertiary	13,844
University/Higher Education	28,116

2.11 Payments to veterans

2.11.1 Characteristics of Service Pensioners, 1989 to 1999⁴²

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
By age groups											
Male Veterans (include a small number of male partners of female veterans)											
16-19											
20-29	2	3	7	7	9						
30-39	99	60	15	11	6	5	5	8	9	9	15
40-49	825	1,058	1,284	1,682	2,009	2,515	2,657	2,799	2,443	2,283	1,523
50-59	1,467	1,408	1,097	1,295	1,275	1,476	2,288	3,615	6,656	7,173	9,212
60-64	29,721	15,951	5,966	6,321	6,111	5,963	5,258	4,575	3,993	3,863	3,685
65+	197,251	204,687	210,036	205,694	200,777	194,834	187,953	179,279	168,382	166,444	157,011
Total	229,363	223,164	218,398	215,003	210,178	204,794	198,163	190,279	181,490	179,779	171,455
Female partners and widows of veterans (includes a small number of women veterans)											
16-19	3	1									
20-29	103	106	81	80	1,446	69	61	69	58	56	51
30-39	702	681	584	574	3,414	604	492	575	547	537	501
40-49	2,459	2,472	2,125	2,186	5,047	2,748	2,767	3,346	3,667	3,660	3,595
50-59	15,490	15,686	11,154	10,949	10,979	8,451	6,748	7,442	7,868	7,945	8,475
60-64	49,578	43,623	32,469	31,877	22,811	17,186	10,700	10,570	8,443	8,141	7,372
65+	95,043	100,615	113,098	110,937	117,663	119,031	127,907	122,708	119,384	118,633	117,299
Total	163,378	163,184	159,511	156,603	161,373	148,089	148,675	144,710	139,967	138,972	137,293
Persons											
16-19	3	1									
20-29	103	106	81	80	1,446	70	63	72	65	63	60
30-39	801	741	599	585	3,420	609	497	583	556	546	516
40-49	3,284	3,530	3,409	3,868	7,056	5,263	5,424	6,145	6,110	5,943	5,118
50-59	16,957	17,094	12,251	12,244	12,254	9,927	9,036	11,057	14,524	15,118	17,687
60-64	79,299	59,574	38,435	38,198	28,922	23,149	15,958	15,145	12,436	12,004	11,057
65+	292,294	305,302	323,134	316,631	318,440	313,865	315,860	301,987	287,766	285,077	274,310
Total	392,741	386,348	377,909	371,606	371,551	352,883	346,838	334,989	321,457	318,751	308,748

⁴² Estimates courtesy of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

2.11.2 Characteristics of recipients of DVA Income Support Supplement, 1995 to 1999⁴³

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
By age groups					
Males					
Under 55					
55-59					
60-64					
65-69			6	5	3
70-74	n/a		6	6	15
75-79			4	5	15
80-84			5	6	8
85-89			1	1	1
90 or over			1	1	1
Total			23	24	43
Females					
Under 55			1,055	248	273
55-59			836	538	511
60-64			1,972	1,503	1,454
65-69			7,997	6,662	5,510
70-74			18,202	18,430	18,138
75-79	n/a		17,693	20,766	23,521
80-84			10,819	12,649	14,661
85-89			4,679	5,653	6,698
90 or over			2,321	2,372	2,730
Total	65,000	65,000	65,574	68,821	73,496
Persons					
Under 55			1,055	248	273
55-59			836	538	511
60-64			1,978	1,508	1,457
65-69			8,003	6,668	5,525
70-74			18,206	18,435	18,153
75-79	n/a		17,698	20,772	23,529
80-84			10,820	12,650	14,662
85-89			4,680	5,654	6,699
90 or over			2,344	2,396	2,773
Total	65,000	65,000	65,574	68,821	73,496

⁴³ From January 1995, approximately 65 000 female Age Pensioners who were also receiving a War Widow's Pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) were transferred to DVA and paid Income Support Supplement rather than the Age Pension. Some male partners of are also eligible. Estimates courtesy of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

2.12 Other income support payments

2.12.1 Characteristics of Special Beneficiaries, 1989 to 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	11,611	13,430	13,961	16,285	12,831	11,770	10,224	9,202	6,869	4,733	5,232
Females	12,680	14,151	16,141	18,757	15,672	13,772	10,216	9,683	7,831	5,503	6,576
Persons	24,291	27,581	30,102	35,042	28,503	25,542	20,440	18,885	14,700	10,236	11,808
By age groups											
Males											
Under18	435	652	1,024	2,216	698	713	411	208	145	129	90
18-20	470	697	800	1,377	173	140	128	132	74	43	34
21-24	448	711	487	580	479	377	278	265	140	108	126
25-34	1,144	1,517	1,320	1,495	1,619	1,608	1,258	879	558	435	535
35-44	925	1,156	1,234	1,433	1,328	1,143	1,028	781	410	245	243
45-54	1,021	1,188	1,282	1,254	845	571	469	383	219	138	133
55-59	966	961	930	796	462	270	225	150	95	71	51
60-64	2,128	1,996	1,880	1,512	907	444	292	237	159	104	114
65+	4,074	4,552	5,003	5,621	6,320	6,504	6,135	6,167	5,069	3,460	3,906
Females											
Under18	1,343	1,383	2,056	3,218	1,606	1,478	1,017	691	441	221	130
18-20	1,820	2,093	2,646	3,162	1,785	1,397	1,105	808	610	165	206
21-24	1,417	1,500	1,486	1,552	1,494	1,138	998	978	736	272	429
25-34	1,545	1,742	1,693	1,900	1,883	1,626	1,328	1,469	983	477	736
35-44	909	957	970	1,024	929	737	596	611	409	258	366
45-54	994	1,147	1,215	1,216	823	541	420	392	266	203	253
55-59	486	494	484	475	405	273	209	205	126	84	102
60-64	1,230	1,407	1,580	1,728	1,819	1,720	1,209	1,165	998	822	901
65+	2,936	3,428	4,012	4,483	4,928	4,862	3,334	3,364	3,262	3,001	3,453
Persons											
Under18	1,778	2,035	3,080	5,434	2,304	2,191	1,428	899	586	350	220
18-20	2,290	2,790	3,446	4,539	1,958	1,537	1,233	940	684	208	240
21-24	1,865	2,211	1,973	2,132	1,973	1,515	1,276	1,243	876	380	555
25-34	2,689	3,259	3,013	3,395	3,502	3,234	2,586	2,348	1,541	912	1,271
35-44	1,834	2,113	2,204	2,457	2,257	1,880	1,624	1,392	819	503	609
45-54	2,015	2,335	2,497	2,470	1,668	1,112	889	775	485	341	386
55-59	1,452	1,455	1,414	1,271	867	543	434	355	221	155	153
60-64	3,358	3,403	3,460	3,240	2,726	2,164	1,501	1,402	1,157	926	1,015
65+	7,010	7,980	9,015	10,104	11,248	11,366	9,469	9,531	8,331	6,461	7,359

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Rates paid											
Standard rate (single)											
Males	4,981	6,123	6,583	8,336	4,789	4,183	3,255	2,742	2,147	1,622	1,553
Without children	4,881	6,026	6,495	8,256	4,746	4,113	3,207	2,714	2,121	1,612	1,536
With children	100	97	88	81	43	70	48	28	26	10	17
Females	11,959	13,241	14,621	16,577	11,700	11,231	7,943	6,646	5,568	3,699	3,932
Without children	9,406	10,864	12,368	14,683	10,231	9,609	6,588	6,365	5,109	3,516	3,773
With children	2,553	2,377	2,253	1,895	1,469	1,622	1,355	281	459	183	159
Persons	16,940	19,364	21,204	24,914	16,488	15,414	11,198	9,388	7,715	5,321	5,485
Without children	14,287	16,890	18,863	22,938	14,977	13,722	9,795	9,079	7,230	5,128	5,309
With children	2,653	2,474	2,341	1,975	1,512	1,692	1,403	309	485	193	176
Married rate (couple)											
Males	6,630	7,307	7,378	7,949	8,042	7,587	6,969	6,460	4,722	3,111	3,679
Without children	4,871	5,376	5,690	6,084	7,968	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	1,700	1,873	1,678	1,800	61	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Not coded	59	58	11	65	14	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Females	721	910	1,520	2,180	3,972	2,541	2,273	3,035	2,263	1,804	2,644
Without children	442	574	1,157	1,546	1,583	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	255	312	356	495	2,367	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Not coded	24	24	7	138	22	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Persons	7,351	8,217	8,898	10,128	12,015	10,128	9,242	9,495	6,985	4,915	6,323
Without children	5,313	5,950	6,846	7,630	9,551	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
With children	1,955	2,185	2,034	2,295	2,428	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Not coded	83	82	18	203	36	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Duration of Allowance											
Males											
Up to 7 weeks	2,539	3,596	2,900	4,257	2,248	2,079	1,742	1,200	522	431	292
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	747	957	1,335	2,067	1,112	1,046	953	780	238	287	231
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	1,004	1,075	1,248	1,368	1,508	1,455	1,285	1,215	470	525	525
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	1,529	1,702	1,723	1,905	1,758	1,596	1,307	1,198	477	629	1,182
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	2,380	2,128	2,514	2,142	2,117	2,006	1,678	1,580	1,601	558	997
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	1,410	1,622	1,500	1,480	1,261	1,234	1,089	1,015	1,358	405	395
Over 3 years	2,002	2,350	2,742	3,067	2,827	2,354	2,170	2,214	2,203	1,898	1,610
Females											
Up to 7 weeks	3,673	4,101	4,688	6,164	4,068	3,589	2,819	2,482	741	550	440
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	2,179	2,265	2,666	3,516	2,505	1,989	1,665	1,407	492	428	347
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	1,529	1,762	1,769	1,811	1,856	1,667	1,368	1,457	891	704	797
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	1,347	1,649	1,683	1,814	1,892	1,742	1,223	1,302	1,005	848	1,633
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	1,763	1,894	2,354	1,991	2,147	2,020	1,311	1,332	2,211	807	1,280
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	1,006	1,088	1,313	1,351	1,165	1,139	720	653	1,362	580	528
Over 3 years	1,183	1,392	1,667	2,110	2,038	1,626	1,110	1,050	1,129	1,586	1,551

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons											
Up to 7 weeks	6,212	7,697	7,587	10,422	6,316	5,668	4,561	3,682	1,263	981	732
Over 7 weeks, up to 3 months	2,926	3,222	4,001	5,583	3,617	3,035	2,618	2,187	730	715	578
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	2,533	2,837	3,017	3,178	3,364	3,122	2,653	2,672	1,361	1,229	1,322
Over 6 months, up to 1 year	2,876	3,351	3,406	3,718	3,650	3,338	2,530	2,500	1,482	1,477	2,815
Over 1 year, up to 2 years	4,143	4,022	4,868	4,133	4,264	4,026	2,989	2,912	3,812	1,365	2,277
Over 2 years, up to 3 years	2,416	2,710	2,812	2,830	2,426	2,373	1,809	1,668	2,720	985	923
Over 3 years	3,185	3,742	4,409	5,177	4,865	3,980	3,280	3,264	3,332	3,484	3,161
Mean duration (weeks)											
Males	67.1	73.7	80.8	84.5	76.7	88.1	89.9	98.3	136.6	155.1	138.0
Females	45.5	51.3	63.5	65.9	62.7	60.5	55.2	56.4	87.2	114.4	107.0
Persons	69.4	66.6	69.3	66.0	76.0	73.2	72.5	76.8	110.3	155.1	120.0
Median duration (weeks)											
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	46.6	48.0	57.7	106.0	97.1	71.0
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.9	17.0	19.6	73.0	64.3	58.0
Persons	29.4	26.3	29.1	17.0	31.0	32.3	29.3	34.0	86.0	97.1	63.0
Paid under income test											
Males											
Nil	9,234	11,047	11,659	13,854	10,872	10,242	9,363	7,379	4,410	2,759	5,162
Up to \$30 pw	1,625	1,660	1,963	1,895	1,548	1,176	526	1,597	2,308	1,164	10
Over \$30 pw	752	723	339	536	411	352	335	226	151	810	60
Females											
Nil	11,356	12,661	14,580	16,889	14,275	12,701	9,693	8,241	5,575	3,552	6,524
Up to \$30 pw	965	1,035	1,319	1,435	1,083	800	294	1,311	2,128	1,111	8
Over \$30 pw	359	455	242	433	314	271	229	131	128	840	44
Persons											
Nil	20,590	23,708	26,239	30,744	25,147	22,943	19,056	15,620	9,985	6,311	11,686
Up to \$30 pw	2,590	2,695	3,282	3,329	2,631	1,976	820	2,908	4,436	2,275	18
Over \$30 pw	1,111	1,178	581	969	725	623	564	357	279	1,650	104

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Country of birth (selected countries)											
Males											
Australia	4,588	5,866	5,513	6,946	4,369	2,372	1,763	1,343	779	412	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	1,684	1,653	1,778	2,004	1,762	2,049	1,900	1,898	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,385	719	723
China	n/a	105	718	1,176	1,031	1,440	1,084	1,018	891	921	1,271
Philippines	322	423	515	580	600	646	634	585	403	221	204
Lebanon	411	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	447	421	n/a	n/a	261	282
India	155	185	222	248	257	n/a	n/a	451	343	n/a	260
Other Asia	1,620	1,508	1,368	1,259	1,042	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Europe	1,832	1,597	1,914	1,911	1,646	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Americas	285	308	347	353	426	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	241	244	332	390	407	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East		702	768	791	737	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oceania (other than Australia)	314	427	408	504	519	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	159	412	78	123	34	4,816	4,422	3,907	3,068	2,199	2,492
Females											
Australia	6,107	7,008	7,832	9,586	5,336	4,841	3,706	2,960	2,101	502	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	975	1,469	1,523	1,705	2,153	1,908	1,364	1,315	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	938	647	775
China	n/a	101	456	751	1,260	947	661	706	695	840	1,205
Philippines	385	514	644	716	733	620	461	495	419	370	454
Lebanon	455	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	444	338	n/a	n/a	220	283
India	130	152	188	218	313	n/a	n/a	342	270	n/a	249
Other Asia	1,864	1,409	1,245	1,185	1,272	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Europe	1,422	922	1,739	1,818	2,011	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Americas	486	566	638	684	521	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	246	230	395	449	497	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	n/a	789	755	776	900	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oceania (other than Australia)	535	566	640	746	635	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	75	425	87	124	42	5,012	3,686	3,865	3,408	2,924	3,610
Persons											
Australia	10,695	12,874	13,344	16,533	9,705	7,213	5,469	4,303	2,880	914	n/a
Vietnam/Cambodia/Laos	2,659	3,122	3,301	3,709	3,915	3,957	3,264	3,213	n/a	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,323	1,366	1,498
China	n/a	206	1,174	1,927	2,291	2,387	1,745	1,724	1,586	1,761	2,476
Philippines	707	937	1,159	1,296	1,333	1,266	1,095	1,080	822	591	658
Lebanon	866	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	891	759	n/a	n/a	481	565
India	285	337	410	466	570	n/a	n/a	793	613	n/a	509
Other Asia	3,484	2,917	2,613	2,444	2,314	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Europe	3,254	2,519	3,654	3,728	3,657	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Americas	771	874	985	1,037	947	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Africa	487	475	727	839	904	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Middle East	n/a	1,491	1,523	1,567	1,637	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oceania (other than Australia)	849	993	1,047	1,250	1,154	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	234	837	165	247	76	9,828	8,108	7,772	6,476	5,123	6,102

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Special Benefit Category											
Males											
Annual leave deferment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	176	145	185	98	n/a	n/a
Applicant for Disability Support Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	828	642	453	189	45	
Applicant for Sole Parent Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	4	1	3	n/a	n/a
Assurance of Support	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	96	44	50	65	57	49
Caring for a child	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	221	208	171	136	103	42
Children of illegal immigrants	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	4	3	6		
Caring for an incapacitated person	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	305	267	246	141	58	42
Disaster victim	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1	2	2	n/a	n/a
Expectant mother	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Liquid assets deferment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Newly arrived migrants during waiting period	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	613	871	558	192	9	24
Not residentially qualified for Age Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,324	6,020	6,025	4,940	3,177	3,159
Not residentially qualified for another payment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	807	647	682	537	474	441
Partner of person on strike	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
People's Republic of China Nationals-4 year temporary entry permit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	542	153	43	14		
Released prisoner	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	177	177	157	134	73	3
Refugees	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	291	128	57	29		
Spouse—extended eligibility temporary entry permit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	144	136	123	112	96	195
Socially marginalised	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	269	142	101	69	46	38
Serving waiting period for Sickness Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	61	57	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Under 16 years of age	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	602	337	164	123	107	48
Other cases—long term	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	148	117	82	49	263	650
Other cases—short term	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	113	95	75	27	51	159
Other(b)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	29	19	3	39	60
Newly arrived migrants during waiting period- for NSA/YTA/SA (104weeks)										131	321
for PTR/WDA/PPP (104weeks)										4	1

