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The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) produces the official unemployment statistics. The figures contained in this publication are different from the ABS unemployment figures as the ABS and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) use different definitions to identify the unemployed and different methods of counting (see the Appendix for more information).

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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).

Note: Due to changes to the administration of labour market payments from September 2013, in future this publication will be produced by the Department of Social Services.

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 – August 2013

Between August 2012 and August 2013

Total Newstart Allowance (NSA) and Youth Allowance (other) (YA(o)) recipients **increased 21. per cent** overall from 666 830 to 807 175.

- ◆ NSA recipients increased 19.9 per cent from 581 305 to 697 212.
- ◆ YA(o) recipients increased 28.6 per cent from 85 525 to 109 963.

The number of job seekers **increased 19.1 per cent** overall from 330 774 to 393 998.

- ◆ NSA job seekers increased 16.5 per cent from 295 755 to 344 442.
- ◆ YA(o) job seekers increased 41.5 per cent from 35 019 to 49 556.

Long-term job seekers increased 24.6 per cent from 182 177 to 227 053.

Short-term job seekers increased 12.3 per cent from 148 597 to 166 945.

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

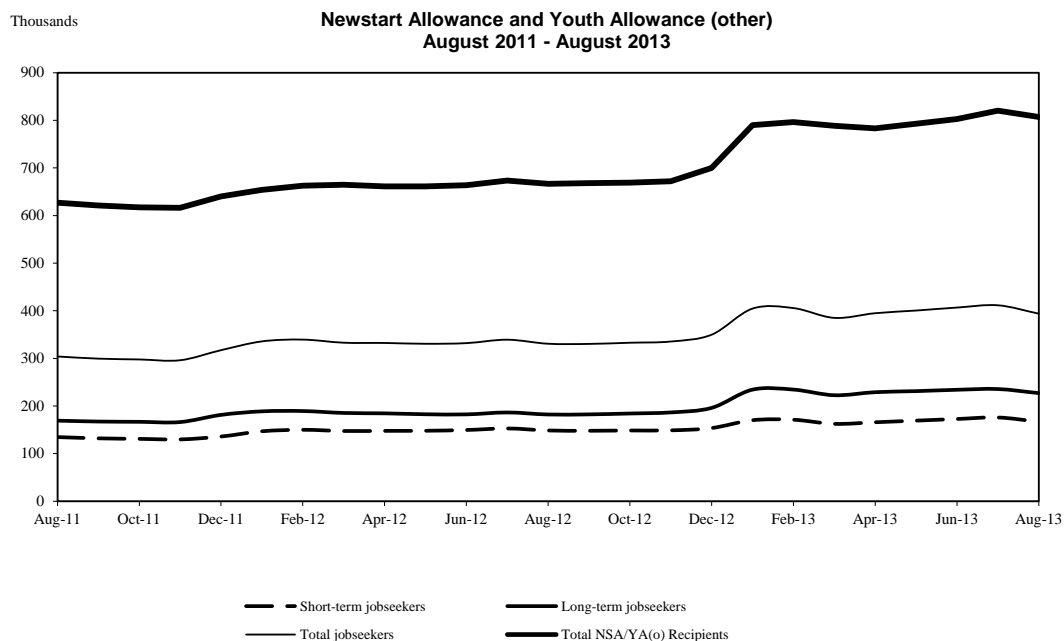


TABLE 1 - LABOUR MARKET PAYMENTS - TIME SERIES

	Newstart Allowance		Youth Allowance			Partner Allowance	Widow Allowance
	Long Term	Total	Other	Full-time Students	Australian Apprentices		
February 1994	472,785	977,796
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
May 2013	443,320	684,973	107,974	244,878	6,373	10,393	26,397
June 2013	447,172	691,771	110,830	246,009	6,428	10,091	26,057
July 2013	454,506	704,005	116,328	234,497	6,667	9,929	25,925
August 2013	453,446	697,212	109,963	241,992	6,825	9,841	26,043
Variation July 2013 - August 2013							
Number	-1,060	-6,793	-6,365	7,495	158	-88	118
Per cent	-0.2	-1.0	-5.5	3.2	2.4	-0.9	0.5

