

# LABOUR MARKET AND RELATED PAYMENTS

a monthly profile

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## INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistical information on a monthly basis for the various types of labour market payments delivered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE). This publication was produced previously by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR).

This publication covers Newstart (NSA) and Youth Allowance (other) (YA(o)) in some detail, and to a lesser extent, Partner Allowance (PA), Widow Allowance (WA), Youth Allowance (Full Time Student)(YA(FTS)) and Youth Allowance (Australian Apprentices) (YA(a)).

Table 1 provides information on the total number of NSA and YA recipients. The YA population is broken down into YA(o), YA(FTS) and YA(Australian Apprentices) categories. The total numbers of PA and WA recipients are also provided in this table.

Tables 2 and 3 show the derivation of the NSA and YA(o) job seeker populations (see the reference to job seekers in the ‘Comparability of data’ section of the Explanatory Notes). These populations are added together to derive the total number of job seekers.

Tables 4 to 8 provide information on the total job seeker population.

When using time series figures, it is important to note that changes have occurred over time to the conditions of eligibility for different payments. Details of these changes are provided in the Explanatory Notes.

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## STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS – April 2013

### Between April 2012 and April 2013

Total Newstart Allowance (NSA) and Youth Allowance (other) (YA(o)) recipients **increased 18.5 per cent** overall from 661 274 to 783 294.

- ◆ NSA recipients increased 17.5 per cent from 576 620 to 677 527.
- ◆ YA(o) recipients increased 24.9 per cent from 84 654 to 105 767.

The number of job seekers **increased 18.8 per cent** overall from 332 390 to 394 889.

- ◆ NSA job seekers increased 16.8 per cent from 296 261 to 345 888.
- ◆ YA(o) job seekers increased 35.6 per cent from 36 129 to 49 001.

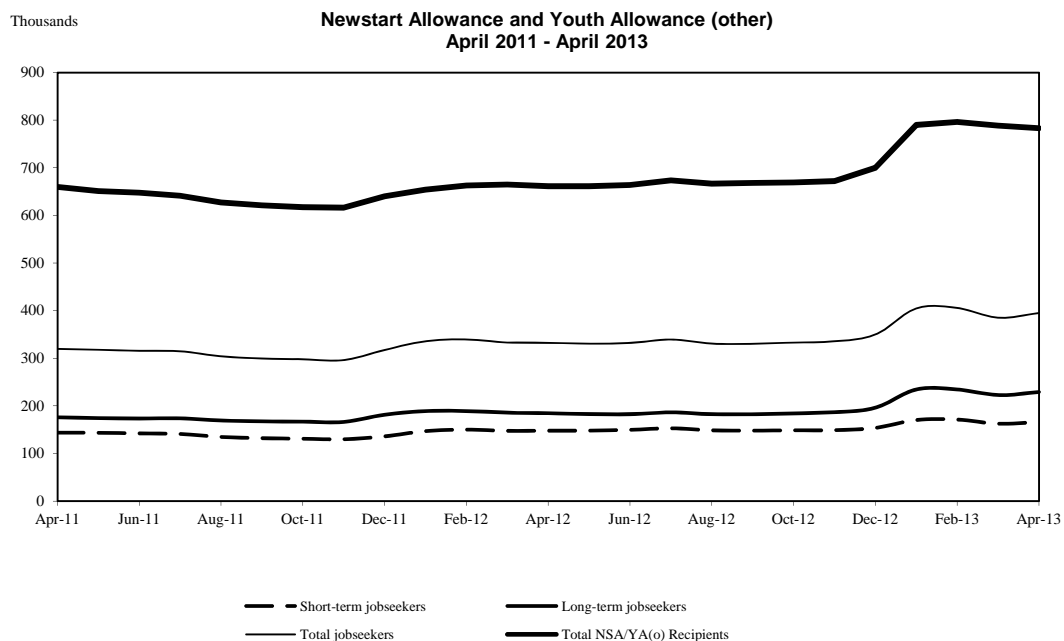
Long-term job seekers increased 24.1 per cent from 184 581 to 229 031.

Short-term job seekers increased 12.2 per cent from 147 809 to 165 858.

NOTE: There is a break in the series between June and July 2012. From July 2012 allowee data is not wholly comparable with previously published data, due to changes in eligibility for Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) (see Explanatory Notes).

For comparisons between DEEWR unemployment labour market payment numbers and ABS labour force unemployment statistics, see Appendix.

Figure 1: Line Graph – Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) time series



**TABLE 1 - LABOUR MARKET PAYMENTS - TIME SERIES**

	Newstart Allowance		Youth Allowance			Partner Allowance	Widow Allowance
	Long Term	Total	Other	Full-time Students	Australian Apprentices		
February 1994	472,785	977,796	..	..	..	..	..
April 2011	348,597	571,168	88,687	307,093	4,848	18,392	30,564
May 2011	345,226	564,805	86,230	315,670	4,859	17,850	30,184
June 2011	343,642	561,839	85,711	320,654	4,948	17,379	29,823
July 2011	341,388	556,349	84,917	315,490	4,772	17,036	29,621
August 2011	337,649	547,029	79,940	324,291	4,681	16,881	29,751
September 2011	336,056	542,845	78,096	329,360	4,671	16,751	29,868
October 2011	335,189	540,910	76,091	330,938	4,566	16,641	30,116
November 2011	334,884	540,527	75,664	311,741	4,352	16,544	30,328
December 2011	342,119	552,983	87,305	269,552	4,256	16,426	30,618
January 2012	346,578	566,287	87,617	241,565	4,110	16,129	30,564
February 2012	348,940	574,458	88,284	246,450	4,214	15,753	30,351
March 2012	351,092	578,219	86,583	262,183	4,495	15,279	30,029
April 2012	350,547	576,620	84,654	271,071	4,637	14,878	29,752
May 2012	350,294	577,483	83,553	273,335	4,786	14,519	29,565
June 2012	351,477	580,807	82,955	270,959	4,900	14,137	29,342
July 2012	354,823	586,745	86,889	262,157	5,012	13,742	29,031
August 2012	352,855	581,305	85,525	268,867	5,156	13,368	28,791
September 2012	353,622	580,857	87,215	267,488	5,385	12,977	28,516
October 2012	354,955	580,867	88,174	263,263	5,497	12,659	28,284
November 2012	356,010	581,309	90,753	241,435	5,332	12,297	28,058
December 2012	364,803	595,248	104,885	200,222	5,234	11,974	27,838
January 2013	442,932	682,873	107,103	194,172	5,233	11,675	27,590
February 2013	444,457	686,852	109,306	207,266	5,540	11,361	27,329
March 2013	443,932	682,120	106,244	225,583	6,086	11,009	27,006
April 2013	439,863	677,527	105,767	236,305	6,349	10,700	26,660
Variation March 2013 - April 2013							
Number	-4,069	-4,593	-477	10,722	263	-309	-346
Per cent	-0.9	-0.7	-0.4	4.8	4.3	-2.8	-1.3

## Notes:

- Long-term Allowees have received income support for 12 months or more.
- The method of measuring the number of people receiving labour market payments was revised in July 2002. The July 2002 publication includes revised historical data from May 1998 to June 2002.
- February 1994 data is included as it represents a peak in the number of recipients.
- There is a break in the series between June and July 2012. From July 2012 allowee data is not wholly comparable with previously published data, due to changes in eligibility for Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) (see Explanatory Notes).

