OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Australia

INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:
- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
  - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
  - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit "top-ups" of unemployment benefits or pensions.

Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. 'OLD AGE') and sub-branch (e.g. 'Pensions') under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

Data sources of local administrations. Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: Country policy descriptions.

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: Social Expenditure (SOCX), Tax-Benefit model (TaxBEN), Family database, Pensions at a Glance.

OECD Database on social benefit recipients - www.oecd.org/social/recipients.htm

OLD AGE

Pensions

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Age Pension**
Programme Name [Original]	Age Pension
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time[1]
Other remarks	Does not include Age Pension recipients paid by the Department of Veterans' Affairs
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**Superannuation Guarantee (private pension funds)**
Programme Name [Original]	Superannuation Guarantee (private pension funds)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Private pension scheme under public regulation.
Source	APRA: Annual Superannuation Bulletin

Programme Name [English]	**Service Pension**
Programme Name [Original]	Service Pension
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes partners and disability pensions
Source	Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) Pensioner Summary and Central databases

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[1] In Australia, annual averages correspond to the average from July to June of the next year. For example, Age Pension recipients in 2016 reported in SOCR correspond to the 12-month average from July 2015 to June 2016. This rule applies to all programmes in SOCR.

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SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Widow Class B Pension**
Programme Name [Original]	Widow Class B Pension
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

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INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Disability Support Pension**
Programme Name [Original]	Disability Support Pension
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**Carer Payment**
Programme Name [Original]	Carer Payment
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

Paid Sick Leave

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Sickness Allowance**
Programme Name [Original]	Sickness Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

FAMILY

Maternity and Parental Leaves

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Parenting Payment Partnered**
Programme Name [Original]	Parenting Payment Partnered
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**Parenting Payment Single**
Programme Name [Original]	Parenting Payment Single
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Job Seeker Allowance (Newstart and Youth allowance for non-students)**
Programme Name [Original]	Job Seeker Allowance (Newstart and Youth allowance for non-students)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

Early retirement for labour market reasons

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Widow Allowance**
Programme Name [Original]	Widow Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Human Services (DHS) administrative data

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OTHER SOCIAL

Income Maintenance

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Special Benefit**
Programme Name [Original]	Special Benefit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Services (DSS) Statistical papers

Programme Name [English]	**Youth Allowance for full-time student and apprentice**
Programme Name [Original]	Youth Allowance for full-time student and apprentice
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Services (DSS) Statistical papers

Other (Food Subsidies, Education, etc.)

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**ABSTUDY scheme**
Programme Name [Original]	ABSTUDY scheme
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Services (DSS) Statistical papers

Programme Name [English]	**AUSTUDY scheme**
Programme Name [Original]	AUSTUDY scheme
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Services (DSS) Statistical papers

HOUSING

Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Rent Assistance**
Programme Name [Original]	Rent Assistance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Recipient households, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Department of Social Services (DSS), Housing dataset

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