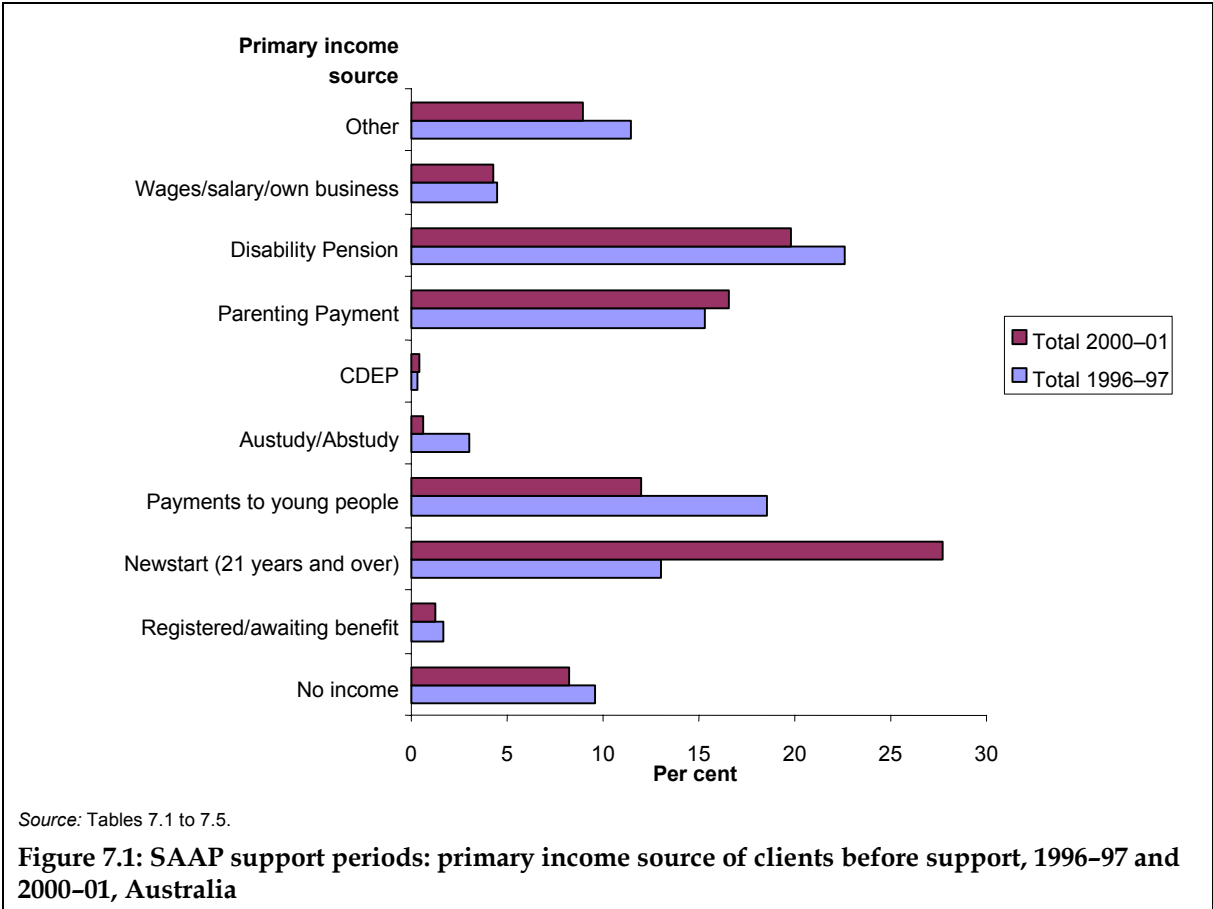


# 7 Changes in the income sources of SAAP clients' 1996–2001

Over the course of 5 years, from the start of the National Data Collection in 1996 to 2001, there have been notable changes in the proportion of support periods provided to clients with various primary income sources before support (Figure 7.1). There are some difficulties in assessing changes in primary income source categories because of significant modifications in the targeting of some income support programs during this time and the eradication of other programs completely. In particular, these changes affected payment programs for the young unemployed and students. Because of the shift in payments during the 1997–98 and 1998–99 financial years, the categories in the tables presented here have been merged to reflect the current situation. Therefore, the most significant shift can be seen in the Young people and Newstart Allowance payment categories. Further information on the grouping of primary income source categories for the time-series tables can be found in the counting rules (Appendix 2) and in Table 1.1.

The proportion of support periods provided to clients with no income before support has declined from 10% in 1996–97 to 8% in 2000–01 (Figure 7.1).



Similarly, the proportion of support periods provided to clients who were registered and awaiting a benefit payment fell from 2% in 1996–97 to 1% in 2000–01. Decreases in the proportion of support periods provided to clients in receipt of the Disability Support Pension (from 23% in 1996–97 to 20% in 2000–01), Austudy and Abstudy (from 3% to 0.5%) and Other forms of income (12% to 9%) can also be seen. The biggest decrease in support periods provided has been in cases where young people under 21 years of age were in receipt of unemployment or student benefits (a category that includes Job Search Allowance, Youth Training Allowance, Newstart Allowance for those under 21 years and the current program Youth Allowance). In 1996–97, young people aged under 21 receiving unemployment or student income support made up 19% of support periods. In 2000–01, this had reduced to 12%.

On the other hand, there were increases in the remaining primary income source categories, with the exception of support periods to CDEP participants (0.5%) and those whose primary income source was wages, salary or their own business (5%) which remained relatively constant across the 5 years. The proportion of support periods provided to clients in receipt of a Parenting Payment rose from 15% in 1996–97 to 17% in 2000–01. A large increase can be seen in the proportion of support periods to clients in receipt of Newstart Allowance (in its current form, and including those aged 21 years and over from earlier years), from 13% in 1996–97 to 28% in 2000–01. Apart from 1996–97 when the Disability Support Pension was the most common form of primary income source reported across support periods (23%), Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) has been the most commonly reported form of payment in SAAP support periods (steadily increasing from 22% in 1997–98 to 28% in 2000–01). The increase in the number of support periods to clients receiving Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) equates to approximately 22,700 support periods.

## **7.1 Age and gender**

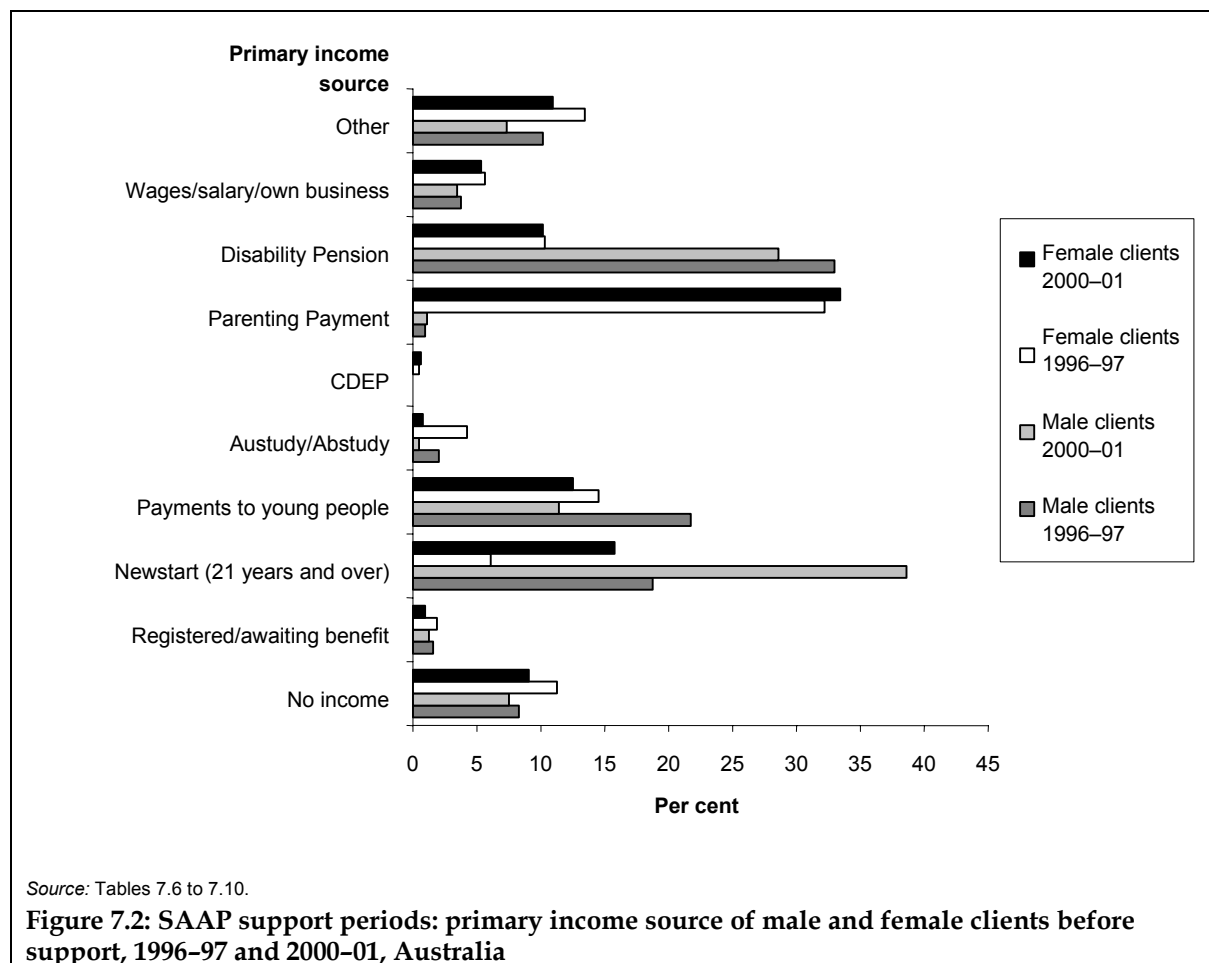
From 1996 to 2001, the proportion of support periods to clients in the seven age cohorts remained relatively constant (Tables 7.1 to 7.5). There was a decrease in support periods to those aged 15–17 years (from 12% in 1996–97 to 9% in 2000–01) and to those aged 65 years and over (3% to 2%). There were increases in the proportion of support periods to those aged 20–24 years (from 15% in 1996–97 to 16% in 2000–01) and those aged 25–44 years (from 47% to 50%), while the proportion of support periods to clients under the age of 15 (2%), 18–19 years (8%) and 45–64 years (14%) remained constant. Over the first 4 years, the proportion of support periods to female clients increased consistently, from 45% in 1996–97 to 49% in 1999–00, but in 2000–01 the proportion dropped slightly to 47%.