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Special Benefit Category											
Females											
Annual leave deferment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45	60	62	28	n/a	n/a
Applicant for Disability Support Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	411	321	290	149	20	
Applicant for Sole Parent Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	35	33	27	13	9	1
Assurance of Support	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	124	46	48	68	80	80
Caring for a child	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	385	361	254	174	72	67
Children of illegal immigrants	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	11	6	7	n/a	n/a
Caring for an incapacitated person	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	106	101	102	42	27	24
Disaster victim	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	2	0	n/a	n/a
Expectant mother	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,364	2,729	2,534	2,010	210	52
Liquid assets deferment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Newly arrived migrants during waiting period	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	197	258	374	184	15	45
Not residentially qualified for Age Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6,164	4,324	4,286	4,037	3,382	3,471
Not residentially qualified for another payment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	916	737	871	612	639	557
Partner of person on strike	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	6	1	1	n/a	n/a
People's Republic of China Nationals-4 year temporary entry permit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	276	82	27	6	n/a	n/a
Released prisoner	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	8	13	9	4	
Refugees	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	127	54	36	13	n/a	n/a
Spouse—extended eligibility temporary entry permit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	138	94	105	97	169	397
Socially marginalised	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	177	108	83	63	45	38
Serving waiting period for Sickness Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30	26	4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Under 16 years of age	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	875	541	329	221	176	86
Other cases—long term	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	180	117	99	55	336	863
Other cases—short term	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	153	146	65	40	107	253
Other(b)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	52	52	64	2	30	73
Newly arrived migrants during waiting period- for NSA/YTA/SA (104weeks)										114	412
for PTR/WDA/PPP (104weeks)										68	157

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Special Benefit Category											
Persons											
Annual leave deferment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	221	205	247	126	n/a	n/a
Applicant for Disability Support Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,239	963	743	338	65	0
Applicant for Sole Parent Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	38	37	28	16	9	1
Assurance of Support	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	220	90	98	133	137	129
Caring for a child	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	606	569	425	310	175	109
Children of illegal immigrants	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	15	9	13	n/a	n/a
Caring for an incapacitated person	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	411	368	348	183	85	66
Disaster victim	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	4	2	n/a	n/a
Expectant mother	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,364	2,729	2,534	2,010	210	52
Liquid assets deferment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Newly arrived migrants during waiting period	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	810	1129	932	376	24	69
Not residentially qualified for Age Pension	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,488	10,344	10,311	8,977	6,559	6,630
Not residentially qualified for another payment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,723	1,384	1,553	1,149	1,113	998
Partner of person on strike	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	6	1	0	n/a	n/a
People's Republic of China Nationals—4 year temporary entry permit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	818	235	70	20	n/a	n/a
Released prisoner	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	187	185	170	143	77	3
Refugees	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	418	182	93	42	n/a	n/a
Spouse—extended eligibility temporary entry permit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	282	230	228	209	265	592
Socially marginalised	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	446	250	184	132	91	76
Serving waiting period for Sickness Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	91	83	9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Under 16 years of age	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,477	878	493	344	283	134
Other cases—long term	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	328	234	181	104	599	1,513
Other cases—short term	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	266	241	140	67	158	412
Other(b)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	92	81	83	5	69	133
Newly arrived migrants during waiting period- for NSA/YTA/SA (104weeks)										245	733
for PTR/WDA/PPP (104weeks)										72	158

2.12.2 Number of Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program participants⁴⁴

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
CDEP participants	10,800	13,800	17,772	20,095	21,898	24,051	27,041	28,305	30,131	30,257	31,967

⁴⁴ Estimates courtesy of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

2.13 Payments overseas or under Agreements

2.13.1 Numbers of recipients of FaCS payments made outside Australia by payment type, 1989 to 1990⁴⁵

Payment Type	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	<i>12,670</i>	<i>13,996</i>	<i>16,658</i>	20,088	24,050	27,704	29,841	32,436	35,821	38,723	40,683
Disability Support Pension	<i>7,105</i>	<i>7,504</i>	<i>7,814</i>	8,188	8,477	8,584	8,796	9,103	9,098	9,114	8,828
Parenting Payment (Single)	<i>956</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>167</i>	158	155	136	123	110	87	77	53
Widow B pension	<i>2,492</i>	<i>2,385</i>	<i>1,845</i>	1,801	1,687	1,684	1,673	1,694	1,532	1,389	1,243
Wife Pension	<i>3,883</i>	<i>4,385</i>	<i>4,755</i>	4,743	3,491	3,659	3,816	4,041	3,871	3,557	3,124
Carer Payment	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	9	13	16	19				
Total	<i>27,106</i>	<i>28,469</i>	<i>31,239</i>	34,978	37,863	41,772	44,258	47,393	50,422	52,876	53,950

2.13.2 Numbers of recipients of FaCS payments made under Agreements by payment type, 1994 to 1999⁴⁶

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	11056	13200	15442	18012	20306	21908
Disability Support Pension	718	953	1189	1312	1537	1641
Parenting Payment (Single)	6	9	7	6	7	7
Widow B pension	289	350	416	401	392	373
Wife Pension	1320	1542	1726	1663	1515	1378
Carer Payment	5	7	7	12	12	16
Total	13394	16061	18787	21406	23769	25323

⁴⁵ Recipients are already included in the tables for specific payment types. Estimates for 1989 to 1991 (in italics) are from a different source to the later figures. All estimates cited here include payments made under general portability rules and social security Agreements.

⁴⁶ Unless otherwise noted, tables citing payments made under Agreements include payments made inside and outside Australia.

2.13.3 Numbers of recipients of FaCS payments made under the Social Security Agreements by payment by country

New Zealand, 1996 to 1999

Payment Type	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	6005	6337	6330	5963
Disability Support Pension	766	896	983	833
Parenting Payment (Single)	740	1062	1337	322
Widow B pension	101	106	88	34
Wife Pension	319	279	216	121
Carer Payment	33	60	60	42
Total	7964	8740	9014	7315

The United Kingdom, 1996 to 1999⁴⁷

Payment Type	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	6144	5361	3844	2429
Disability Support Pension	201	102	73	9
Parenting Payment (Single)	2	10	5	1
Widow B pension	72	117	66	32
Wife Pension	170	120	70	22
Carer Payment	15			2
Total	6594	5710	4058	2495

Austria, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	95	203	243	373	495	590
Disability Support Pension	24	80	111	149	169	154
Parenting Payment (Single)						
Widow B pension	3	3	3	3	3	3
Wife Pension	5	15	25	20	20	16
Carer Payment						
Total	127	301	382	545	687	763

⁴⁷ Payments are made in Australia only.

Canada, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	342	415	457	599	698	744
Disability Support Pension	20	26	26	32	31	31
Parenting Payment (Single)	1	1				1
Widow B pension	6	6	7	6	4	4
Wife Pension	15	15	22	24	20	14
Carer Paymen	10	0	0	1	2	2
Total	384	463	512	662	755	796

Cyprus, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	81	122	152	182	204	209
Disability Support Pension	3	4	8	8	10	12
Parenting Payment (Single)						
Widow B pension		1	2	2	2	1
Wife Pension	3	3	4	3	3	1
Carer Payment	2	4	5	5	4	10
Total	89	134	171	200	223	233

Ireland, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	52	69	81	113	123	128
Disability Support Pension	1	4	6	7	11	10
Parenting Payment (Single)		1	1	1	1	1
Widow B pension	2	3	3	2	1	1
Wife Pension	5	8	11	11	10	9
Carer Payment						
Total	60	85	102	134	146	149

Italy, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	7100	8111	9702	11149	12439	13262
Disability Support Pension	499	537	551	513	527	489
Parenting Payment (Single)	3	3	3	1	1	
Widow B pension	228	264	315	297	292	275
Wife Pension	942	1020	1078	1035	936	848
Carer Payment	2	3	2	2	2	2
Total	8774	9938	11651	12997	14197	14876

The Netherlands, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	2272	2716	2905	3326	3632	3840
Disability Support Pension						
Parenting Payment (Single)						
Widow B pension	1					
Wife Pension	28	39	46	45	40	31
Carer Payment						
Total	2301	2755	2951	3371	3672	3871

Portugal, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	72	107	121	152	187	227
Disability Support Pension	6	10	13	20	38	50
Parenting Payment (Single)	1					
Widow B pension	2	5	4	3	3	3
Wife Pension	16	17	22	26	27	29
Carer Payment	1			3	2	2
Total	97	139	160	204	257	312

Spain, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	447	675	828	1074	1361	1621
Disability Support Pension	44	79	122	134	164	192
Parenting Payment (Single)	2	2	2	1	2	1
Widow B pension	16	21	24	25	26	25
Wife Pension	104	154	160	149	140	130
Carer Payment				1	2	0
Total	613	931	1136	1384	1695	1969

Malta, 1994 to 1999

Payment Type	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension	595	782	953	1044	1167	1287
Disability Support Pension	121	213	352	449	587	703
Parenting Payment (Single)	0	2	1	3	3	3
Widow B pension	31	47	58	63	61	61
Wife Pension	202	271	358	350	319	300
Carer Payment						
Total	949	1315	1722	1909	2137	2354

3 Supplementary payments and other services

3.1 Characteristics of recipients of Rent Assistance, 1989 to 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	376,919	376,199	368,498	388,500
Females	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	665,128	672,818	610,170	637,676
Persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,042,047	1,049,017	978,668	1,026,176
Payment type											
Males											
Age Pension	61,098	64,317	61,192	64,870	67,907	n/a	n/a	75,383	76,337	56,634	58,735
Disability Support Pension	n/a	75,352	70,597	n/a	74,020	n/a	n/a	84,461	86,117	87,095	91,062
Disability Wage Supplement	n/a	27	88								
Rehabilitation Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	1		
Wife Pension (Age)											
Wife Pension (DSP)											
Carer Payment	899	1,002	991	1,261	1,252	n/a	n/a	1,881	2,106	2,420	2,746
Sickness Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5,764	2,543	2,373	2,225
Austudy Payment	191										
Youth Training Allowance/ Youth Allowance							n/a	1,777	1,867	2,125	38,749
Job Search Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	99,674			
Newstart Allowance/Unemployment Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	81,639	180,027	191,976	167,086
Newstart Mature Age Allowance									2,235	3,549	4,488
Mature Age Allowance						n/a	n/a	6,090	4,714	3,377	2,150
Mature Age Partner Allowance											
Partner Allowance							n/a	1,253	690	689	686
Family Payment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,923	17,162	4,488	4,928
Parenting Payment—Single	4,316	4,968	5,164	6,495	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11,029	11,752
Parenting Payment—Partnered										945	1,302
Parenting Allowance								8	19		
Special Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,985	2,288	1,798	2,399
Widow B Pension											
Widow Allowance											
Bereavement Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	n/a	1
Farm Household Support						n/a	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a
Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment						n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Farm Family Restart						n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females											
Age Pension	173,302	181,907	171,482	177,910	181,466	n/a	n/a	177,807	185,677	110,438	110,564
Disability Support Pension	n/a	35,925	33,486	n/a	33,354	n/a	n/a	42,626	45,130	52,007	55,382
Disability Wage Supplement								13	40		
Rehabilitation Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	1		
Wife Pension (Age)	1,596	1,672	1,690	1,962	1,958	n/a	n/a	2,529	2,232	2,490	2,310
Wife Pension (DSP)	9,114	9,436	9,233	10,957	7,669	n/a	n/a	7,557	6,402	8,697	7,414
Carer Payment	681	773	724	925	1,028	n/a	n/a	1,836	2,298	3,377	4,307
Sickness Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,070	1,679	1,605	1,349
Austudy Payment											835
Youth Training Allowance/ Youth Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,059	3,122	3,563	53,470
Job Search Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	59,178			
Newstart Allowance/Unemployment Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40,150	98,972	109,134	84,701
Newstart Mature Age Allowance									96	330	280
Mature Age Allowance								56	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mature Age Partner Allowance						n/a	n/a	843	535	385	156
Partner Allowance							n/a	9,767	6,798	7,265	7,165
Family Payment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	297,477	309,434	37,452	35,828
Parenting Payment—Single	98,051	103,469	95,626	109,213	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	157,536	162,943
Parenting Payment—Partnered										105,300	99,260
Parenting Allowance								126	195		
Special Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,000	3,394	2,638	3,187
Widow B Pension	17,196	16,393	13,476	12,564	11,822	n/a	n/a	9,999	2,609	1,881	1,416
Widow Allowance							n/a	3,510	4,184	6,068	7,104
Bereavement Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	4	3	4
Farm Household Support						n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a
Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment						n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	n/a
Farm Family Restart						n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons											
Age Pension	234,400	246,224	232,674	242,780	249,373	n/a	n/a	253,190	262,014	167,072	169,299
Disability Support Pension		111,277	104,083	104,083	107,374	n/a	n/a	127,087	131,247	139,102	146,444
Disability Wage Supplement							n/a	40	128		
Rehabilitation Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	2		
Wife Pension (Age)	1,596	1,672	1,690	1,962	1,958	n/a	n/a	2,529	2,232	2,490	2,310
Wife Pension (DSP)	9,114	9,436	9,233	10,957	7,669	n/a	n/a	7,557	6,402	8,697	7,414
Carer Payment	1,580	1,775	1,715	2,186	2,280	n/a	n/a	3,717	4,404	5,797	7,053
Sickness Allowance	26,389	25,982	17,715	15,355	14,883	n/a	n/a	9,834	4,222	3,978	3,574
Austudy Payment	1,026										
Youth Training Allowance/ Youth Allowance							n/a	4,836	4,989	5,688	92,219
Job Search Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	166,642	134,312	n/a	n/a	158,852			
Newstart Allowance/Unemployment Benefit	n/a	n/a	n/a	123,755	143,740	n/a	n/a	121,789	278,999	301,110	251,787
Newstart Mature Age Allowance									2,331	3,879	4,768
Mature Age Allowance						n/a	n/a	6,146	4,714	3,377	2,150
Mature Age Partner Allowance						n/a	n/a	843	535	385	156
Partner Allowance							n/a	11,020	7,488	7,954	7,851
Family Payment	36,410	42,030	39,396	54,739	n/a	n/a	n/a	312,400	326,596	41,940	40,756
Parenting Payment—Single	102,367	108,437	100,790	115,708	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	168,565	174,695
Parenting Payment—Partnered										106,245	100,562
Parenting Allowance								134	214		
Special Benefit	9,127	10,633	8,772	12,839	11,857	n/a	n/a	7,985	5,682	4,436	5,586
Widow B Pension	17,196	16,393	13,476	12,564	11,822	n/a	n/a	9,999	2,609	1,881	1,416
Widow Allowance							n/a	3,510	4,184	6,068	7,104
Bereavement Allowance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	6	3	5
Farm Household Support						n/a	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a
Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment						n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	n/a
Farm Family Restart						n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1

3.2 Characteristics of recipients of Family Allowances, 1989 to 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Family allowance											
Customers	1,927,015	1,890,859	1,911,196	1,929,508	1,933,696	1,827,861	1,804,118	1,812,457	1,811,745	1,775,663	1,773,185
Children	3,760,462	3,672,525	3,699,446	3,720,088	3,724,408	3,538,999	3,486,316	3,497,467	3,491,160	3,418,865	3,441,194
Greater than minimum rate family allowance											
Customers											
Workforce	164,746	178,297	187,872	265,844	288,930	311,438	305,165	261,046	281,423	260,245	258,686
Auto	386,158	385,699	447,808	506,887	521,289	530,456	531,425	622,888	637,115	648,978	667,629
Total	550,904	563,996	635,680	772,731	810,219	841,894	836,590	883,934	918,538	909,223	926,315
Children											
Workforce	411,162	437,510	455,547	565,585	660,454	701,923	687,943	585,849	625,047	578,988	544,745
Auto	724,080	705,083	820,224	929,908	963,498	981,127	983,429	1,173,295	1,196,183	1,220,439	1,225,877
Total	1,135,242	1,142,593	1,275,771	1,495,493	1,623,952	1,683,050	1,671,372	1,759,144	1,821,230	1,799,427	1,770,622
Minimum family allowance only											
Customers	1,376,111	1,326,863	1,275,516	1,156,777	1,123,477	985,967	967,528	928,523	893,207	866,440	846,870
Children	2,625,220	2,529,932	2,423,675	2,224,595	2,100,465	1,855,949	1,814,944	1,738,323	1,669,930	1,619,438	1,670,572
Family tax payment											
Part A											
Customers									512,748	479,315	454,654
Children									976,659	919,910	868,139
Part B											
Customers									393,012	364,244	342,625
Children									852,148	797,251	751,663

