## Carer Payment - June 2016 **Carer Payment populations Carer Payment expenditure** Carer Payment recipient population by qualification type 0.35% Jun-15 -**About Carer Payment** 300000 **Quick facts** Jun-14 Jun-15 14 -Jun Jun-16 0.30% Jun-16 250000 0.25% Carer total population 243,856 255,542 260,592 2.0% 3.4% 200000 150000 Carer tluhΔ 215,370 224,329 227,835 1.6% 2.9% 0.15% Qualification 28,486 31,213 4.9% 7.3% 100000 hild 32.75 5% 0.10% 168,787 177,002 180,576 2.0% 3.4% 50000 male Gende 0.05% 75.069 78.540 80.016 1.9% 3.3% Carer Payment provides income support to people who, because 0.00% 158,868 157,908 151,764 -3.9% -2.2% 5 years Duration 84,988 13.2% 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 97.634 108.828 11.5% of the demands of their caring role, are unable to support + vears DATE 24,345 24,938 25,110 0.79 1.6% DATE arnings themselves through substantial paid employment. Adult/Child split unavailable Child Earnings Carer Payment expenditure lil earnings 219,511 230,604 235,482 2.19 3.69 Rate 183,569 192,776 197,069 2.29 3.6% Between June 2006 and June 2016 the Carer Payment population grew at an As a proportion of GDP, Carer Payment expenditure has increased by around 0.1 of Maximum 214,538 223,432 226,870 2.8% average annual rate of 9.6% per annum. The proportion of Carer Payment a percentage point since June 2012. This increase is primarily due to increases in Caree Adult 28,343 31,075 32,620 the Carer Payment population growth, and pension payment rates. Qualification Child 5.0% 7.3% recipients caring for a child grew from 5.1% in June 2009 to 12.6% in June 2016. Carer Payment recipients by age range (years) Carer Payment recipients by gender Carer Payment recipients by relationship status **Carer Payment by Indigenous indicator** 100% 60 100% 100% 15000 5.8% 5.5% 80% 12000 RECIPIENT 5.2% 60% 60% 60% 9000 ¥ 40% 4.9% 40% 6000 4.6% **5** % OF **6** % 20% 20% 3000 4.3% % Jun-14 Jun-16 Jun-12 Jun-13 lun-14 lun-15 Jun-16 Jun-12 Jun-13 lun-14 Jun-15 Jun-16 Jun-12 Jun-15 DATE DATE DATE DATE Identified as Indigenous Female ■ Partnered ■ Not partnered Between June 2012 and June 2016 the proportion of Carer Payment recipients aged As at June 2016 the number of recipients who identified as Indigenous was 13,423. Since June 2012 the proportion of Carer Payment recipients who are female has less than 55 decreased by around a percentage point to 55.7% of the total Carer Between June 2012 and June 2016 the proportion of recipients who are partnered Since June 2012 the proportion of those who identified as Indigenous has increased Payment population. For the same period the proportion aged over 65 increased remained steady at around 69% of the total Carer Payment population has dropped approximately four percentage points to 56.9% from 4.5% to 5.2%. slightly from 12.3% to 15.5% of all Carer Payment recipients. Carer Payment recipients by duration of current episode Carer Payment recipients by rate of payment Carer Payment recipient by earned income indicator Where Carer Payment recipients have gone to - as at 100% 26/6/2016 100% 95% 80% 4.7% 90% 1.4% 41.6% Non-recipient 60% 85% 50% 4.0%\_ ■ Newstart Allowance 80% **5** 25% 75% ■ Parenting Payment Single lun-12 lun-13 lun-14 lun-15 lun-16 ■ Disability Support Pension Jun-12 Jun-12 Jun-13 Jun-14 Jun-16 Jun-13 Jun-14 Jun-15 Jun-16 DATE Other payment 28.2% DATE DATE 5 to < 10 10 to < 15 Mean duration ■ Full rate Other rate ■ No earned income Earned income Since June 2012 the proportion of recipients who receive a part rate of Carer Between June 2012 and June 2016 the proportion of recipients with earned income Over the past five years the proportion of recipients in receipt of Carer Payment for Around 58% of Carer Payment recipients who exited Carer Payment moved onto Payment has decreased by 2.8 percentage points before remaining steady at around has decreased slightly by around 0.6 of a percentage point. 10 years or more increased by five percentage points (9.2% to 14.3%). nother income support payment. See Glossary Where Carer Payment recipients come from - as at Care receiver 1st listed medical conditions by qualification type Carer Payment care receivers by age range (years) Carer Payment carers relationship to care receivers 27/6/2015 100% 100% Adult medical conditions (top 5) Jun-12 Jun-14 Jun-16 80% Osteoarthritis 20.420 21.977 22,227 ■ Non Recipient 15.134 17.527 18.274 Major depression 60% 60% ■ Newstart Allowance 49 4% Musculo-skeletal disorder - other 12,094 14,648 16,170 CARE 40% 40% Circulatory system – other 7.921 8.371 8.503 ■ Parenting Payment Single Spinal disorder - Other 5,092 6,986 8,132 ö ■ Parenting Payment Partnered 20% 60.661 69.509 73.306 Sub total ■ Age Pension Child medical conditions (top 5) Jun-12 Jun-16 Jun-14 0% Other payment Jun-12 Jun-13 Jun-14 Jun-15 Jun-16 Jun-12 Jun-13 Jun-14 Jun-15 Autism spectrum disorder 5,352 8,314 12,102 Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder 2,228 3,067 3,307 ■ Partner ■ Parent ■ Child ■ Other related ■ Other/Unrelated/Unknown 25-54 **55-65 65+** <25 1,664 2,243 2,031 Asperger's disorder Learning disability 1,853 2,198 1,872 etween June 2012 and June 2016 the age of the care receiver population remained Between June 2012 and June 2016 the proportion of recipients caring for a partner Cerebral Palsy 793 996 1.157 Almost 50% of new recipients were not in receipt of an income support payment table. As a result of changes to Carer payment policy in 2009, there has been a slight | fell by 3.6 percentage points. This corresponds to the drop in the proportion of ub total 11,890 16,818 20,469 mmediately before claiming Carer Payment. See Glossary. crease (2.5 percentage points) in the proportion of care receivers aged under 25. Carer Payment recipients who are partnered versus who are single. Total care receivers 207,048 242,881 259,490



## **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 breakes in continutity 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.