

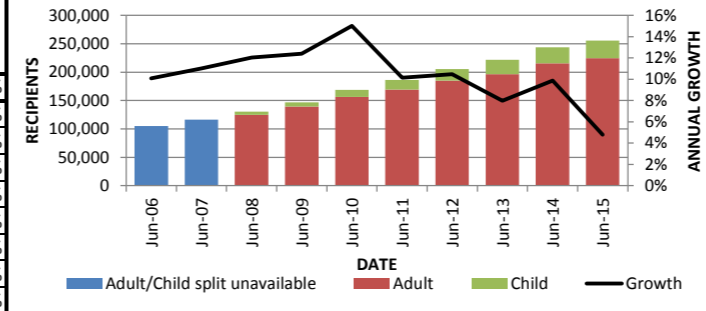
Carer Payment - June 2015

About Carer Payment

Carer Payment provides income support to people who, because of the demands of their caring role, are unable to support themselves through substantial paid employment.

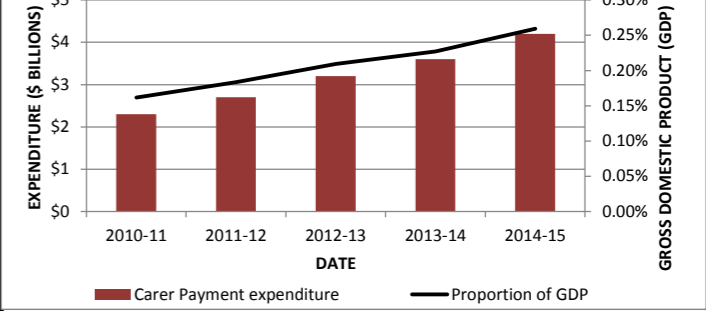
Carer Payment						
Quick facts		Jun-13	Jun-14	Jun-15	Jun-14 Jun-15	Avg. Jun-13 to Jun-15
Carer total population		221,954	243,856	255,542	4.8%	7.3%
Carer Qualification	Adult	196,220	215,370	224,329	4.2%	7.0%
	Child	25,734	28,486	31,213	9.6%	10.1%
Gender	Female	153,751	168,787	177,002	4.9%	7.3%
	Male	68,203	75,069	78,540	4.6%	7.3%
Duration	< 5 years	151,137	158,868	157,908	-0.6%	2.3%
	5+ years	70,817	84,988	97,634	14.9%	17.4%
Earnings	Earnings	22,551	24,345	24,938	2.4%	5.2%
	Nil earnings	199,403	219,511	230,604	5.1%	7.6%
Rate	Maximum	166,585	183,569	192,776	5.0%	7.6%
	Other	55,369	60,287	62,766	4.1%	6.5%
Caree Qualification	Adult	198,138	214,538	223,432	4.1%	6.2%
	Child	25,478	28,343	31,075	9.6%	10.4%

Carer Payment recipient population by qualification type



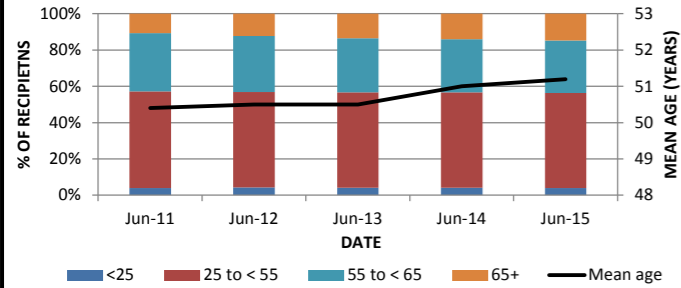
Between June 2006 and June 2015 the Carer Payment population grew at an average annual rate of 9.3% per annum. The proportion of Carer Payment recipients caring for a child grew from 5.1% in June 2009 to 12.2% in June 2015.

