Parenting Payment Partnered (PPP) – Payment Trends and Profile Report
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## About Parenting Payment Partnered

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

## Parenting Payment Partnered Quick Facts

The population decreased by 2,332 (2.2%) comparing June 2015 to June 2014.

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| **Table 1: Parenting Payment Partnered Quick Facts** |
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| **Quick Facts** | **Jun-13** | **Jun-14** | **Jun-15** | **Change Jun-14 to Jun-15** | **Change Jun-13 to Jun-15** |
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| Total Population | 103,497 | 104,028 | 101,696 | -2.2% | -1.7% |
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| Male | 9,417 | 9,749 | 9,830 | 0.8% | 4.4% |
| Female | 94,080 | 94,279 | 91,866 | -2.6% | -2.4% |
| Duration - Short Term | 24,484 | 24,402 | 22,424 | -8.1% | -8.4% |
| Duration -Long Term | 79,013 | 79,626 | 79,272 | -0.4% | 0.3% |
| Recipients with Earnings | 9,111 | 9,500 | 9,530 | 0.3% | 4.6% |
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## Parenting Payment Partnered Population – Time Series

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 over 6 years; eligible recipients transferred onto Newstart Allowance. From June 2014 to June 2015, the total PPP population decreased by 2.2%.

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| **Table 2: Parenting Payment Partnered Time Series** |
| **Month and Year** | **Recipients** |
| Jun-05 | 167,435 |
| Jun-06 | 158,814 |
| Jun-07 | 144,427 |
| Jun-08 | 125,922 |
| Jun-09 | 129,365 |
| Jun-10 | 124,910 |
| Jun-11 | 117,754 |
| Jun-12 | 114,342 |
| Jun-13 | 103,497 |
| Jun-14 | 104,028 |
| Jun-15 | 101,696 |

## Parenting Payment Partnered Expenditure

Expenditure on PPP has remained relatively stable over time. The 2014-15 expenditure on PPP was $1.019 billion. Expenditure on PPP makes up 0.06% of Gross Domestic Product (ABS National Accounts).

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| **Table 3: Parenting Payment Partnered Expenditure** |
| **Financial Year** | **Expenditure ($’000)** | **% of Gross Domestic Product** |
| 2010-11 | 1,048,067 | 0.07% |
| 2011-12 | 1,063,839 | 0.07% |
| 2012-13 | 1,027,354 | 0.07% |
| 2013-14 | 1,030,834 | 0.07% |
| 2014-15 | 1,019,572 | 0.06% |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Age Group

At June 2015, 45% of PPP recipients were aged between 30 and 39 years, with a further 40% aged under 30 years. 15% of recipients are aged over 40 years, with the majority of these recipients aged between 40 and 44 years.

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| **Table 4: Parenting Payment Partnered by Age Group** |
| **Age Group** | **Jun-11** | **Jun-12** | **Jun-13** | **Jun-14** | **Jun-15** |
| Under 30 | 43,099 | 42,181 | 41,873 | 41,745 | 40,301 |
| 30-39 | 50,631 | 49,185 | 46,457 | 47,034 | 46,238 |
| 40+ | 24,024 | 22,976 | 15,167 | 15,249 | 15,157 |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Gender

PPP recipients are predominantly female, with 90.3% female and 9.7% male.

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| **Table 5: Parenting Payment Partnered by Gender** |
| **Gender** | **Jun-11** | **Jun-12** | **Jun-13** | **Jun-14** | **Jun-15** |
| Male | 10,025 | 9,992 | 9,417 | 9,749 | 9,830 |
| Female | 107,729 | 104,350 | 94,080 | 94,279 | 91,866 |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Age of Youngest Child

PPP recipient numbers are highest among recipients with a youngest child aged 1 or 2 years old. Recipient numbers then gradually decline until recipients lose eligibility for PPP when their youngest child turns 6 years old.

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| **Table 6: Parenting Payment Partnered by Age of Youngest Child** |
| **Age of Youngest Child** | **Jun-15** |
| 0 years | 16,591 |
| 1 year | 20,354 |
| 2 years | 19,403 |
| 3 years | 17,776 |
| 4 years | 15,141 |
| 5 years | 12,427 |

Note: the table above does not include youngest children with an unknown age

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Indigenous Indicator

The Indigenous proportion of the total PPP population has increased slightly since June 2011. In June 2015, the Indigenous proportion was 8.7%. Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as Indigenous.

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| **Table 7: Parenting Payment Partnered by Indigenous Indicator** |
| **Indigenous Indicator** | **Jun-11** | **Jun-12** | **Jun-13** | **Jun-14** | **Jun-15** |
| Non Indigenous | 108,559 | 105,196 | 94,723 | 95,136 | 92,860 |
| Indigenous | 9,195 | 9,146 | 8,774 | 8,892 | 8,836 |
| Percentage | 7.8% | 8.0% | 8.5% | 8.5% | 8.7% |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Rate of Payment

The proportion of recipients on full-rate is comparable with June 2014 with a small decrease from 65% at June 2014 to 64.4% at June 2015. 'Other' includes those recipients who were yet to be paid.

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| **Table 8: Parenting Payment Partnered by Rate of Payment** |
| **Rate of Payment** | **Jun-11** | **Jun-12** | **Jun-13** | **Jun-14** | **Jun-15** |
| Full Rate | 72,030 | 70,530 | 65,767 | 67,604 | 65,468 |
| Part Rate | 36,230 | 35,098 | 29,833 | 28,646 | 28,802 |
| Zero Rate | 8,791 | 8,086 | 7,221 | 7,117 | 6,825 |
| Other Rate | 703 | 628 | 676 | 661 | 601 |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Earnings

The proportion of recipients reporting earnings has remained relatively stable over time. 9.4% of PPP recipients had earnings, up from 9.1% at June 2014. The low proportion is expected, as PPP recipients have caring responsibilities for young children.