### **Clients aged 20 years and over**

The shift between Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) and the Young people payment categories mentioned above can be seen across the 5-year reporting period (Figure 7.2). In 1996–97, clients reported receiving Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) in 13% of support periods, compared with 28% in 2000–01. There was a corresponding decrease in the Young people payment from 19% in 1996–97 to 12% in 2000–01.

In 1996–97 and 1997–98, the shift is clearly evident for clients aged 25 to 64 (Tables 7.1 and 7.2). For example, in 1996–97, clients aged 25–44 reported Young people payments in 10% of support periods, compared with 0.3% in 1997–98. Correspondingly, Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) was reported in 18% of support periods to clients aged 25–44 in 1996–97 and in 31% of cases in 1997–98. Clients aged 20–24 reported receiving Young people payments in

24% of support periods in 1996–97, compared with Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) in 14% of support periods in 1997–98, 23% in 1996–97 and 35% in 1997–98.



### Male clients aged 20 years and over

In support periods for male clients aged 20–24 years and 25–44 years, Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) has tended to be the most common primary source of income across the 5 years. The proportion receiving this payment increased from 36% of support periods to male clients aged 20–24 years in 1996–97 to 53% in 2000–01. Support periods to males aged 25–44 years on Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) rose from 27% in 1996–97 to 52% in 2000–01. In 1996–97, male clients aged 25–44 years also reported receiving the Disability Support Pension in 39% of support periods; however, this dropped to 33% in 1997–98 and 31% in 2000–01.

The Disability Support Pension remained the most common primary source of income in support periods to male clients aged 45–64 years, though it decreased slightly over 5 years (from 67% in 1996–97 to 58% in 2000–01). Male clients aged 65 years and over more often reported Other payments as their primary source of income. This was largely attributable to the Age Pension being included in the Other payments category, though the proportion fell slightly (from 79% in 1996–97 to 73% in 2000–01). In 1996–97, clients on Young people payment accounted for 34% and 15% of support periods to males aged 20–24 and 25–44 respectively. This compared with 19% and 1% in 1997–98.

## **Female clients aged 20 years and over**

In support periods to female clients aged 20–24 years and 25–44 years, Parenting Payments were the most often reported primary source of income. The proportion of support periods to females aged 20–24 (43% of support periods) and 25–44 (45%) receiving the payment across the 5 years remained relatively constant. Primary income source in support periods for females aged 45–64 years and 65 years and over followed the same pattern as for male clients of the same age groups. In support periods to females aged 45–64, the Disability Support Pension was the most commonly reported primary income source, though this proportion decreased across the 5-year period (from 40% in 1996–97 to 35% in 2000–01). For female clients aged 65 years and over, Other payments were more common (86% in 1996–97 to 88% in 2000–01).

## **Male and female clients aged 19 years and under**

There has not been a great deal of change in the pattern of primary income source for males and females between 1996 and 2001, though there are notable fluctuations across age cohorts. In the vast majority of cases across the 5 years, both male and female clients under 15 years of age reported they had no source of income. Overall, the proportion increased from 82% of support periods in 1996–97 to 85% in 2000–01, going against the national average trend towards a decrease in the proportion of support periods to clients with no income. The increase in support periods where clients under 15 years had no income was more prominent for males (from 83% in 1996–97 to 88% in 1999–00, though it dropped to 84% in 2000–01). However, while the proportion of female clients under 15 years without an income was lower in the first 4 years of data collection (81% in 1996–97 and 1999–00), it jumped above the proportion of male clients of that age with no income in 2000–01 (to 86%). In support periods for clients aged 15–17 years and 18–19 years, unemployment and student benefits for young people (under the age of 21) were the most common form of primary income source. The proportion of support periods where clients aged 15–17 years were in receipt of such benefits increased from 38% in 1996–97 to 49% in 2000–01, though across the 5 years one-third or more of support periods were still provided to clients of this age group who indicated they had no source of income before support. More than 50% of support periods to clients aged 18–19 from 1996 to 2001 were provided to those in receipt of an unemployment or student benefit (86% in 1996–97 to 88% in 2000–01).

**Table 7.1: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by age of client, Australia, 1996–97 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Under 15 years	15–17 years	18–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	
<b>Male Clients</b>									
								<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>
No income	83.2	33.0	9.0	5.6	4.1	2.6	1.7	8.3	6,700
Registered/awaiting benefit	1.0	4.0	3.0	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.1	1.5	1,200
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	36.2	26.5	9.4	1.0	18.7	15,000
Young people	3.0	43.1	69.1	34.0	14.5	6.6	0.8	21.7	17,500
Austudy/Abstudy	3.5	9.8	6.3	1.8	0.5	0.2	—	2.0	1,600
CDEP	—	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	—	—	0.1	100
Parenting Payment	2.0	0.1	0.1	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.2	0.9	700
Disability Support Pension	0.2	2.2	4.5	10.2	39.4	67.1	16.0	33.0	26,500
Wages/salary/own business	1.6	4.7	4.3	4.3	3.8	2.8	0.9	3.7	2,900
Other payments <sup>(a)</sup>	5.6	2.8	3.4	5.4	8.3	10.2	79.3	10.1	8,100
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>37,200</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>80,300</b>
<b>Female clients</b>									
No income	80.6	32.0	7.6	6.0	6.1	6.5	4.2	11.2	7,500
Registered/awaiting benefit	1.4	4.1	2.5	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.2	1.9	1,300
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	11.6	7.4	6.1	0.5	6.1	4,100
Young people	3.1	34.2	44.9	14.6	5.4	5.1	0.2	14.6	9,800
Austudy/Abstudy	4.5	15.1	11.3	2.8	0.9	0.5	0.4	4.2	2,800
CDEP	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.1	—	0.5	400
Parenting Payment	2.8	4.9	18.8	42.8	44.7	9.4	2.7	32.2	21,700
Disability Support Pension	0.2	1.1	3.2	5.6	11.3	40.2	4.8	10.3	7,000
Wages/salary/own business	0.8	4.0	4.4	3.9	6.7	8.7	1.5	5.6	3,800
Other payments <sup>(a)</sup>	6.5	4.5	6.5	10.7	15.4	22.4	85.5	13.4	9,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>67,300</b>
<b>All clients</b>									
No income	81.8	32.5	8.3	5.8	5.0	3.7	2.1	9.6	14,300
Registered/awaiting benefit	1.2	4.1	2.8	1.5	1.3	0.8	0.1	1.7	2,500
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	23.1	17.6	8.5	1.0	12.9	19,200
Young people	3.0	38.2	56.6	23.6	10.3	6.2	0.7	18.5	27,400
Austudy/Abstudy	4.1	12.6	8.9	2.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	3.0	4,500
CDEP	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	—	0.3	500
Parenting Payment	2.4	2.7	9.7	23.2	21.5	2.9	0.6	15.2	22,500
Disability Support Pension	0.2	1.6	3.9	7.7	26.4	59.6	14.1	22.7	33,700
Wages/salary/own business	1.2	4.3	4.4	4.1	5.1	4.4	1.0	4.5	6,700
Other payments <sup>(a)</sup>	6.0	3.7	5.0	8.3	11.6	13.6	80.3	11.6	17,200
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>69,800</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>148,500</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

*Notes*

1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 3,637
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 4,393
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

**Table 7.2: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support by age of client and gender, Australia, 1997–98 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Under 15 years	15–17 years	18–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	
<b>Male clients</b>									
								%	Number
No income	86.7	32.6	7.4	5.3	4.3	3.2	2.3	8.5	6,900
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.6	4.0	3.2	2.0	1.1	0.7	0.2	1.6	1,300
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	53.2	47.0	18.1	3.4	32.2	26,200
Young people	4.4	42.9	69.2	18.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	13.5	11,000
Austudy/Abstudy	1.1	10.1	6.7	2.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	2.2	1,800
CDEP	—	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	100
Parenting Payment	0.4	—	0.3	0.7	1.9	0.6	—	1.1	900
Disability Support Pension	1.8	1.6	5.3	9.0	32.7	63.8	20.2	28.3	23,100
Wages/salary/own business	0.4	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	2.9	1.0	4.0	3,300
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	4.6	4.0	3.2	4.3	7.5	10.2	72.0	8.5	7,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	..
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>37,100</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>2,200</b>	..	<b>81,400</b>
<b>Female clients</b>									
No income	85.2	31.8	6.5	3.7	5.7	6.6	4.7	10.5	7,700
Registered/awaiting benefit	1.4	4.1	2.5	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.6	1,100
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	18.2	13.9	12.9	2.1	11.0	8,100
Young people	2.5	34.5	45.8	9.4	0.1	0.1	0.9	10.9	8,000
Austudy/Abstudy	1.8	14.9	11.0	2.6	0.8	0.6	0.2	4.0	2,900
CDEP	—	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.3	—	0.7	500
Parenting Payment	2.2	4.6	18.1	42.5	44.8	11.2	5.7	32.5	23,900
Disability Support Pension	—	0.9	3.7	6.8	10.8	32.9	7.7	9.6	7,000
Wages/salary/own business	0.7	4.4	5.5	4.3	6.5	9.6	1.1	5.8	4,300
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	6.2	4.6	6.5	10.6	15.4	24.9	76.8	13.5	9,900
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	..
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>800</b>	..	<b>73,400</b>
<b>All clients</b>									
No income	85.8	32.2	6.9	4.5	5.0	4.2	3.0	9.4	14,700
Registered/awaiting benefit	1.1	4.0	2.8	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.3	1.6	2,500
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	34.5	30.8	16.7	3.5	22.1	34,400
Young people	3.4	38.3	57.6	13.8	0.3	0.2	0.7	12.2	19,000
Austudy/Abstudy	1.5	12.7	8.8	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.4	3.0	4,700
CDEP	—	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.1	—	0.4	600
Parenting Payment	1.4	2.5	9.1	23.0	22.8	3.7	1.9	16.0	24,900
Disability Support Pension	0.8	1.2	4.5	7.8	22.1	54.8	17.2	19.5	30,300
Wages/salary/own business	0.6	4.5	5.0	4.3	5.4	4.8	1.2	4.9	7,600
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	5.5	4.4	4.9	7.7	11.4	14.4	71.9	10.9	16,900
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	..
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	..
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>18,100</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>72,900</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>3,100</b>	..	<b>155,700</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