**TABLE 2 - NEWSTART ALLOWEES - DERIVATION OF THE JOB SEEKER POPULATION**

	April 2013			March 2013	Variation March - April	
	Persons	Males	Females		Number	Percent
<b>Short Term Newstart Allowees</b>	<b>237,664</b>	<b>151,299</b>	<b>86,365</b>	<b>238,188</b>	<b>-524</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
CPS Recipients (a)	271	204	67	292	-21	-7.2
Did not receive a payment (b)	12,649	7,226	5,423	13,411	-762	-5.7
Received a payment	224,744	143,869	80,875	224,485	259	0.1
Voluntary/part-time work (c)	6,595	1,986	4,609	6,379	216	3.4
Other activities without job search (d)	33,941	20,772	13,169	36,356	-2,415	-6.6
Incapacitated (e)	22,455	13,136	9,319	22,692	-237	-1.0
Other/temporary exemptions (f)	15,335	8,751	6,584	14,912	423	2.8
<b>Short-term NSA job seekers (g)</b>	<b>146,418</b>	<b>99,224</b>	<b>47,194</b>	<b>144,146</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<i>Short-term NSA training/education (h)</i>	<i>29,819</i>	<i>17,545</i>	<i>12,274</i>	<i>25,832</i>	<i>3,987</i>	<i>15.4</i>
<b>Long Term Newstart Allowees</b>	<b>439,863</b>	<b>205,765</b>	<b>234,098</b>	<b>443,932</b>	<b>-4,069</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
CPS Recipients (a)	2,023	1,306	717	2,055	-32	-1.6
Did not receive a payment (b)	16,217	5,868	10,349	20,474	-4,257	-20.8
Received a payment	421,623	198,591	223,032	421,403	220	0.1
Voluntary/part-time work (c)	52,357	10,924	41,433	52,454	-97	-0.2
Other activities without job search (d)	93,615	42,567	51,048	99,933	-6,318	-6.3
Incapacitated (e)	37,047	17,619	19,428	36,681	366	1.0
Other/temporary exemptions (f)	39,134	17,186	21,948	38,862	272	0.7
<b>Long-term NSA job seekers (g)</b>	<b>199,470</b>	<b>110,295</b>	<b>89,175</b>	<b>193,473</b>	<b>5,997</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<i>Long-term NSA training/education (h)</i>	<i>115,559</i>	<i>55,687</i>	<i>59,872</i>	<i>97,769</i>	<i>17,790</i>	<i>18.2</i>
<b>All Newstart Allowees</b>	<b>677,527</b>	<b>357,064</b>	<b>320,463</b>	<b>682,120</b>	<b>-4,593</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
CPS Recipients (a)	2,294	1,510	784	2,347	-53	-2.3
Did not receive a payment (b)	28,866	13,094	15,772	33,885	-5,019	-14.8
Received a payment	646,367	342,460	303,907	645,888	479	0.1
Voluntary/part-time work (c)	58,952	12,910	46,042	58,833	119	0.2
Other activities without job search (d)	127,556	63,339	64,217	136,289	-8,733	-6.4
Incapacitated (e)	59,502	30,755	28,747	59,373	129	0.2
Other/temporary exemptions (f)	54,469	25,937	28,532	53,774	695	1.3
<b>All NSA job seekers (g)</b>	<b>345,888</b>	<b>209,519</b>	<b>136,369</b>	<b>337,619</b>	<b>8,269</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<i>All NSA training/education (h)</i>	<i>145,378</i>	<i>73,232</i>	<i>72,146</i>	<i>123,601</i>	<i>21,777</i>	<i>17.6</i>

- (a) Allowees eligible for NSA who received the CDEP Participant Supplement or add ons.  
(b) Allowees who did not receive a payment due to their own income and/or that of their partner or parents, where applicable. This group is often referred to as zero-paid.  
(c) Allowees who are not required to seek work because they are undertaking approved full-time voluntary work or a combination of voluntary and part-time work.  
(d) Allowees who are undertaking one or more other activities (which may include training or education) but not job search. This includes allowees undertaking self-employment development.  
(e) Allowees who are temporarily ill or incapacitated.  
(f) Includes allowees who are known not to have participation requirements and allowees participating in Disability Management Services.  
(g) Allowees who received a payment and generally are required to search for work. These allowees are classified as job seekers and form the basis of the population group in Tables 4 - 7.  
(h) All allowees who are undertaking training or education which may be in conjunction with job search and/or other activities. This category is a subset of all allowees who received a payment.

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**TABLE 3 - YOUTH ALLOWEES (OTHER) - DERIVATION OF THE JOB SEEKER POPULATION**

	April 2013			March 2013	Variation March - April	
	Persons	Males	Females		Number	Percent
<b>Short Term Youth Allowees</b>	<b>43,756</b>	<b>24,827</b>	<b>18,929</b>	<b>43,208</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>1.3</b>
CPS Recipients (a)	24	15	9	23	1	4.3
Did not receive a payment (b)	925	450	475	870	55	6.3
Received a payment	42,807	24,362	18,445	42,315	492	1.2
Other activities without job search (c)	19,398	11,564	7,834	20,222	-824	-4.1
Incapacitated (d)	1,997	996	1,001	1,855	142	7.7
Other/temporary exemptions (e)	1,972	945	1,027	1,890	82	4.3
<b>Short-term YA (other) job seekers (f)</b>	<b>19,440</b>	<b>10,857</b>	<b>8,583</b>	<b>18,348</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<i>Short-term YA (other) training/education (g)</i>	<i>13,174</i>	<i>7,423</i>	<i>5,751</i>	<i>11,141</i>	<i>2,033</i>	<i>18.2</i>
<b>Long Term Youth Allowees</b>	<b>62,011</b>	<b>31,453</b>	<b>30,558</b>	<b>63,036</b>	<b>-1,025</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
CPS Recipients (a)	57	46	11	60	-3	-5.0
Did not receive a payment (b)	1,373	541	832	1,257	116	9.2
Received a payment	60,581	30,866	29,715	61,719	-1,138	-1.8
Other activities without job search (c)	25,881	13,590	12,291	27,537	-1,656	-6.0
Incapacitated (d)	2,456	1,100	1,356	2,359	97	4.1
Other/temporary exemptions (e)	2,683	1,129	1,554	2,685	-2	-0.1
<b>Long-term YA (other) job seekers (f)</b>	<b>29,561</b>	<b>15,047</b>	<b>14,514</b>	<b>29,138</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<i>Long-term YA (other) training/education (g)</i>	<i>22,943</i>	<i>11,372</i>	<i>11,571</i>	<i>19,248</i>	<i>3,695</i>	<i>19.2</i>
<b>All Youth Allowees</b>	<b>105,767</b>	<b>56,280</b>	<b>49,487</b>	<b>106,244</b>	<b>-477</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
CPS Recipients (a)	81	61	20	83	-2	-2.4
Did not receive a payment (b)	2,298	991	1,307	2,127	171	8.0
Received a payment	103,388	55,228	48,160	104,034	-646	-0.6
Other activities without job search (c)	45,279	25,154	20,125	47,759	-2,480	-5.2
Incapacitated (d)	4,453	2,096	2,357	4,214	239	5.7
Other/temporary exemptions (e)	4,655	2,074	2,581	4,575	80	1.7
<b>All YA (other) job seekers (f)</b>	<b>49,001</b>	<b>25,904</b>	<b>23,097</b>	<b>47,486</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<i>All YA (other) training/education (g)</i>	<i>36,117</i>	<i>18,795</i>	<i>17,322</i>	<i>30,389</i>	<i>5,728</i>	<i>18.8</i>

(a) Allowees eligible for YA (other) who received the CDEP Participant Supplement or add ons.

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(g) All allowees who are undertaking training or education which may be in conjunction with job search and/or other activities. This category is a subset of all allowees who received a payment.

Notes:

– Long-term allowees have received income support for 12 months or more.