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

	August 2013			July 2013	Variation July - August	
	Persons	Males	Females		Number	Percent
Short Term Newstart Allowees	243,766	155,544	88,222	249,499	-5,733	-2.3
CPS Recipients (a)	664	488	176	703	-39	-5.5
Did not receive a payment (b)	13,294	7,463	5,831	13,073	221	1.7
Received a payment	229,808	147,593	82,215	235,723	-5,915	-2.5
Voluntary/part-time work (c)	6,878	1,949	4,929	6,868	10	0.1
Other activities without job search (d)	37,636	22,853	14,783	36,106	1,530	4.2
Incapacitated (e)	23,316	13,593	9,723	23,024	292	1.3
Other/temporary exemptions (f)	15,504	8,853	6,651	16,031	-527	-3.3
Short-term NSA job seekers (g)	146,474	100,345	46,129	153,694	-7,220	-4.7
<i>Short-term NSA training/education (h)</i>	<i>33,703</i>	<i>19,716</i>	<i>13,987</i>	<i>31,007</i>	<i>2,696</i>	<i>8.7</i>
Long Term Newstart Allowees	453,446	216,161	237,285	454,506	-1,060	-0.2
CPS Recipients (a)	1,974	1,278	696	2,008	-34	-1.7
Did not receive a payment (b)	16,152	6,065	10,087	14,918	1,234	8.3
Received a payment	435,320	208,818	226,502	437,580	-2,260	-0.5
Voluntary/part-time work (c)	52,023	11,209	40,814	52,857	-834	-1.6
Other activities without job search (d)	106,122	48,740	57,382	100,097	6,025	6.0
Incapacitated (e)	39,565	19,060	20,505	38,473	1,092	2.8
Other/temporary exemptions (f)	39,642	17,478	22,164	41,988	-2,346	-5.6
Long-term NSA job seekers (g)	197,968	112,331	85,637	204,165	-6,197	-3.0
<i>Long-term NSA training/education (h)</i>	<i>130,259</i>	<i>64,323</i>	<i>65,936</i>	<i>121,867</i>	<i>8,392</i>	<i>6.9</i>
All Newstart Allowees	697,212	371,705	325,507	704,005	-6,793	-1.0
CPS Recipients (a)	2,638	1,766	872	2,711	-73	-2.7
Did not receive a payment (b)	29,446	13,528	15,918	27,991	1,455	5.2
Received a payment	665,128	356,411	308,717	673,303	-8,175	-1.2
Voluntary/part-time work (c)	58,901	13,158	45,743	59,725	-824	-1.4
Other activities without job search (d)	143,758	71,593	72,165	136,203	7,555	5.5
Incapacitated (e)	62,881	32,653	30,228	61,497	1,384	2.3
Other/temporary exemptions (f)	55,146	26,331	28,815	58,019	-2,873	-5.0
All NSA job seekers (g)	344,442	212,676	131,766	357,859	-13,417	-3.7
<i>All NSA training/education (h)</i>	<i>163,962</i>	<i>84,039</i>	<i>79,923</i>	<i>152,874</i>	<i>11,088</i>	<i>7.3</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.

Notes:

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

	August 2013			July 2013	Variation July - August	
	Persons	Males	Females		Number	Percent
Short Term Youth Allowees	46,470	26,693	19,777	49,359	-2,889	-5.9
CPS Recipients (a)	37	32	5	48	-11	-22.9
Did not receive a payment (b)	1,058	489	569	1,077	-19	-1.8
Received a payment	45,375	26,172	19,203	48,234	-2,859	-5.9
Other activities without job search (c)	20,744	12,462	8,282	21,516	-772	-3.6
Incapacitated (d)	2,144	1,071	1,073	2,138	6	0.3
Other/temporary exemptions (e)	2,016	990	1,026	2,404	-388	-16.1
Short-term YA (other) job seekers (f)	20,471	11,649	8,822	22,176	-1,705	-7.7
<i>Short-term YA (other) training/education (g)</i>	<i>14,116</i>	<i>8,015</i>	<i>6,101</i>	<i>14,017</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Long Term Youth Allowees	63,493	32,761	30,732	66,969	-3,476	-5.2
CPS Recipients (a)	53	41	12	59	-6	-10.2
Did not receive a payment (b)	1,432	558	874	1,456	-24	-1.6
Received a payment	62,008	32,162	29,846	65,454	-3,446	-5.3
Other activities without job search (c)	27,521	14,705	12,816	28,181	-660	-2.3
Incapacitated (d)	2,658	1,204	1,454	2,667	-9	-0.3
Other/temporary exemptions (e)	2,744	1,154	1,590	3,128	-384	-12.3
Long-term YA (other) job seekers (f)	29,085	15,099	13,986	31,478	-2,393	-7.6
<i>Long-term YA (other) training/education (g)</i>	<i>25,386</i>	<i>12,846</i>	<i>12,540</i>	<i>24,849</i>	<i>537</i>	<i>2.2</i>
All Youth Allowees	109,963	59,454	50,509	116,328	-6,365	-5.5
CPS Recipients (a)	90	73	17	107	-17	-15.9
Did not receive a payment (b)	2,490	1,047	1,443	2,533	-43	-1.7
Received a payment	107,383	58,334	49,049	113,688	-6,305	-5.5
Other activities without job search (c)	48,265	27,167	21,098	49,697	-1,432	-2.9
Incapacitated (d)	4,802	2,275	2,527	4,805	-3	-0.1
Other/temporary exemptions (e)	4,760	2,144	2,616	5,532	-772	-14.0
All YA (other) job seekers (f)	49,556	26,748	22,808	53,654	-4,098	-7.6
<i>All YA (other) training/education (g)</i>	<i>39,502</i>	<i>20,861</i>	<i>18,641</i>	<i>38,866</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>1.6</i>