*Notes*

1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 3,205
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 5,420
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

**Table 7.3: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support by age of client and gender of client, Australia, 1998–99 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Under 15 years	15–17 years	18–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	
<b>Male clients</b>									
								%	Number
No income	88.4	32.1	8.4	4.2	3.5	2.7	1.5	7.9	6,300
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.8	3.5	2.6	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.3	1,100
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	51.2	50.1	19.8	1.1	34.3	27,200
Young people	5.3	52.1	73.1	23.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	14.8	11,800
Austudy/Abstudy	1.4	3.7	3.9	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.1	800
CDEP	—	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	90
Parenting Payment	0.2	—	0.3	0.7	1.7	0.5	0.1	1.0	800
Disability Support Pension	0.7	1.7	4.8	9.6	31.6	62.1	18.5	27.7	22,000
Wages/salary/own business	1.1	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.2	0.5	4.0	3,200
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	2.1	2.3	2.0	3.7	6.8	10.8	77.6	7.7	6,100
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>79,300</b>
<b>Female clients</b>									
No income	83.0	30.7	6.4	3.5	4.9	6.2	3.3	9.8	7,200
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.5	3.4	1.6	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.2	900
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	17.8	16.4	13.9	0.9	12.2	9,000
Young people	4.6	46.8	55.4	12.7	0.3	0.3	0.6	14.1	10,400
Austudy/Abstudy	1.1	5.7	5.8	1.9	0.6	0.5	—	2.0	1,500
CDEP	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.8	600
Parenting Payment	5.0	4.9	18.6	43.5	45.7	11.2	1.6	33.5	24,700
Disability Support Pension	0.4	0.9	2.9	5.8	10.1	31.5	7.6	8.9	6,600
Wages/salary/own business	1.1	4.2	4.6	4.1	6.6	9.9	1.1	5.7	4,200
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	4.3	3.2	4.3	9.1	13.5	25.6	84.4	11.9	8,800
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>12,800</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>73,800</b>
<b>All clients</b>									
No income	85.4	31.4	7.3	3.8	4.2	3.7	2.0	8.8	13,500
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.6	3.4	2.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.3	2,000
Newstart (21 years and over)	—	—	—	33.9	33.3	18.1	1.1	23.7	36,500
Young people	4.9	49.1	63.6	18.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	14.4	22,300
Austudy/Abstudy	1.2	4.8	4.9	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	1.5	2,300
CDEP	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.4	700
Parenting Payment	2.9	2.7	10.1	22.8	23.7	3.6	0.5	16.7	25,700
Disability Support Pension	0.5	1.3	3.7	7.6	20.9	53.2	15.4	18.6	28,700
Wages/salary/own business	1.1	4.4	4.7	4.3	5.4	5.1	0.7	4.8	7,500
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	3.3	2.8	3.2	6.5	10.1	15.1	79.6	9.8	15,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>24,900</b>	<b>73,400</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>154,000</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions..

**Notes**

1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 2,525
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 6,572
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

**Table 7.4: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by age and gender of client, Australia, 1999–00 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Under 15 years	15–17 years	18–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	
<b>Male clients</b>									
No income	87.8	31.4	8.8	4.5	3.6	2.5	2.0	7.7	5,600
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.5	3.3	2.5	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.3	1.2	900
Newstart Allowance	2.4	2.0	12.7	54.8	50.8	19.7	1.6	36.9	26,700
Youth Allowance	3.2	52.1	60.2	17.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	12.1	8,800
Austudy/Abstudy	0.5	2.2	2.0	0.7	0.4	0.1	—	0.6	500
CDEP	—	—	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	60
Parenting Payment	0.5	—	0.1	0.7	2.0	0.5	0.2	1.2	900
Disability Support Pension	1.8	2.1	5.1	11.3	31.0	62.6	18.7	28.3	20,500
Wages/salary/own business	0.7	4.3	5.6	4.5	4.5	3.3	1.1	4.3	3,100
Other govt. payments <sup>(a)</sup>	2.6	2.5	2.7	4.6	6.4	10.6	75.9	7.6	5,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>34,700</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>72,400</b>
<b>Female clients</b>									
No income	81.1	29.3	5.9	4.0	4.6	5.9	3.9	8.9	6,300
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.9	3.6	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	900
Newstart Allowance	1.2	2.3	8.5	22.1	16.7	14.6	1.3	14.5	10,300
Youth Allowance	3.7	47.9	50.4	11.2	0.5	0.3	—	12.9	9,100
Austudy/Abstudy	0.9	3.6	3.0	1.0	0.5	0.3	—	1.2	800
CDEP	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3	—	0.5	300
Parenting Payment	5.8	4.7	18.4	42.8	46.2	12.1	1.4	33.9	24,100
Disability Support Pension	0.6	0.7	3.6	5.5	10.3	29.7	8.1	9.2	6,500
Wages/salary/own business	1.5	5.0	4.4	3.4	6.5	10.4	1.2	5.8	4,100
Other govt. payments <sup>(a)</sup>	4.0	2.8	3.9	8.4	13.4	25.5	83.5	11.9	8,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>12,100</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>71,000</b>
<b>All clients</b>									
No income	84.6	30.2	7.2	4.2	4.1	3.6	2.6	8.3	11,900
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.7	3.4	2.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.4	1.2	1,800
Newstart Allowance	1.8	2.2	10.4	37.3	33.6	18.0	1.5	25.8	37,200
Youth Allowance	3.4	49.7	54.7	14.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	12.5	18,000
Austudy/Abstudy	0.7	3.0	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.1	—	0.9	1,300
CDEP	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	—	0.3	400
Parenting Payment	3.1	2.7	10.3	23.3	24.3	4.4	0.5	17.4	25,000
Disability Support Pension	1.2	1.3	4.2	8.2	20.5	51.6	15.3	18.8	27,100
Wages/salary/own business	1.1	4.7	5.0	3.9	5.5	5.7	1.1	5.0	7,200
Other govt. payments <sup>(a)</sup>	3.3	2.7	3.4	6.6	9.9	15.5	78.3	9.8	14,100
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>70,400</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>144,100</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

*Notes*

1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1,560
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 11,887
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.
4. The results presented rely on data reported by SAAP agencies and their clients. Based on income support eligibility criteria, for the collection period those aged under 16 or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to the Disability Support Pension or Youth Allowance, and those aged under 21 years or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to Newstart Allowance. However in some cases clients have reported receiving such payments. See counting rules in Appendix 2 for further discussion.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

**Table 7.5: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by age and gender of client, Australia, 2000–01 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Under 15 years	15–17 years	18–19 years	20–24 years	25–44 years	45–64 years	65+ years	Total	
<b>Male clients</b>									
									<b>%</b>
									<b>Number</b>
No income	83.5	33.6	10.5	5.0	3.7	2.8	1.8	7.5	5,900
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.6	3.7	2.6	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.1	1.3	1,100
Newstart Allowance	5.3	1.8	9.7	52.7	52.0	24.4	1.7	38.6	30,500
Youth Allowance	2.4	50.5	61.8	21.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	11.4	9,000
Austudy/Abstudy	0.8	1.7	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	—	0.5	400
CDEP	—	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	100
Parenting Payment	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	1.8	0.5	0.1	1.1	900
Disability Support Pension	2.4	2.4	6.3	10.6	31.3	57.8	22.8	28.6	22,600
Wages/salary/own business	1.3	4.0	5.3	4.0	3.3	2.9	0.4	3.4	2,700
Other govt. payments <sup>(a)</sup>	3.6	2.0	2.3	3.6	5.7	10.6	72.8	7.3	5,800
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>39,400</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>78,900</b>
<b>Female clients</b>									
No income	86.2	31.9	7.2	3.7	4.0	4.6	2.3	9.0	6,400
Registered/awaiting benefit	1.0	3.6	1.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	—	1.3	900
Newstart Allowance	1.5	1.7	6.7	21.8	19.6	13.9	1.9	15.8	11,300
Youth Allowance	2.0	48.1	49.9	13.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	12.5	8,900
Austudy/Abstudy	0.3	2.2	1.9	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	600
CDEP	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.6	500
Parenting Payment	4.3	4.8	19.2	42.4	44.6	14.1	0.9	33.5	23,900
Disability Support Pension	0.6	1.0	3.8	5.9	11.0	34.5	5.3	10.2	7,300
Wages/salary/own business	1.3	4.4	4.1	3.5	5.9	9.0	0.6	5.3	3,800
Other govt. payments <sup>(a)</sup>	2.4	2.0	4.9	7.3	12.4	21.7	88.3	11.0	7,800
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>35,900</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>71,300</b>
<b>All clients</b>									
No income	85.0	32.5	8.8	4.4	3.9	3.4	2.0	8.2	12,400
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.8	3.6	2.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.1	1.3	2,000
Newstart Allowance	3.2	1.7	8.1	36.2	36.5	21.2	1.8	27.8	42,200
Youth Allowance	2.1	49.2	55.4	16.9	0.4	0.1	0.2	11.9	18,100
Austudy/Abstudy	0.5	2.0	1.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.6	1,000
CDEP	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.4	600
Parenting Payment	2.6	2.8	10.4	22.9	22.3	4.8	0.3	16.6	25,200
Disability Support Pension	1.4	1.6	4.9	8.0	21.6	50.3	18.2	19.8	30,100
Wages/salary/own business	1.3	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.6	4.8	0.5	4.3	6,600
Other govt. payments <sup>(a)</sup>	3.0	2.0	3.7	5.5	8.9	14.1	76.9	9.1	13,800
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>23,800</b>	<b>76,200</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>151,900</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