3.3 Characteristics of recipients of other selected payments by payment type, 1989 to 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Mobility allowance											
Males	7,188	7,422	7,535	7,826	9,118	11,916	13,106	14,200	15,066	16,346	17,415
Females	5,568	5,785	5,909	6,085	7,042	8,879	9,745	10,785	11,529	12,629	13,586
Persons	12,756	13,207	13,444	13,911	16,160	20,795	22,851	24,985	26,595	28,975	31,001
Child disability allowance											
Recipients	34,671	37,746	42,405	50,797	61,174	69,693	78,898	90,644	95,520	90,830	100,452
Children	36,777	40,222	45,457	54,863	66,804	76,461	87,123	101,084	106,784	101,377	106,593
Double orphan pension											
Recipients	2,227	1,873	1,639	1,404	1,356	1,330	1,314	1,319	1,313	1,346	1,243
Children	2,769	2,319	2,032	1,753	1,684	1,680	1,701	1,703	1,686	1,745	1,612
Maternity allowance											
Recipients								83,299	201,440	218,124	208,927

3.4 Characteristics of recipients of disability services and child care services, 1989 to 1999

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Disability Services											
Recipients ⁴⁸	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32,373	n/a	35,054	39,684	40,832
<i>Expenditure (\$'000 financial year ending 30 June)</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	181,766	191,295	197,665	208,042
Child care—long day care⁴⁹											
Children											
Community based	n/a	n/a	65,700	n/a	75,900	n/a	79,100	n/a	82,800	n/a	81,300
Private	n/a	n/a	69,300	n/a	112,800	n/a	171,900	n/a	211,900	n/a	220,200
Family day care	n/a	n/a	60,800	n/a	76,400	n/a	84,200	n/a	85,000	n/a	83,100
TOTAL	n/a	n/a	195,800	n/a	265,100	n/a	335,200	n/a	379,700	n/a	384,600
Families											
Community based	n/a	n/a	57,100	n/a	65,200	n/a	67,700	n/a	71,000	n/a	70,700
Private	n/a	n/a	60,800	n/a	97,200	n/a	145,600	n/a	177,300	n/a	184,400
Family day care	n/a	n/a	46,000	n/a	56,400	n/a	61,900	n/a	62,200	n/a	60,500
TOTAL	n/a	n/a	163,900	n/a	218,800	n/a	275,200	n/a	310,500	n/a	315,600
<i>Expenditure (\$'000 financial year ending 30 June)</i>											
<i>Childcare assistance⁵⁰</i>	213,217	215,036	243,638	434,818	538,179	667,323	772,852	858,326	931,248	830,917	815,876
<i>Childcare rebate</i>	87,450	120,500	126,688	123,050	117,000						
<i>Childcare for JET</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	10,490	6,938	5,046	4,625
<i>Total</i>	213,217	215,036	243,638	434,818	538,179	667,323	860,302	989,316	1,064,874	959,013	937,501

⁴⁸ People registered and receiving active employment assistance program support from a Commonwealth-funded disability service on the census dates of 18 October 1995, 24 September 1997, 21 October 1998 and 26 May 1999.

⁴⁹ Estimates from census of service providers in indicated year.

⁵⁰ For 1989 to 1995, includes expenditure on JET child care places.

4 Expenditure on payments

4.1 Expenditure on income support and related payments by payment type (\$'000), 1989 to 1999

Payment	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Age Pension ⁵¹ and wives	7,516,110	8,182,453	9,207,544	9,924,395	10,588,279	11,734,222	11,884,066	12,383,929	13,204,658	13,141,895	13,569,056
Wife Pension (Age)										254,752	243,433
Disability Support Pension and wives ⁵²	2,415,564	2,679,752	3,095,780	3,547,991	3,895,688	4,337,862	4,524,834	4,917,968	5,231,340	4,601,486	4,920,223
Wife Pension (Disability Support)										599,136	534,069
Carer Payment										258,474	307,506
Sheltered Employment Allowance and Wives	73,241	78,029	89,018	36,254							
Rehabilitation Allowance and Wives	17,661	18,719	29,974	35,847	14,351	2,470	521	7			
Widow B Pension and Bereavement Allowance	534,933	553,742	577,256	566,552	535,605	532,429	482,301	466,248	298,083	148,184	106,427
Parenting Payment (Single)	2,132,252	2,334,211	2,686,319	3,056,545	2,869,647	2,524,616	2,552,272	2,760,105	2,992,322	2,206,233	3,248,684
Home Child Care Allowance Parenting Allowance							617,555	2,091,321	2,215,579	1,570,502	
Parenting Payment (partnered)										1,455,563	2,118,795
Mature Age Allowance (Pension and Benefit) and											
Mature Age Partner Allowance						77,810	356,551	436,551	472,469	443,380	401,698
Partner Allowance								462,547	497,841	532,278	590,185
Widow Allowance							31,752	88,233	117,273	180,112	227,289
Newstart Allowance ⁵³	3,135,640	3,067,797	4,561,354	6,736,270	7,492,186	7,597,563	7,061,006	5,811,686	6,206,967	5,915,908	5,374,368
Sickness Allowance	552,970	611,167	650,613	444,853	370,257	426,354	413,234	354,012	144,280	92,684	93,043
Special Benefit	178,310	215,593	261,749	304,101	280,530	245,430	224,416	157,088	132,289	95,867	99,585
Youth Allowance											1,843,498
Austudy Payment											287,173
Disaster Relief Payment						671					28
FaCS pensions and allowances ⁵⁴	16,556,681	17,741,463	21,159,607	24,652,808	26,046,543	27,479,427	28,148,508	29,929,695	31,513,101	31,496,482	33,965,032
Maternity Allowance								65,165	196,716	183,607	167,085
Child endowment, FA, BFP and successors	1,314,893	1,810,309	1,893,958	2,329,028	2,074,770	2,051,179	2,016,804	5,877,684	6,279,000	6,363,712	6,390,976
FIS, FAS, AFP and successors	399,954	513,302	572,727	723,846	2,124,110	3,399,759	3,534,840				
Family Tax Payment									288,564	558,735	546,217
Funeral Benefits	1,279	827									
Double Orphan Pension	2,186	1,986	1,778	1,638	1,580	1,547	1,595	1,654	1,681	1,778	1,725
Handicapped Children's Allowance, Child Disability											
Allowance	50,864	61,688	76,280	103,812	133,200	159,924	185,066	213,658	233,106	248,429	244,896
Mobility Allowance	7,445	8,066	7,993	12,150	17,817	26,372	30,523	34,149	38,118	41,863	46,137
All FaCS income support	18,333,302	20,137,641	23,712,343	27,823,282	30,398,020	33,118,208	33,917,336	36,122,005	38,550,286	38,894,606	41,362,068
DVA Service Pensions/Income Support Supplement	2,048,139	2,164,449	2,325,077	2,377,619	2,389,886	2,382,300	2,426,600	2,620,103	2,660,305	2,613,360	2,680,409
AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY	806,360	906,302	1,108,622	1,353,740 ⁵⁵	1,544,414	1,577,078	1,585,321	1,701,378	1,637,802	1,589,614	145,172
CDEP	98,932	133,348	194,091	204,522	234,425	257,877	292,240	326,501	326,634	346,675	378,196
GRAND TOTAL	21,286,733	23,341,740	27,340,133	31,759,163	34,566,745	37,335,463	38,221,497	40,769,987	43,175,027	43,444,255	44,565,845

⁵¹ Includes expenditure on Wife Pension (Age) and Carer Payment (Age) 1989–1997.

⁵² Includes expenditure on Wife Pension (Disability Support) and Carer Payment (Disability Support) 1989–1997 and on Disability Wage Supplement 1995–1998.

⁵³ Includes Job Search and Youth Training Allowances.

⁵⁴ Includes Rent Assistance.

⁵⁵ Estimate.

5 Selected FaCS maximum rates

5.1 Selected FaCS maximum rates (\$/wk), 1989 to 1999⁵⁶

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Pensions											
Pension max rate standard (single)	129.20	141.20	150.80	153.05	156.05	159.05	160.80	171.30	173.90	177.30	180.70
Pension max rate married (per person)	107.70	117.70	125.75	127.65	130.15	132.75	136.00	142.90	145.05	147.90	150.80
Pension free area—standard (single)	40.00	40.00	40.00	42.00	44.00	44.00	45.00	46.00	49.00	50.00	50.00
Pension free area—married (per person)	35.00	35.00	37.00	38.00	38.00	38.00	39.00	41.00	43.00	44.00	44.00
Pension cut out—standard	298.40	322.40	341.60	348.10	356.10	362.10	366.60	388.60	396.80	404.60	411.40
Pension cut out—married (per person)	250.40	270.40	288.50	293.30	298.30	303.50	311.00	326.80	333.10	339.80	345.60
Allowance											
Benefit max rate married adult (per person, no children)	107.70	117.70	125.75	127.65	130.15	132.65	134.10	142.90	145.05	145.05	146.90
Benefit max rate single 18+, with children	176.15										
Benefit max rate single 21+, no children	120.65	130.00	138.75	140.95	141.35	147.05	148.65	158.35	160.75	160.75	162.85
Benefit max rate (18 to 20, independent)	97.70	105.15	113.85	117.10	118.50	120.75	122.80	128.35	132.35	132.75	133.70
Benefit max rate (under 18—at home)	53.55	57.60	62.05	64.15	64.90	66.15	67.25	70.30	72.50	72.75	73.20
Benefit free area	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Benefit cut-out (married—per person)	157.70	167.70	175.75	177.65	180.15	182.65	184.10	245.57	248.64	248.64	251.29
Benefit cut-out single 18+, with children	293.07										
Benefit cut-out (single 21+)	170.65	180.00	188.75	190.95	191.35	197.05	198.65	267.64	271.07	271.07	274.07
Benefit cut-out (single 18–20, independent)	147.70	155.15	163.85	167.10	168.50	170.75	172.80	224.79	230.50	231.07	232.43
Benefit cut-out (single 17, at home)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	141.86	141.86	141.86	146.00
Benefit cut-out (single 16 at home)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	141.86	141.86	141.86	146.00

⁵⁶ See Appendix C for definitions of terms.

6 Wages, prices, GDP, Government expenditure

6.1 Wages, prices, Gross Domestic Product, Government expenditure (current values), 1989 to 1999

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Wages (\$/wk) ⁵⁷											
Basic Wage	214.5	214.5	230.1	230.1	230.1	238.1	254.1	254.1	264.1	278.1	290.1
Fitter's Wage (C10)	353.7	393.4	402.4	417.2	417.2	425.2	433.2	441.2	451.2	465.2	477.2
Process worker (C13)	293.5	325.6	331.4	342.1	342.1	350.1	358.1	358.1	376.1	390.1	402.1
Prices ⁵⁸											
CPI	92.6	100.0	105.3	107.3	108.4	110.4	113.9	118.7	120.3	121.1	122.3
Average Total Weekly Earnings (\$/wk) ⁵⁹											
Males	519.1	555.8	569.9	597.4	612.5	625.1	652.7	671.5	687.1	714.5	733
Females	339	361.8	378.9	397	406.3	422.8	429.9	441.1	457.4	468.3	483
GDP(I) current prices (\$m) ⁶⁰	339,068	370,070	378,964	387,164	405,764	430,424	455,616	486,054	516,359	563,284	591,236
Commonwealth Government expenditure (\$m)	82,836	88,536	96,871	103,791	111,484	117,252	122,901	131,182	135,126	134,608	147,184
Government expenditure (all levels \$m) ⁶¹	109,264	119,764	131,603	144,512	146,821	154,190	160,914	171,126	179,384	182,815	214,938

⁵⁷ Courtesy of the Metal Trades Industry Association.

⁵⁸ Australian Bureau of Statistics, catalogue number 6401.0

⁵⁹ Australian Bureau of Statistics, catalogue number 6302.0

⁶⁰ Australian Bureau of Statistics, catalogue number 5206.0

⁶¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics, catalogue number 5512.0

7 Demography and labour force

7.1 Estimated resident population by age and sex, 1989 to 1999⁶²

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males											
Age groups											
0	127,847	131,758	132,946	132,321	132,532	132,149	132,459	130,948	129,685	127,390	126,635
1-4	509,185	513,473	519,356	526,494	530,457	533,775	534,244	534,663	533,641	531,167	526,574
5-9	637,038	647,321	652,418	656,280	655,296	656,615	662,592	669,251	674,264	679,115	683,480
10-14	636,289	633,992	638,311	642,968	650,114	656,986	664,089	670,227	671,797	671,916	674,420
15-19	722,148	717,426	698,773	677,905	663,084	654,545	650,877	655,345	663,680	674,294	684,184
20-24	677,209	688,523	707,124	724,673	731,231	730,369	725,107	708,906	697,074	691,414	694,538
25-29	717,741	715,830	702,728	693,415	684,773	682,587	691,428	710,454	727,726	737,171	743,210
30-34	681,275	699,153	713,784	726,120	731,046	734,852	730,523	720,725	710,389	703,307	704,477
35-39	649,036	656,292	664,228	675,692	685,516	695,369	710,843	726,660	737,306	745,555	752,176
40-44	619,704	640,461	655,138	653,430	653,353	658,926	665,597	676,137	688,428	698,248	708,715
45-49	482,290	503,478	526,498	561,873	595,735	616,612	635,263	654,234	649,590	654,875	665,185
50-54	405,930	420,262	433,762	446,142	455,905	474,792	496,254	517,520	557,455	591,213	612,443
55-59	371,161	366,929	367,302	374,152	383,554	393,886	406,724	419,859	432,830	446,092	466,560
60-64	364,724	367,815	366,779	362,708	358,027	355,250	353,505	353,827	360,382	368,937	378,484
65-69	306,968	313,789	320,142	324,968	329,861	332,441	335,187	337,445	336,529	334,283	331,820
70-74	212,201	217,888	228,494	239,233	250,579	263,810	270,031	276,105	281,090	286,022	289,711
75-79	149,797	154,537	158,993	162,065	163,304	163,279	169,506	179,593	189,861	200,522	213,195
80-84	77,066	80,776	84,413	88,362	93,199	98,542	102,606	105,855	108,495	110,080	110,502
85+	39,980	41,566	44,220	47,346	50,349	53,281	56,769	60,301	63,988	68,296	74,189
Total	8,387,589	8,511,269	8,615,409	8,716,147	8,797,915	8,888,066	8,993,604	9,108,055	9,214,210	9,329,851	9,329,851
15	136,892	133,435	130,302	128,793	127,954	128,313	129,117	132,136	134,560	136,924	136,425
15-64	5,691,218	5,776,169	5,836,116	5,896,110	5,942,224	5,997,188	6,066,121	6,143,667	6,224,860	6,311,106	6,409,972

⁶² All tables in Section 7.1 from Australian Bureau of Statistics, catalogue number 3101.0