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**TABLE 4 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE  
(OTHER) TIME SERIES**

	<b>Short-term</b>	<b>Long-term</b>	<b>Total</b>
April 2011	143,728	175,953	319,681
May 2011	143,422	174,297	317,719
June 2011	142,149	173,418	315,567
July 2011	140,875	173,761	314,636
August 2011	134,716	169,262	303,978
September 2011	132,079	167,384	299,463
October 2011	130,980	166,799	297,779
November 2011	129,846	166,266	296,112
December 2011	135,882	181,357	317,239
January 2012	146,931	188,773	335,704
February 2012	150,028	189,447	339,475
March 2012	147,524	185,409	332,933
April 2012	147,809	184,581	332,390
May 2012	148,032	182,654	330,686
June 2012	149,587	182,435	332,022
July 2012	152,845	186,422	339,267
August 2012	148,597	182,177	330,774
September 2012	147,989	182,417	330,406
October 2012	148,639	184,263	332,902
November 2012	148,884	186,543	335,427
December 2012	153,702	196,080	349,782
January 2013	170,179	234,387	404,566
February 2013	171,180	234,508	405,688
March 2013	162,494	222,611	385,105
April 2013	165,858	229,031	394,889
Variation March 2013 - April 2013			
Number	3364	6420	9784
Per cent	2.1	2.9	2.5

Notes:

- Long-term job seekers have received income support for 12 months or more.
- There is a break in the series between June and July 2009. Post July 2009 job seeker data is not wholly comparable with previously published data (see Explanatory Notes).



**TABLE 5 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY STATE**

<i>State</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			Number	Per cent
<b>SHORT-TERM JOB SEEKERS</b>				
New South Wales	46,502	47,451	949	2.0
Victoria	39,564	40,496	932	2.4
Queensland	40,980	41,839	859	2.1
South Australia	12,373	12,430	57	0.5
Western Australia	14,511	14,903	392	2.7
Tasmania	4,214	4,228	14	0.3
Northern Territory	2,913	3,024	111	3.8
Australian Capital Territory	1,437	1,487	50	3.5
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>162,494</b>	<b>165,858</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>LONG-TERM JOB SEEKERS</b>				
New South Wales	69,475	71,088	1,613	2.3
Victoria	50,461	51,892	1,431	2.8
Queensland	49,735	51,631	1,896	3.8
South Australia	20,164	20,674	510	2.5
Western Australia	17,257	17,659	402	2.3
Tasmania	8,232	8,466	234	2.8
Northern Territory	5,686	5,944	258	4.5
Australian Capital Territory	1,601	1,677	76	4.7
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>222,611</b>	<b>229,031</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>TOTAL JOB SEEKERS</b>				
New South Wales	115,977	118,539	2,562	2.2
Victoria	90,025	92,388	2,363	2.6
Queensland	90,715	93,470	2,755	3.0
South Australia	32,537	33,104	567	1.7
Western Australia	31,768	32,562	794	2.5
Tasmania	12,446	12,694	248	2.0
Northern Territory	8,599	8,968	369	4.3
Australian Capital Territory	3,038	3,164	126	4.1
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>385,105</b>	<b>394,889</b>	<b>9,784</b>	<b>2.5</b>

Notes:

– Long-term job seekers have received income support for 12 months or more.

**TABLE 6 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY AGE AND SEX, AS AT APRIL 2013**

Age	Short-term job seekers		Long-term job seekers		Total job seekers	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
<b>MALES</b>						
Less than 18 years	1,278	1.2	945	0.8	2,223	0.9
18 - 20 years	7,225	6.6	11,239	9.0	18,464	7.8
21 - 24 years	16,842	15.3	19,192	15.3	36,034	15.3
25 - 29 years	18,698	17.0	18,955	15.1	37,653	16.0
30 - 39 years	27,455	24.9	28,928	23.1	56,383	23.9
40 - 49 years	20,808	18.9	23,740	18.9	44,548	18.9
50 - 59 years	13,327	12.1	16,511	13.2	29,838	12.7
60 years and over	4,447	4.0	5,832	4.7	10,279	4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,080</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>125,342</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>235,422</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>						
Less than 18 years	1,258	2.3	1,041	1.0	2,299	1.4
18 - 20 years	5,726	10.3	10,999	10.6	16,725	10.5
21 - 24 years	9,361	16.8	13,294	12.8	22,655	14.2
25 - 29 years	7,381	13.2	9,971	9.6	17,352	10.9
30 - 39 years	9,470	17.0	20,682	19.9	30,152	18.9
40 - 49 years	10,965	19.7	27,558	26.6	38,523	24.2
50 - 59 years	9,189	16.5	16,873	16.3	26,062	16.3
60 years and over	2,428	4.4	3,271	3.2	5,699	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,778</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103,689</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>159,467</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>						
Less than 18 years	2,536	1.5	1,986	0.9	4,522	1.1
18 - 20 years	12,951	7.8	22,238	9.7	35,189	8.9
21 - 24 years	26,203	15.8	32,486	14.2	58,689	14.9
25 - 29 years	26,079	15.7	28,926	12.6	55,005	13.9
30 - 39 years	36,925	22.3	49,610	21.7	86,535	21.9
40 - 49 years	31,773	19.2	51,298	22.4	83,071	21.0
50 - 59 years	22,516	13.6	33,384	14.6	55,900	14.2
60 years and over	6,875	4.1	9,103	4.0	15,978	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,858</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>229,031</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>394,889</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Notes:

– Long-term job seekers have received income support for 12 months or more.

**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>SYDNEY</i></b>				
AS1 Community Team	25	28	%	%
Bankstown	3,558	3,645	87	2.4
Bondi Junction	1,180	1,158	-22	-1.9
Burwood	1,784	1,766	-18	-1.0
Campsie	2,320	2,399	79	3.4
Caringbah	824	844	20	2.4
Chatswood	1,318	1,308	-10	-0.8
Darlinghurst	1,676	1,701	25	1.5
Hornsby	1,065	1,054	-11	-1.0
Hurstville	1,547	1,554	7	0.5
Leichhardt	1,403	1,407	4	0.3
Maroubra	1,584	1,543	-41	-2.6
Marrickville	1,517	1,521	4	0.3
Northern Beaches	1,254	1,285	31	2.5
Redfern	1,441	1,487	46	3.2
Rockdale	1,524	1,533	9	0.6
Ryde	1,173	1,146	-27	-2.3
Sutherland	806	841	35	4.3
Other (a)	4	3	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,003</b>	<b>26,223</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>0.8</b>

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**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>CENTRAL NEW SOUTH WALES</i></b>				
Auburn	2,269	2,294	25	1.1
Bathurst	760	768	8	1.1
Blacktown	2,997	3,071	74	2.5
Bourke	403	399	-4	-1.0
Cabramatta	2,189	2,297	108	4.9
Camden	633	644	11	1.7
Campbelltown	2,041	2,091	50	2.4
Dubbo	1,829	1,905	76	4.2
Fairfield	2,596	2,667	71	2.7
Hawkesbury	892	901	9	1.0
Ingleburn	1,314	1,353	39	3.0
Katoomba	611	596	-15	-2.5
Lightning Ridge	189	198	9	4.8
Lithgow	591	598	7	1.2
Liverpool	3,232	3,318	86	2.7
Mt Druitt	2,388	2,458	70	2.9
Mudgee	509	521	12	2.4
Orange	748	796	48	6.4
Penrith	1,854	1,886	32	1.7
Springwood	402	410	8	2.0
St Marys	1,492	1,543	51	3.4
Walgett	214	223	9	4.2
Other (a)	2	2	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,155</b>	<b>30,939</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>2.6</b>