*Notes*

1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 10,993
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 5,274
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.
4. The results presented rely on data reported by SAAP agencies and their clients. Based on income support eligibility criteria, for the collection period those aged under 16 or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to the Disability Support Pension or Youth Allowance, and those aged under 21 years or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to Newstart Allowance. However in some cases clients have reported receiving such payments. See counting rules in Appendix 2 for further discussion.

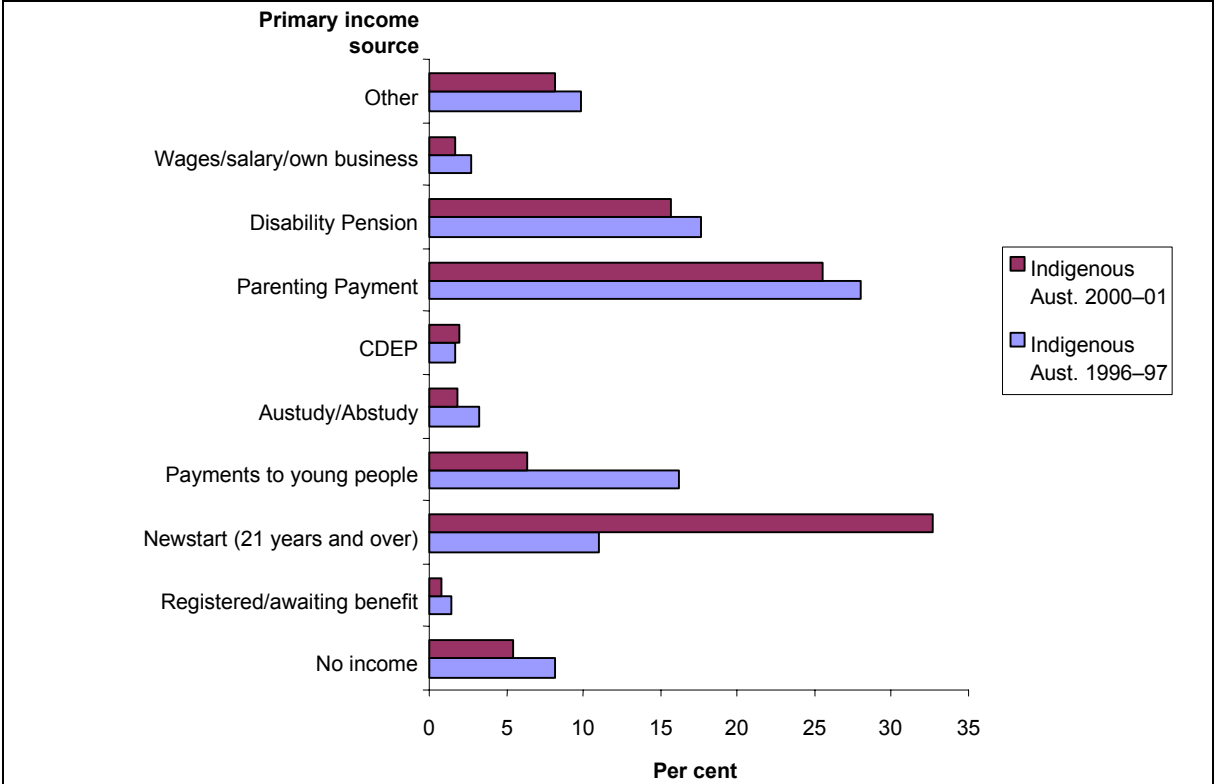
Source: SAAP Client Collection.

## 7.2 Cultural origin

From 1996 to 2001, there was an increase in the proportion of support periods provided to clients of Indigenous Australian background and a decrease in the other cultural origin categories (Tables 7.6 to 7.10). The proportion of support periods to clients of Indigenous Australian background increased from 13% in 1996–97 to 19% in 2000–01.<sup>2</sup> A corresponding decrease occurred in the proportion of support periods provided to clients who were Australian-born non-Indigenous (from 72% in 1996–97 to 68% in 2000–01) and in those provided to clients born overseas in English proficiency group 1 countries (from 7% to 5%).<sup>3</sup> The proportion of support periods provided to clients born in English proficiency countries 2–4 remained relatively constant across the 5-year period at 9%.

### Indigenous Australians

Over the 5-year period, the proportion of support periods to clients of Indigenous Australian background who had no income before support decreased, from 8% in 1996–97 to 5% in 2000–01 (Figure 7.3). The proportion of support periods where the Indigenous client was registered and awaiting receipt of a benefit remained relatively constant (1%), as did the proportion who reported participating in CDEPs (2%).



Source: Tables 7.6 to 7.10

**Figure 7.3: SAAP support periods: primary income source of Indigenous Australian clients before support, 1996–97 and 2000–01, Australia**

2 The notable increase in the proportion of support periods to Indigenous clients is partly attributable to the participation of one agency in northern Queensland from 2000–01, which provides a high volume of support periods.

3 English proficiency group 1 countries are Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. English proficiency groups 2–4 refer to all other countries (excluding Australia).

**Table 7.6: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by cultural origin, Australia, 1996–97 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Indigenous Australian	Australian-born non-Indigenous	Overseas-born, English proficiency group 1	Overseas-born, English proficiency group 2–4	Total (%)	Total (number)
No income	8.2	9.4	9.0	13.5	9.6	13,600
Registered/awaiting benefit	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7	2,400
Newstart (21 years and over)	11.0	13.5	15.1	10.7	13.0	18,400
Young people	16.2	20.0	13.6	12.7	18.5	26,100
Austudy/Abstudy	3.2	2.9	1.2	5.1	3.0	4,300
CDEP	1.7	0.1	—	0.1	0.3	400
Parenting Payment	28.0	13.9	9.4	11.9	15.3	21,600
Disability Support Pension	17.6	22.8	32.4	20.8	22.6	31,900
Wages/salary/own business	2.7	4.5	5.5	6.4	4.5	6,400
Other payments <sup>(a)</sup>	9.9	11.1	12.3	17.4	11.5	16,300
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>101,100</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>141,400</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

*Notes*

1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 3,466
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 11,653
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

Overall, decreases can be seen across all other primary income source categories with the exception of support periods to clients in receipt of Newstart Allowance. The proportion of support periods provided to clients of Indigenous background on Newstart increased from 11% in 1996–97 to 33% of all support periods in 2000–01.

The largest decreases can be seen in the proportion of support periods to young Indigenous people under 21 years of age who were receiving unemployment or student benefits, from 16% in 1996–97 to 6% in 2000–01. The latter figure is considerably lower than the national average of 12%. Further, there were also decreases in the proportion of support periods to Indigenous clients receiving the Disability Support Pension (from 18% in 1996–97 to 16% in 2000–01), Austudy and Abstudy, and those whose primary income source was wages, salary or their own business (from 3% to 2% respectively). Across all 5 years, the proportion of support periods to Indigenous clients receiving the Disability Support Pension or whose primary source of income was wages, salary or their own business was notably lower than the national averages. The proportion of support periods where Indigenous clients were in receipt of a Parenting Payment was considerably higher across all the period (from 28% in 1996–97 to 26% in 2000–01) than the national average, which ranged between 15 and 17%. The most common source of primary income for Indigenous clients was consistently the Parenting Payment across the first 4 years of data collection; in 2000–01, Newstart Allowance became the most frequently reported income source, accounting for one-third of all support periods to Indigenous clients.

