Parenting Payment Single (PPS) June 2016

About PPS

Parenting Payment Single is an income support payment for single principal carer parents with a child under eight years of age.

The PPS population has been steadily declining for most of the last 10 years. In January 2013, there was a large, one-off decrease with the cessation of grandfathering provisions for recipients who had been on payment prior to 1 July 2006 and had a child aged 8 years or over, eligible recipients transferred into Newstart Allowance. From June 2015 to June 2016, the total PPS population decreased by 1.0%

The proportion of recipients reporting earnings has remained relatively stable over time. 25.5% of PPS recipients who had been on payment prior to 1 July 2006 and had a child aged 8 years or over; eligible recipients transferred onto Newstart Allowance. From June 2015 to June 2016, the proportion has increased from 87.3% at June 2015.

PPS recipient numbers are highest among recipients with a youngest child aged 1 year old until recipients lose eligibility for PPS when their youngest child reaches 8 years old.

PPS has longer duration results than most income support payments, due to the nature of the payment, with recipients caring for young and often multiple children. As at June 2016, 87.7% of recipients were classified as long-term, the proportion has increased from 87.3% at June 2015.

The majority of PPS recipients in June 2016 who were not in receipt of PPS in June 2015, did not transfer from another income support payment. Of those who had transferred to PPS, and were receiving another income support in June 2015, the largest proportion transferred from another working age payment such as Parenting Payment Partnered (14.7%), Newstart Allowance (11.1%) and Youth Allowance (other) (5.9%).

Expenditure on PPS has remained relatively stable in recent years, after a downward trend from 2012 to 2014. The expenditure for 2015-16 on PPS is $4.64 billion. The 2015-16 expenditure on PPS makes up approximately 0.28% of Gross Domestic Product (ABS National Accounts).

The Indigenous proportion of the total PPS population has remained fairly stable over time. In June 2016 the Indigenous proportion was 13.6%. Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as Indigenous.
Data Descriptions

Parenting Payment Single: An income support payment for single principal carer parents with a youngest child under eight years of age.

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

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Data Date: Data as at the 24th of June 2016.

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


Glossary:

Age Group: The age group of the recipient.

Age of Youngest Child: The age of the recipients youngest child.

Circumstances after PPS: This data compares two points in time, one year apart. 'Not Receiving Income Support' describes those who were in receipt of PPS 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.

Mutual Obligation Requirements: Recipients who need to undertake activities, such as job search or training, to remain eligible for payment. Recipients of Parenting Payment Single have Mutual Obligation Requirements once their youngest child turns six years of age. Mutual Obligation Requirements means participation requirements under the Social Security Act 1991.

Partial Capacity to Work: Activity tested recipients who have been assessed in the last two years as having a capacity to work of under 30 hours per week, due to an ongoing physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment.

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).

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