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<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>MID COAST NEW SOUTH WALES</i></b>				
Baulkham Hills	917	940	23	2.5
Cessnock	676	694	18	2.7
Charlestown	1,680	1,690	10	0.6
Comm Support Team	24	24	%	%
Ettalong	735	741	6	0.8
Forster	779	808	29	3.7
Gosford	1,636	1,673	37	2.3
King Street	1,061	1,073	12	1.1
Kurri Kurri	448	480	32	7.1
Lakehaven	1,619	1,646	27	1.7
Maitland	1,203	1,236	33	2.7
Mayfield	1,019	958	-61	-6.0
Merrylands	2,110	2,151	41	1.9
Muswellbrook	404	436	32	7.9
Nelson Bay	484	519	35	7.2
Parramatta	2,235	2,271	36	1.6
Raymond Terrace	829	875	46	5.5
Singleton	251	274	23	9.2
Taree	1,482	1,516	34	2.3
The Entrance	1,208	1,208	0	0.0
Toronto	859	879	20	2.3
Wallsend	1,235	1,312	77	6.2
Woy Woy	514	532	18	3.5
Wyang	670	710	40	6.0
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,078</b>	<b>24,646</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>2.4</b>

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**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>SOUTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES</i></b>				
Batemans Bay	640	659	19	3.0
Bega	665	684	19	2.9
Belconnen	930	942	12	1.3
Bowral	446	459	13	2.9
Braddon	733	747	14	1.9
Cooma	283	297	14	4.9
Corrimal	1,167	1,198	31	2.7
Cowra	409	447	38	9.3
Dapto	1,106	1,150	44	4.0
Goulburn	641	700	59	9.2
Griffith	484	503	19	3.9
Gungahlin	288	298	10	3.5
Leeton	362	370	8	2.2
Narooma	278	282	4	1.4
Nowra	1,698	1,745	47	2.8
Parkes	719	751	32	4.5
Queanbeyan	462	482	20	4.3
Shellharbour	1,385	1,430	45	3.2
Tuggeranong	641	696	55	8.6
Tumut	265	275	10	3.8
Ulladulla	506	489	-17	-3.4
Wagga	1,220	1,255	35	2.9
Woden	409	435	26	6.4
Wollongong	1,308	1,331	23	1.8
Yass	91	87	%	%
Young	442	458	16	3.6
Other (a)	11	8	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,589</b>	<b>18,178</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>3.3</b>

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**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>NORTHERN VICTORIA</i></b>				
Airport West	1,090	1,129	39	3.6
Albury	2,277	2,353	76	3.3
Box Hill	2,206	2,250	44	2.0
Broadmeadows	3,604	3,706	102	2.8
Darebin	2,618	2,630	12	0.5
Deniliquin	222	223	1	0.5
Echuca	523	518	-5	-1.0
Epping	2,629	2,690	61	2.3
Greensborough	1,659	1,677	18	1.1
Heidelberg	1,420	1,399	-21	-1.5
Moreland	2,821	2,844	23	0.8
Newmarket	1,638	1,609	-29	-1.8
Seymour	691	693	2	0.3
Shepparton	1,836	1,907	71	3.9
Sth Melbourne	910	924	14	1.5
Sunbury	825	859	34	4.1
Wangaratta	1,454	1,505	51	3.5
Windsor Vic	2,445	2,443	-2	-0.1
Yarra	2,205	2,212	7	0.3
Other (a)	21	20	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,094</b>	<b>33,591</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1.5</b>

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**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>EASTERN VICTORIA</i></b>				
Bairnsdale	841	866	25	3.0
Belgrave	445	487	42	9.4
Boronia	1,108	1,160	52	4.7
Cheltenham	1,648	1,707	59	3.6
Cranbourne	1,555	1,626	71	4.6
Dandenong	2,684	2,805	121	4.5
Fountain Gate	2,084	2,180	96	4.6
Frankston	2,426	2,497	71	2.9
Glen Waverley	1,050	1,099	49	4.7
Hastings	630	669	39	6.2
Lilydale	1,334	1,368	34	2.5
Mornington	513	551	38	7.4
Morwell	2,416	2,512	96	4.0
Oakleigh	1,615	1,601	-14	-0.9
Pakenham	906	951	45	5.0
Ringwood	1,710	1,726	16	0.9
Rosebud	711	737	26	3.7
Rowville	636	679	43	6.8
Sale	727	747	20	2.8
Springvale	1,880	1,941	61	3.2
Warragul	649	657	8	1.2
Wonthaggi	742	786	44	5.9
Other (a)	1	1	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,311</b>	<b>29,353</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>3.7</b>

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**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b>WEST VICTORIA</b>				
Ararat	190	211	21	11.1
Bendigo Central	71	64	%	%
Ballarat	2,641	2,746	105	4.0
Bendigo	2,586	2,618	32	1.2
Colac	522	574	52	10.0
Corio	1,537	1,591	54	3.5
Footscray	1,389	1,418	29	2.1
Geelong	3,035	3,117	82	2.7
Hamilton	360	358	-2	-0.6
Horsham	649	680	31	4.8
Maryborough	407	424	17	4.2
Melton	1,695	1,771	76	4.5
Mildura	1,704	1,739	35	2.1
Newport	1,070	1,075	5	0.5
Portland	338	343	5	1.5
Stawell	173	191	18	10.4
Sunshine	3,446	3,526	80	2.3
Swan Hill	748	750	2	0.3
Warrnambool	857	881	24	2.8
Watergardens	3,269	3,376	107	3.3
Werribee	3,866	3,990	124	3.2
Other (a)	1	1	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,554</b>	<b>31,444</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>2.9</b>

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**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>NORTHERN QUEENSLAND</i></b>				
Atherton	866	871	5	0.6
Ayr	391	401	10	2.6
Biloela	194	191	-3	-1.5
Bowen	408	429	21	5.1
Cairns Aplin	5,112	5,282	170	3.3
Charters Towers	339	363	24	7.1
Emerald	339	343	4	1.2
Gladstone	747	812	65	8.7
Indigenous Service Centre	1,139	1,154	15	1.3
Ingham	389	408	19	4.9
Innisfail	889	915	26	2.9
Longreach	127	125	-2	-1.6
Mackay	1,527	1,574	47	3.1
Mareeba	705	742	37	5.2
Mossman	598	643	45	7.5
Mt Isa	732	734	2	0.3
Normanton	140	138	-2	-1.4
Nth Peninsula Remote Area Service Centre	158	170	12	7.6
Palm Island	269	266	-3	-1.1
Rockhampton	1,832	1,857	25	1.4
Thursday Is	393	407	14	3.6
Townsville	3,869	4,039	170	4.4
Western Cape Remote Area Service Centre	439	457	18	4.1
Whitsunday	520	569	49	9.4
Yarrabah Remote Area Service Centre	488	511	23	4.7
Yeppoon	465	473	8	1.7
Other (a)	42	37	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,117</b>	<b>23,911</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>3.4</b>