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

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

	Short-term	Long-term	Total
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
May 2013	169,282	231,218	400,500
June 2013	172,666	234,093	406,759
July 2013	175,870	235,643	411,513
August 2013	166,945	227,053	393,998
Variation July 2013 - August 2013			
Number	-8925	-8590	-17515
Per cent	-5.1	-3.6	-4.3

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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			Number	Per cent
SHORT-TERM JOB SEEKERS				
New South Wales	51,441	48,783	-2,658	-5.2
Victoria	44,087	41,886	-2,201	-5.0
Queensland	42,526	40,013	-2,513	-5.9
South Australia	12,825	12,152	-673	-5.2
Western Australia	16,653	16,042	-611	-3.7
Tasmania	4,326	4,200	-126	-2.9
Northern Territory	2,431	2,334	-97	-4.0
Australian Capital Territory	1,581	1,535	-46	-2.9
AUSTRALIA	175,870	166,945	-8,925	-5.1
LONG-TERM JOB SEEKERS				
New South Wales	74,071	71,194	-2,877	-3.9
Victoria	54,296	52,443	-1,853	-3.4
Queensland	52,397	50,459	-1,938	-3.7
South Australia	21,449	20,652	-797	-3.7
Western Australia	18,475	17,883	-592	-3.2
Tasmania	8,788	8,627	-161	-1.8
Northern Territory	4,391	4,057	-334	-7.6
Australian Capital Territory	1,776	1,738	-38	-2.1
AUSTRALIA	235,643	227,053	-8,590	-3.6
TOTAL JOB SEEKERS				
New South Wales	125,512	119,977	-5,535	-4.4
Victoria	98,383	94,329	-4,054	-4.1
Queensland	94,923	90,472	-4,451	-4.7
South Australia	34,274	32,804	-1,470	-4.3
Western Australia	35,128	33,925	-1,203	-3.4
Tasmania	13,114	12,827	-287	-2.2
Northern Territory	6,822	6,391	-431	-6.3
Australian Capital Territory	3,357	3,273	-84	-2.5
AUSTRALIA	411,513	393,998	-17,515	-4.3

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 AUGUST 2013

Age	Short-term job seekers		Long-term job seekers		Total job seekers	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
MALES						
Less than 18 years	1,122	1.0	502	0.4	1,624	0.7
18 - 20 years	7,866	7.0	10,985	8.6	18,851	7.9
21 - 24 years	17,270	15.4	19,726	15.5	36,996	15.5
25 - 29 years	18,790	16.8	19,518	15.3	38,308	16.0
30 - 39 years	27,469	24.5	29,428	23.1	56,897	23.8
40 - 49 years	21,106	18.8	24,122	18.9	45,228	18.9
50 - 59 years	13,709	12.2	17,106	13.4	30,815	12.9
60 years and over	4,662	4.2	6,043	4.7	10,705	4.5
Total	111,994	100.0	127,430	100.0	239,424	100.0
FEMALES						
Less than 18 years	1,111	2.0	573	0.6	1,684	1.1
18 - 20 years	6,066	11.0	10,522	10.6	16,588	10.7
21 - 24 years	9,009	16.4	12,799	12.8	21,808	14.1
25 - 29 years	7,120	13.0	9,666	9.7	16,786	10.9
30 - 39 years	9,100	16.6	19,827	19.9	28,927	18.7
40 - 49 years	11,000	20.0	26,380	26.5	37,380	24.2
50 - 59 years	9,023	16.4	16,559	16.6	25,582	16.6
60 years and over	2,522	4.6	3,297	3.3	5,819	3.8
Total	54,951	100.0	99,623	100.0	154,574	100.0
PERSONS						
Less than 18 years	2,233	1.3	1,075	0.5	3,308	0.8
18 - 20 years	13,932	8.3	21,507	9.5	35,439	9.0
21 - 24 years	26,279	15.7	32,525	14.3	58,804	14.9
25 - 29 years	25,910	15.5	29,184	12.9	55,094	14.0
30 - 39 years	36,569	21.9	49,255	21.7	85,824	21.8
40 - 49 years	32,106	19.2	50,502	22.2	82,608	21.0
50 - 59 years	22,732	13.6	33,665	14.8	56,397	14.3
60 years and over	7,184	4.3	9,340	4.1	16,524	4.2
Total	166,945	100.0	227,053	100.0	393,998	100.0