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females											
Age groups											
0	121,711	124,796	126,139	125,548	125,825	125,261	125,464	124,335	122,851	120,866	120,059
1-4	485,107	488,125	493,262	500,326	503,708	506,852	507,357	507,103	506,111	503,368	499,282
5-9	603,863	614,981	619,790	623,582	624,009	625,299	630,089	636,798	640,884	645,215	648,955
10-14	603,878	600,548	603,308	608,818	615,585	623,100	631,824	637,990	640,312	640,736	642,684
15-19	691,024	684,977	665,301	644,866	630,561	622,141	618,363	623,774	630,243	639,297	649,996
20-24	658,687	669,837	689,640	705,723	711,570	709,416	704,414	687,960	674,613	665,691	666,400
25-29	706,374	706,777	696,935	689,366	680,550	679,267	687,335	707,561	724,812	733,145	736,261
30-34	677,378	694,449	711,951	725,058	730,758	734,576	731,083	723,796	714,205	706,925	707,857
35-39	645,714	656,478	664,159	677,393	688,104	697,863	712,394	729,327	740,902	748,913	754,850
40-44	595,918	618,755	639,133	641,704	647,168	657,074	667,664	678,946	692,235	702,629	711,564
45-49	455,920	478,641	502,647	538,571	572,943	595,931	616,566	639,704	640,059	649,539	663,412
50-54	389,177	400,880	413,172	424,231	433,984	453,055	475,987	497,412	536,230	570,287	592,602
55-59	360,992	359,137	358,648	366,394	375,744	385,655	395,514	407,540	419,785	431,183	450,906
60-64	370,601	370,653	370,089	365,270	359,603	356,935	356,786	356,656	362,859	370,123	378,897
65-69	342,874	348,562	351,248	352,955	355,355	354,471	354,188	354,740	351,722	348,707	346,233
70-74	265,811	270,638	282,261	292,552	303,540	317,302	322,964	327,017	328,316	329,909	329,170
75-79	214,781	220,691	225,502	229,080	230,030	227,799	233,400	243,799	255,728	267,923	282,267
80-84	133,809	139,325	145,415	151,445	158,295	167,169	172,430	176,603	178,966	180,000	178,091
85+	103,208	105,609	110,027	115,635	121,846	127,506	134,332	141,598	149,112	156,006	166,804
Total	8,426,827	8,553,859	8,668,627	8,778,517	8,869,178	8,966,672	9,078,154	9,202,659	9,309,945	9,421,131	9,421,131
15	129,695	127,006	123,737	121,741	121,338	121,427	122,320	125,941	127,275	129,737	130,371
15-59	5,181,184	5,269,931	5,341,586	5,413,306	5,471,382	5,534,978	5,609,320	5,696,020	5,773,084	5,847,609	5,933,848

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons											
Age groups											
0	249,558	256,554	259,085	257,869	258,357	257,410	257,923	255,283	252,536	248,256	246,694
1-4	994,292	1,001,598	1,012,618	1,026,820	1,034,165	1,040,627	1,041,601	1,041,766	1,039,752	1,034,535	1,025,856
5-9	1,240,901	1,262,302	1,272,208	1,279,862	1,279,305	1,281,914	1,292,681	1,306,049	1,315,148	1,324,330	1,332,435
10-14	1,240,167	1,234,540	1,241,619	1,251,786	1,265,699	1,280,086	1,295,913	1,308,217	1,312,109	1,312,652	1,317,104
15-19	1,413,172	1,402,403	1,364,074	1,322,771	1,293,645	1,276,686	1,269,240	1,279,119	1,293,923	1,313,591	1,334,180
20-24	1,335,896	1,358,360	1,396,764	1,430,396	1,442,801	1,439,785	1,429,521	1,396,866	1,371,687	1,357,105	1,360,938
25-29	1,424,115	1,422,607	1,399,663	1,382,781	1,365,323	1,361,854	1,378,763	1,418,015	1,452,538	1,470,316	1,479,471
30-34	1,358,653	1,393,602	1,425,735	1,451,178	1,461,804	1,469,428	1,461,606	1,444,521	1,424,594	1,410,232	1,412,334
35-39	1,294,750	1,312,770	1,328,387	1,353,085	1,373,620	1,393,232	1,423,237	1,455,987	1,478,208	1,494,468	1,507,026
40-44	1,215,622	1,259,216	1,294,271	1,295,134	1,300,521	1,316,000	1,333,261	1,355,083	1,380,663	1,400,877	1,420,279
45-49	938,210	982,119	1,029,145	1,100,444	1,168,678	1,212,543	1,251,829	1,293,938	1,289,649	1,304,414	1,328,597
50-54	795,107	821,142	846,934	870,373	889,889	927,847	972,241	1,014,932	1,093,685	1,161,500	1,205,045
55-59	732,153	726,066	725,950	740,546	759,298	779,541	802,238	827,399	852,615	877,275	917,466
60-64	735,325	738,468	736,868	727,978	717,630	712,185	710,291	710,483	723,241	739,060	757,381
65-69	649,842	662,351	671,390	677,923	685,216	686,912	689,375	692,185	688,251	682,990	678,053
70-74	478,012	488,526	510,755	531,785	554,119	581,112	592,995	603,122	609,406	615,931	618,881
75-79	364,578	375,228	384,495	391,145	393,334	391,078	402,906	423,392	445,589	468,445	495,462
80-85	210,875	220,101	229,828	239,807	251,494	265,711	275,036	282,458	287,461	290,080	288,593
85+	143,188	147,175	154,247	162,981	172,195	180,787	191,101	201,899	213,100	224,302	240,993
Total	16,814,416	17,065,128	17,284,036	17,494,664	17,667,093	17,854,738	18,071,758	18,310,714	18,524,155	18,750,982	18,750,982
15	277,023	268,756	262,503	255,018	251,490	250,342	251,212	254,011	260,181	266,661	266,796
Workforce age	10,872,402	11,046,100	11,177,702	11,309,416	11,413,606	11,532,166	11,675,441	11,839,687	11,997,944	12,158,715	12,343,820

7.2 Civilian labour force by age, sex, marital status and labour force status, 1989 to 1999 ⁶³

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males											
Civilian population											
15-19	714,600	711,100	692,400	674,600	661,600	652,600	648,200	652,400	661,100	672,800	681,700
20-24	661,800	673,000	691,100	709,700	720,600	725,100	712,600	696,800	686,100	682,200	683,700
25-34	1,374,800	1,390,200	1,392,900	1,393,400	1,390,500	1,390,800	1,399,800	1,409,200	1,417,300	1,421,200	1,426,400
35-44	1,256,600	1,284,100	1,306,200	1,315,300	1,325,000	1,335,700	1,365,000	1,391,300	1,414,800	1,432,900	1,449,400
45-54	886,100	921,500	958,800	1,006,100	1,050,500	1,091,700	1,129,000	1,169,100	1,204,600	1,243,600	1,275,300
55-59	371,100	366,800	367,600	373,400	383,300	395,600	406,600	419,800	432,800	446,000	466,600
60-64	364,600	367,800	366,600	361,800	355,300	350,900	353,500	353,800	360,300	368,500	378,200
65+	784,500	807,900	836,200	862,100	888,300	913,300	934,100	959,300	978,800	997,000	1,015,400
Total	6,414,100	6,522,400	6,611,800	6,696,400	6,775,100	6,855,700	6,948,800	7,051,700	7,155,800	7,264,200	7,376,700
Labour force											
15-19	432,200	422,800	373,100	367,400	350,800	362,500	359,300	372,700	371,600	374,400	383,600
20-24	587,100	597,400	599,900	619,600	626,700	620,900	627,100	600,600	588,600	591,100	590,900
25-34	1,298,700	1,312,800	1,319,300	1,306,600	1,305,700	1,298,900	1,299,100	1,314,300	1,317,700	1,311,100	1,312,000
35-44	1,178,500	1,215,400	1,228,300	1,232,500	1,251,100	1,233,900	1,263,800	1,288,000	1,299,800	1,322,500	1,327,400
45-54	790,000	831,800	857,900	894,800	936,000	969,000	1,009,600	1,031,100	1,056,300	1,084,900	1,119,000
55-59	277,300	274,600	272,200	275,900	273,900	286,900	302,400	305,300	313,000	334,500	340,200
60-64	181,100	186,900	181,200	182,100	172,600	172,400	161,300	167,800	163,400	169,500	177,500
65+	72,900	77,700	74,000	83,800	72,600	89,200	94,100	93,300	98,500	100,600	98,900
Total	4,817,800	4,919,400	4,905,900	4,962,700	4,989,400	5,033,700	5,116,700	5,173,100	5,208,900	5,288,600	5,349,500
Employed											
15-19	382,800	361,000	293,700	278,100	271,300	281,300	283,200	291,500	295,200	299,800	316,500
20-24	540,900	541,800	512,400	507,800	520,000	532,300	548,200	533,100	507,000	512,500	524,400
25-34	1,232,700	1,240,100	1,196,900	1,161,700	1,162,600	1,175,600	1,195,000	1,214,600	1,209,600	1,209,100	1,221,000
35-44	1,136,800	1,170,300	1,148,400	1,137,900	1,143,500	1,145,000	1,187,100	1,209,200	1,230,800	1,245,100	1,260,800
45-54	760,100	800,900	812,700	832,000	866,400	905,800	953,600	971,300	995,300	1,025,300	1,070,700
55-59	263,800	261,200	254,000	250,200	240,900	256,000	274,100	279,000	286,200	311,600	318,200
60-64	169,500	170,300	158,200	159,400	147,300	151,700	148,000	153,700	153,900	156,200	168,100
65+	71,900	77,000	73,100	81,600	71,300	87,200	92,100	91,000	97,100	98,600	98,000
Total	4,558,500	4,622,600	4,449,400	4,408,700	4,423,300	4,534,900	4,681,300	4,743,400	4,775,100	4,858,200	4,977,700
Employed full-time											
15-19	267,700	243,700	169,400	148,800	150,700	146,600	147,300	142,200	130,700	137,800	137,700
20-24	492,800	480,200	451,800	432,000	443,300	439,300	459,700	435,200	406,800	406,800	414,800
25-34	1,185,200	1,191,500	1,128,000	1,086,000	1,085,900	1,113,600	1,117,200	1,136,400	1,121,500	1,124,300	1,125,300
35-44	1,103,600	1,133,200	1,100,300	1,078,400	1,087,700	1,084,300	1,121,100	1,144,900	1,155,100	1,170,700	1,187,100
45-54	732,200	768,800	776,400	788,600	821,000	857,900	899,900	905,800	935,600	959,300	991,000
55-59	240,600	239,600	228,700	224,300	219,100	232,000	241,800	251,100	255,400	273,700	277,500
60-64	148,200	143,500	134,900	130,900	122,900	127,100	122,300	126,300	123,000	122,400	128,100
65+	40,500	48,400	44,300	49,200	43,000	52,600	56,400	52,600	56,100	55,200	55,300
Total	4,210,800	4,248,900	4,033,800	3,938,200	3,973,600	4,053,400	4,165,700	4,194,500	4,184,200	4,250,200	4,316,800

⁶³ All tables in Section 7.2 from Australian Bureau of Statistics, catalogue number 6203.0

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Employed part-time											
15-19	115,100	117,300	124,300	129,300	120,600	134,700	135,900	149,300	164,500	162,000	178,800
20-24	48,100	61,600	60,600	75,800	76,700	93,000	88,500	97,900	100,200	105,700	109,600
25-34	47,500	48,600	68,900	75,700	76,700	62,000	77,800	78,200	88,100	84,800	95,700
35-44	33,200	37,100	48,100	59,500	55,800	60,700	66,000	64,300	75,700	74,400	73,700
45-54	27,900	32,100	36,300	43,400	45,400	47,900	53,700	65,500	59,700	66,000	79,700
55-59	23,200	21,600	25,300	25,900	21,800	24,000	32,300	27,900	30,800	37,900	40,700
60-64	21,300	26,800	23,300	28,500	24,400	24,600	25,700	27,400	30,900	33,800	40,000
65+	31,400	28,600	28,800	32,400	28,300	34,600	35,700	38,400	41,000	43,400	42,700
Total	347,700	373,700	415,600	470,500	449,700	481,500	515,600	548,900	590,900	608,000	660,900
Unemployed											
15-19	49,400	61,800	79,400	89,300	79,500	81,200	76,100	81,200	76,400	74,600	67,100
20-24	46,200	55,600	87,500	111,800	106,700	88,600	78,900	67,500	81,600	78,600	66,500
25-34	66,000	72,700	122,400	144,900	143,100	123,300	104,100	99,700	108,100	102,000	91,000
35-44	41,700	45,100	79,900	94,600	107,600	88,900	76,700	78,800	69,000	77,400	66,600
45-54	29,900	30,900	45,200	62,800	69,600	63,200	56,000	59,800	61,000	59,600	48,300
55-59	13,500	13,400	18,200	25,700	33,000	30,900	28,300	26,300	26,800	22,900	22,000
60-64	11,600	16,600	23,000	22,700	25,300	20,700	13,300	14,100	9,500	13,300	9,400
65+	1,000	700	900	2,200	1,300	2,000	2,000	2,300	1,400	2,000	900
Total	259,300	296,800	456,500	554,000	566,100	498,800	435,400	429,700	433,800	430,400	371,800
Not in the labour force											
15-19	282,400	288,300	319,300	307,200	310,800	290,100	288,900	279,700	289,500	298,400	298,100
20-24	74,700	75,600	91,200	90,100	93,900	104,200	85,500	96,200	97,500	91,100	92,800
25-34	76,100	77,400	73,600	86,800	84,800	91,900	100,700	94,900	99,600	110,100	114,400
35-44	78,100	68,700	77,900	82,800	73,900	101,800	101,200	103,300	115,000	110,400	122,000
45-54	96,100	89,700	100,900	111,300	114,500	122,700	119,400	138,000	148,300	158,700	156,300
55-59	93,800	92,200	95,400	97,500	109,400	108,700	104,200	114,500	119,800	111,500	126,400
60-64	183,500	180,900	185,400	179,700	182,700	178,500	192,200	186,000	196,900	199,000	200,700
65+	711,600	730,200	762,200	778,300	815,700	824,100	840,000	866,000	880,300	896,400	916,500
Total	1,596,300	1,603,000	1,705,900	1,733,700	1,785,700	1,822,000	1,832,100	1,878,600	1,946,900	1,975,600	2,027,200

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Females											
Civilian population											
15-19	689,500	683,900	664,100	644,600	631,200	621,700	617,900	623,200	630,200	640,000	649,500
20-24	655,400	666,300	685,600	702,300	710,000	710,200	701,600	685,400	673,000	665,400	663,800
25-34	1,381,700	1,398,700	1,406,000	1,409,500	1,406,800	1,408,200	1,415,000	1,427,700	1,436,400	1,438,300	1,440,100
35-44	1,241,500	1,274,700	1,302,000	1,317,100	1,332,600	1,348,600	1,379,100	1,407,300	1,432,600	1,451,200	1,466,100
45-54	845,200	879,500	916,500	963,000	1,007,400	1,050,800	1,092,400	1,136,900	1,176,400	1,220,000	1,256,500
55-59	361,000	359,200	359,200	365,400	375,100	386,300	395,500	407,500	419,800	431,200	450,800
60-64	370,500	370,700	369,800	364,800	357,400	352,700	356,800	356,600	362,800	370,000	378,800
65+	1,058,600	1,084,200	1,114,300	1,141,700	1,169,800	1,195,400	1,217,300	1,243,700	1,262,500	1,281,500	1,299,800
Total	6,603,400	6,717,200	6,817,500	6,908,400	6,990,300	7,073,900	7,175,600	7,288,300	7,393,700	7,497,600	7,605,400
Labour force											
15-19	402,100	388,200	350,500	349,600	327,300	345,300	371,500	358,200	342,900	356,200	366,600
20-24	507,400	523,200	521,100	529,400	535,400	542,600	538,400	533,300	513,200	518,700	511,200
25-34	889,900	926,900	928,200	926,700	913,600	937,300	973,900	961,200	977,900	1,003,500	997,100
35-44	864,600	929,700	931,400	950,200	948,300	945,800	997,400	1,016,100	1,022,600	1,026,800	1,041,000
45-54	507,300	545,300	584,800	621,600	657,300	691,400	743,800	758,600	807,400	846,700	869,900
55-59	119,200	125,000	129,300	133,100	138,300	150,200	159,700	169,400	178,400	188,200	198,700
60-64	54,600	56,000	56,800	50,600	52,500	54,400	59,400	68,500	70,000	76,200	66,800
65+	23,700	26,100	27,400	25,300	29,400	31,400	32,200	36,300	36,300	39,300	41,300
Total	3,368,800	3,520,400	3,529,500	3,586,500	3,602,100	3,698,400	3,876,300	3,901,600	3,948,700	4,055,600	4,092,600
Employed											
15-19	343,800	330,200	279,400	264,900	249,800	267,500	301,000	297,800	280,700	292,800	309,300
20-24	465,500	478,800	459,100	461,500	464,300	478,700	487,200	480,000	451,700	464,800	460,600
25-34	839,400	865,700	854,000	839,300	833,400	859,200	910,400	892,600	908,300	938,900	934,500
35-44	825,900	880,400	876,800	883,400	877,900	878,000	935,800	956,100	961,300	958,400	984,300
45-54	484,300	520,900	552,000	583,700	617,900	649,500	711,800	717,100	759,600	806,800	831,900
55-59	116,200	120,800	123,900	127,300	129,500	140,800	152,300	158,900	169,500	178,500	189,200
60-64	54,100	55,200	55,800	49,000	51,900	54,000	58,700	66,300	69,000	73,100	65,000
65+	23,200	25,600	27,400	24,800	29,100	30,200	32,000	35,300	35,700	39,000	41,300
Total	3,152,400	3,277,600	3,228,400	3,233,900	3,253,800	3,357,900	3,589,200	3,604,100	3,635,800	3,752,300	3,816,100
Employed full-time											
15-19	185,900	163,800	118,600	89,600	85,200	80,400	81,400	78,500	68,200	69,100	80,300
20-24	372,300	370,200	354,800	335,100	327,400	344,500	345,000	332,200	297,700	312,700	294,100
25-34	535,700	550,500	537,000	531,100	541,300	561,400	581,900	578,200	582,800	610,800	626,300
35-44	445,800	471,100	474,500	466,900	470,500	458,300	506,500	509,700	513,900	506,300	511,500
45-54	273,300	302,900	308,500	335,100	368,600	380,500	414,100	425,700	441,600	459,200	488,900
55-59	59,700	62,500	67,200	61,600	68,100	76,700	80,500	79,900	87,900	97,000	94,500
60-64	23,700	25,000	25,700	19,800	27,100	24,700	24,500	27,500	29,600	27,400	26,300
65+	9,000	9,700	10,300	8,300	11,400	10,500	11,200	10,700	9,300	13,300	10,700
Total	1,905,400	1,955,700	1,896,600	1,847,500	1,899,600	1,937,000	2,045,100	2,042,400	2,031,000	2,095,800	2,132,600