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| **Table 9: Parenting Payment Partnered by Earnings** |
| **Reporting Earnings** | **Jun-11** | **Jun-12** | **Jun-13** | **Jun-14** | **Jun-15** |
| Nil Earnings | 103,637 | 101,492 | 94,386 | 94,528 | 92,166 |
| Had Earnings | 14,117 | 12,850 | 9,111 | 9,500 | 9,530 |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Duration on Income Support

As at June 2015, 77.9% of recipients were classified as long-term. The proportion has increased from 76.5% at June 2014. The longer duration is expected, due to the nature of the payment, with recipients caring for young and often multiple children.

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| **Table 10: Parenting Payment Partnered by Duration on Income Support** |
| **Duration** | **Jun-11** | **Jun-12** | **Jun-13** | **Jun-14** | **Jun-15** |
| Less than 1 year | 24,169 | 23,789 | 24,484 | 24,402 | 22,424 |
| 1 year plus | 93,585 | 90,553 | 79,013 | 79,626 | 79,272 |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by Remoteness Area

The majority of PPP recipients reside in major cities (64.7%). A further 30% live in regional areas (outer and inner), while the remaining recipients are in remote or very remote locations. This is similar to the general working age population, which has 71% of the working age population living in major cities and 27 % living in regional areas (ABS Census 2011 data).

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| **Table 11: Parenting Payment Partnered by Remoteness Area** |
| **Remoteness Area** | **Jun-15** | **Percentage** |
| Inner Regional Australia | 19,961 | 19.6% |
| Major Cities of Australia | 65,798 | 64.7% |
| Outer Regional Australia | 10,540 | 10.4% |
| Remote Australia | 1,537 | 1.5% |
| Very Remote Australia | 3,475 | 3.4% |
| Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area | 385 | 0.4% |

## Parenting Payment Partnered by State

The highest proportion of recipients were located in New South Wales at 32.8% followed by Victoria at 24.6% and 20.9% in Queensland.

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| **Table 12: Parenting Payment Partnered by State** |
| **State** | **Jun-15** |
| New South Wales | 33,329 |
| Victoria | 25,016 |
| Queensland | 21,291 |
| Western Australia | 7,772 |
| South Australia | 7,843 |
| Tasmania | 2,966 |
| Australian Capital Territory | 739 |
| Northern Territory | 2,688 |
| Unknown | 52 |

## Parenting Payment Partnered with Earnings by Age of Youngest Child

Recipients with a youngest child aged 1 or 2 years old make up 41% of PPP recipients with earnings.

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| **Table 13: Parenting Payment Partnered with Earnings by Age of Youngest Child** |
| **Age of Youngest Child** | **Recipients with earnings** | **Proportion of earners** |
| 0 years | 1,064 | 11% |
| 1 year | 2,068 | 22% |
| 2 years | 1,838 | 19% |
| 3 years | 1,649 | 17% |
| 4 years | 1,516 | 16% |
| 5 years | 1,395 | 15% |

## Circumstances before receiving Parenting Payment Partnered

The majority of PPP recipients in June 2015, and who were not in receipt of PPP in June 2014, 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 2014, the largest proportion transferred from Parenting Payment Single (15.7%), Newstart Allowance (12%) and Youth Allowance (other) (4.7%).

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| **Table 14: Circumstances before receiving Parenting Payment Partnered** |
| **Circumstance** | **Recipients** | **Percentage** |
| Not Receiving Income Support | 22,569 | 63% |
| Working Age Payment | 11,598 | 33% |
| Student Payment | 908 | 3% |
| Other Payment | 513 | 1% |

## Circumstances after receiving Parenting Payment Partnered

The majority of those who were in receipt of PPP in June 2014 and who were no longer receiving PPP in June 2015, were no longer receiving any income support. Recipients who transferred to another payment generally transferred to Parenting Payment Single (23.3%), Newstart Allowance (13.3%) and Carer Payment (4.4%).

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| **Table 15: Circumstances after receiving Parenting Payment Partnered** |
| **Circumstance** | **From PPP to:** | **From PPP %** |
| Not Receiving Income Support | 21,432 | 57% |
| Working Age Payment | 13,996 | 37% |
| Student Payment | 558 | 1% |
| Other Payment | 1,934 | 5% |

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

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

**Australian National Accounts:** National Income, Expenditure and Product: Table 34 Time Series Spreadsheets (cat. no. 5206.0)

**Australian Bureau of Statistics Census 2011:** Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2011 Census of Population and Housing, Table Builder, RA by AGE5P - Age in Five Year Groups

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## Glossary

**Age Group:** The age group of the recipient.

**Age of Youngest Child:** The age of the recipient’s 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 PPS 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 PPP:** 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 PPS at the second point in time. This data does not take into account Family Tax Benefit.

**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 recipient’s 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.

## Further Information

The Department of Social Services publishes statistics about the various pensions, benefits and family payments which the Department administers, on a quarterly basis on the Australian Government’s centralised data publishing site, [data.gov.au](http://www.data.gov.au/organization/about/department-of-social-services) (http://www.data.gov.au/organization/about/department-of-social-services). A statistical overview is published on an annual basis on the Department’s website, [DSS - Statistical Paper Series](http://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/research-publications/statistical-paper-series) (http://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/research-publications/statistical-paper-series).

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