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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>SYDNEY</i>				
AS1 Community Team	<20	20	na	na
Bankstown	3,723	3,601	-122	-3.3
Bondi Junction	1,193	1,095	-98	-8.2
Burwood	1,780	1,728	-52	-2.9
Campsie	2,596	2,466	-130	-5.0
Caringbah	932	903	-29	-3.1
Chatswood	1,298	1,250	-48	-3.7
Darlinghurst	1,744	1,630	-114	-6.5
Hornsby	1,154	1,097	-57	-4.9
Hurstville	1,676	1,622	-54	-3.2
Leichhardt	1,440	1,357	-83	-5.8
Maroubra	1,585	1,506	-79	-5.0
Marrickville	1,553	1,493	-60	-3.9
Northern Beaches	1,393	1,293	-100	-7.2
Redfern	1,476	1,380	-96	-6.5
Rockdale	1,571	1,471	-100	-6.4
Ryde	1,271	1,198	-73	-5.7
Sutherland	880	832	-48	-5.5
Other (a)	na	%	na	na
Total	27,282	25,942	-1,340	-4.9

– Note: For footnotes see end of table.

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

<i>Service Zone and Service Centre</i>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>CENTRAL NEW SOUTH WALES</i>				
Auburn	2,432	2,310	-122	-5.0
Bathurst	796	724	-72	-9.0
Blacktown	3,339	3,197	-142	-4.3
Bourke	334	335	1	0.3
Cabramatta	2,453	2,394	-59	-2.4
Camden	745	733	-12	-1.6
Campbelltown	2,260	2,124	-136	-6.0
Dubbo	2,023	1,978	-45	-2.2
Fairfield	2,904	2,825	-79	-2.7
Hawkesbury	964	926	-38	-3.9
Ingleburn	1,399	1,325	-74	-5.3
Katoomba	611	589	-22	-3.6
Lightning Ridge	188	179	-9	-4.8
Lithgow	627	608	-19	-3.0
Liverpool	3,697	3,493	-204	-5.5
Mt Druitt	2,518	2,361	-157	-6.2
Mudgee	560	565	5	0.9
Orange	905	860	-45	-5.0
Penrith	1,952	1,845	-107	-5.5
Springwood	398	377	-21	-5.3
St Marys	1,688	1,578	-110	-6.5
Walgett	184	173	-11	-6.0
Other (a)	1	0	%	%
Total	32,978	31,499	-1,479	-4.5

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>MID COAST NEW SOUTH WALES</i>				
Baulkham Hills	1,019	931	-88	-8.6
Cessnock	769	757	-12	-1.6
Charlestown	1,885	1,839	-46	-2.4
Comm Support Team	27	35	%	%
Ettalong	788	753	-35	-4.4
Forster	866	841	-25	-2.9
Gosford	1,785	1,649	-136	-7.6
King Street	1,223	1,167	-56	-4.6
Kurri Kurri	531	505	-26	-4.9
Lakehaven	1,821	1,737	-84	-4.6
Maitland	1,384	1,373	-11	-0.8
Mayfield	1,008	979	-29	-2.9
Merrylands	2,375	2,245	-130	-5.5
Muswellbrook	516	525	9	1.7
Nelson Bay	574	573	-1	-0.2
Parramatta	2,466	2,367	-99	-4.0
Raymond Terrace	927	875	-52	-5.6
Singleton	323	317	-6	-1.9
Taree	1,638	1,559	-79	-4.8
The Entrance	1,337	1,269	-68	-5.1
Toronto	969	931	-38	-3.9
Wallsend	1,400	1,397	-3	-0.2
Woy Woy	585	584	-1	-0.2
Wyong	761	704	-57	-7.5
Other (a)	0	0	%	%
Total	26,977	25,912	-1,065	-3.9