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Employed part-time											
15-19	157,900	166,400	160,800	175,300	164,600	187,100	219,600	219,300	212,500	223,700	229,000
20-24	93,200	108,600	104,300	126,400	136,900	134,200	142,200	147,800	154,000	152,100	166,500
25-34	303,700	315,200	317,000	308,200	292,100	297,800	328,500	314,400	325,500	328,100	308,200
35-44	380,100	409,300	402,300	416,500	407,400	419,700	429,300	446,400	447,400	452,100	472,800
45-54	211,000	218,000	243,500	248,600	249,300	269,000	297,700	291,400	318,000	347,600	343,000
55-59	56,500	58,300	56,700	65,700	61,400	64,100	71,800	79,000	81,600	81,500	94,700
60-64	30,400	30,200	30,100	29,200	24,800	29,300	34,200	38,800	39,400	45,700	38,700
65+	14,200	15,900	17,100	16,500	17,700	19,700	20,800	24,600	26,400	25,700	30,600
Total	1,247,000	1,321,900	1,331,800	1,386,400	1,354,200	1,420,900	1,544,100	1,561,700	1,604,800	1,656,500	1,683,500
Unemployed											
15-19	58,300	58,000	71,100	84,700	77,500	77,800	70,500	60,400	62,200	63,400	57,300
20-24	41,900	44,400	62,000	67,900	71,100	63,900	51,200	53,300	61,500	53,900	50,600
25-34	50,500	61,200	74,200	87,400	80,200	78,100	63,500	68,600	69,600	64,600	62,600
35-44	38,700	49,300	54,600	66,800	70,400	67,800	61,600	60,000	61,300	68,400	56,700
45-54	23,000	24,400	32,800	37,900	39,400	41,900	32,000	41,500	47,800	39,900	38,000
55-59	3,000	4,200	5,400	5,800	8,800	9,400	7,400	10,500	8,900	9,700	9,500
60-64	500	800	1,000	1,600	600	400	700	2,200	1,000	3,100	1,800
65+	500	500	0	500	300	1,200	200	1,000	600	300	0
Total	216,400	242,800	301,100	352,600	348,300	340,500	287,100	297,500	312,900	303,300	276,500
Not in the labour force											
15-19	287,400	295,700	313,600	295,000	303,900	276,400	246,400	265,000	287,300	283,800	282,900
20-24	148,000	143,100	164,500	172,900	174,600	167,600	163,200	152,100	159,800	146,700	152,600
25-34	491,800	471,800	477,800	482,800	493,200	470,900	441,100	466,500	458,500	434,800	443,000
35-44	376,900	345,000	370,600	366,900	384,300	402,800	381,700	391,200	410,000	424,400	425,100
45-54	337,900	334,200	331,700	341,400	350,100	359,400	348,600	378,300	369,000	373,300	386,600
55-59	241,800	234,200	229,900	232,300	236,800	236,100	235,800	238,100	241,400	243,000	252,100
60-64	315,900	314,700	313,000	314,200	304,900	298,300	297,400	288,100	292,800	293,800	312,000
65+	1,034,900	1,058,100	1,086,900	1,116,400	1,140,400	1,164,000	1,185,100	1,207,400	1,226,200	1,242,200	1,258,500
Total	3,234,600	3,196,800	3,288,000	3,321,900	3,388,200	3,375,500	3,299,300	3,386,700	3,445,000	3,442,000	3,512,800

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Persons											
Civilian population											
15-19	1,404,100	1,395,000	1,356,500	1,319,200	1,292,800	1,274,300	1,266,100	1,275,600	1,291,300	1,312,800	1,331,200
20-24	1,317,200	1,339,300	1,376,700	1,412,000	1,430,600	1,435,300	1,414,200	1,382,200	1,359,100	1,347,600	1,347,500
25-34	2,756,500	2,788,900	2,798,900	2,802,900	2,797,300	2,799,000	2,814,800	2,836,900	2,853,700	2,859,500	2,866,500
35-44	2,498,100	2,558,800	2,608,200	2,632,400	2,657,600	2,684,300	2,744,100	2,798,600	2,847,400	2,884,100	2,915,500
45-54	1,731,300	1,801,000	1,875,300	1,969,100	2,057,900	2,142,500	2,221,400	2,306,000	2,381,000	2,463,600	2,531,800
55-59	732,100	726,000	726,800	738,800	758,400	781,900	802,100	827,300	852,600	877,200	917,400
60-64	735,100	738,500	736,400	726,600	712,700	703,600	710,300	710,400	723,100	738,500	757,000
65+	1,843,100	1,892,100	1,950,500	2,003,800	2,058,100	2,108,700	2,151,400	2,203,000	2,241,300	2,278,500	2,315,200
Total	13,017,500	13,239,600	13,429,300	13,604,800	13,765,400	13,929,600	14,124,400	14,340,000	14,549,500	14,761,800	14,982,100
Labour force											
15-19	834,300	811,000	723,600	717,000	678,100	707,800	730,800	730,900	714,500	730,600	750,200
20-24	1,094,500	1,120,600	1,121,000	1,149,000	1,162,100	1,163,500	1,165,500	1,133,900	1,101,800	1,109,800	1,102,100
25-34	2,188,600	2,239,700	2,247,500	2,233,300	2,219,300	2,236,200	2,273,000	2,275,500	2,295,600	2,314,600	2,309,100
35-44	2,043,100	2,145,100	2,159,700	2,182,700	2,199,400	2,179,700	2,261,200	2,304,100	2,322,400	2,349,300	2,368,400
45-54	1,297,300	1,377,100	1,442,700	1,516,400	1,593,300	1,660,400	1,753,400	1,789,700	1,863,700	1,931,600	1,988,900
55-59	396,500	399,600	401,500	409,000	412,200	437,100	462,100	474,700	491,400	522,700	538,900
60-64	235,700	242,900	238,000	232,700	225,100	226,800	220,700	236,300	233,400	245,700	244,300
65+	96,600	103,800	101,400	109,100	102,000	120,600	126,300	129,600	134,800	139,900	140,200
Total	8,186,600	8,439,800	8,435,400	8,549,200	8,591,500	8,732,100	8,993,000	9,074,700	9,157,600	9,344,200	9,442,100
Employed											
15-19	726,600	691,200	573,100	543,000	521,100	548,800	584,200	589,300	575,900	592,600	625,800
20-24	1,006,400	1,020,600	971,500	969,300	984,300	1,011,000	1,035,400	1,013,100	958,700	977,300	985,000
25-34	2,072,100	2,105,800	2,050,900	2,001,000	1,996,000	2,034,800	2,105,400	2,107,200	2,117,900	2,148,000	2,155,500
35-44	1,962,700	2,050,700	2,025,200	2,021,300	2,021,400	2,023,000	2,122,900	2,165,300	2,192,100	2,203,500	2,245,100
45-54	1,244,400	1,321,800	1,364,700	1,415,700	1,484,300	1,555,300	1,665,400	1,688,400	1,754,900	1,832,100	1,902,600
55-59	380,000	382,000	377,900	377,500	370,400	396,800	426,400	437,900	455,700	490,100	507,400
60-64	223,600	225,500	214,000	208,400	199,200	205,700	206,700	220,000	222,900	229,300	233,100
65+	95,100	102,600	100,500	106,400	100,400	117,400	124,100	126,300	132,800	137,600	139,300
Total	7,710,900	7,900,200	7,677,800	7,642,600	7,677,100	7,892,800	8,270,500	8,347,500	8,410,900	8,610,500	8,793,800
Employed full-time											
15-19	453,600	407,500	288,000	238,400	235,900	227,000	228,700	220,700	198,900	206,900	218,000
20-24	865,100	850,400	806,600	767,100	770,700	783,800	804,700	767,400	704,500	719,500	708,900
25-34	1,720,900	1,742,000	1,665,000	1,617,100	1,627,200	1,675,000	1,699,100	1,714,600	1,704,300	1,735,100	1,751,600
35-44	1,549,400	1,604,300	1,574,800	1,545,300	1,558,200	1,542,600	1,627,600	1,654,600	1,669,000	1,677,000	1,698,600
45-54	1,005,500	1,071,700	1,084,900	1,123,700	1,189,600	1,238,400	1,314,000	1,331,500	1,377,200	1,418,500	1,479,900
55-59	300,300	302,100	295,900	285,900	287,200	308,700	322,300	331,000	343,300	370,700	372,000
60-64	171,900	168,500	160,600	150,700	150,000	151,800	146,800	153,800	152,600	149,800	154,400
65+	49,500	58,100	54,600	57,500	54,400	63,100	67,600	63,300	65,400	68,500	66,000
Total	6,116,200	6,204,600	5,930,400	5,785,700	5,873,200	5,990,400	6,210,800	6,236,900	6,215,200	6,346,000	6,449,400

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Employed part-time											
15-19	273,000	283,700	285,100	304,600	285,200	321,800	355,500	368,600	377,000	385,700	407,800
20-24	141,300	170,200	164,900	202,200	213,600	227,200	230,700	245,700	254,200	257,800	276,100
25-34	351,200	363,800	385,900	383,900	368,800	359,800	406,300	392,600	413,600	412,900	403,900
35-44	413,300	446,400	450,400	476,000	463,200	480,400	495,300	510,700	523,100	526,500	546,500
45-54	238,900	250,100	279,800	292,000	294,700	316,900	351,400	356,900	377,700	413,600	422,700
55-59	79,700	79,900	82,000	91,600	83,200	88,100	104,100	106,900	112,400	119,400	135,400
60-64	51,700	57,000	53,400	57,700	49,200	53,900	59,900	66,200	70,300	79,500	78,700
65+	45,600	44,500	45,900	48,900	46,000	54,300	56,500	63,000	67,400	69,100	73,300
Total	1,594,700	1,695,600	1,747,400	1,856,900	1,803,900	1,902,400	2,059,700	2,110,600	2,195,700	2,264,500	2,344,400
Unemployed											
15-19	107,700	119,800	150,500	174,000	157,000	159,000	146,600	141,600	138,600	138,000	124,400
20-24	88,100	100,000	149,500	179,700	177,800	152,500	130,100	120,800	143,100	132,500	117,100
25-34	116,500	133,900	196,600	232,300	223,300	201,400	167,600	168,300	177,700	166,600	153,600
35-44	80,400	94,400	134,500	161,400	178,000	156,700	138,300	138,800	130,300	145,800	123,300
45-54	52,900	55,300	78,000	100,700	109,000	105,100	88,000	101,300	108,800	99,500	86,300
55-59	16,500	17,600	23,600	31,500	41,800	40,300	35,700	36,800	35,700	32,600	31,500
60-64	12,100	17,400	24,000	24,300	25,900	21,100	14,000	16,300	10,500	16,400	11,200
65+	1,500	1,200	900	2,700	1,600	3,200	2,200	3,300	2,000	2,300	900
Total	475,700	539,600	757,600	906,600	914,400	839,300	722,500	727,200	746,700	733,700	648,300
Not in the labour force											
15-19	569,800	584,000	632,900	602,200	614,700	566,500	535,300	544,700	576,800	582,200	581,000
20-24	222,700	218,700	255,700	263,000	268,500	271,800	248,700	248,300	257,300	237,800	245,400
25-34	567,900	549,200	551,400	569,600	578,000	562,800	541,800	561,400	558,100	544,900	557,400
35-44	455,000	413,700	448,500	449,700	458,200	504,600	482,900	494,500	525,000	534,800	547,100
45-54	434,000	423,900	432,600	452,700	464,600	482,100	468,000	516,300	517,300	532,000	542,900
55-59	335,600	326,400	325,300	329,800	346,200	344,800	340,000	352,600	361,200	354,500	378,500
60-64	499,400	495,600	498,400	493,900	487,600	476,800	489,600	474,100	489,700	492,800	512,700
65+	1,746,500	1,788,300	1,849,100	1,894,700	1,956,100	1,988,100	2,025,100	2,073,400	2,106,500	2,138,600	2,175,000
Total	4,830,900	4,799,800	4,993,900	5,055,600	5,173,900	5,197,500	5,131,400	5,265,300	5,391,900	5,417,600	5,540,000

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Married women											
Civilian population											
15-19	24,800	27,100	21,700	19,200	18,900	20,900	20,600	22,100	20,000	20,800	22,900
20-24	216,800	211,900	204,700	197,000	216,400	213,700	210,100	178,500	172,400	167,800	163,600
25-34	1,008,400	1,004,900	1,000,900	995,600	978,000	983,800	977,400	956,700	943,000	935,700	916,500
35-44	1,015,000	1,027,300	1,045,500	1,046,700	1,052,500	1,059,000	1,069,000	1,094,600	1,093,400	1,092,700	1,102,600
45-54	673,500	708,900	726,700	746,700	783,000	821,900	855,300	883,100	905,500	937,000	952,200
55-59	274,800	272,100	275,500	275,800	284,700	288,500	300,700	312,000	314,700	319,000	337,100
60-64	256,200	253,900	263,000	250,000	246,500	249,300	250,100	250,100	260,800	256,600	266,700
65+	433,100	442,000	465,700	467,900	475,300	510,600	518,600	518,000	516,400	549,500	560,800
Total	3,902,600	3,948,100	4,003,700	3,998,900	4,055,300	4,147,700	4,201,800	4,215,100	4,226,200	4,279,100	4,322,400
Labour force											
15-19	15,200	13,400	11,600	11,100	10,200	13,000	13,300	12,600	12,700	13,600	15,400
20-24	143,400	146,200	131,500	135,000	144,900	145,900	147,500	118,900	114,700	115,200	111,300
25-34	601,300	625,000	613,700	611,200	589,400	615,400	640,500	607,600	608,200	624,600	594,900
35-44	705,800	744,400	745,300	748,400	741,600	739,200	770,000	790,900	779,600	773,900	779,400
45-54	394,400	429,100	460,200	473,900	501,000	532,800	585,800	585,900	619,800	651,700	655,800
55-59	87,200	92,200	93,900	99,200	106,900	107,500	119,200	128,400	132,500	133,900	146,300
60-64	35,900	39,400	42,900	34,600	35,700	41,600	41,100	48,900	53,300	50,800	48,700
65+	13,500	15,000	16,300	13,600	16,600	20,100	19,200	20,500	24,000	23,100	25,000
Total	1,996,700	2,104,700	2,115,400	2,127,000	2,146,300	2,215,500	2,336,600	2,313,700	2,344,800	2,386,800	2,376,800
Employed											
15-19	11,900	9,800	7,700	6,300	6,000	7,500	8,900	8,700	9,000	10,000	9,600
20-24	133,800	133,900	115,900	118,700	127,400	127,900	131,000	108,500	102,600	103,700	101,300
25-34	567,700	588,800	570,900	558,600	544,400	568,900	607,100	569,800	573,900	594,200	566,900
35-44	678,900	713,100	709,400	707,300	694,500	695,800	733,600	750,900	743,600	734,100	748,100
45-54	380,300	415,200	438,900	452,900	477,800	511,800	568,600	561,700	593,200	630,600	636,600
55-59	85,400	89,600	91,300	95,800	101,400	103,100	115,100	122,300	127,300	128,700	141,400
60-64	35,700	39,200	42,000	34,100	35,500	41,600	40,800	48,200	52,600	49,200	48,000
65+	13,200	15,000	16,300	13,600	16,600	19,800	19,200	19,900	23,900	22,800	25,000
Total	1,906,900	2,004,600	1,992,400	1,987,300	2,003,600	2,076,400	2,224,300	2,190,000	2,226,100	2,273,300	2,276,900
Employed full-time											
15-19	8,800	6,900	4,500	3,600	3,700	5,300	5,100	4,600	5,300	4,100	5,500
20-24	101,800	105,100	89,100	85,500	89,500	95,600	96,500	77,300	67,600	71,100	68,000
25-34	314,700	324,200	310,700	302,500	310,700	331,400	340,400	324,700	326,600	342,400	337,900
35-44	334,000	346,300	357,500	341,300	337,200	332,600	361,100	366,800	361,600	358,800	356,800
45-54	195,300	220,900	225,700	234,800	265,800	277,800	310,700	313,100	322,100	339,600	349,500
55-59	40,600	41,600	45,000	41,400	49,700	50,200	55,600	56,200	61,400	62,800	66,100
60-64	14,100	16,500	16,900	12,500	16,500	18,000	14,300	18,700	21,500	16,600	18,100
65+	5,200	4,500	5,500	3,700	5,600	7,100	7,300	6,300	6,300	6,100	6,000
Total	1,014,500	1,066,000	1,054,900	1,025,300	1,078,700	1,118,000	1,191,000	1,167,700	1,172,400	1,201,500	1,207,900