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<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>SUNSHINE COAST</i></b>				
Bundaberg	3,223	3,249	26	0.8
Caboolture	3,244	3,379	135	4.2
Caloundra	1,586	1,569	-17	-1.1
Deception Bay	828	882	54	6.5
Gympie	1,469	1,513	44	3.0
Hervey Bay	1,795	1,848	53	3.0
Kawana Waters	749	741	-8	-1.1
Kippa-Ring	1,349	1,369	20	1.5
Maroochydore	1,494	1,550	56	3.7
Maryborough	1,306	1,356	50	3.8
Nambour	1,096	1,146	50	4.6
Noosa	1,320	1,366	46	3.5
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,459</b>	<b>19,968</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b><i>PACIFIC COAST</i></b>				
APC Community Team	22	27	%	%
Ballina	1,066	1,069	3	0.3
Biggera Waters	3,104	3,173	69	2.2
Brunswick Heads	789	821	32	4.1
Byron Bay	623	624	1	0.2
Casino	636	640	4	0.6
Coffs Harbour	2,125	2,182	57	2.7
Grafton	864	898	34	3.9
Kempsey	892	912	20	2.2
Lismore	1,626	1,660	34	2.1
Murwillumbah	703	730	27	3.8
Nambucca Heads	756	782	26	3.4
Nerang	2,999	3,064	65	2.2
Palm Beach	3,189	3,350	161	5.0
Port Macquarie	1,649	1,709	60	3.6
Southport	2,779	2,834	55	2.0
Tweed Heads	1,688	1,760	72	4.3
Yamba	458	454	-4	-0.9
Other (a)	3	2	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,971</b>	<b>26,691</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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**TABLE 7 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER) BY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND</i></b>				
Charleville	161	155	-6	-3.7
Cherbourg	280	273	-7	-2.5
Chermside	1,250	1,281	31	2.5
Dalby	409	421	12	2.9
Fortitude Valley	1,287	1,327	40	3.1
Goodna	1,745	1,770	25	1.4
Ipswich	3,333	3,386	53	1.6
Kingaroy	756	738	-18	-2.4
Mitchelton	1,475	1,537	62	4.2
Nundah	1,634	1,660	26	1.6
Roma	122	122	0	0.0
South Brisbane	1,103	1,124	21	1.9
Stones Corner	1,901	1,908	7	0.4
Strathpine	1,919	1,990	71	3.7
Toowong	1,358	1,363	5	0.4
Toowoomba	2,014	2,087	73	3.6
Other (a)	208	213	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,955</b>	<b>21,355</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1.9</b>

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			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</i></b>				
Berri	866	898	32	3.7
Broken Hill	723	773	50	6.9
Ceduna	300	301	1	0.3
Cooper Pedy	183	185	2	1.1
Elizabeth	2,808	2,899	91	3.2
Enfield	1,637	1,663	26	1.6
Gawler	1,310	1,343	33	2.5
Glenelg	878	865	-13	-1.5
Kadina	733	746	13	1.8
Kilkenny	1,463	1,495	32	2.2
Marion	2,306	2,329	23	1.0
Modbury	2,091	2,118	27	1.3
Mt Barker	733	744	11	1.5
Mt Gambier	1,307	1,341	34	2.6
Murray Bridge	984	1,026	42	4.3
Noarlunga	2,943	3,020	77	2.6
Norwood	1,936	1,949	13	0.7
Port Adelaide	1,557	1,578	21	1.3
Port Augusta	708	745	37	5.2
Port Lincoln	564	569	5	0.9
Port Pirie	898	958	60	6.7
Salisbury	2,890	2,919	29	1.0
Torrens ville	1,606	1,663	57	3.5
Victor Harbor	712	741	29	4.1
Whyalla	802	808	6	0.7
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,938</b>	<b>33,676</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>2.2</b>

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<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>				
Albany	1,028	1,050	22	2.1
Armadale	1,357	1,371	14	1.0
Bunbury	1,727	1,760	33	1.9
Busselton	916	943	27	2.9
Cannington	1,721	1,728	7	0.4
Carnarvon	310	330	20	6.5
Cocos Islands	20	<20	na	na
Esperance	283	294	11	3.9
Fremantle	1,353	1,391	38	2.8
Geraldton	1,297	1,343	46	3.5
Gosnells	1,168	1,245	77	6.6
Innaloo	1,287	1,292	5	0.4
Joondalup	1,761	1,756	-5	-0.3
Kalgoorlie	713	731	18	2.5
Karratha	450	467	17	3.8
Laverton Remote Area Service Centre	132	125	-7	-5.3
Mandurah	1,482	1,563	81	5.5
Meekatharra	236	258	22	9.3
Midland	1,660	1,674	14	0.8
Mirrabooka	1,997	1,999	2	0.1
Morley	1,872	1,862	-10	-0.5
Newman Remote Area Service Centre	151	151	0	0.0
Northam	1,017	1,064	47	4.6
Rockingham	1,876	1,995	119	6.3
South Hedland	396	408	12	3.0
Spearwood	1,140	1,173	33	2.9
Victoria Park	1,811	1,898	87	4.8
Warwick Grove	859	913	54	6.3
Other (a)	26	na	na	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,046</b>	<b>30,830</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>2.6</b>

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<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b>TASMANIA</b>				
Bridgewater	1,109	1,137	28	2.5
Burnie	1,450	1,461	11	0.8
Devonport	1,416	1,406	-10	-0.7
Glenorchy	1,390	1,480	90	6.5
Hobart	1,398	1,442	44	3.1
Huonville	363	362	-1	-0.3
Launceston	3,967	4,025	58	1.5
Rosny Park	980	1,001	21	2.1
Sorell	387	394	7	1.8
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,460</b>	<b>12,708</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>NORTH AUSTRALIA</b>				
Alice Springs	595	629	34	5.7
Borroloola	83	92	%	%
Broome	563	579	16	2.8
Casuarina	668	680	12	1.8
Central Aust RST	2,345	2,388	43	1.8
Darwin	415	408	-7	-1.7
Derby	234	240	6	2.6
Fitzroy Crossing	132	138	6	4.5
Halls Creek	275	281	6	2.2
Katherine	298	316	18	6.0
Kimberley RST	<20	20	na	na
Kununurra	344	358	14	4.1
Maningrida	330	330	0	0.0
Nhulunbuy	93	103	%	%
Palmerston	813	823	10	1.2
Tangentyere	113	116	3	2.7
Tennant Creek	231	239	8	3.5
Tiwi Islands	192	201	9	4.7
Top End Hub	2,597	2,658	61	2.3
Wadeye	262	258	-4	-1.5
Yuendumu RSC	70	77	%	%
Other (a)	na	9	na	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,674</b>	<b>10,943</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>2.5</b>

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<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	March 2013	April 2013	Variation	
			March - April Number	Per cent
<b><i>BORDER RANGES</i></b>				
Armidale	836	851	15	1.8
Beauresert	614	651	37	6.0
Beenleigh	2,319	2,394	75	3.2
Browns Plains	1,993	2,074	81	4.1
Capalaba	866	872	6	0.7
Cleveland	971	1,045	74	7.6
Glen Innes	290	292	2	0.7
Goondiwindi	365	350	-15	-4.1
Gunnedah	405	414	9	2.2
Inala	1,857	1,957	100	5.4
Inverell	597	618	21	3.5
Moree	440	434	-6	-1.4
Mt Gravatt	2,241	2,340	99	4.4
Narrabri	304	295	-9	-3.0
Stanthorpe	372	388	16	4.3
Tamworth	1,619	1,636	17	1.1
Warwick	499	500	1	0.2
Woodridge	2,140	2,355	215	10.0
Wynnum	960	999	39	4.1
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,688</b>	<b>20,465</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b><i>OTHER</i></b>				
Centrelink Call Centres	4	6	%	%
Not Coded To A Zone	5	4	%	%
Rounding Adjustment	4	-42	%	%
<b><i>AUSTRALIA</i></b>	<b>385,105</b>	<b>394,889</b>	<b>9,784</b>	<b>2.5</b>

(a) Job seekers who are not allocated to any of the reported offices.

Notes:

- Variations for Service Centres with small populations (less than 100) are displayed as % and not reported.
- Data in this table are rounded monthly averages.
- In order to protect individuals' privacy, populations less than 20 for specific Service Centres are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are reported as not available "na".
- Area Support Office boundaries changed to Service Zones from July 2011. The July 2011 edition of this publication includes a description of the changes.



