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.

Between June 2012 and June 2016 the proportion of Carer Payment recipients aged less than 55 decreased by around a percentage point to 55.7% of the total Carer Payment population. Over the past five years the proportion of recipients in receipt of Carer Payment for 10 years or more increased by five percentage points (9.2% to 14.3%).

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Between June 2012 and June 2016 the number of recipients who identified as Indigenous was 13,423. Since June 2012 the proportion of those who identified as Indigenous has increased from 4.5% to 5.2%.

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Carer Payment recipients by age range (years)

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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 24th June 2016.

**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:**

**Carer Payment populations table:** The 'Jun-15 to Jun-16' column illustrates the 12 months growth; The 'Avg Jun-14 Jun-16' column 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, Defacto, Registered; Not partnered = Divorced, Seperated, 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.

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