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Employed part-time											
15-19	3,100	2,900	3,200	2,700	2,300	2,200	3,800	4,100	3,700	5,900	4,100
20-24	32,000	28,800	26,800	33,200	37,900	32,300	34,500	31,200	35,000	32,600	33,300
25-34	253,000	264,600	260,200	256,100	233,700	237,500	266,700	245,100	247,300	251,800	229,000
35-44	344,900	366,800	351,900	366,000	357,300	363,200	372,500	384,100	382,000	375,300	391,300
45-54	185,000	194,300	213,200	218,100	212,000	234,000	257,900	248,600	271,100	291,000	287,100
55-59	44,800	48,000	46,300	54,400	51,700	52,900	59,500	66,100	65,900	65,900	75,300
60-64	21,600	22,700	25,100	21,600	19,000	23,600	26,500	29,500	31,100	32,600	29,900
65+	8,000	10,500	10,800	9,900	11,000	12,700	11,900	13,600	17,600	16,700	19,000
Total	892,400	938,600	937,500	962,000	924,900	958,400	1,033,300	1,022,300	1,053,700	1,071,800	1,069,000
Unemployed											
15-19	3,300	3,600	3,900	4,800	4,200	5,500	4,400	3,900	3,700	3,600	5,800
20-24	9,600	12,300	15,600	16,300	17,500	18,000	16,500	10,400	12,100	11,500	10,000
25-34	33,600	36,200	42,800	52,600	45,000	46,500	33,400	37,800	34,300	30,400	28,000
35-44	26,900	31,300	35,900	41,100	47,100	43,400	36,400	40,000	36,000	39,800	31,300
45-54	14,100	13,900	21,300	21,000	23,200	21,000	17,200	24,200	26,600	21,100	19,200
55-59	1,800	2,600	2,600	3,400	5,500	4,400	4,100	6,100	5,200	5,200	4,900
60-64	200	200	900	500	200	0	300	700	700	1,600	700
65+	300	0	0	0	0	300	0	600	100	300	0
Total	89,800	100,100	123,000	139,700	142,700	139,100	112,300	123,700	118,700	113,500	99,900
Not in the labour force											
15-19	9,600	13,700	10,100	8,100	8,700	7,900	7,300	9,500	7,300	7,200	7,500
20-24	73,400	65,700	73,200	62,000	71,500	67,800	62,600	59,600	57,700	52,600	52,300
25-34	407,100	379,900	387,200	384,400	388,600	368,400	336,900	349,100	334,800	311,100	321,600
35-44	309,200	282,900	300,200	298,300	310,900	319,800	299,000	303,700	313,800	318,800	323,200
45-54	279,100	279,800	266,500	272,800	282,000	289,100	269,500	297,200	285,700	285,300	296,400
55-59	187,600	179,900	181,600	176,600	177,800	181,000	181,500	183,600	182,200	185,100	190,800
60-64	220,300	214,500	220,100	215,400	210,800	207,700	209,000	201,200	207,500	205,800	218,000
65+	419,600	427,000	449,400	454,300	458,700	490,500	499,400	497,500	492,400	526,400	535,800
Total	1,905,900	1,843,400	1,888,300	1,871,900	1,909,000	1,932,200	1,865,200	1,901,400	1,881,400	1,892,300	1,945,600

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Single women											
Civilian population											
15-19	664,700	656,800	642,400	625,400	612,300	600,800	597,300	601,100	610,200	619,200	626,600
20-24	438,600	454,400	480,900	505,300	493,600	496,500	491,500	506,900	500,600	497,600	500,200
25-34	373,300	393,800	405,100	413,900	428,800	424,400	437,600	471,000	493,400	502,600	523,600
35-44	226,500	247,400	256,500	270,400	280,100	289,600	310,100	312,700	339,200	358,500	363,500
45-54	171,700	170,600	189,800	216,300	224,400	228,900	237,100	253,800	270,900	283,000	304,300
55-59	86,200	87,100	83,700	89,600	90,400	97,800	94,800	95,500	105,100	112,200	113,700
60-64	114,300	116,800	106,800	114,800	110,900	103,400	106,700	106,500	102,000	113,400	112,100
65+	625,500	642,200	648,600	673,800	694,500	684,800	698,700	725,700	746,100	732,000	739,000
Total	2,700,800	2,769,100	2,813,800	2,909,500	2,935,000	2,926,200	2,973,800	3,073,200	3,167,500	3,218,500	3,283,000
Labour force											
15-19	386,900	374,800	338,900	338,500	317,100	332,300	358,200	345,600	330,200	342,600	351,200
20-24	364,000	377,000	389,600	394,400	390,500	396,700	390,900	414,400	398,500	403,500	399,900
25-34	288,600	301,900	314,500	315,500	324,200	321,900	333,400	353,600	369,700	378,900	402,200
35-44	158,800	185,300	186,100	201,800	206,700	206,600	227,400	225,200	243,000	252,900	261,600
45-54	112,900	116,200	124,600	147,700	156,300	158,600	158,000	172,700	187,600	195,000	214,100
55-59	32,000	32,800	35,400	33,900	31,400	42,700	40,500	41,000	45,900	54,300	52,400
60-64	18,700	16,600	13,900	16,000	16,800	12,800	18,300	19,600	16,700	25,400	18,100
65+	10,200	11,100	11,100	11,700	12,800	11,300	13,000	15,800	12,300	16,200	16,300
Total	1,372,100	1,415,700	1,414,100	1,459,500	1,455,800	1,482,900	1,539,700	1,587,900	1,603,900	1,668,800	1,715,800
Employed											
15-19	331,900	320,400	271,700	258,600	243,800	260,000	292,100	289,100	271,700	282,800	299,700
20-24	331,700	344,900	343,200	342,800	336,900	350,800	356,200	371,500	349,100	361,100	359,300
25-34	271,700	276,900	283,100	280,700	289,000	290,300	303,300	322,800	334,400	344,700	367,600
35-44	147,000	167,300	167,400	176,100	183,400	182,200	202,200	205,200	217,700	224,300	236,200
45-54	104,000	105,700	113,100	130,800	140,100	137,700	143,200	155,400	166,400	176,200	195,300
55-59	30,800	31,200	32,600	31,500	28,100	37,700	37,200	36,600	42,200	49,800	47,800
60-64	18,400	16,000	13,800	14,900	16,400	12,400	17,900	18,100	16,400	23,900	17,000
65+	10,000	10,600	11,100	11,200	12,500	10,400	12,800	15,400	11,800	16,200	16,300
Total	1,245,500	1,273,000	1,236,000	1,246,600	1,250,200	1,281,500	1,364,900	1,414,100	1,409,700	1,479,000	1,539,200
Full-time											
15-19	177,100	156,900	114,100	86,000	81,500	75,100	76,300	73,900	62,900	65,000	74,800
20-24	270,500	265,100	265,700	249,600	237,900	248,900	248,500	254,900	230,100	241,600	226,100
25-34	221,000	226,300	226,300	228,600	230,600	230,000	241,500	253,500	256,200	268,400	288,400
35-44	111,800	124,800	117,000	125,600	133,300	125,700	145,400	142,900	152,300	147,500	154,700
45-54	78,000	82,000	82,800	100,300	102,800	102,700	103,400	112,600	119,500	119,600	139,400
55-59	19,100	20,900	22,200	20,200	18,400	26,500	24,900	23,700	26,500	34,200	28,400
60-64	9,600	8,500	8,800	7,300	10,600	6,700	10,200	8,800	8,100	10,800	8,200
65+	3,800	5,200	4,800	4,600	5,800	3,400	3,900	4,400	3,000	7,200	4,700
Total	890,900	889,700	841,700	822,200	820,900	819,000	854,100	874,700	858,600	894,300	924,700

June of	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Employed part-time											
15-19	154,800	163,500	157,600	172,600	162,300	184,900	215,800	215,200	208,800	217,800	224,900
20-24	61,200	79,800	77,500	93,200	99,000	101,900	107,700	116,600	119,000	119,500	133,200
25-34	50,700	50,600	56,800	52,100	58,400	60,300	61,800	69,300	78,200	76,300	79,200
35-44	35,200	42,500	50,400	50,500	50,100	56,500	56,800	62,300	65,400	76,800	81,500
45-54	26,000	23,700	30,300	30,500	37,300	35,000	39,800	42,800	46,900	56,600	55,900
55-59	11,700	10,300	10,400	11,300	9,700	11,200	12,300	12,900	15,700	15,600	19,400
60-64	8,800	7,500	5,000	7,600	5,800	5,700	7,700	9,300	8,300	13,100	8,800
65+	6,200	5,400	6,300	6,600	6,700	7,000	8,900	11,000	8,800	9,000	11,600
Total	354,600	383,300	394,300	424,400	429,300	462,500	510,800	539,400	551,100	584,700	614,500
Unemployed											
15-19	55,000	54,400	67,200	79,900	73,300	72,300	66,100	56,500	58,500	59,800	51,500
20-24	32,300	32,100	46,400	51,600	53,600	45,900	34,700	42,900	49,400	42,400	40,600
25-34	16,900	25,000	31,400	34,800	35,200	31,600	30,100	30,800	35,300	34,200	34,600
35-44	11,800	18,000	18,700	25,700	23,300	24,400	25,200	20,000	25,300	28,600	25,400
45-54	8,900	10,500	11,500	16,900	16,200	20,900	14,800	17,300	21,200	18,800	18,800
55-59	1,200	1,600	2,800	2,400	3,300	5,000	3,300	4,400	3,700	4,500	4,600
60-64	300	600	100	1,100	400	400	400	1,500	300	1,500	1,100
65+	200	500	0	500	300	900	200	400	500	0	0
Total	126,600	142,700	178,100	212,900	205,600	201,400	174,800	173,800	194,200	189,800	176,600
Not in the labour force											
15-19	277,800	282,000	303,500	286,900	295,200	268,500	239,100	255,500	280,000	276,600	275,400
20-24	74,600	77,400	91,300	110,900	103,100	99,800	100,600	92,500	102,100	94,100	100,300
25-34	84,700	91,900	90,600	98,400	104,600	102,500	104,200	117,400	123,700	123,700	121,400
35-44	67,700	62,100	70,400	68,600	73,400	83,000	82,700	87,500	96,200	105,600	101,900
45-54	58,800	54,400	65,200	68,600	68,100	70,300	79,100	81,100	83,300	88,000	90,200
55-59	54,200	54,300	48,300	55,700	59,000	55,100	54,300	54,500	59,200	57,900	61,300
60-64	95,600	100,200	92,900	98,800	94,100	90,600	88,400	86,900	85,300	88,000	94,000
65+	615,300	631,100	637,500	662,100	681,700	673,500	685,700	709,900	733,800	715,800	722,700
Total	1,328,700	1,353,400	1,399,700	1,450,000	1,479,200	1,443,300	1,434,100	1,485,300	1,563,600	1,549,700	1,567,200

8 Appendixes

Appendix A: A short genealogy of income support payments

This short summary of the origins of and major changes to income support payments is intended as a guide to readers wishing to place changes to income support into general historical context. It includes suggestions for further reading.

Origins: 1908 to 1964

The first civil pensions were old-age pensions, paid from 1 July 1909 under the *Invalid and Old-Age Pension Act 1908* and subsuming age pensions in force in New South Wales and Victoria. They were followed by payments of invalid pension from 15 December 1910. Both were administered by the Commissioner for Pensions within the Department of the Treasury.

- Maternity Allowance was introduced on 10 October 1912, abolished on 1 November 1978 and re-introduced on 1 February 1996, albeit in different form.
- Service pensions (as distinct from civil pensions) administered by the Repatriation Commission, were introduced for returned servicemen on 6 December 1935. Many were already eligible for war pensions (introduced 21 December 1914).

The Department for Social Services was formed in April 1941 and assumed responsibility for civil pensions and Maternity Allowance from the Treasury.

- Shortly after, the Commonwealth commenced paying child endowment (from 29 July 1941 under the *Child Endowment Act 1941*), the precursor of the current family payments.
- Widows' pensions were paid from 27 July 1942 (under the *Widows' Pensions Act 1942*), subsuming widows' pensions paid by New South Wales and Victoria since 1926. They comprised classes A (women with dependent children), B (widows 50 years of age or more without dependent children) and C (younger widows without dependent children, for a maximum of 26 weeks) and, from 8 July 1947 until 1 March 1961, class D (for women 50 or more years of age with dependent children where the husband was imprisoned).
- From 8 July 1943, extra pension was payable to certain pensioners in respect of a dependent spouse or child (the pre-cursor of Wife Pension and Carer Payment and of additional family allowance respectively).
- From 1 July 1945, the Commonwealth paid unemployment, sickness and special benefits, (including additional amounts in respect of a dependent spouse or children, the pre-cursors of Partner and Parenting Payment (partnered) and of additional family allowance respectively) under the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944*.

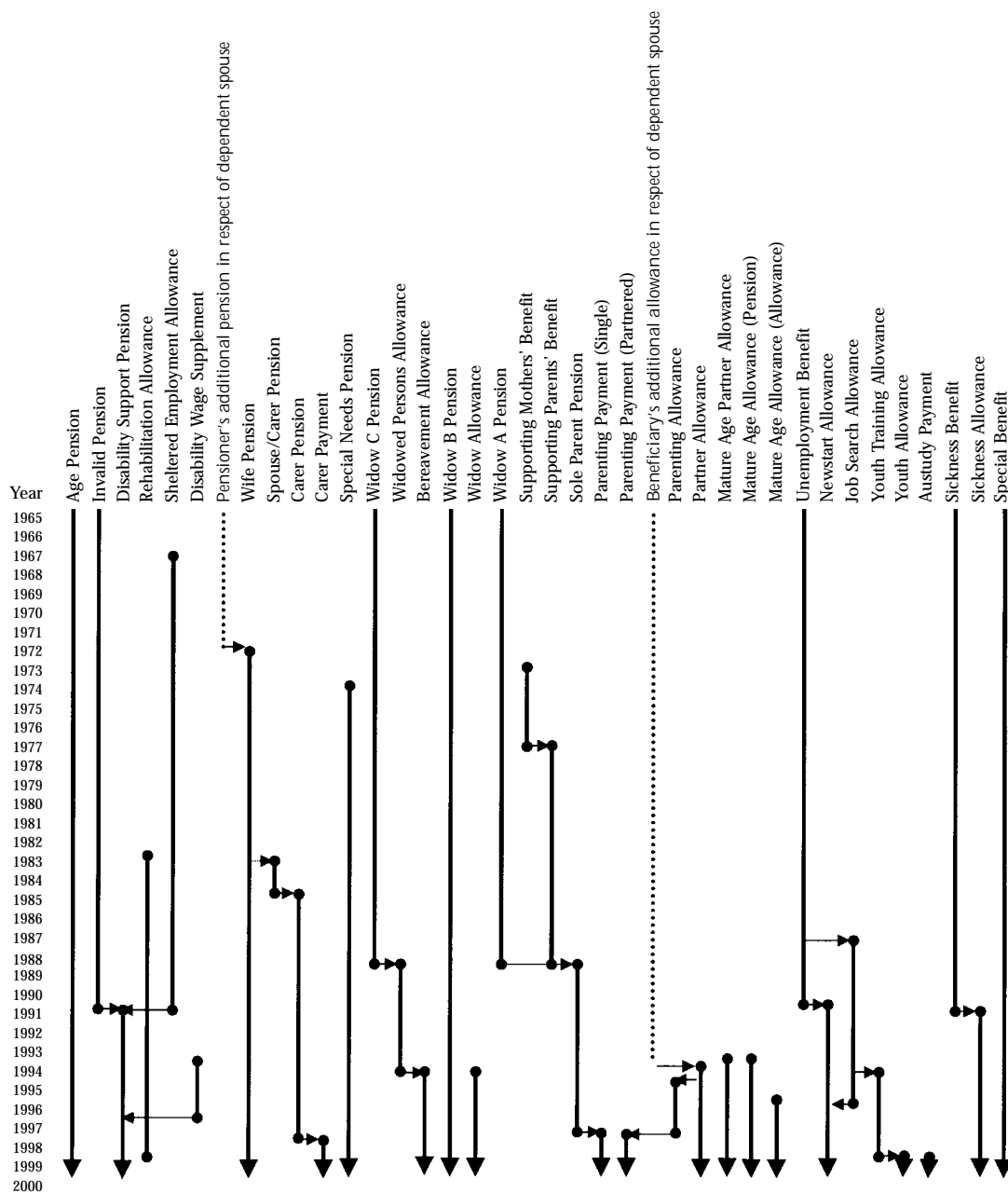
In 1947, all existing legislation for civil pensions, benefits and associated payments was consolidated into the *Social Services Act 1947*, at which time Old-Age Pension was renamed Age Pension. The final major addition to income support payments was the payment of Commonwealth Scholarships for tertiary education from January 1951 (subsequently the

Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme in 1973 and AUSTUDY in 1986). From this date, the current structure of income support payments was largely in place.

