Youth Allowance (other) (YA(o)) June 2016

### Quick Facts

**YA(o) June 2016**

- **Total Population**: 113,998
- **Duration**: June-14 to June-15
- **Change**: -12.9%
- **Change**: -13.9%
- **Nil Earnings**: 46,512
- **Earnings**: 67,486
- **Partial Capacity**: 9,177
- **Non Partnered**: 82,139
- **Partnered**: 31,859
- **Independent**: 51,869
- **Dependent**: 30
- **Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area**: 14
- **Very Remote Australia**: 28
- **Outer Regional Australia**: 36
- **Major Cities of Australia**: 60
- **Inner Regional Australia**: 91
- **Regional Australia**: 154
- **Remote Australia**: 313
- **Very Remote Australia (other)**: 5,846
- **Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area**: 1

### YA(o) by Age Group

- **Age Group**: 15-17, 18-19, 20-21
- **Proportion**: 50%, 30%, 20%

### YA(o) by Rate of Payment

- **Full Rate**: 10%
- **Part Rate**: 45%
- **Zero Rate**: 45%
- **Other Rate**: 1%

### YA(o) by Earnings

- **Nil Earnings**: 46,512
- **Earnings**: 67,486

### YA(o) by Gender

- **Male**: 50%
- **Female**: 50%

### YA(o) by Remoteness Area

- **Inner Regional Australia**: 6%
- **Major Cities of Australia**: 20%
- **Outer Regional Australia**: 14%
- **Regional Australia**: 30%
- **Remote Australia**: 14%
- **Very Remote Australia (other)**: 7%
- **Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area**: 5%

### YA(o) by Activity

- **Job search**: 73%
- **Other approved activities**: 2%
- **Other expection**: 25%
- **Incacity exepction**: 7%

### YA(o) by State

- **ACT**: 20%
- **NSW**: 25%
- **QLD**: 15%
- **SA**: 10%
- **TAS**: 12%
- **WA**: 20%
- **VIC**: 10%

### YA(o) by Duration on Income Support

- **Less than 1 year**: 73%
- **1 year plus**: 27%

### YA(o) by Relationship Status

- **Not Partnered**: 50%
- **Partnered**: 50%

### YA(o) Expenditure

- **Expenditure**: $1.04 billion

### YA(o) by Indigenous Indicator

- **Indigenous Population**: 16.5%
- **Not Indigenous**: 83.5%

### Circumstances before YA(o)

- **Not Receiving Income Support**: 73%
- **Working Age Payment**: 28%
- **Student Payment**: 1%
- **Other Income Support Payment**: 1%

### Circumstances after YA(o)

- **Not Receiving Income Support**: 61%
- **Working Age Payment**: 37%
- **Student Payment**: 14%
- **Other Income Support Payment**: 22%

### About YA(o)

Youth Allowance (other) is the primary income support payment for young people aged under 22 years who are looking for paid work, undertaking other activities to improve their employment prospects (such as study or training) or temporarily incapacitated for work or study.

Recipients with a Partial Capacity to Work have decreased by 2.3% from June 2015, these recipients now make up 9.8% of the population. Note: due to small principal carer parent population size, modest changes in recipients can produce large percentage changes.

The Indigenous proportion of YA(o) population has remained fairly stable over time and at June 2016 was 16.5%. Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as Indigenous.

At June 2016, 45% of YA(o) recipients were aged 18-19 years, while 46% were aged 20-21. The majority of recipients were aged 18 and over (91%).

At June 2016, 56.6% of recipients were classified as long-term (1 year plus), the proportion has remained stable over time.

The majority of YA(o) recipients reside in major cities (56%). A further 30.4% reside in regional areas (outer and inner), while the remaining recipients reside in remote or very remote locations. In comparison the general working age population in Australia has a higher proportion residing in major cities (71%) and lower proportion residing in regional areas (27%) (ABS Census 2011).

The highest proportion of recipients were located in Queensland at 28.1%, followed by New South Wales at 27.2% and Victoria at 19.9%. This reflects that, while New South Wales and Victoria have larger overall populations, Queensland has a higher proportion of young people aged between 15 and 24 years (Census 2011) as well as a higher youth unemployment rate (ABS labour force June 2016).

### Quick Facts Jun-14 Jun-15 Jun-16 Change Jun-15

- **Total Population**: 113,998 112,620 98,100 -12.9% -13.9%
- **Duration**: 48,512 46,512 42,165 -9.9% -12.9%
- **Nil Earnings**: 67,486 60,635 55,510 -11.5% -16.4%
- **Earnings**: 9,177 9,177 9,177 0.0% -0.5%
- **Non Partnered**: 82,139 76,258 68,054 -7.9% -14.5%
- **Partnered**: 31,859 36,362 28,046 -10.9% -12.6%
- **Independent**: 51,869 53,513 41,046 -13.7% -33.8%
- **Dependent**: 30 31 32 0.0% 3.3%
- **Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area**: 14 14 14 0.0% 0.0%
- **Very Remote Australia**: 28 28 28 0.0% 0.0%
- **Outer Regional Australia**: 36 36 36 0.0% 0.0%
- **Regional Australia**: 60 60 60 0.0% 0.0%
- **Remote Australia**: 154 154 154 0.0% 0.0%
- **Very Remote Australia (other)**: 5,846 5,846 5,846 0.0% 0.0%
- **Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area**: 1 1 1 0.0% 0.0%

### YA(o) by State

- **ACT**: 20,718
- **NSW**: 53,054
- **QLD**: 21,136
- **SA**: 10,873
- **TAS**: 4,873
- **WA**: 18,701
- **VIC**: 48,800

### YA(o) by Duration on Income Support

- **Less than 1 year**: 113,998
- **1 year plus**: 112,620
- **2 years plus**: 98,100

### YA(o) Expenditure

- **Expenditure**: $1.04 billion

### YA(o) by Remoteness Area

- **Inner Regional Australia**: 50%
- **Major Cities of Australia**: 20%
- **Outer Regional Australia**: 14%
- **Regional Australia**: 30%
- **Remote Australia**: 14%
- **Very Remote Australia (other)**: 7%
- **Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area**: 5%
Data Descriptions
Youth Allowance (other): Youth Allowance (other) is the primary income support payment for young people aged under 22 years who are seeking or preparing for paid employment.

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

Note: Recipient numbers are point-in-time as at the end of the month, using the definition above, these numbers differ from the data in the Labour Market and Related Payments publication, which is averaged over the month.

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

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:

Activity: The main activity undertaken by a recipient with participation requirements.

Age Group: The age group of the recipient.

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

Circumstances before YA(o): This data compares two points in time, one year apart. 'Not Receiving Income Support' describes those who were not in receipt of an income support payment at the first point in time, who were receiving YA(o) at the second point in time. This data does not take into account Family Tax Benefit.

Dependent: Recipients are classified as dependent for the purposes of the Social Security Act if they do not meet independence reasons.

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.

Independent: Recipients who are classified as independent for the purposes of the Social Security Act, reasons include evidence of self-support through employment, member of a couple, have a dependent child, unable to live at home or be supported by parents/guardians, over 18 and educationally disadvantaged, or have a partial capacity to work.

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.

Principal carer: Recipients who have principal caring responsibilities for a dependent child(ren).

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.

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