**Table 7.7: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by cultural origin, Australia, 1997–98 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Indigenous Australian	Australian-born non-Indigenous	Overseas-born, English proficiency group 1	Overseas-born, English proficiency group 2–4	Total (%)	Total (number)
No income	8.4	9.1	9.3	14.3	9.4	14,100
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.9	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.6	2,400
Newstart (21 years and over)	19.7	22.7	26.3	18.0	22.1	33,100
Young people	8.7	14.3	6.4	5.3	12.3	18,500
Austudy/Abstudy	2.7	3.1	0.9	4.6	3.0	4,500
CDEP	2.7	0.1	—	0.1	0.4	600
Parenting Payment	28.7	14.3	11.3	14.7	16.1	24,100
Disability Support Pension	12.7	20.4	24.4	17.5	19.4	29,000
Wages/salary/own business	2.9	4.8	7.0	7.3	4.9	7,300
Other payments <sup>(a)</sup>	12.6	9.6	12.7	16.5	10.8	16,200
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>108,600</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>149,800</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

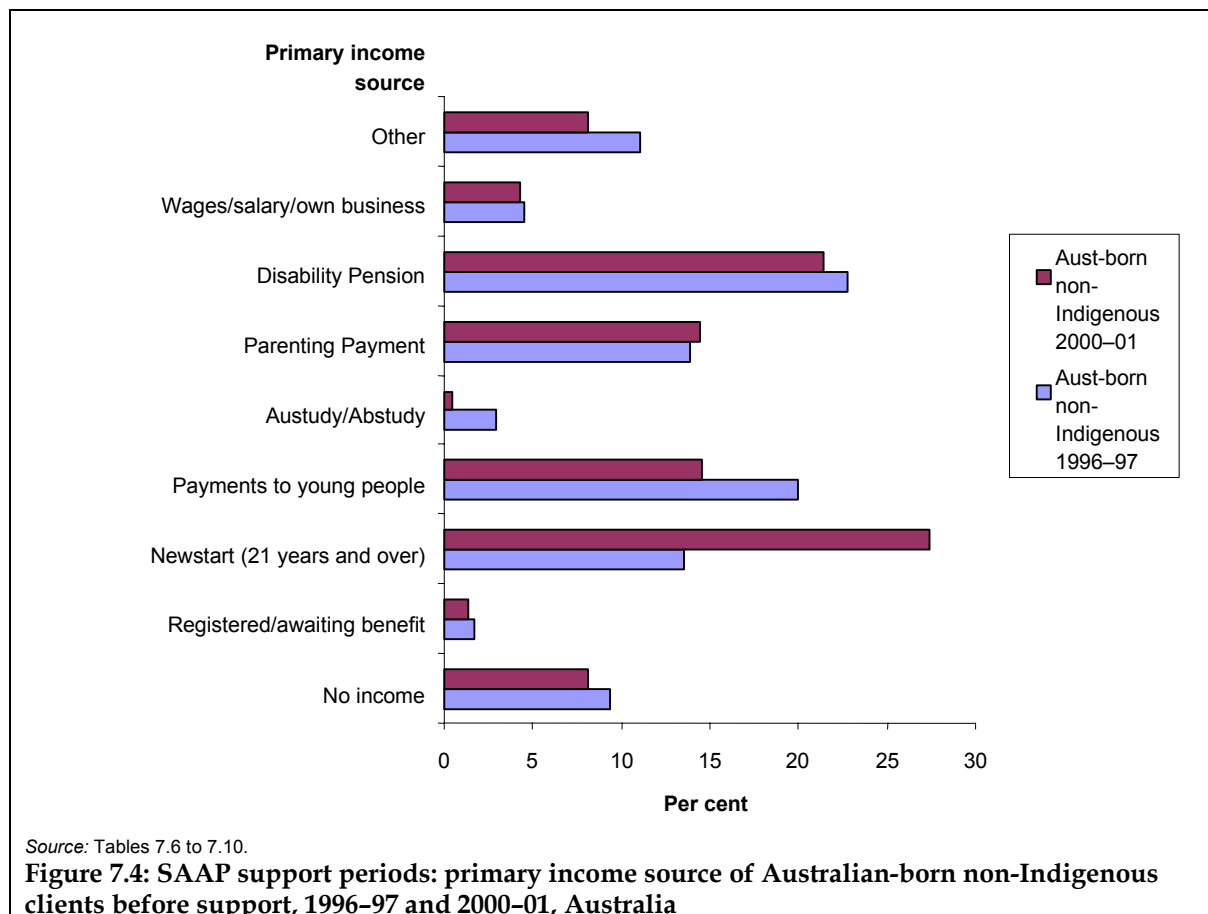
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3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

### **Australian-born non-Indigenous clients**

Australian-born non-Indigenous clients make up the majority of support periods provided, though the proportion declined between 1996 and 2001 (from 72% in 1996–97 to 68% in 2000–01) (Figure 7.4). As for Indigenous clients, the proportion of support periods provided to Australian-born non-Indigenous clients on no income before support and to those registered and awaiting receipt of a benefit declined (from 9% in 1996–97 to 8% in 2000–01, and from 2% to 1% respectively). Likewise, the proportion of support periods to young people (aged under 21 years) receiving an unemployment or student benefit has declined (from 20% to 15%), as did the proportion on the Disability Support Pension (from 23% to 21%) and Other forms of income (from 11% to 8%). There was a considerable increase in the proportion of support periods provided to Australian-born non-Indigenous clients who were in receipt of Newstart (21 and over) (from 14% to 27%). The proportion of support periods to clients in receipt of a Parenting Payment and those whose primary income source was wages, salary or their own business remained relatively constant (14% and approximately 5% respectively). Australian-born non-Indigenous clients were most commonly in receipt of the Disability Support Pension in 1996–97 (23% of all support periods), but in the following 4 years Newstart (21 and over) was the most common form of primary income (from between 24% to 28%).



**Table 7.8: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by cultural origin, Australia, 1998-99 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Indigenous Aust.	Aust born non-Indigenous	Overseas-born, English proficiency grp 1	Overseas-born, English proficiency grps 2-4	Total (%)	Total (no.)
No income	6.6	8.4	8.8	14.1	8.7	13,100
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.8	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.3	1,900
Newstart (21 years and over)	22.3	24.2	27.0	18.5	23.6	35,200
Young people	10.5	16.7	7.8	8.4	14.6	21,800
Austudy/Abstudy	2.3	1.3	0.7	2.4	1.5	2,300
CDEP	3.0	—	0.1	—	0.4	640
Parenting Payment	29.2	14.9	12.6	15.5	16.8	25,000
Disability Support Pension	12.3	19.8	23.3	15.4	18.6	27,700
Wages/salary/own business	2.4	4.8	6.7	7.1	4.8	7,200
Other payments <sup>(a)</sup>	10.5	8.6	11.6	16.7	9.7	14,600
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>106,700</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>149,400</b>

(a) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

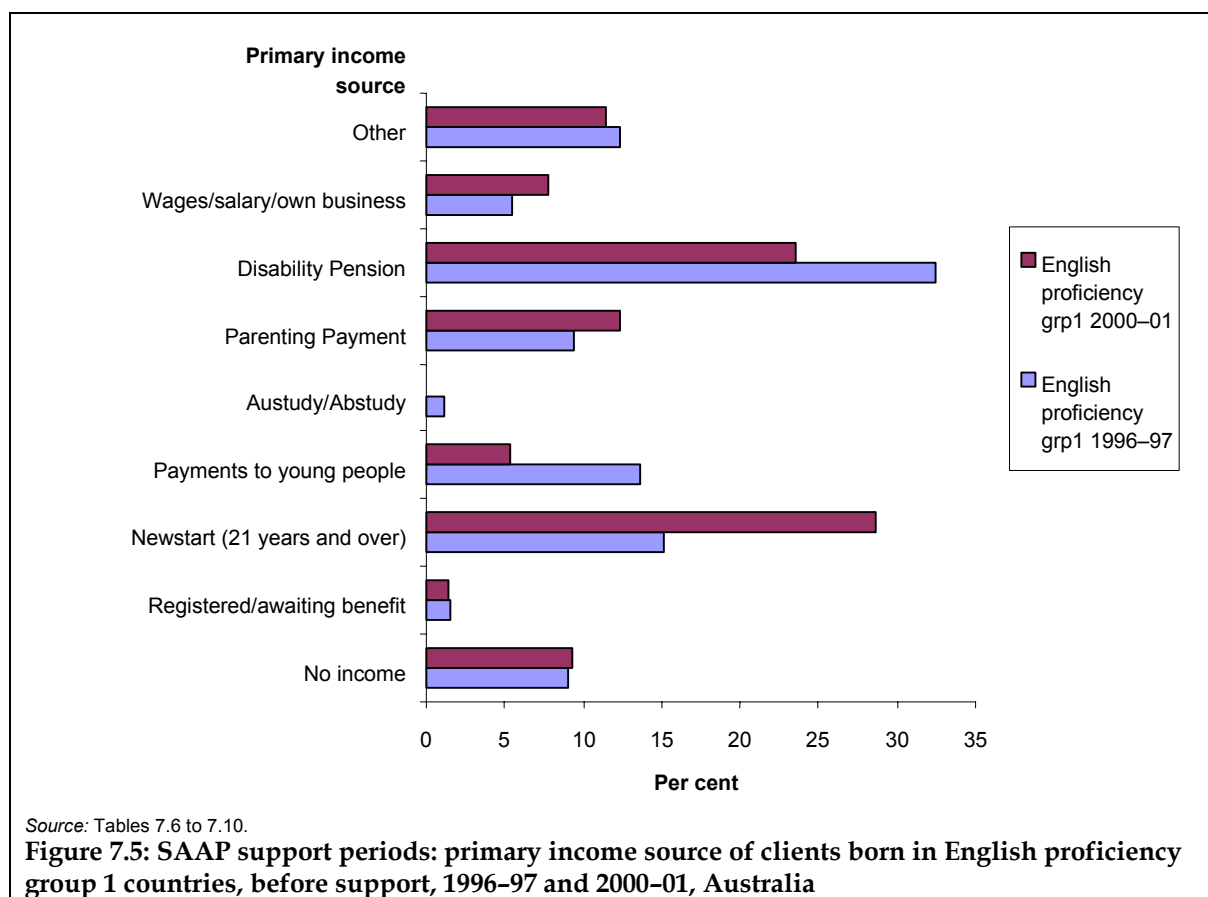
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1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 2,433
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 11,361
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

## People born in English proficiency group 1 countries

From 1996 to 2001, the proportion of support periods provided to clients born in English proficiency group 1 countries declined from 7% of all support periods to 5% (Figure 7.5). The proportion of support periods to clients born in English proficiency group 1 countries who reported having no income remained constant at 9% across the 5 years, as did the proportion who reported being registered and awaiting receipt of a benefit (approximately 1%). There was a decline in the proportion of support periods provided to clients in receipt of a youth unemployment or student benefit (from 14% in 1996–97 to 5% in 2000–01), and to those in receipt of the Disability Support Pension (from 32% to 24%) or Other payments (12% to 11%). On the other hand, there was a large increase in the proportion of support periods provided to clients born in English proficiency group 1 countries in receipt of Newstart (from 15% in 1996–1997 to 29% in 2000–01). Support periods to clients in receipt of a Parenting Payment (from 9% in 1996–97 to 12% in 2000–01) and to those whose primary income source was wages, salary or their own business also increased (from 6% to 8%). Similarly to Australian-born non-Indigenous clients, the Disability Support Pension was the most commonly reported source of income in 1996–97 (32% of support periods), but for the next 4 years Newstart Allowance was the most common form of primary income (from 26% to 29%).