1965 to the present

The short genealogical chart following shows the development of the various categories of payments now administered by the Department of Family and Community Services. As can be seen at a glance, Age Pension and Special Benefit are the only payments that have neither been renamed nor abolished over the period. Also, eligibility for and the scope of payments have changed to a degree, mainly to marginally increase coverage or entitlement.

Figure 1 Genealogy of income support payments



For instance, from 8 May 1973, age, invalid, wife and widows' pensions became 'portable' and, after grant in Australia, could be paid while overseas. From 22 March 1974, these pensions became payable as special needs pensions to certain older people living overseas who had been long time residents but who had not returned to Australia.

Other major changes, classed according to the type of payment, are listed below.

Disability and sickness payments

- Sheltered Employment Allowance was introduced on 30 June 1967 and was subsequently subsumed (along with Invalid Pension) into Disability Support Pension from 12 November 1991. Disability Wage Supplement was introduced on 1 July 1994 and subsumed into Disability Support Pension from 1 January 1998. Both assisted people with disabilities with special employment in what were known as sheltered workshops.
- Rehabilitation Allowance was introduced on 1 March 1983 and was closed to new grants from 12 November 1991. From 30 June 1998, there were no more recipients.
- From 1 July 1991, Sickness Benefit became Sickness Allowance under more stringent eligibility criteria. From 20 March 1996, incapacitated recipients of unemployment payments were no longer transferred to Sickness Allowance and, consequently, numbers dropped considerably.

Payments to partners, parents and widows

- Wife Pension was introduced on 5 October 1972, replacing the pensioner's allowance for a dependent spouse. It was closed to new entrants from 1 July 1995.
- Spouse Carer Pension was introduced on 1 December 1983, payable to the husband of a severely handicapped age or invalid pensioner. With broadened eligibility, it became Carer Pension from 1 November 1985 and then Carer Payment from 1 July 1997.
- From 1 January 1968, the Commonwealth (under the *States Grants (Deserted Wives) Act 1968*) agreed to share with States the cost of helping mothers of families without a breadwinner (such as deserted wives or the wives of prisoners) where they were ineligible for a Widow Pension. The Act was repealed from 30 June 1982, at which time the 6-month qualifying period for Supporting Parents' Benefit (see below) was removed.
- Supporting Mothers' Benefit was introduced on 3 July 1973, payable to unmarried mothers (unlike Widow Pension Class A). It was subsequently subsumed into Supporting Parents' Benefit (payable to sole fathers) from 10 November 1977 which, along with Widow Pension Class A, was subsumed into Sole Parent Pension from 1 March 1989 and renamed Parenting Payment (single) from 20 March 1998.
- Widow Pension Class C became Widowed Persons' Allowance from 1 March 1989 and was extended to men, though the duration of payment was reduced from 26 to 12 weeks. The payment was renamed Bereavement Allowance from 1 January 1995.
- Widow B Pension was effectively closed from 1 July 1987 and Widow Allowance introduced from 1 January 1995.

- Partner Allowance was introduced on 20 September 1994, replacing the additional benefit paid to allowees in respect of dependent spouses. From 1 July 1995, the payment was restricted to people born before 1 July 1955 without dependent children and with little recent labour force experience. Most Partner Allowees with dependent children qualified for Parenting Allowance (renamed Parenting Payment (partnered) from 20 March 1998) and the remainder were required to test their eligibility for other payments.

Payments to the unemployed and to students

- From 1 July 1976, provision was made to pay Aboriginal communities sums equivalent to their combined entitlement to income support (primarily unemployment payments) to be administered under the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program.
- Job Search Allowance was introduced as a sub-category of Unemployment Benefit from 1 January 1988 for recipients under 21 years of age.
- From 1 July 1991, Unemployment Benefit was abolished. Instead, Job Search Allowance was paid for the first 12 months of receipt (and to all recipients under the age of 18, regardless of their length of receipt) and Newstart Allowance thereafter. Youth Training Allowance was introduced from 1 January 1995 for the unemployed under 18 years of age. Job Search Allowance was subsumed into Newstart Allowance from 20 September 1996.
- From 1 July 1998, Youth Allowance subsumed Youth Training Allowance along with most Newstart and Sickness Allowance recipients under 21 years of age and all AUSTUDY recipients under 25 years of age. Youth Allowance is paid under two sets of conditions: one applying to full time students and the other to the remainder, most of whom are unemployed. Also at 1 July 1998, AUSTUDY was abolished and students 25 years of age or older received Austudy Payment under the Social Security Act.
- Mature Age Allowance (payable to men over 60 years of age who were unemployed and had received income support for 12 months or more and were eligible for Newstart) was introduced on 20 March 1994, along with Mature Age Partner Allowance for their partners. Paid at the same rates and under the same income and assets tests as the Age Pension, entrance to Mature Age Partner Allowance was closed from 30 June 1995 (when Wife Pension was closed) and to the pension version of Mature Age Allowance from 30 June 1996.
- From 1 July 1996, Mature Age Allowance was paid under the allowance income and assets tests to people who had been on Newstart for nine months or any other payment (except Special Benefit of Austudy Payment) for any period, providing they had no recent workforce experience. Since the payment's inception in 1994, recipients have been exempt from the Newstart activity test.

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Payments current at 30 June 1999

The *Social Security Act 1991* identifies two main categories of income support payments current at 30 June 1999: benefits (allowances) and pensions.

Benefits (referred to as allowances), comprising:

- ABSTUDY (paid under the *Student Assistance Act 1973*)
- Austudy Payment
- CDEP payments
- Mature Age Allowance (granted after 30 June 1996)
- Newstart Allowance
- Parenting Payment (partnered) – excludes those receiving solely the basic rate
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Youth Allowance
- Special Benefit

Pensions, comprising:

- Age Pension
- Bereavement Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension

- Mature Age Allowance (granted before 1 July 1996)
- Mature Age Partner Allowance
- Parenting Payment (single)
- Special Needs Pensions;
- Wife Pension
- Widow B Pension; and
- Service Pensions paid under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, comprising:
 - an age service pension
 - an invalidity service pension
 - a partner service pension
 - a carer service pension
 - an income support supplement paid to certain war widows.

Pensions are distinguished from benefits (allowances) by a higher maximum rate of payment and more generous means testing.

A person can receive only one of these payments at a time and the maximum rate of payment is significantly higher than the rate of payment of supplementary assistance.

For instance, the maximum rate of pension payable to a single person at 30 June 1999 was \$361.40 per fortnight, compared to \$128.80 maximum Family Allowance in respect of a dependent child, or compared to \$100.00 per fortnight Rent Assistance for a single person with three or more children, or compared to \$75.60 per fortnight Child Disability Allowance.

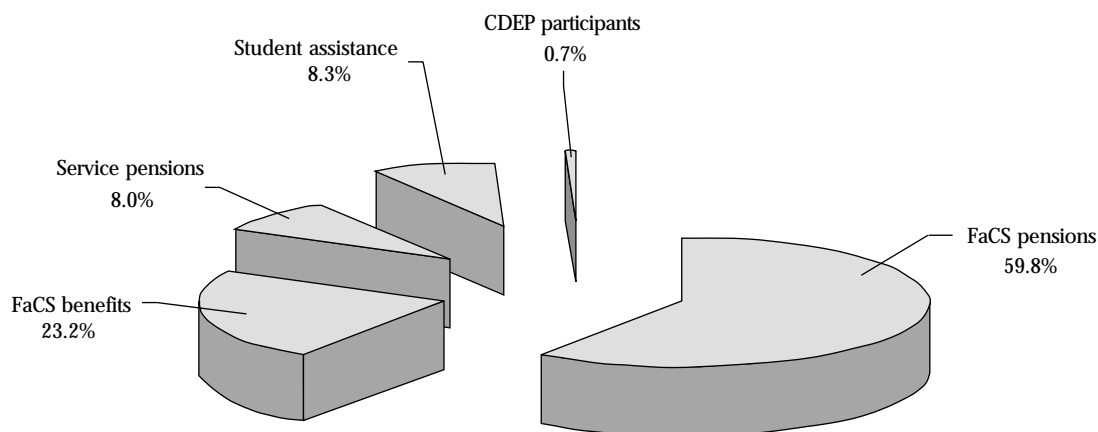
Appendix B: Income support recipients at June 1999

Numbers receiving payment

At June 1999, there were 4 759 352 recipients of income support payments, comprising:

- 2 843 968 receiving FaCS pensions
- 1 104 160 receiving FaCS benefits (allowances) other than students
- 382 287 receiving Service pensions
- 396 390 receiving student assistance
- 31 967 CDEP recipients.

Figure 2 Income support recipients at 30 June 1999



The number of income support payment recipients at June 1999 represented 31.6 per cent of the population aged 15 years or more.

Of these, an estimated 2 131 000 (or about 45 per cent of recipients) were of Age Pension age, most of them receiving Age Pension or Service Pension. This represents 78.9 per cent of the population of Age Pension age group (compared to 78.5 per cent at June 1998).

Workforce age recipients⁶⁴

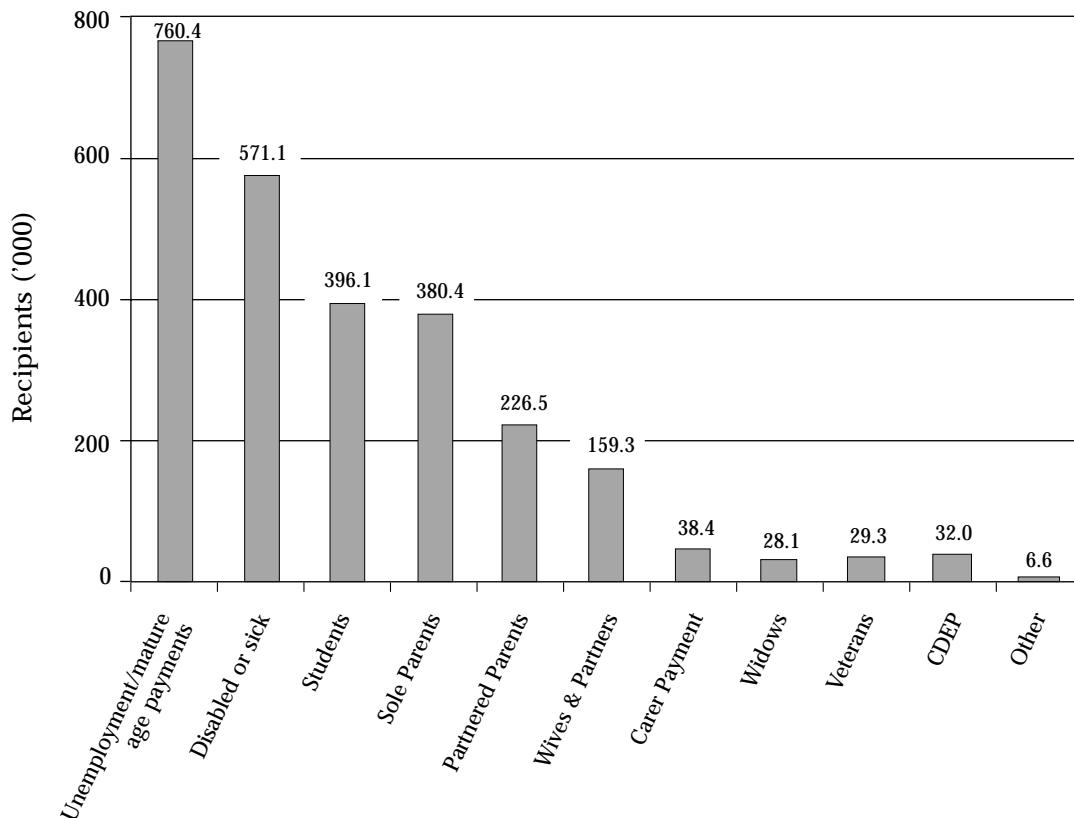
At June 1999, an estimated 2 628 000 income support recipients of workforce age, or 21.3 per cent of the population of workforce age (see Figure 3). Of these recipients:

- the unemployed comprised 28.8 per cent (including the temporarily incapacitated and people receiving Mature Age Allowances);

⁶⁴ People of workforce age comprise men aged 15 to 64 years and women aged 15 to 59 years.

- those receiving Disability Support Pension or Sickness Allowance comprised 21.9 per cent;
- students comprised 15.1 per cent;
- those receiving Parenting Payment comprised 23.3 per cent, lone parents being 14.6 per cent and partnered parents 8.7 per cent;
- the wives of age and disability support pensioners, along with the older partners of other pensioners and allowees comprised 5.9 per cent;
- recipients of Carer Payment represented 1.5 per cent and widows 1.1 per cent;
- there were approximately 28 000 veterans of workforce age receiving payment, representing 1.1 per cent of workforce age recipients; and
- the remaining 1.3 per cent received CDEP (1.2 per cent), or Special Benefit (0.1 per cent) or a disaster relief payment. Most recipients of Special Benefit do not meet the residence requirements of other workforce age payments.

Figure 3 Workforce age recipients by payment type, June 1999



Patterns of receipt by age and gender

There are important differences in receipt of payments by gender. Women are slightly more likely to receive income support at all ages (as shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5). At June 1999, about 58 per cent of income support recipients were women. There are a number of reasons for this.

- Pension age is lower for women than for men. At June 1999 the qualifying age of Age Pension for women was 61 while 65 for men. The qualifying age for women is being gradually increased to age 65 by year 2014.
- The average age of women is older. There are more women than men over Age Pension age.
- In general, women have lower income and smaller assets.

Among men and women of workforce age, overall rates of receipt follow a similar pattern with age. An initial high rate of receipt among young people (over 30 per cent at age 16, mainly students) falls away to a lower rate of receipt by age 45 (under 20 per cent for women and around 15 per cent for men). Then it rises sharply to peak around 60 per cent for women 60 years of age and for men 64 years of age. The proportion of people receiving income support increases markedly from 19 per cent at age 51, reaching 37 per cent by age 59 and 83 per cent by age 69.

However, Figures 4 and 5 show quite different patterns of incidence of different payments among men and women.

- A larger percentage of men received disability or sickness payments (31 per cent), compared to 13 per cent for women. The rate of receipt among men increases rapidly with age (for men over 40 years old) compared to that for women.
- Of male recipients, 47 per cent receive unemployment payments, compared to 17 per cent of women. Rates of receipt of unemployment payments peak around age 22 (about 13 per cent for men and 10 per cent for women) and level off with increasing age. However, for men there is a steady rise for ages above 60.
- By contrast, over half (52 per cent) of female recipients are paid income support payments as parents or partners (25 per cent as lone parents, 15 per cent partnered parents and 12 per cent partners), compared to only 6 per cent of men. The majority of women receiving parenting payments are aged 23 to 45, while women receiving partner payments are aged 46 to 59.