Carer Payment expenditure



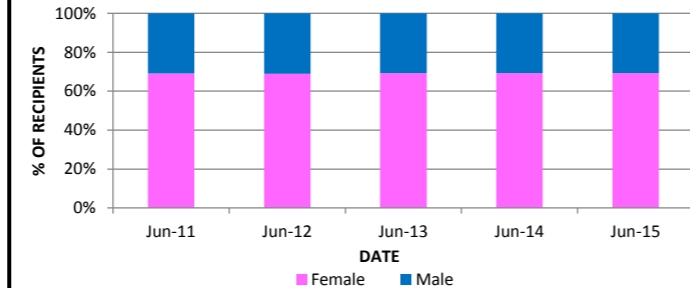
As a proportion of GDP, Carer Payment expenditure has increased by around 0.1 of a percentage point since June 2011. This increase is primarily due to increases in the Carer Payment population growth, and pension payment rates.

Carer Payment recipients by age range (years)



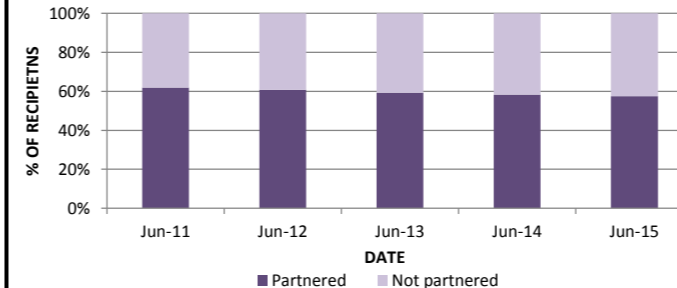
Between June 2011 and June 2015 the proportion of Carer Payment recipients aged less than 55 remained steady at around 57% of the total Carer Payment population. For the same period the proportion aged over 65 increased slightly from 10.7% to 14.8% of all Carer Payment recipients.

Carer Payment recipients by gender



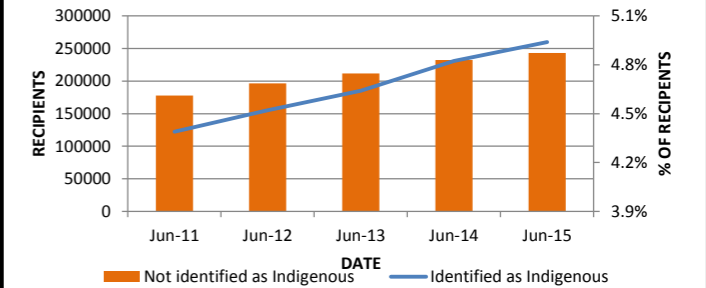
Since June 2011 the proportion of Carer Payment recipients who are female has remained steady at around 70% of the total Carer Payment population.

Carer Payment recipients by relationship status



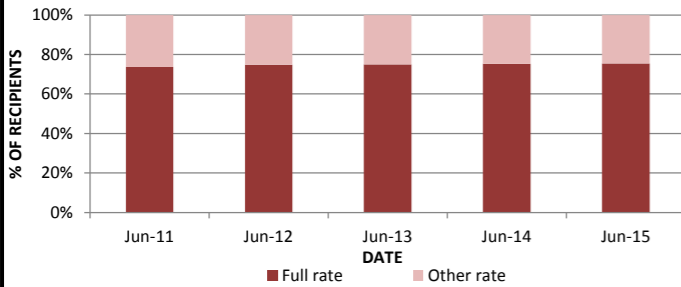
Between June 2011 and June 2015 the proportion of recipients who are partnered has dropped approximately four and a half percentage points to 57.5%.

Carer Payment by Indigenous indicator



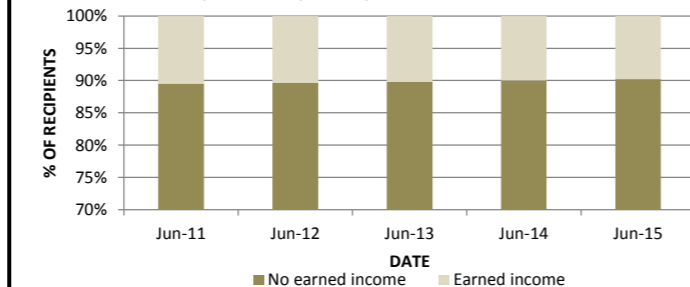
As at June 2015 the number of customers identified as Indigenous was 12,620. Since June 2011 there has been a slight increase (half a percentage point) in the proportion of recipients who identify themselves as Indigenous.