**Table 7.9: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by cultural origin, Australia, 1999–00 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Indigenous Aust.	Australian -born non-Indigenous	Overseas-born, English proficiency grp 1	Overseas-born, English proficiency grps 2–4	Total (%)	Total (no.)
No income	6.0	7.9	8.4	14.1	8.3	11,600
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.6	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.2	1,700
Newstart (21 years and over)	26.3	26.5	27.8	19.0	25.8	36,200
Youth Allowance	7.3	14.8	5.0	7.2	12.4	17,400
Austudy/Abstudy <sup>(a)</sup>	2.2	—	—	—	0.3	500
CDEP	1.7	—	—	—	0.3	400
Parenting Payment	29.8	15.3	12.8	16.5	17.4	24,400
Disability Support Pension	13.1	20.1	24.4	14.9	18.8	26,400
Wages/salary/own business	2.3	4.8	8.2	8.4	5.0	7,000
Other payments <sup>(b)</sup>	10.5	9.2	11.9	18.5	10.5	14,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>98,100</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>13,900</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>140,300</b>

(a) The significant drop in the Austudy/Abstudy category can be attributed to the change in targeting of the Austudy payment as from the 1998–99 financial year.

(b) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

**Notes**

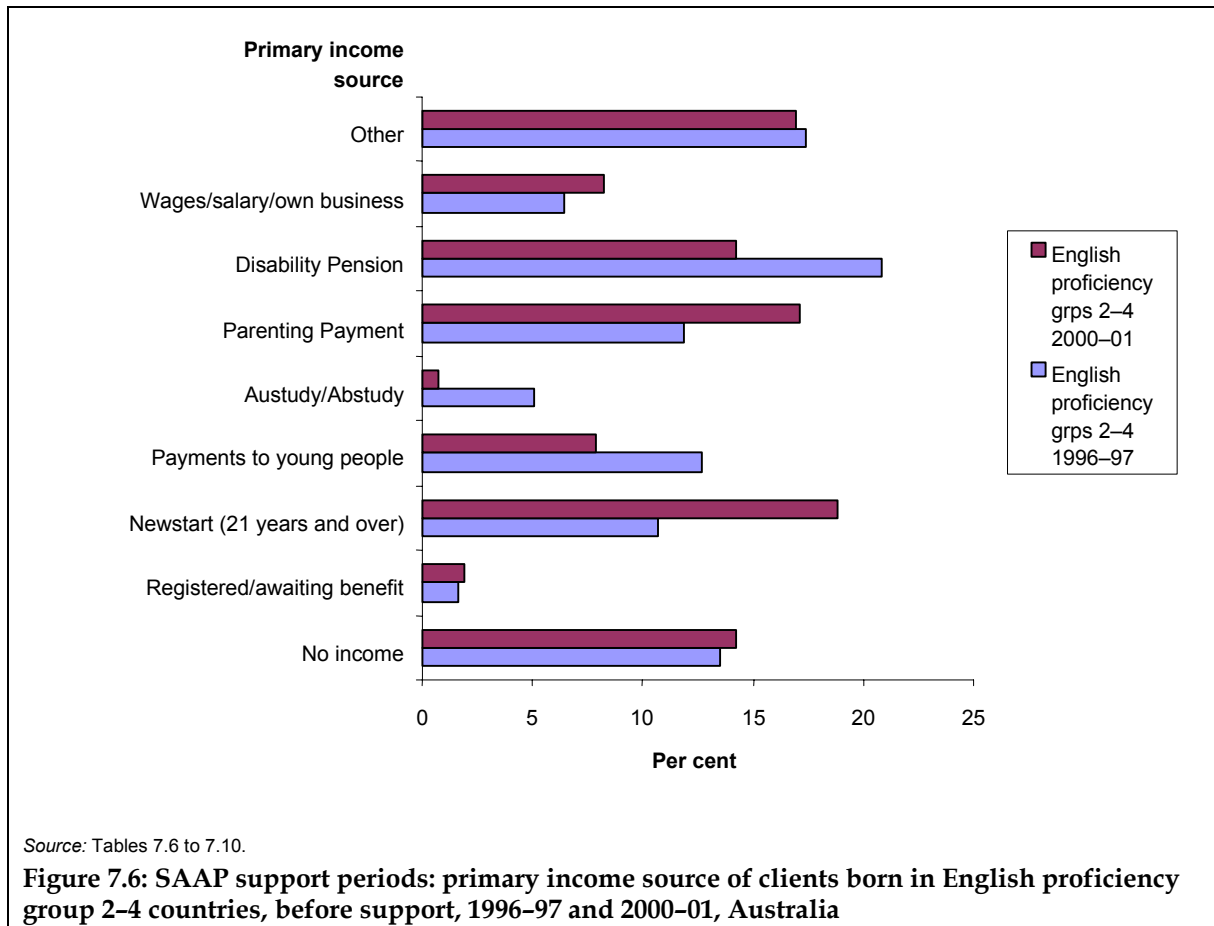
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2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 15,727
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.
4. The results presented rely on data reported by SAAP agencies and their clients. Based on income support eligibility criteria, for the collection period those aged under 16 or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to the Disability Support Pension or Youth Allowance, and those aged under 21 years or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to Newstart Allowance. However in some cases clients have reported receiving such payments. See counting rules in Appendix 2 for further discussion.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

## People born in English proficiency group 2–4 countries

Approximately 9% of all support periods from 1996 to 2001 were provided to clients born in English proficiency group 2–4 countries (Figure 7.6). Clients of such cultural backgrounds consistently reported the highest levels of no income upon receiving SAAP assistance (14% across the 5 years). The proportion who were registered and awaiting receipt of a benefit remained constant at 2%. Support periods to clients in receipt of youth unemployment or student benefits declined (from 13% in 1996–97 to 8% in 2000–01), as did support periods to those receiving Austudy payments (5% to 1%) and the Disability Support Pension (21% to 14%).

Similarly to those of other cultural backgrounds, those born in English proficiency group 2–4 countries experienced an increase in the proportion of support periods to those in receipt of Newstart (from 11% in 1996–97 to 19% in 2000–01). There was a larger increase in the proportion of support periods to those on a Parenting Payment (from 12% in to 17%) than to those from other cultural backgrounds. Support periods to clients born in English proficiency group 2–4 countries whose primary income source was wages, salary or their own business also increased (from 6% to 8%). The most common source of income among clients born in English proficiency group 2–4 countries varied across the 5 years. In 1996–97 the Disability Support Pension was the most frequently reported source of income (21%); in 1997–98, the Disability Support Pension and Newstart accounted equally for 18% of support periods.



In 1998-99, the proportion of support periods to clients in receipt of Newstart Allowance increased to 19%, making it the most common primary income source in that year and it remained at 19% for the following 2 years. However, in 1999-00, Other payments were just as frequently reported as the primary source of income as Newstart.

In support periods provided to clients born overseas, it was much more common for Other payments or wages, salary or their own business to be the primary source of income, compared with Indigenous or Australian-born non-Indigenous clients.

**Table 7.10: SAAP support periods: primary income source before support, by cultural origin, Australia, 2000–01 (per cent)**

Primary income source	Indigenous Australian	Australian -born non-Indigenous	Overseas-born, English proficiency grp 1	Overseas-born, English proficiency grps 2–4	Total (%)	Total (no.)
No income	5.4	8.1	9.3	14.2	8.2	12,200
Registered/awaiting benefit	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.3	2,000
Newstart (21 years and over)	32.7	27.4	28.6	18.8	27.7	41,200
Youth Allowance	6.4	14.5	5.4	7.9	12.0	17,800
Austudy/Abstudy <sup>(a)</sup>	1.8	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.6	1,000
CDEP	1.9	—	0.1	—	0.4	600
Parenting Payment	25.5	14.4	12.3	17.1	16.6	24,700
Disability Support Pension	15.7	21.4	23.5	14.2	19.8	29,500
Wages/salary/own business	1.7	4.3	7.8	8.2	4.3	6,400
Other payments <sup>(b)</sup>	8.2	8.1	11.4	16.9	9.0	13,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>101,100</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>148,800</b>

(a) The significant drop in the Austudy/Abstudy category can be attributed to the change in targeting of the Austudy payment as from the 1998–99 financial year.

(b) 'Other payments' includes Age Pension, Special Benefit, Sickness Allowance, Partner Allowance, any other benefit or pension not specified, workcover/compensation, maintenance/child support, spouse/partner income, DVA disability and support pensions.