**TABLE 8 - JOB SEEKERS RECEIVING NEWSTART ALLOWANCE AND YOUTH ALLOWANCE (OTHER)  
FORTNIGHTLY EARNINGS AND SEX, FORTNIGHT ENDING 19 APRIL 2013**

<i>Fortnightly Earnings</i>	Short-term job seekers	Long-term job seekers	Total job seekers
<b>MALES</b>			
Did not earn an income	87.3	83.3	85.2
Earned an income	12.7	16.7	14.8
Amount earned			
\$0.01 - \$62.00	0.5	0.8	0.7
\$62.01 - \$142.00	1.3	2.1	1.7
\$142.01 - \$236.00	1.8	2.6	2.2
\$236.01 - \$316.00	1.5	1.8	1.7
Over \$316.00	7.6	9.3	8.5
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Job seekers receiving NSA and YA (other)</i>	<b>110,724</b>	<b>125,843</b>	<b>236,567</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>			
Did not earn an income	77.2	71.1	73.3
Earned an income	22.8	28.9	26.7
Amount earned			
\$0.01 - \$62.00	0.7	1.0	0.9
\$62.01 - \$142.00	2.2	2.7	2.5
\$142.01 - \$236.00	3.0	3.5	3.3
\$236.01 - \$316.00	2.3	2.9	2.7
Over \$316.00	14.5	18.8	17.3
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Job seekers receiving NSA and YA (other)</i>	<b>56,134</b>	<b>103,796</b>	<b>159,930</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>			
Did not earn an income	83.9	77.8	80.4
Earned an income	16.1	22.2	19.6
Amount earned			
\$0.01 - \$62.00	0.6	0.9	0.8
\$62.01 - \$142.00	1.6	2.4	2.1
\$142.01 - \$236.00	2.2	3.0	2.7
\$236.01 - \$316.00	1.8	2.3	2.1
Over \$316.00	9.9	13.6	12.0
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Job seekers receiving NSA and YA (other)</i>	<b>166,858</b>	<b>229,639</b>	<b>396,497</b>

Note:  
 - Long-term job seekers have received income support for 12 months or more.  
 - There is a break in the series between June and July 2012. From July 2012 allowee data is not wholly comparable with previously published data, due to changes in eligibility for Newstart and Youth Allowance (other) (see Explanatory Notes)

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This publication provides monthly statistical information on DEEWR and DIISRTE labour market and related payments delivered by DHS. These Explanatory Notes provide details of the scope and methodology of the publication, as well as the policy changes which have affected the data since the publication was introduced in December 1995 by the then Department of Social Security.

Prior to December 1995, this publication was titled the *Monthly Job Search and Newstart Allowance Statistics*.

### Scope

The primary focus of the publication is to provide information on unemployed people on Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance, with a particular focus on the total number of job seekers. The numbers of people on Mature Age Allowance, Partner Allowance and Widow Allowance are also reported.

### Methodology

Data in this publication relate to the average number of people who are both eligible (eg. meet 'unemployed' qualification) and entitled (eg. meet income and assets criteria) to receive a payment calculated over a reference month. Averages are calculated using figures collected for each Friday throughout the reference month.

Due to a technical fault, the November 2010 figures are based on an average of data collected on the first and last Friday of the month, while the December 2010 figures are based on an average of data collected on the last three Fridays of the month, rather than an average of each Friday in the reference month.

Table 1 provides information on the total number of unemployed people on Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance. The Youth Allowance population is split into Youth Allowance (full-time students), Youth Allowance (Australian Apprentices) and Youth Allowance (other) categories. Numbers of people on Mature Age Allowance, Partner Allowance and Widow Allowance are also provided.

Tables 2 and 3 provide a summary of the Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) populations and show the derivation of the respective job seeker populations (see the reference to job seekers in the Comparability of Data section of these Explanatory Notes). These populations are added together to derive the total number of job seekers. Tables 4 to 8 provide information on the total job seeker population.

The earnings data in Table 8 is derived using a different methodology from that of the other tables in the publication. Table 8 is based on the combined population of job seekers who are eligible for and entitled to receive Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) at the end of the second last week in the month. The data obtained from this table will not be directly comparable with those calculated using monthly averages in other tables.

## **Payment History**

### *Youth Allowance*

The maximum age for Youth Allowance (other) was increased for new claimants from 20 to 21 years of age from 1 July 2012 and the income free area was increased to \$143.

To receive Youth Allowance young people without a Year 12 or equivalent qualification will usually need to:

- participate in education and training full-time; or
- participate full-time (that is, for at least 25 hours a week) in part-time study or training, in combination with other approved activities, until they attain Year 12 or an equivalent Certificate Level II or above qualification.

The above earn or learn arrangements were phased in, applying from 1 July 2009 to all new recipients of Youth Allowance and from 1 July 2010 for all job seekers in receipt of Youth Allowance prior to 1 July 2009.

From 1 July 1998 Youth Allowance was introduced to provide income support to young people, including students, those looking for work, and those who are sick. Youth allowees may be undertaking full-time study, full-time job search or a combination of approved activities. Some young people will be exempt from the activity test because of their personal circumstances, eg. illness, homelessness or major personal crisis. The Youth Allowance replaced:

- AUSTUDY for 16-24 year olds (and certain 15 year olds);
- Newstart Allowance for 16-20 year olds (and certain 15 year olds);
- Youth Training Allowance for 16-17 year olds (and certain 15 year olds);
- Sickness Allowance for 16-20 year olds (and certain 15 year olds); and
- More-than-minimum rate Family Payment for secondary students aged 16-18 not getting AUSTUDY.

Youth Allowance recipients are subject to the parental means test. Under previous arrangements, unemployed people aged 18 to 20 were not subject to the parental means test, unlike 18 to 20 year old students.

Special provisions applied for 18 to 20 year olds who were already on Newstart or Sickness Allowance at the date of announcement of Youth Allowance, and who remained on payment when Youth Allowance commenced on 1 July 1998. This group were able to remain on their existing payment and retain their existing benefits.

Youth Allowance had a significant downward effect on Newstart Allowance numbers from July 1998 and total job seeker numbers due to the parental means test.

### *Newstart Allowance*

On 1 January 2013, grandfathering provisions ceased for Parenting Payment recipients who had been receiving payment prior to 1 July 2006 and had a youngest child aged 6+ years

(partnered recipients) or 8+ years (single recipients). The change caused a large one-off increase in the number of Newstart Allowees, as previously grandfathered Parenting Payment recipients who were eligible transferred to Newstart Allowance.

On 1 July 2012, the qualification age for Newstart Allowance was increased for new claimants from 21 to 22 years of age.

From 1 July 1998, Newstart Allowance for 16-20 year olds (and certain 15 year olds) was replaced by Youth Allowance. Young people aged 18 to 20 years old who were on Newstart or Sickness Allowance at the date of announcement of Youth Allowance and when Youth Allowance commenced on 1 July 1998, were able to remain on Newstart Allowance.

From 20 October 1996, Job Search Allowance and Newstart Allowance were combined into one payment - Newstart Allowance - which was payable to eligible recipients aged 18 years and over and to some people who were in receipt of Job Search Allowance and aged under 18 at 31 December 1994 (see Job Search Allowance).

Prior to 20 October 1996, Newstart Allowance was payable to eligible persons over 18 years who had been registered as unemployed with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) for 12 months or more.

*Job Search Allowance* From 20 October 1996, the payment was combined with Newstart Allowance to form one payment called Newstart Allowance (see *Newstart Allowance*). All Job Search Allowance recipients were transferred to Newstart Allowance.