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>SOUTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES</i>				
Batemans Bay	729	707	-22	-3.0
Bega	693	680	-13	-1.9
Belconnen	1,023	1,021	-2	-0.2
Bowral	503	492	-11	-2.2
Braddon	784	757	-27	-3.4
Cooma	389	359	-30	-7.7
Corrimal	1,181	1,112	-69	-5.8
Cowra	477	446	-31	-6.5
Dapto	1,208	1,168	-40	-3.3
Goulburn	712	728	16	2.2
Griffith	518	503	-15	-2.9
Gungahlin	316	291	-25	-7.9
Leeton	396	373	-23	-5.8
Narooma	280	292	12	4.3
Nowra	1,791	1,716	-75	-4.2
Parkes	812	772	-40	-4.9
Queanbeyan	507	486	-21	-4.1
Shellharbour	1,462	1,365	-97	-6.6
Tuggeranong	712	697	-15	-2.1
Tumut	288	273	-15	-5.2
Ulladulla	494	494	0	0.0
Wagga	1,335	1,268	-67	-5.0
Woden	481	455	-26	-5.4
Wollongong	1,463	1,401	-62	-4.2
Yass	86	92	%	%
Young	506	495	-11	-2.2
Other (a)	12	10	%	%
Total	19,158	18,453	-705	-3.7

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>NORTHERN VICTORIA</i>				
Airport West	1,229	1,162	-67	-5.5
Albury	2,552	2,439	-113	-4.4
Box Hill	2,305	2,205	-100	-4.3
Broadmeadows	3,898	3,711	-187	-4.8
Darebin	2,737	2,612	-125	-4.6
Deniliquin	260	243	-17	-6.5
Echuca	546	541	-5	-0.9
Epping	2,898	2,807	-91	-3.1
Greensborough	1,782	1,667	-115	-6.5
Heidelberg	1,414	1,321	-93	-6.6
Moreland	2,791	2,643	-148	-5.3
Newmarket	1,661	1,581	-80	-4.8
Seymour	711	669	-42	-5.9
Shepparton	2,074	1,981	-93	-4.5
Sth Melbourne	922	890	-32	-3.5
Sunbury	917	890	-27	-2.9
Wangaratta	1,520	1,438	-82	-5.4
Windsor Vic	2,488	2,387	-101	-4.1
Yarra	2,270	2,127	-143	-6.3
Other (a)	13	14	%	%
Total	34,988	33,328	-1,660	-4.7

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>EASTERN VICTORIA</i>				
Bairnsdale	932	931	-1	-0.1
Belgrave	517	499	-18	-3.5
Boronia	1,246	1,173	-73	-5.9
Cheltenham	1,937	1,826	-111	-5.7
Cranbourne	1,892	1,781	-111	-5.9
Dandenong	3,022	2,828	-194	-6.4
Fountain Gate	2,476	2,363	-113	-4.6
Frankston	2,808	2,711	-97	-3.5
Glen Waverley	1,171	1,089	-82	-7.0
Hastings	700	673	-27	-3.9
Lilydale	1,539	1,448	-91	-5.9
Mornington	595	571	-24	-4.0
Morwell	2,709	2,573	-136	-5.0
Oakleigh	1,746	1,645	-101	-5.8
Pakenham	1,050	1,027	-23	-2.2
Ringwood	1,869	1,759	-110	-5.9
Rosebud	864	803	-61	-7.1
Rowville	739	679	-60	-8.1
Sale	818	769	-49	-6.0
Springvale	2,150	2,076	-74	-3.4
Warragul	758	743	-15	-2.0
Wonthaggi	918	894	-24	-2.6
Other (a)	1	1	%	%
Total	32,457	30,862	-1,595	-4.9

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
WEST VICTORIA				
Ararat	196	199	3	1.5
Ballarat	2,822	2,763	-59	-2.1
Bendigo	2,759	2,627	-132	-4.8
Colac	572	561	-11	-1.9
Corio	1,709	1,656	-53	-3.1
Footscray	1,536	1,476	-60	-3.9
Geelong	3,295	3,138	-157	-4.8
Hamilton	381	376	-5	-1.3
Horsham	728	717	-11	-1.5
Maryborough	459	464	5	1.1
Melton	1,925	1,882	-43	-2.2
Mildura	1,809	1,776	-33	-1.8
Newport	1,133	1,094	-39	-3.4
Portland	329	354	25	7.6
Stawell	169	171	2	1.2
Sunshine	3,710	3,605	-105	-2.8
Swan Hill	775	749	-26	-3.4
Warrnambool	935	920	-15	-1.6
Watergardens	3,554	3,505	-49	-1.4
Werribee	4,335	4,204	-131	-3.0
Other (a)	7	7	%	%
Total	33,138	32,244	-894	-2.7