Carer Payment recipients by rate of payment



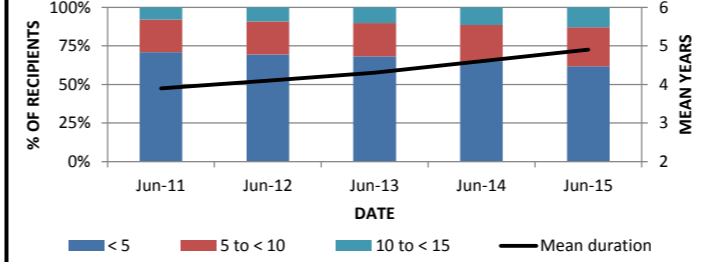
Since June 2011 the proportion of recipients who receive a full rate of Carer Payment has remained steady at around 25-26%.

Carer Payment recipient by earned income indicator



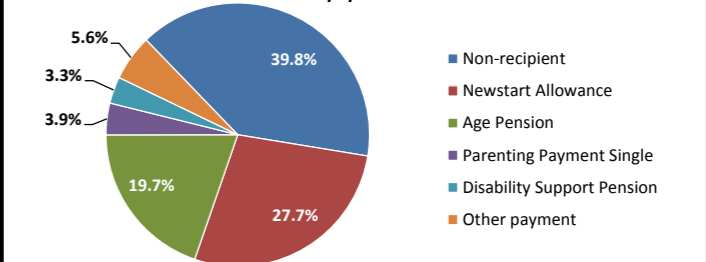
Between June 2011 and June 2015 the proportion of recipients with earned income has decreased slightly by around 0.7 of a percentage point.

Carer Payment recipients by duration of current episode (years)



Over the past five years the proportion of recipients in receipt of Carer Payment for 10 years or more increased by five percentage points (7.9% to 12.9%).

Where Carer Payment recipients have gone to - as at 26/6/2015

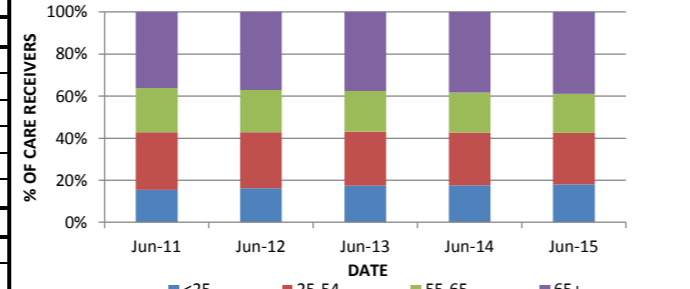


Around 60% of Carer Payment recipients exit Carer Payment moved onto another income support payment. See Glossary.

Care receiver 1st listed medical conditions by qualification type

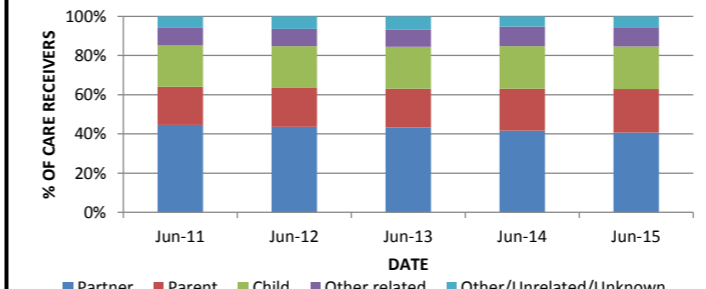
Adult medical conditions (top 5)	Jun-11	Jun-13	Jun-15
Osteoarthritis	19,797	21,055	22,342
Major depression	13,671	16,092	18,191
Musculo-skeletal disorder – other	10,377	13,254	15,626
Circulatory system – other	7,667	8,092	8,504
Spinal disorder - Other	4,114	5,942	7,662
Sub total	55,626	64,435	72,325
Child medical conditions (top 5)	Jun-11	Jun-13	Jun-15
Autistic disorder	4,141	6,820	10,150
Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder	1,846	2,845	3,276
Asperger's disorder	1,282	2,154	2,211
Learning disability	1,649	2,182	2,196
Cerebral Palsy	656	924	1,105
Sub total	9,574	14,925	18,938
Total care receivers	187,440	223,616	254,507