**Notes**

1. Number excluded due to errors (weighted): 1,517
2. Number excluded due to omissions (weighted): 15,727
3. Figures have been weighted to adjust for client non-consent and agency non-participation.
4. The results presented rely on data reported by SAAP agencies and their clients. Based on income support eligibility criteria, for the collection period those aged under 16 or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to the Disability Support Pension or Youth Allowance, and those aged under 21 years or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to Newstart Allowance. However in some cases clients have reported receiving such payments. See counting rules in Appendix 2 for further discussion.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

### 7.3 Main reason for seeking assistance

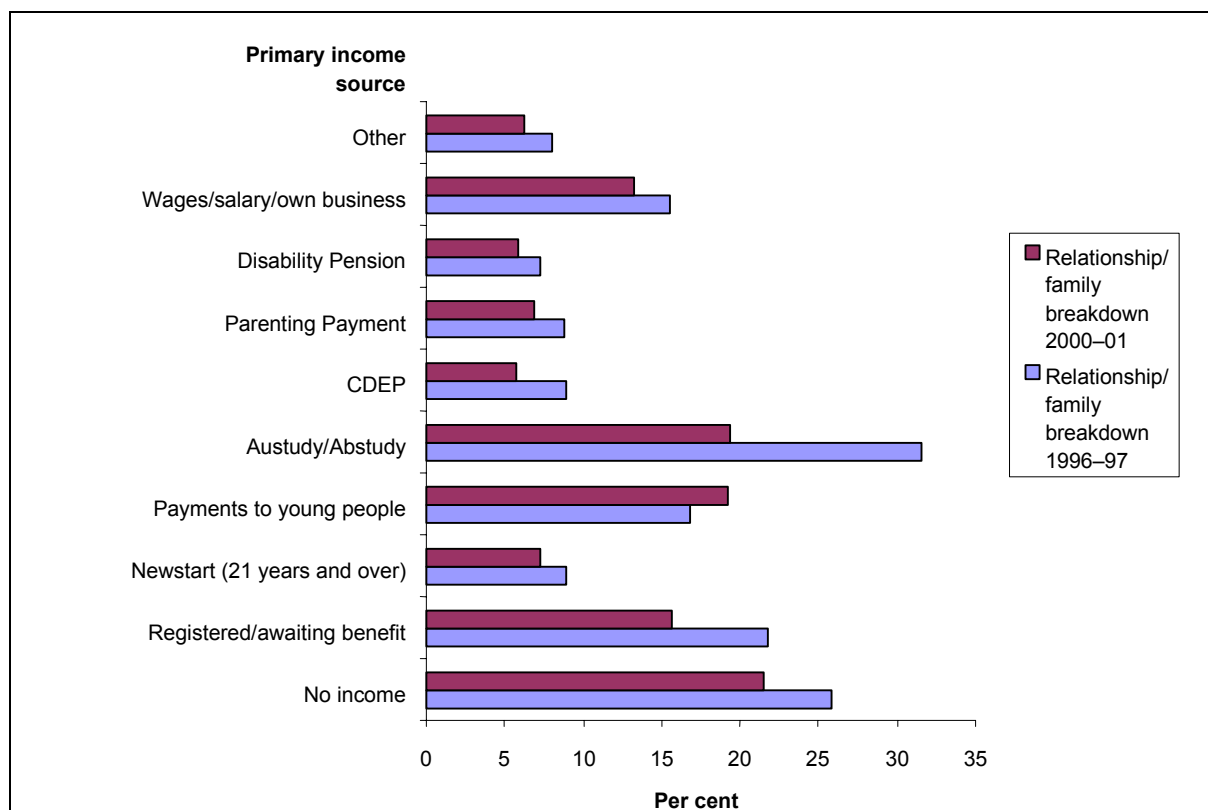
From 1996 to 2001, the reason given most often for seeking SAAP assistance was domestic violence (between 22% and 23% of support periods across the 5 years) (Tables 7.11 to 7.15). Financial difficulty, relationship or family breakdown, and eviction or previous accommodation ended were also often given as main reasons. Both financial difficulty and relationship or family breakdown have decreased slightly over the period: financial difficulty from 14% of support periods in 1996–97 to 9% in 2000–01, while relationship or family breakdown fell from 14% to 11%. On the other hand, eviction or previous accommodation ended has increased, from 6% to 11%.<sup>4</sup> Other notable increases in main reasons for seeking assistance can be seen for usual accommodation unavailable (from 4% in 1997–98 to 9% in 2000–01), and recent arrival to area with no means of support (from 3% to 6%). There were smaller increases in reasons such as time out from family or other situation

<sup>4</sup> A significant increase can be seen in the category 'eviction or previous accommodation ended' from 1996 to 2001. This may be somewhat attributed to several changes to the 1996–97 client form and the 1997–98 form. In particular, the change in category wording from 1996–97 to 1997–98, and the removal of another category relating to accommodation which was less descriptive and effective than the present category have potentially contributed to the notable increase. This should be kept in mind when assessing the main reasons clients were seeking assistance across the 5 years.

(from 4% in 1996–97 to 5% in 2000–01) and drug, alcohol or substance abuse (from 5% to 6%). All other main reasons for seeking assistance declined slightly over the 5 years.

### No income source and registered or awaiting a benefit

In support periods to those with no source of income, clients most commonly reported relationship or family breakdown as the main reason for seeking assistance (from 26% in 1996–97 to 22% in 2000–01) (Figure 7.7).



Source: Tables 7.11 to 7.15.

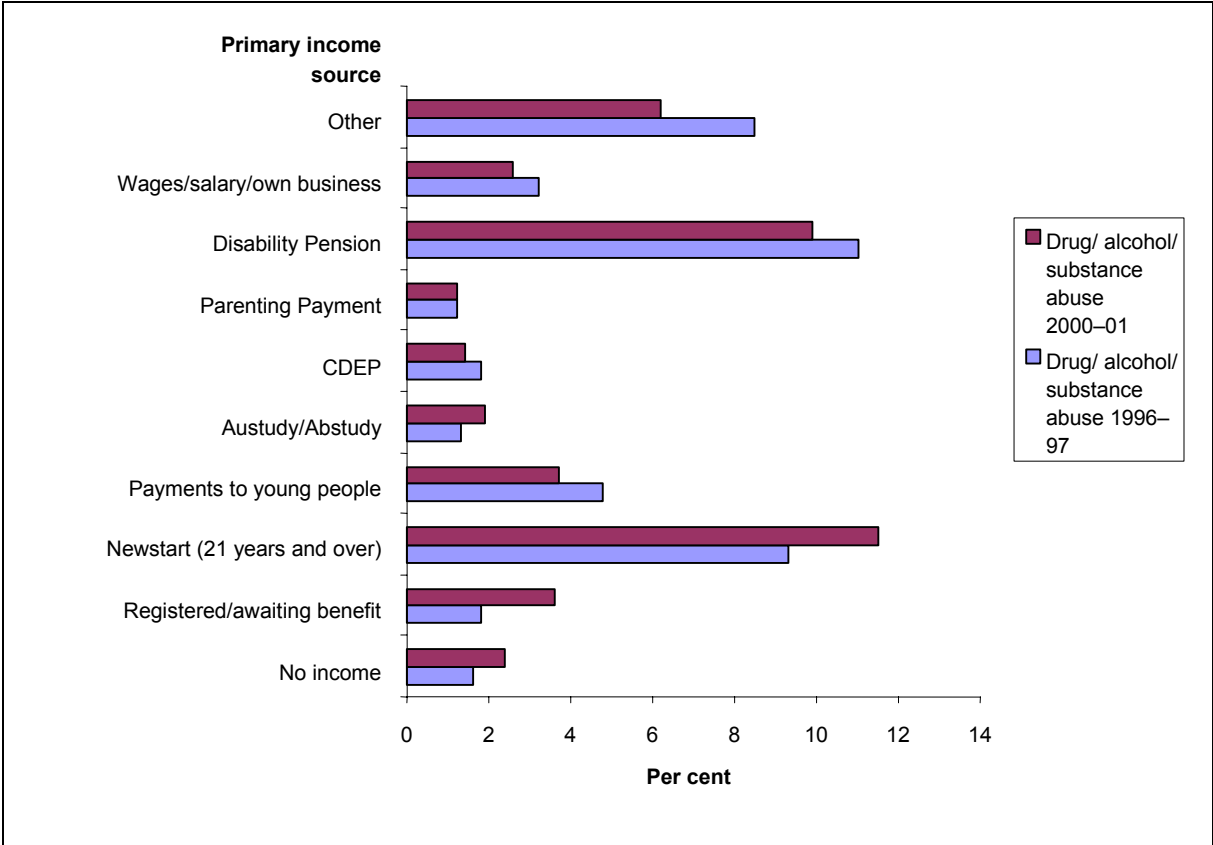
**Figure 7.7: SAAP support periods: primary income source of clients by main reason for seeking assistance because of relationship/family breakdown, before support, 1996–97 and 2000–01, Australia**

Across the 5 years, this was the main reason reported in approximately one-quarter of all support periods for those with no income, much higher than the national average (which ranged from 11 to 14% of support periods). The next most common reason provided was domestic violence (16% in 1996–97 to 15% in 2000–01). Time out from family or other situation was reported much more frequently (between 9% and 10%) than other primary income source categories (the national average varied between 4% and 5% over the period). Clients who were registered and awaiting receipt of a benefit also reported relationship or family breakdown as the most common main reason for seeking assistance (fluctuating between 22% of support periods in 1996–97 and 16% in 2000–01).

### Newstart Allowance

Clients in receipt of Newstart Allowance (21 years and over) reported financial difficulty as the most common main reason for seeking assistance across the 5 years (from 27% of support

periods in 1996–97 to 14% in 2000–01), though this reason also decreased most significantly. Domestic violence and drug, alcohol or substance abuse were also common main reasons for seeking assistance. While the proportion of support periods where domestic violence was the main reason remained relatively constant across the period (11–12%), drug, alcohol or substance abuse increased as a main reason (from 9% to 12%) (Figure 7.8).



Source: Tables 7.11 to 7.15.

**Figure 7.8: SAAP support periods: primary income source of clients by main reason for seeking assistance because of drug/alcohol/substance abuse, before support, 1996–97 and 2000–01, Australia**

Further, compared with the national average (between 5% and 6% from 1996 to 2001), Newstart recipients reported drug, alcohol or substance abuse as the main reason more often. There was a notable decrease where the main reason for seeking assistance was because the client was itinerant (from 8% of support periods in 1996–97 to 4% in 2000–01).