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>NORTHERN QUEENSLAND</i>				
Atherton	897	863	-34	-3.8
Ayr	360	347	-13	-3.6
Biloela	191	179	-12	-6.3
Bowen	415	402	-13	-3.1
Cairns Aplin	5,270	4,847	-423	-8.0
Charters Towers	397	377	-20	-5.0
Emerald	342	341	-1	-0.3
Gladstone	878	813	-65	-7.4
Indigenous Service Centre	605	516	-89	-14.7
Ingham	340	330	-10	-2.9
Innisfail	931	871	-60	-6.4
Longreach	129	142	13	10.1
Mackay	1,603	1,494	-109	-6.8
Mareeba	741	770	29	3.9
Mossman	600	528	-72	-12.0
Mt Isa	768	748	-20	-2.6
Normanton	96	77	%	%
Nth Peninsula Remote Area Service Centre	103	104	1	1.0
Palm Island	230	171	-59	-25.7
Rockhampton	1,963	1,887	-76	-3.9
Thursday Is	299	276	-23	-7.7
Townsville	4,191	4,025	-166	-4.0
Western Cape Remote Area Service Centre	276	208	-68	-24.6
Whitsunday	624	554	-70	-11.2
Yarrabah Remote Area Service Centre	485	463	-22	-4.5
Yeppoon	468	454	-14	-3.0
Other (a)	32	47	%	%
Total	23,234	21,834	-1,400	-6.0

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>SUNSHINE COAST</i>				
Bundaberg	3,188	3,084	-104	-3.3
Caboolture	3,702	3,533	-169	-4.6
Caloundra	1,614	1,510	-104	-6.4
Deception Bay	909	953	44	4.8
Gympie	1,510	1,472	-38	-2.5
Hervey Bay	1,885	1,779	-106	-5.6
Kawana Waters	750	713	-37	-4.9
Kippa-Ring	1,438	1,337	-101	-7.0
Maroochydore	1,760	1,641	-119	-6.8
Maryborough	1,346	1,285	-61	-4.5
Nambour	1,192	1,145	-47	-3.9
Noosa	1,296	1,265	-31	-2.4
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
Total	20,590	19,717	-873	-4.2
<i>PACIFIC COAST</i>				
Ballina	1,080	977	-103	-9.5
Biggera Waters	3,452	3,378	-74	-2.1
Brunswick Heads	1,009	944	-65	-6.4
Byron Bay	429	432	3	0.7
Casino	656	644	-12	-1.8
Coffs Harbour	2,194	2,020	-174	-7.9
Grafton	892	839	-53	-5.9
Kempsey	931	882	-49	-5.3
Lismore	1,717	1,648	-69	-4.0
Murwillumbah	759	733	-26	-3.4
Nambucca Heads	799	792	-7	-0.9
Nerang	4,362	4,080	-282	-6.5
Palm Beach	4,917	4,559	-358	-7.3
Port Macquarie	1,760	1,687	-73	-4.1
Southport	60	96	%	%
Tweed Heads	1,798	1,688	-110	-6.1
Yamba	481	451	-30	-6.2
Other (a)	18	13	%	%
Total	27,314	25,863	-1,451	-5.3

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND</i>				
Charleville	153	162	9	5.9
Cherbourg	235	229	-6	-2.6
Chermside	1,345	1,313	-32	-2.4
Dalby	457	425	-32	-7.0
Fortitude Valley	1,358	1,286	-72	-5.3
Goodna	1,893	1,782	-111	-5.9
Ipswich	3,381	3,232	-149	-4.4
Kingaroy	730	735	5	0.7
Mitchelton	1,604	1,604	0	0.0
Nundah	1,694	1,640	-54	-3.2
Roma	122	118	-4	-3.3
South Brisbane	1,150	1,058	-92	-8.0
Stones Corner	1,978	1,841	-137	-6.9
Strathpine	2,053	2,014	-39	-1.9
Toowong	1,418	1,379	-39	-2.8
Toowoomba	2,119	2,018	-101	-4.8
Other (a)	199	189	%	%
Total	21,889	21,025	-864	-3.9

