Parenting Payment Partnered (PPP) June 2016

About PPP

Parenting Payment Partnered is an income support payment for partnered principal carer parents with a youngest child under six years of age. The PPP population has been steadily declining for most of the last 10 years. In 2008, there was a slight increase in recipient numbers following the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. 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 6 years or over; eligible recipients transferred onto Newstart Allowance. From June 2015 to June 2016, the total PPP population decreased by 1.5%.

The proportional age split has remained relatively stable over time. At June 2016, 46% of PPP recipients were aged between 30 and 39 years, with a further 39% aged under 30 years. 13% of recipients are aged over 40 years, with the majority of these recipients aged between 40 and 44 years.

The proportion of recipients reporting earnings has remained relatively stable over time. 9.9% of PPP recipients had earnings, up from 9.4% at June 2015. The low proportion is expected, as PPP recipients have caring responsibilities for young children.

The proportion of recipients on full-rate is comparable with June 2015 with a small decrease from 64.4% at June 2015 to 64% at June 2016. 'Other' includes those recipients who were yet to be paid.

The Indigenous proportion of the total PPP population has remained fairly stable over time. In June 2016 the Indigenous proportion was 9%. Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as Indigenous.

Expenditure on PPP has remained relatively stable over time. The 2015-16 expenditure on PPP was $1.01 billion. Expenditure on PPP makes up approximately 0.06% of Gross Domestic Product (ABS National Accounts).

Circumstances before receiving PPP:

The majority of PPP recipients at June 2016 who were not in receipt of PPP in June 2015, did not transfer from another income support payment. Of those who had transferred to PPP and who were receiving another income support payment in June 2015, the largest proportion transferred from another working age payment such as Parenting Payment Single (15.6%), Newstart Allowance (12.5%) and Youth Allowance (other) (4.2%).

Circumstances after receiving PPP:

The majority of those who were in receipt of PPP in June 2015 and who were no longer receiving PPP in June 2016, were no longer receiving any income support. Recipients who transferred to another payment generally transferred to other working age payments, such as Parenting Payment Single (22.6%) and Newstart Allowance (21.2%) or another income support payment such as Carer Payment (4.3%).

Note: Total Population 104,028 101,696 100,210 -1.5% -3.7%

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Domestic Product (ABS National Accounts).

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Data Descriptions

Parenting Payment Partnered: An income support payment for partnered principal carer parents with a youngest child under six years of age.

Recipient Numbers: Recipients of Parenting Payment Partnered 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 PPP: This data compares two points in time, one year apart. 'Not Receiving Income Support' describes those who were in receipt of PPP 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).

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