*Sickness Allowance* From 17 March 1996, persons in receipt of Newstart Allowance or Youth Training Allowance who became temporarily incapacitated no longer transferred to Sickness Allowance after 13 weeks. This change had the effect of increasing total Newstart Allowance/Youth Training Allowance figures but did not affect job seeker figures as those recipients who were incapacitated were excluded from the Newstart and Youth Training job seeker populations.

Under current arrangements, these recipients remain on their existing payments but are exempt from the activity test for the duration of their medical certificates. People who become unemployed because of illness, and those who suffer a potential loss of income due to sickness, are paid Newstart Allowance because they are unemployed.

Sickness Allowance for 16 to 20 year olds (and certain 15 year olds) was replaced by Youth Allowance, which was introduced on 1 July 1998 (see *Youth Allowance*).

*Partner Allowance* From 20 October 2003, Partner Allowance was closed to new claimants. People on Partner Allowance before this date can remain on the allowance while they remain 'current', that is retain eligibility and entitlement for the allowance.

From 1 July 1995 Partner Allowance has only been granted to persons who are dependent partners of pensioners and allowees and who were born before 1 July 1955, have no dependent children and have little or no recent workforce experience. Other dependent partners have to qualify for an income support payment in their own right, such as Newstart Allowance.

Partner Allowance was introduced in October 1994, and was paid to partners of persons receiving Job Search Allowance, Newstart Allowance, Sickness Allowance or Special Benefit if certain eligibility criteria were satisfied.

*Youth Training Allowance*

Youth Training Allowance was replaced by Youth Allowance on 1 July 1998 (see *Youth Allowance*).

*Widow Allowance*

From 1 July 2005 Widow Allowance new grants may only be made to women born on or before 1 July 1955.

Widow Allowance, introduced on 1 January 1995, is payable to females aged 50 years or over who have become widowed, divorced or separated since turning 40 years (50 prior to 20 March 1997), if they meet a number of other criteria relating to current marital status and recent work experience.

*Mature Age Allowance*

From 20 October 2003, Mature Age Allowance was closed to new claimants. The payment ceased by October 2008 .

Mature Age Allowance was introduced on 24 March 1994, and was paid to long-term unemployed persons aged 60 years and over (but below Age Pension age) who had been receiving income support for 9 months or more and who were eligible for Newstart Allowance. The introduction of Mature Age Allowance had a downwards effect on Newstart Allowance numbers from April 1994 until October 2003.

**Comparability of Data**

There have been significant changes to the data presented in this publication due to a number of events. The main changes are:

- the method of counting recipients;
- the inclusion of some CDEP recipients in the total recipient numbers;
- the introduction of Youth Allowance in July 1998;
- the way 'job seeker' is defined;
- the way duration is calculated; and
- the eligibility for Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) from July 2012.
- the cessation of grandfathered Parenting Payment provisions, which saw an increase in the number of Newstart recipients in January 2013.

People using this data to construct time series should note the following comments.

*Definition of Recipients*

From July 2002, the number of people receiving labour market and related payments reports recipients who are both eligible and entitled to receive a payment. These recipients are otherwise known as 'current' recipients.

Revised historical data (using this methodology) from May 1998 to June 2002 is in the July 2002 publication.

Due to improved data sources, data from July 2003 has slight differences from the recipient numbers used in previous editions.

Before July 2002, all recipients who received a payment within a given fortnight were counted. From mid 1998, recipients who received a 'one-off' payment were excluded. One-off payments can occur, for instance, when a normal payment is interrupted (eg. payment is cancelled and then restored within that pay period) and a portion of the normal payment is paid.

*Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)* From 20 March 2000, eligible participants in CDEP started receiving CDEP participant supplement and other add-ons, such as rent assistance, as part of income support payments. This added a number of new recipients to those eligible for payments reported in this publication.

*Introduction of Youth Allowance* The sum of the number of Newstart Allowees and Youth Training Allowees prior to July 1998 is broadly comparable with the sum of Newstart Allowees and Youth Allowees (other) after July 1998, other than the inclusion of Sickness Allowees in the Youth Allowance (other) population.

There is greater comparability between total Newstart Allowance and Youth Training Allowance job seekers prior to July 1998 and total Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) job seekers after July 1998. This is because the Sickness Allowance group is excluded from the job seeker total.

A pre and post July 1998 comparison will reflect the exclusion of some 18 to 20 year old unemployed people due to the application of the Youth Allowance parental means test (see the *Youth Allowance* section under Payment History).

*Job seekers* From July 2009, all recipients with job search requirements are classified as job seekers in this report.

Prior to 1 July 2009, some people with another activity (such as training) in addition to job search were classified according to that other activity and not as job seekers. Other people who were receiving Intensive Support Customised Assistance under Job Network arrangements were classified as job seekers although they may not always have been undertaking job search.

From July 1998, the definition of job seekers excludes all people who did not receive a payment due to their own and/or their partner's income, or where applicable, parental income, and those known not to be required to search for work.

Before July 1998, job seekers excluded allowees who did not receive a payment, allowees who were incapacitated, and allowees who were undertaking training. Some people who were not required to search for work were classified as job seekers, including people undertaking full-time voluntary work, people

on jury duty and pregnant women around the time of the birth of their child.

*Duration*

Since May 1998, duration has been defined according to the time a recipient spends on income support - short-term recipients are those who have been on income support for up to 12 months and long-term recipients are those who have been on income support for 12 months or more.

Prior to 1998, duration was defined according to the time a recipient was registered as unemployed - short-term recipients were people who were registered as unemployed for up to 12 months and long-term recipients were people who were registered for 12 months or more.

**Symbols**

n.a. not available  
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## GLOSSARY

<b>Activity test status</b>	The activity that a Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) recipient has agreed to undertake in order to meet the activity test. To satisfy the activity test recipients must be actively seeking and willing to take up work or undertaking activities to improve their employment prospects.
<b>Age</b>	Age in years at time of data collection.
<b>Area Support Office</b>	The term Area Support Office was replaced by Service Zone in July 2011.
<b>Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)</b>	The CDEP program is administered by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Reforms to CDEP were introduced from 1 July 2009. Operating mainly in remote areas, the CDEP program aims to help unemployed Indigenous Australians to find and keep jobs. Under the CDEP program, there are two main ways ('streams') that CDEP providers assist Indigenous Australians: Work Readiness Services help individuals to develop their skills, improve their chances of getting a job, and move to work outside of the CDEP program; and Community Development focuses on supporting and developing Indigenous communities and organisations.
<b>CDEP Participant Supplement (CPS)</b>	The CDEP Participant Supplement (CPS) is payable to eligible CDEP participants. It can be paid fortnightly or as a 12 weekly payment.
<b>Customer Service Centre</b>	Customer Service Centre was replaced by the term Service Centre in July 2011.
<b>Did not receive a payment</b>	Persons who did not receive a payment due to their own income and/or that of their partner, or parents, where applicable. This group is often referred to as 'zero paid'.
<b>Fortnightly earnings</b>	Amount of income earned, derived, or received by a person for the person's own use or benefit in the previous fortnight.
<b>Incapacitated</b>	A person on Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) who has an activity test status indicating they are temporarily ill or incapacitated. Refer to the entry for Sickness Allowance in the Explanatory Notes.
<b>Job seeker</b>	A person on Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) who would usually be engaged in job search. See Explanatory Notes for definition and history.
<b>Long-term recipients</b>	Persons who have been receiving income support for 12 months or more. Duration of long-term recipients can be reset to zero if they exited from payments for more than 13 weeks.
<b>Newstart Allowance (NSA)</b>	Newstart Allowance is payable to eligible unemployed persons aged 22 years and over (but below Age Pension age) who satisfy the activity test. See Explanatory Notes for history.
<b>Partner Allowance (PA)</b>	From 20 October 2003, Partner Allowance was closed to new claimants. People on Partner Allowance before this date can remain on the allowance while they remain 'current', that is retain eligibility and entitlement for the allowance.