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</i>				
Berri	949	854	-95	-10.0
Broken Hill	755	711	-44	-5.8
Ceduna	219	225	6	2.7
Cooper Pedy	135	140	5	3.7
Elizabeth	3,056	2,942	-114	-3.7
Enfield	1,758	1,672	-86	-4.9
Gawler	1,407	1,336	-71	-5.0
Glenelg	848	827	-21	-2.5
Kadina	788	785	-3	-0.4
Kilkenny	1,558	1,450	-108	-6.9
Marion	2,510	2,382	-128	-5.1
Modbury	2,223	2,096	-127	-5.7
Mt Barker	761	731	-30	-3.9
Mt Gambier	1,405	1,332	-73	-5.2
Murray Bridge	1,029	987	-42	-4.1
Noarlunga	3,174	3,023	-151	-4.8
Norwood	1,921	1,855	-66	-3.4
Port Adelaide	1,616	1,540	-76	-4.7
Port Augusta	761	732	-29	-3.8
Port Lincoln	604	584	-20	-3.3
Port Pirie	1,002	972	-30	-3.0
Salisbury	3,072	2,952	-120	-3.9
Torrens ville	1,739	1,680	-59	-3.4
Victor Harbor	740	705	-35	-4.7
Whyalla	803	809	6	0.7
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
Total	34,833	33,322	-1,511	-4.3

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
WESTERN AUSTRALIA				
Albany	1,235	1,250	15	1.2
Armadale	1,574	1,568	-6	-0.4
Bunbury	2,078	2,034	-44	-2.1
Busselton	1,009	980	-29	-2.9
Cannington	1,986	1,949	-37	-1.9
Carnarvon	272	271	-1	-0.4
Esperance	343	333	-10	-2.9
Fremantle	1,462	1,403	-59	-4.0
Geraldton	1,453	1,448	-5	-0.3
Gosnells	1,335	1,300	-35	-2.6
Innaloo	1,355	1,314	-41	-3.0
Joondalup	1,963	1,932	-31	-1.6
Kalgoorlie	792	765	-27	-3.4
Karratha	448	425	-23	-5.1
Laverton Remote Area Service Centre	65	81	%	%
Mandurah	1,787	1,728	-59	-3.3
Meekatharra	140	143	3	2.1
Midland	1,886	1,817	-69	-3.7
Mirrabooka	2,200	2,092	-108	-4.9
Morley	2,198	2,082	-116	-5.3
Newman Remote Area Service Centre	93	77	%	%
Northam	1,168	1,115	-53	-4.5
Rockingham	2,331	2,229	-102	-4.4
South Hedland	300	295	-5	-1.7
Spearwood	1,318	1,272	-46	-3.5
Victoria Park	2,069	1,964	-105	-5.1
Warwick Grove	1,044	976	-68	-6.5
Other (a)	23	25	%	%
Total	33,927	32,868	-1,059	-3.1

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
TASMANIA				
Bridgewater	1,180	1,120	-60	-5.1
Burnie	1,509	1,527	18	1.2
Devonport	1,550	1,493	-57	-3.7
Glenorchy	1,502	1,429	-73	-4.9
Hobart	1,447	1,449	2	0.1
Huonville	384	379	-5	-1.3
Launceston	4,140	4,094	-46	-1.1
Rosny Park	1,367	1,329	-38	-2.8
Sorell	40	23	%	%
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
Total	13,119	12,843	-276	-2.1
NORTH AUSTRALIA				
Alice Springs	562	575	13	2.3
Angurugu RSC	88	140	%	%
Borroloola	56	55	%	%
Broome	485	422	-63	-13.0
Casuarina	668	622	-46	-6.9
Central Aust RST	1,621	1,520	-101	-6.2
Darwin	397	381	-16	-4.0
Derby	136	143	7	5.1
Fitzroy Crossing	67	47	%	%
Galiwinku RSC	58	59	%	%
Halls Creek	179	175	-4	-2.2
Katherine	297	299	2	0.7
Kununurra	252	214	-38	-15.1
Maningrida	238	238	0	0.0
Nhulunbuy	54	30	%	%
Palmerston	815	797	-18	-2.2
Tangentyere	90	79	%	%
Tennant Creek	189	181	-8	-4.2
Tiwi Islands	126	126	0	0.0
Top End East	66	249	%	%
Top End Hub	1,127	154	-973	-86.3
Top End South	249	498	249	100.0
Top End West	101	325	224	221.8
Wadeye	240	255	15	6.3
Yuendumu RSC	69	62	%	%
Other (a)	13	11	%	%
Total	8,243	7,657	-586	-7.1