Lower rates of receipt of unemployment payments by women appear to be more than compensated for by their higher rates of receiving parenting and partner payments. These women are living in low-income families and raising children or caring for their partners, significantly reducing their reliance on unemployment or disability payments.

These estimates of coverage are calculated as rates of receipt by comparing the total number of income support recipients to the total population. To some extent, this will give an exaggerated picture of levels of reliance on income support, as it will treat part-rate pensioners as the same as persons with no other income apart from government cash benefits.

Figure 4 Women – Rates of receipt of income support by age and payment type June 1999

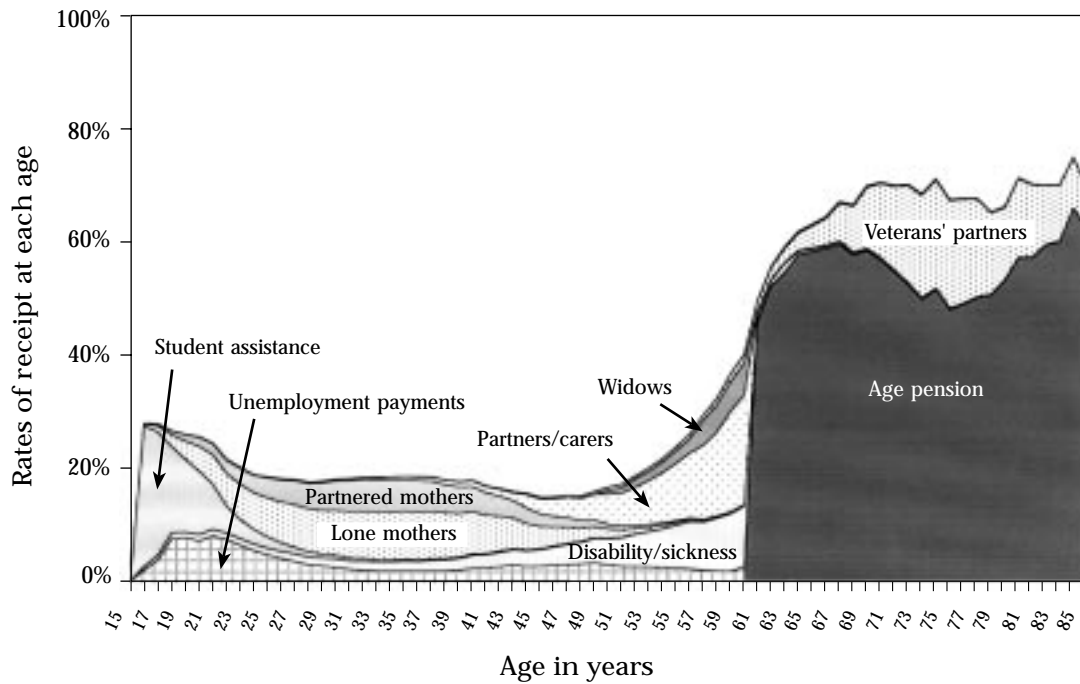
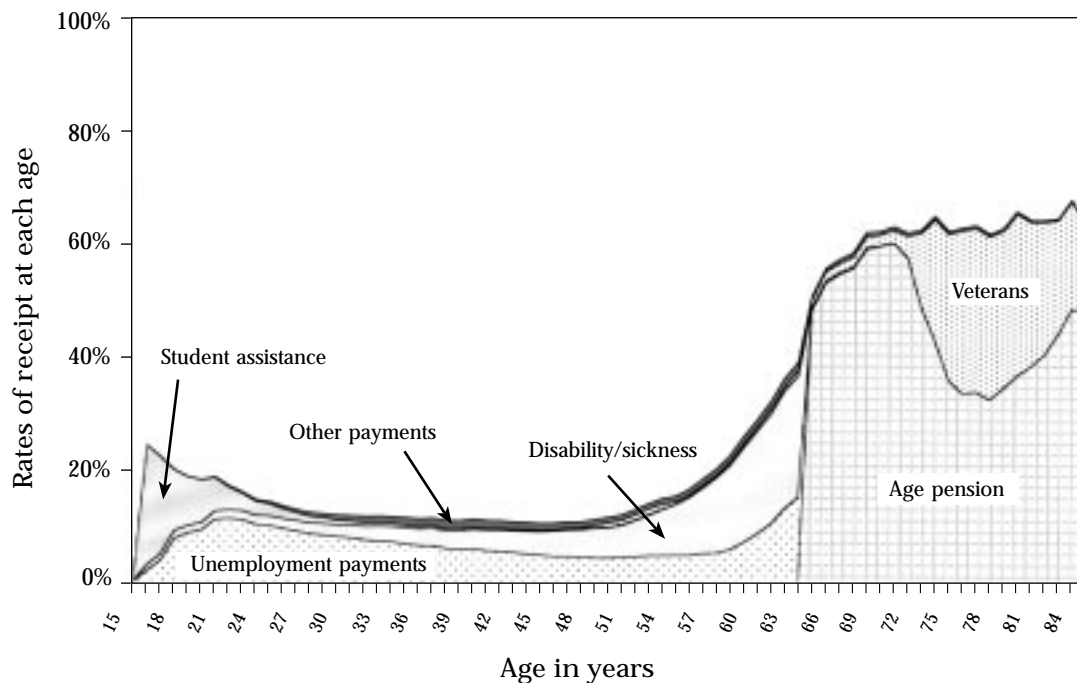


Figure 5 Men – Rates of receipt of income support by age and payment type June 1999



Appendix C: Means testing of FaCS income support payments, 1989 to 1999⁶⁵

Since the first payments of Commonwealth income support were made in 1909, they have been subject to means testing.⁶⁶ The intention has been to limit the payment of income support to people with low incomes and few assets.

Since their inception, the structure, incidence and relative severity of means tests have varied. For the sake of clarity, this appendix describes in general terms the situation over the period June 1989 to June 1999. In particular, the discussion has been restricted to an overview of income tests and asset tests, omitting many details.⁶⁷ For a fuller treatment, readers are referred to FaCS' annual reports covering this period.

Income testing

For the purposes of income testing, income is generally defined as income earned, derived or received in respect of a period.⁶⁸ It includes earned income (such as wages) as well as unearned income (such as interest from a bank account). For the sake of simplicity, the descriptions below are of income assessed over a fortnight.⁶⁹

Pensions and benefits have defined maximum basic rates, which are subject to regular adjustments to account for changes to prices and, in the case of pensions, to changes in average wages. If a person's income is zero, they receive the maximum basic rate.

In general, an income test allows for income up to a certain low amount to be ignored. This amount is called the 'free area' and income under this amount does not reduce the rate of pension or benefit paid.

Income above the free area reduces the pension or benefit at a defined rate known as the 'taper rate'. Taper rates can apply to successive parts of the range of income above the free area or to the entire range.

The net effect is that higher income results in progressively less and less payment of pension or benefit, until none remains. The rate of income at which the pension or benefit is reduced to zero is called the 'cut-out' point.

Selected maximum basic rates, free areas and cut-outs can be found in Table 5.1 in the body of the Compendium.

For pensions, the income test comprises:

- a free area (earnings under the free area do not reduce the pension); and
- a taper range (pension is reduced by 50 per cent of income above the free area).

⁶⁵ Future editions will outline changes which came into effect from 1 July 2000.

⁶⁶ The only exceptions are Disability Support and Age Pensions paid in respect of blind people.

⁶⁷ For instance, the discussion of income tests ignore earnings credits (applying to most pensions from November 1987 until June 30 1997, and to most allowances from March 1994 until 30 June 1997), earnings disregards (applying to most allowances from September 1993 until 30 June 1995), the income bank applying to Youth Allowance paid to full time students and the income testing of basic Parenting Payment (Partnered) as distinct from additional Parenting Payment Partnered.

⁶⁸ Income is defined in section 8(1) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

⁶⁹ The *Social Security Administration Act 1999* includes more comprehensive definitions of income and of periods of assessment.

The free area is indexed annually with respect to prices and, if the pensioner has dependent children, includes an additional amount of \$24 per fortnight for each child (this amount is not indexed). For couples, the income test applies to their combined income.

The benefit (or allowance) income test shares some features of the pension income test, in that both have a free area and taper ranges. However, the benefit free area is not indexed and has been set at \$60 per fortnight since 1985. There is no additional free area for dependent children. Until 30 June 1995, the benefit income test comprised:

- a free area (earnings under the free area do not reduce the benefit);
- a taper range (income above the free area but below \$140 per fortnight reduced the benefit by 50 per cent); and
- a direct deduction range (every dollar of income above \$140 reduced the benefit by a dollar).

If the recipient was partnered, the free area was doubled and the income test applied to the couple's combined income.

From 1 July 1995, the direct deduction range became a second taper range with the withdrawal rate set at 70 per cent. That is, income over \$140 per fortnight reduced benefit by 70 per cent of that amount. Also, from 1 July 1995 the income of partners was tested in sequence rather than in combination. That is, the income test applied first to the recipient's own income. If their own income was low enough for them to receive some benefit, their partner's rate was not affected. Income above that required to reduce the recipient's own benefit to zero (the cut-out point) then reduced their partner's rate by 70 per cent of that amount (the partner excess amount).

At 30 June 1999, there were two exceptions to these arrangements. Youth Allowance paid to full-time students had a free area of \$230 per fortnight, with a 50 per cent taper range for income above the free area and below \$310 per fortnight and a second taper range of 70 per cent applying to income above \$310 per fortnight. Until September 1990, Special Benefit was subject to the benefit income test. At that time, the free area was abolished and each dollar of income reduced Special Benefit by a dollar (direct deduction).

Asset testing

The pension assets test was introduced on 21 March 1985 to operate alongside the income test. Recipients are assessed under both tests and that which produces the lower rate of pension applies. Certain assets, notably the recipient's home, are excluded.⁷⁰

For every \$1000 of assets above a threshold value, the rate of pension is reduced by three dollars per fortnight. The reduction is compared to that produced by the income test and, if it is greater, the pensioner is paid under the asset test. Otherwise, they are paid under the income test.

⁷⁰ Exempt assets are defined at section 1118. (1) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

⁷¹ The discussion of thresholds omits certain details, such as the concessional treatment of entry contributions to nursing homes which applied from March 1998.

The thresholds are higher for couples (whose assets are assessed in combination) than for single people and higher for those who do not own homes. The threshold values are regularly adjusted in line with prices.⁷¹ The combination of asset thresholds and the asset reduction rate means that assets above a certain amount (called the ‘asset test limit’) reduce the pension to zero.

From December 1987, the asset test limits applied to benefits by way of a ‘sudden death’ asset test—those with assets above the limits received no payment. From 1 July 1998, the ‘sudden death’ asset test was extended to lone parents receiving Parenting Payment (Single).

Income and asset intervals reported in the tables for FaCS payments

From 1994 on, the tables for FaCS income support payments report the numbers receiving payments within income and asset intervals that relate to the income and assets tests. The examples in tables 1 and 2 below show the income intervals reported for a single pensioner and single beneficiary at 30 June 1999, along with an expanded nomenclature of the intervals.

Table 1: Reported income intervals for a single pensioner, 30 June 1999

Interval cited in table	Explanation	Values
Nil	Income is zero.	Income of \$0.00.
Up to the free area	Income more than zero and up to \$100 per fortnight.	Income of \$0.01 to \$100.00 per fortnight.
Up to the free area plus child disregard	Income of at least \$100.01 per fortnight and up to \$124 per fortnight (\$100 free area plus \$24 additional free area in respect of one child).	Income of \$100.01 to \$124.00 per fortnight
Over the free area plus child disregard	Income of at least \$124.01 per fortnight.	Income of \$124.01 or more per fortnight.

Table 2: Reported income intervals for a single beneficiary, 30 June 1999

Interval cited in table	Explanation	Values
Nil	Income is zero.	Income of \$0.00.
Up to the free area	Income more than zero and up to \$60.00 per fortnight.	Income of \$0.01 to \$60.00 per fortnight.
Over the free area	Income of at least \$60.01 per fortnight.	Income of \$60.01 or more per fortnight.

Similarly, Table 3 table below shows the reported assets of single pensioners paid under the asset test at 30 June 1999.

Table 3: Reported asset intervals for a single pensioner, 30 June 1999

Interval cited in table	Explanation	Values
Up to non-homeowner threshold	Assets above the homeowner threshold but under the non-homeowner threshold.	Assets over \$125 750 but under \$215 750.
Assets over the non-homeowner threshold	Income above the non-homeowner threshold and under the non-homeowner asset test limit.	Assets of at least \$215 750 but less than \$338 250.

Tables 4 and 5 show the values applying to the intervals of income and assets reported in the tables for FaCS income support payments at 30 June each year from 1989 to 1999.

- Readers should note that, for 1989 to 1993, the recorded income intervals did not necessarily correspond to the parameters of the income test. Consequently, the reported values are in the tables are italicised.
- For 1989 to 1993, readers should refer to table 4 to determine the income interval reported.

Table 4 Reported income intervals (\$ per fortnight), 1989 to 1999

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
		Allowances										
	Up to the free area	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00	0.01 to 60.00
	Over the free area	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00	Over 60.00
	Pensions											
Single	Up to the free area	0.01 to 80.00	0.01 to 80.00	0.01 to 80.00	0.01 to 84.00	0.01 to 86.00	0.01 to 88.00	0.01 to 90.00	0.01 to 94.00	0.01 to 98.00	0.01 to 100.00	0.01 to 100.00
	Up to free area plus child disregard	80.01 to 176.00	40.01 to 190.00	40.01 to 190.00	84.01 to 210.00	86.01 to 200.00	88.01 to 112.00	90.01 to 114.00	94.01 to 118.00	98.01 to 122.00	100.01 to 124.00	50.01 to 124.00
	Over the free area plus child disregard	Over 176.00	Over 190.00	Over 190.00	Over 210.00	Over 200.00	Over 112.00	Over 114.00	Over 118.00	Over 122.00	Over 124.00	Over 124.00
Couple	Up to the free area	0.01 to 70.00	0.01 to 70.00	0.01 to 70.00	0.01 to 74.00	0.01 to 76.00	0.01 to 76.00	0.01 to 78.00	0.01 to 82.00	0.01 to 86.00	0.01 to 88.00	0.01 to 88.00
	Up to free area plus child disregard for each person	70.01 to 150.00	70.01 to 164.00	70.01 to 164.00	74.01 to 180.00	76.01 to 200.00	76.01 to 88.00	78.00 to 90.00	82.01 to 94.00	86.01 to 98.00	88.01 to 100.00	88.01 to 100.00
	Over the free area plus child disregard	Over 150.00	Over 164.00	Over 164.00	Over 180.00	Over 200.00	Over 88.00	Over 90.00	Over 94.00	Over 98.00	Over 100.00	Over 100.00
Parenting Payment (Single)	Up to the free area	0.01 to 80.00	0.01 to 80.00	0.01 to 80.00								
	Up to free area plus child disregard for each person	80.01 to 192.00	80.01 to 230.00	80.01 to 230.00	As for single pensioners (above)							
	Over the free area plus child disregard	Over 192.00	Over 230.00	Over 230.00								

Table 5 Reported asset test intervals (\$), 1989 to 1999

	Reported interval	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Single	Up to non-homeowner threshold	96,000 to 109,500	103,500 to 118,000	103,500 to 118,000	110,750 to 126,250	112,500 to 193,000	112,750 to 193,250	115,000 to 197,000	118,000 to 202,000	124,000 to 212,500	125,750 to 215,750	125,750 to 215,750
	Over non-homeowner threshold	Over 109,500	Over 118,000	Over 118,000	Over 126,250	Over 193,000	Over 193,250	Over 197,000	Over 202,000	Over 212,500	Over 215,750	Over 215,750
Couple (per person)	Up to non-homeowner threshold	68,500 to 78,500	73,750 to 84,500	73,750 to 84,500	78,750 to 90,250	80,000 to 120,250	80,250 to 120,250	81,750 to 122,750	83,750 to 125,750	88,000 to 132,250	89,250 to 134,250	89,250 to 134,250
	Over non-homeowner threshold	Over 78,500	Over 84,500	Over 84,500	Over 90,250	Over 120,250	Over 120,250	Over 122,750	Over 125,750	Over 132,250	Over 134,250	Over 134,250