	<p>Partner Allowance was for dependent partners of pensioners and allowees. Partners had to be born before 1 July 1955, have no dependent children and have little or no recent workforce experience. Partner Allowance had no job search requirement. See Explanatory Notes for history.</p>
<b>Service Centre</b>	<p>A Service Centre that provides FaHCSIA, DEEWR and other payments and related information and services to recipients. Service Centres are managed by Service Zones.</p>
<b>Service Zone</b>	<p>A set of Service Centres, grouped together for operational purposes on a geographic basis. Service Zones replaced Areas and Area Support Offices in July 2011.</p>
<b>Short-term recipients</b>	<p>Persons on Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance who have been receiving income support for less than 12 months. Duration of short-term recipients can be reset to zero if they exited from payments for more than 6 weeks.</p>
<b>Widow Allowance (WA)</b>	<p>From 1 July 2005 Widow Allowance new grants may only be made to women born on or before 1 July 1955.</p> <p>Widow Allowance, a non-activity tested payment, is payable to females aged 50 years or over who have become widowed, divorced or separated since turning 40 years if they have little or no recent work experience and meet a number of other criteria relating to current marital status. See Explanatory Notes for history.</p>
<b>Youth Training Allowance (YTA)</b>	<p>From 1 January 1995 eligible persons aged under 18 years who were registered as unemployed with the CES were paid Youth Training Allowance. From 1 July 1998, Youth Training Allowance was replaced by Youth Allowance. See Explanatory Notes for history.</p>
<b>Youth Allowance (YA)</b>	<p>Youth Allowance is payable to eligible full-time students aged 16 to 25 years, and to eligible unemployed persons aged 16 to 21 years who satisfy the activity test. Note, there are certain exceptions for some 15 and 25 year olds. See Explanatory Notes for history.</p> <p>Youth Allowees may be undertaking full-time study, full-time job search or a combination of approved activities. Some young people will be exempt from the activity test because of their personal circumstances, eg. illness, homelessness or major personal crisis. See the Explanatory Notes for more information.</p> <p>To receive Youth Allowance young people under 22 years of age without a Year 12 or equivalent qualification will usually need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• participate in education and training full-time; or</li> <li>• participate full-time (that is, for at least 25 hours a week) in part-time study or training, in combination with other approved activities, until they attain Year 12 or an equivalent Certificate Level II or above qualification.</li> </ul>
<b>Youth Allowance (other)</b>	<p>Youth Allowance recipients who are not full-time students or full-time Australian Apprentices.</p>
<b>Zero paid</b>	<p>See 'Did not receive a payment'.</p>

## APPENDIX

### COMPARISONS BETWEEN DEEWR UNEMPLOYMENT LABOUR MARKET PAYMENT NUMBERS AND ABS LABOUR FORCE UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

<b>Official statistics</b>	Official unemployment statistics are released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The ABS uses definitions recommended by the International Labour Organization which have been accepted internationally as the most appropriate for the compilation of official statistics of unemployment.
<b>ABS definition</b>	The ABS unemployment statistics measure the number of persons who, for a particular reference period, did not undertake any paid work, were actively looking for work and were available to start work.
<b>DEEWR Unemployment Labour Market Payment Statistics</b>	The labour market payment statistics give the number of persons who are both eligible and entitled to receive Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other). The criteria for receipt of these payments do not match those the ABS uses to determine whether a person is classed as unemployed or employed for statistical purposes.
<b>Differences</b>	Care should be taken when comparing the ABS labour force and DEEWR labour market payment data. There are a number of reasons why the two series cannot be directly compared.
<i>Duration</i>	<p>Both DEEWR and the ABS classify long-term duration as over 12 months, but use substantially different definitions of duration:</p> <p>DEEWR measures duration of <b>income support</b>. This includes not just time on unemployment benefits but time on any income support payment.</p> <p>The ABS measures length of time <b>unemployed</b> using their unemployment definition.</p> <p>DEEWR unemployed recipients can have breaks without payment and still be classified as long-term income support recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recipients who do not receive a payment due to their earnings can have up to 12 weeks without a payment before they are automatically cancelled. This reduces disincentives to accept short-term work.</li><li>• Long-term recipients can have 13 weeks off payment after payment is cancelled and keep their long-term status if they return to income support. This means they keep access to assistance such as the higher payment rate for recipients over 60.</li></ul>

For the ABS statistics, any hours of work for a period as short as two weeks count as a break from unemployment and so are enough to reset a person's unemployment duration.

The difference between these two concepts, together with the fact that DEEWR recipients are able to have ongoing part-time work (see 'employment' below) mean that many unemployed recipients remain classified by DEEWR as long-term recipients when they would be classified as short-term unemployed under the ABS definition.

<i>Seasonal adjustment</i>	The ABS produces a seasonally adjusted series. The DEEWR labour market payment numbers data are not seasonally adjusted.
<i>Classification</i>	<p>The ABS classifies a person as unemployed if he or she is aged 15 years and over, was not employed during the week before the interview, has actively looked for full-time or part-time work and is available to start work. From February 2004, people who had not actively looked for work because they were waiting to start a job within four weeks are also classified as unemployed.</p> <p>The Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) series generally count people who are eligible for and entitled to receive a payment between the ages of 15 years and 64 years in the case of men and 15 to 63 years in the case of women.</p>
<i>Employment</i>	Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients may be employed part-time, but within an income test limit; the ABS classifies a person as "employed" if, among other things, he or she has worked for one hour or more during the survey period.
<i>Timing</i>	<p>The timing of collections of the series are different:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DEEWR reports monthly average numbers of people both eligible for and entitled to receive Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other). These monthly averages are calculated using figures collected for each Friday throughout the reference month.</li><li>• ABS numbers are based on a sample survey which interviews occupants of selected dwellings covering around 0.33% of the total Australian population. These persons are generally interviewed during the two weeks beginning the Sunday between the 5th and 11th of each month and the information obtained relates to the week before the interview takes place.</li></ul>
<i>Treatment of partners</i>	The ABS series includes unemployed persons whose spouse is working, irrespective of income, whereas Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) recipients are subject to an income and assets test for themselves and their spouse.
<i>Pensioners</i>	The ABS series includes persons being paid a pension but looking for work (eg. sole parents in receipt of Parenting Payments looking for work).

<i>Non job seekers</i>	The overall Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) series includes persons who are not required to undertake jobsearch. These persons are separately identified in Tables 2 and 3, and have then been excluded in subsequent tables. These people may be undertaking training, the development of self-employment opportunities, full-time voluntary work or a combination of voluntary and part-time work which excludes them from jobsearch obligations. They may also be incapacitated or have another temporary exemption from jobsearch.
<i>Waiting periods</i>	The ABS series includes persons who are serving a waiting period before being granted Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other), or whose allowance was deferred.
<i>Survey</i>	The ABS figures are derived from a Labour Force Survey which is a sample survey, whereas the DEEWR statistics are a complete count of those both eligible for and entitled to receive Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### **Labour market information**

Other statistics on recipients of labour market related payments are available on request.

In addition to Newstart and Youth Allowances, statistics are also available on Partner Allowance, Parenting Payment, Sickness Allowance, ABSTUDY and Widow Allowance.

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### **Other recipient information**

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has publishes “Income Support Customers: a Statistical Overview” on an annual basis.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Statistics also collates statistics about the various pensions, benefits and family payments which that Department administers.