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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>	July 2013	August 2013	Variation	
			July - August Number	Per cent
<i>BORDER RANGES</i>				
Armidale	936	896	-40	-4.3
Beautesert	650	630	-20	-3.1
Beenleigh	2,457	2,360	-97	-3.9
Browns Plains	2,170	2,052	-118	-5.4
Capalaba	947	897	-50	-5.3
Cleveland	1,096	1,055	-41	-3.7
Glen Innes	312	306	-6	-1.9
Goondiwindi	343	325	-18	-5.2
Gunnedah	432	438	6	1.4
Inala	2,039	1,952	-87	-4.3
Inverell	651	628	-23	-3.5
Moree	454	430	-24	-5.3
Mt Gravatt	2,423	2,346	-77	-3.2
Narrabri	311	318	7	2.3
Stanthorpe	422	403	-19	-4.5
Tamworth	1,781	1,723	-58	-3.3
Warwick	524	499	-25	-4.8
Woodridge	2,446	2,336	-110	-4.5
Wynnum	1,019	1,008	-11	-1.1
Other (a)	%	%	%	%
Total	21,413	20,602	-811	-3.8
<i>OTHER</i>				
Centrelink Call Centres	4	5	%	%
Not Coded To A Zone	14	11	%	%
Rounding Adjustment	-45	11	%	%
AUSTRALIA	411,513	393,998	-17,515	-4.3

(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 23 AUGUST 2013**

<i>Fortnightly Earnings</i>	Short-term job seekers	Long-term job seekers	Total job seekers
MALES			
Did not earn an income	87.2	83.3	85.1
Earned an income	12.8	16.7	14.9
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	1.9	2.6	2.3
\$236.01 - \$316.00	1.4	1.9	1.7
Over \$316.00	7.7	9.3	8.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Job seekers receiving NSA and YA (other)</i>	110,030	125,952	235,982
FEMALES			
Did not earn an income	76.7	70.7	72.8
Earned an income	23.3	29.3	27.2
Amount earned			
\$0.01 - \$62.00	0.7	0.9	0.9
\$62.01 - \$142.00	2.0	2.7	2.4
\$142.01 - \$236.00	3.0	3.4	3.3
\$236.01 - \$316.00	2.2	2.8	2.6
Over \$316.00	15.3	19.5	18.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Job seekers receiving NSA and YA (other)</i>	54,046	98,313	152,359
PERSONS			
Did not earn an income	83.7	77.8	80.3
Earned an income	16.3	22.2	19.7
Amount earned			
\$0.01 - \$62.00	0.6	0.9	0.7
\$62.01 - \$142.00	1.6	2.3	2.0
\$142.01 - \$236.00	2.2	3.0	2.7
\$236.01 - \$316.00	1.7	2.3	2.0
Over \$316.00	10.2	13.8	12.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Job seekers receiving NSA and YA (other)</i>	164,076	224,265	388,341

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

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GLOSSARY

Activity test status	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.
Age	Age in years at time of data collection.
Area Support Office	The term Area Support Office was replaced by Service Zone in July 2011.
Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)	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.
CDEP Participant Supplement (CPS)	The CDEP Participant Supplement (CPS) is payable to eligible CDEP participants. It can be paid fortnightly or as a 12 weekly payment.
Customer Service Centre	Customer Service Centre was replaced by the term Service Centre in July 2011.
Did not receive a payment	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'.
Fortnightly earnings	Amount of income earned, derived, or received by a person for the person's own use or benefit in the previous fortnight.
Incapacitated	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.
Job seeker	A person on Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) who would usually be engaged in job search. See Explanatory Notes for definition and history.
Long-term recipients	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.
Newstart Allowance (NSA)	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.
Partner Allowance (PA)	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>
Service Centre	<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>
Service Zone	<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>
Short-term recipients	<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>
Widow Allowance (WA)	<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>
Youth Training Allowance (YTA)	<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>
Youth Allowance (YA)	<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"> • 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.
Youth Allowance (other)	<p>Youth Allowance recipients who are not full-time students or full-time Australian Apprentices.</p>
Zero paid	<p>See 'Did not receive a payment'.</p>

APPENDIX

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

Official statistics	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.
ABS definition	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.
DEEWR Unemployment Labour Market Payment Statistics	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.
Differences	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 income support. This includes not just time on unemployment benefits but time on any income support payment.</p> <p>The ABS measures length of time unemployed 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">• 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.• 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.

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.

Seasonal adjustment

The ABS produces a seasonally adjusted series. The DEEWR labour market payment numbers data are not seasonally adjusted.

Classification

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.

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.

Employment

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.

Timing

The timing of collections of the series are different:

- 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.
- 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.

Treatment of partners

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.

Pensioners

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 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.