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**Recipient Numbers**: Recipients of Austudy who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system.

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**Source**: Department of Human Services Administrative data (DSS Extracts)

**Data Date**: Data as at the 26th of June 2015.

**Australian National Accounts**: National Income, Expenditure and Product: Table 34 Time Series Spreadsheets (cat. no. 5206.0).

**Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2011**: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing, Table Builder, RA by AGES - Age in Five Year Groups

**Glossary**:

**Age Group**: The age group of the recipient.

**Circumstances after Austudy**: This data compares two points in time, one year apart. ‘Not Receiving Income Support’ describes those who were in receipt of Austudy at the first point in time, who were not receiving an income support payment at the second point in time. This data does not take into account Family Tax Benefit.

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**Duration**: Duration refers to duration on Income Support and may not reflect duration on current payment type.

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

**Expenditure**: Expenditure amount, as reported in the Department's Annual Report. ‘% of GDP’ is the expenditure on the payment as a percentage of Australia's Gross Domestic Product (ABS data - see data source above).

**Indigenous**: Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as indigenous. This data may therefore represent an undercount.

**Remoteness Area**: Remoteness Areas are based on the recipient’s geo-coded address against the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2011.

**Rate**: The rate of the recipients payment (‘other’ include those recipients who, as at the data date, were yet to be paid).

**Relationship Status**: Partnered includes recipients who are married, de facto or registered.

**Sector**: The type of educational institution the student is enrolled in. Unspecified occurs where there is no current educational institution recorded, these figures are generally higher between semesters of study.

**State**: The State or Territory recorded in the recipient's address.