Carer Payment care receivers by age range (years)



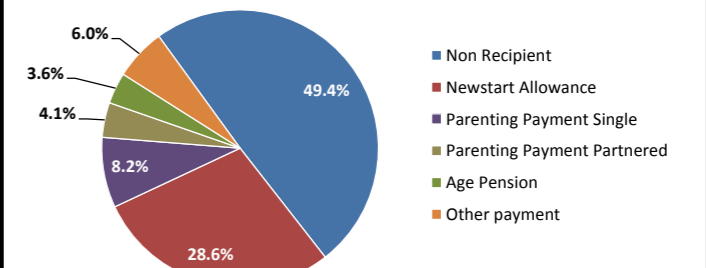
Between June 2011 and June 2015 the age of the care receiver population remained stable. As a result of changes to Carer payment policy in 2009, there has been a slight increase (2.6 percentage points) in the proportion of care receivers aged under 25.

Carer Payment carers relationship to care receivers



Between June 2011 and June 2015 the proportion of recipients caring for a partner fell by four percentage points. This corresponds to the drop in the proportion of Carer Payment recipients who are partnered versus who are single.

Where Carer Payment recipients come from - as at 27/6/2014



Almost 50% of new recipients were not in receipt of an income support payment immediately before claiming Carer Payment. See Glossary.



Data Descriptions

Carer Payment: Carer Payment is an income support payment for people who, because of their caring responsibilities, are unable to support themselves through substantial employment.

Recipient Numbers: Recipients of Carer Payment who are determined to be current and suspended on the Centrelink payment system.

Note: Data used in this report is based on point-in-time data i.e. snap-shot data.

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

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

Care receivers: Care receivers are person's that due to their medical condition or disability require constant care.

Adult care receivers: An adult care receiver is a person aged at least 16 years of age at claim.

Child care receivers: A child care receiver is a person aged less than 16 years of age at claim.

IMPORTANT: A break-in-series exists for Carers data from 1 July 2013, care should be taken when comparing time series data crossing this date.

Glossary:

Recipient population table: Jun-14 Jun-15 illustrates the 12 months growth; Avg Jun-13 Jun-15 illustrates the average annual growth over the two year period.

Recipient population time series chart: The Adult/Child qualification split for 2006 and 2007 is unknown because data was derived from paper files which no longer exist.

Expenditure chart: For previous financial years, the data reflects actual expenditure, for future or current financial years the data is sourced from the relevant Department of Social Services Portfolio Budget Statement. GDP data derived from Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure & Product: Table 34 Time Series spread sheets (cat. no. 5206.0).

Age range chart: Age based on whole years since the recipients date of birth to the data extraction date (e.g. a person age 31 years and 363 days = 31);

Relationship chart: Partnered = Married, De facto, Registered; Not partnered = Divorced, Separated, Single, Widowed.

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

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

Duration chart: Duration refers to the duration of current episode of Carer Payment and ignores breaks in continuity of less than 14 days.

Care receiver medical conditions table: Care receivers can list up to four separate medical conditions, the table only illustrates the first listed i.e. not a complete count of medical conditions

Where Carer Payment recipients come from chart: Compares recipient's payment types at two points in time, one year apart. Non-recipient reflects those who were not on income support.

Where Carer Payment recipients go to chart: Compares recipient's payment types at two points in time, one year apart. Non-recipients reflects those who were not on income support and/or are deceased.