**Youth unemployment and student benefits**

Clients in receipt of youth unemployment or student benefits most often sought assistance because of relationship or family breakdown (from 17% in 1996–97 to 19% in 2000–01). Eviction or previous accommodation ended was also frequently reported (from 9% to 18) by those on Young people payments, compared with all other primary income source groups (the national average ranged between 6 and 11%) (Figure 7.9). Usual accommodation unavailable was also a common main reason for seeking assistance amongst those on Young people payments (increasing from 7% in 1997–98 to 14% of support periods in 2000–01). While financial difficulty was still a commonly reported main reason for seeking assistance among those in receipt of a youth benefit, it was also the reason that saw the largest decline across the 5 years (from 15% to 7%).

**Table 7.11: SAAP support periods: main reason for seeking assistance, by primary income source, Australia, 1996–97 (per cent)**

Main reason for seeking assistance	No income	Reg./ awaiting benefit	Newstart (21 years & over)	Young people	Austudy/ Abstudy	CDEP
Long-term homeless	3.3	4.3	3.5	9.1	5.9	1.2
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	4.1	6.5	7.1	9.0	4.8	2.5
Time out from family/other situation	8.7	3.5	2.1	3.5	6.0	3.1
Relationship/family breakdown	25.8	21.7	8.9	16.8	31.6	8.9
Interpersonal conflicts	4.7	2.8	3.8	4.9	7.9	2.8
Physical/emotional abuse	5.2	2.3	1.7	2.4	5.0	3.2
Domestic violence	16.4	19.9	10.5	7.6	7.7	51.0
Sexual abuse	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.8	2.0	0.5
Financial difficulty	7.6	12.5	27.1	15.3	9.0	4.1
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.6	1.8	9.3	4.8	1.3	1.8
Emerg. accomm. ended	1.3	1.7	1.4	2.9	2.4	3.2
Recently left institution	2.8	2.8	1.9	1.6	0.3	1.1
Psychiatric illness	0.6	0.7	2.1	0.8	0.5	—
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	2.4	3.7	6.1	4.4	1.0	0.7
Itinerant	3.2	6.2	7.5	6.9	2.8	4.0
At imminent risk	3.2	3.8	2.2	3.6	4.3	4.4
Other	7.9	5.0	4.4	5.6	7.5	7.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>300</b>

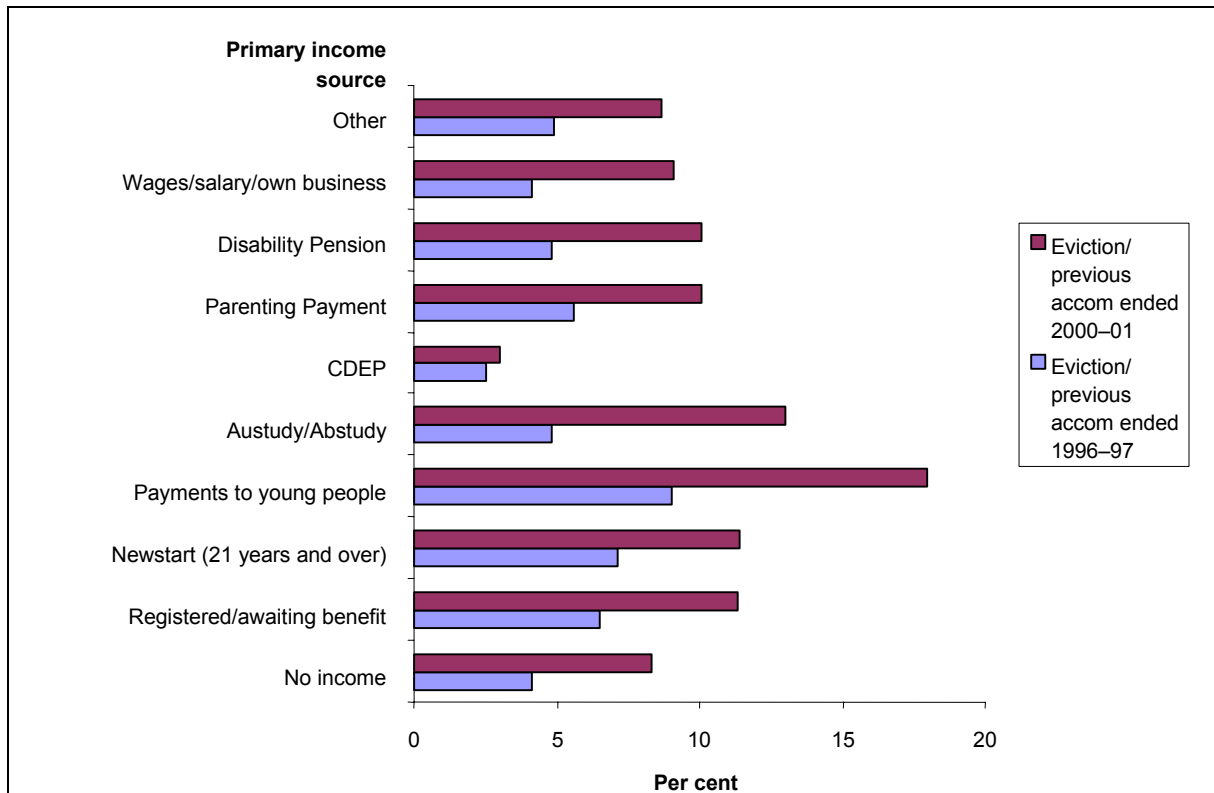
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Main reason for seeking assistance	Parenting Payment	Disability Support Pension	Wages/ salary/own business	Other	Total (%)	Total (no.)
Long-term homeless	1.8	6.0	1.4	3.1	4.5	3,900
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	5.6	4.8	4.1	4.9	6.0	5,100
Time out from family/other situation	2.1	2.8	4.0	3.4	3.7	3,200
Relationship/family breakdown	8.8	7.3	15.5	8.0	13.6	11,700
Interpersonal conflicts	2.6	3.7	5.0	2.4	3.9	3,300
Physical/emotional abuse	4.8	2.2	5.5	3.7	3.5	3,000
Domestic violence	47.9	10.0	32.0	34.1	22.3	19,200
Sexual abuse	1.3	1.0	2.6	1.1	1.1	1,000
Financial difficulty	9.8	18.0	8.9	10.6	13.7	11,800
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.2	11.0	3.2	8.5	5.1	4,400
Emerg. accomm. ended	1.4	1.7	0.7	1.2	1.7	1,500
Recently left institution	0.2	2.5	0.4	1.7	1.5	1,300
Psychiatric illness	0.3	6.7	0.6	1.7	1.7	1,400
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	1.7	4.9	1.4	2.8	3.4	2,900
Itinerant	2.2	6.6	1.0	3.1	4.6	3,900
At imminent risk	3.3	2.3	3.0	2.3	3.0	2,600
Other	5.1	8.5	10.7	7.4	6.5	5,600
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>85,700</b>

Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors: 5,239
2. Number excluded due to omissions: 18,472
3. Figures have been rounded.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.



Source: Tables 7.11 to 7.15.

**Figure 7.9: SAAP support periods: primary income source of clients by main reason for seeking assistance because of eviction/previous accommodation ended, before support, 1996-97 and 2000-01, Australia**

### Austudy and Abstudy

Like those clients on Young people payments or who reported having no income or were awaiting receipt of a benefit, Austudy or Abstudy recipients most often gave relationship or family breakdown as the most common main reason for seeking assistance.

However, this main reason also decreased the most across the 5 years (from 32% of support periods in 1996-97 to 19% in 2000-01). There were increases in main reasons such as usual accommodation unavailable (from 4% in 1997-98 to 10% in 2000-01), eviction or previous accommodation ending (from 5% to 13%), and most notably domestic violence (from 8% to 16% of support periods) for clients on Austudy or Abstudy.

### CDEP

The situation was quite different for clients participating in CDEPs. Over the 5-year period, they reported domestic violence as the main reason for seeking assistance in approximately 50% of support periods (from 51% in 1996-97 to 52% in 2000-01) (Figure 7.10). This is almost double the national average, which ranged from 22% to 23% across the 5 years. Clients participating in a CDEP and receiving SAAP assistance also reported physical and emotional abuse as the main reason for seeking assistance more often (from 3% to 11%), compared with the national average (between 3% and 4% across the 5 years).

**Table 7.12: SAAP support periods: main reason for seeking assistance, by primary income source, Australia, 1997–98 (per cent)**

Main reason for seeking assistance	No income	Reg./ awaiting benefit	Newstart (21 years & over)	Young people	Austudy/ Abstudy	CDEP
Usual accomm. unavailable	3.0	4.3	4.0	6.7	4.7	2.3
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	7.2	9.9	10.0	17.8	13.9	3.3
Time out from family/other situation	10.2	5.3	2.6	4.9	7.2	4.7
Relationship/family breakdown	24.6	18.7	7.4	18.1	29.0	6.1
Interpersonal conflicts	4.7	2.7	3.1	5.5	6.3	2.4
Physical/emotional abuse	4.2	3.4	2.2	2.5	4.6	8.5
Domestic violence	16.7	15.1	12.1	3.9	7.5	48.9
Sexual abuse	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.5	1.3
Financial difficulty	7.6	17.2	24.4	13.4	9.1	4.3
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	2.2	2.5	12.7	3.9	1.1	8.8
Emerg. accomm. ended	0.8	2.1	1.3	2.6	2.0	1.1
Recently left institution	3.5	3.9	1.7	1.2	0.3	0.2
Psychiatric illness	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.9
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	3.9	5.9	7.4	5.8	2.6	2.0
Itinerant	2.5	4.0	5.4	6.9	2.1	1.8
Other	7.4	4.0	4.3	5.3	7.6	3.4
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>14,200</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>500</b>

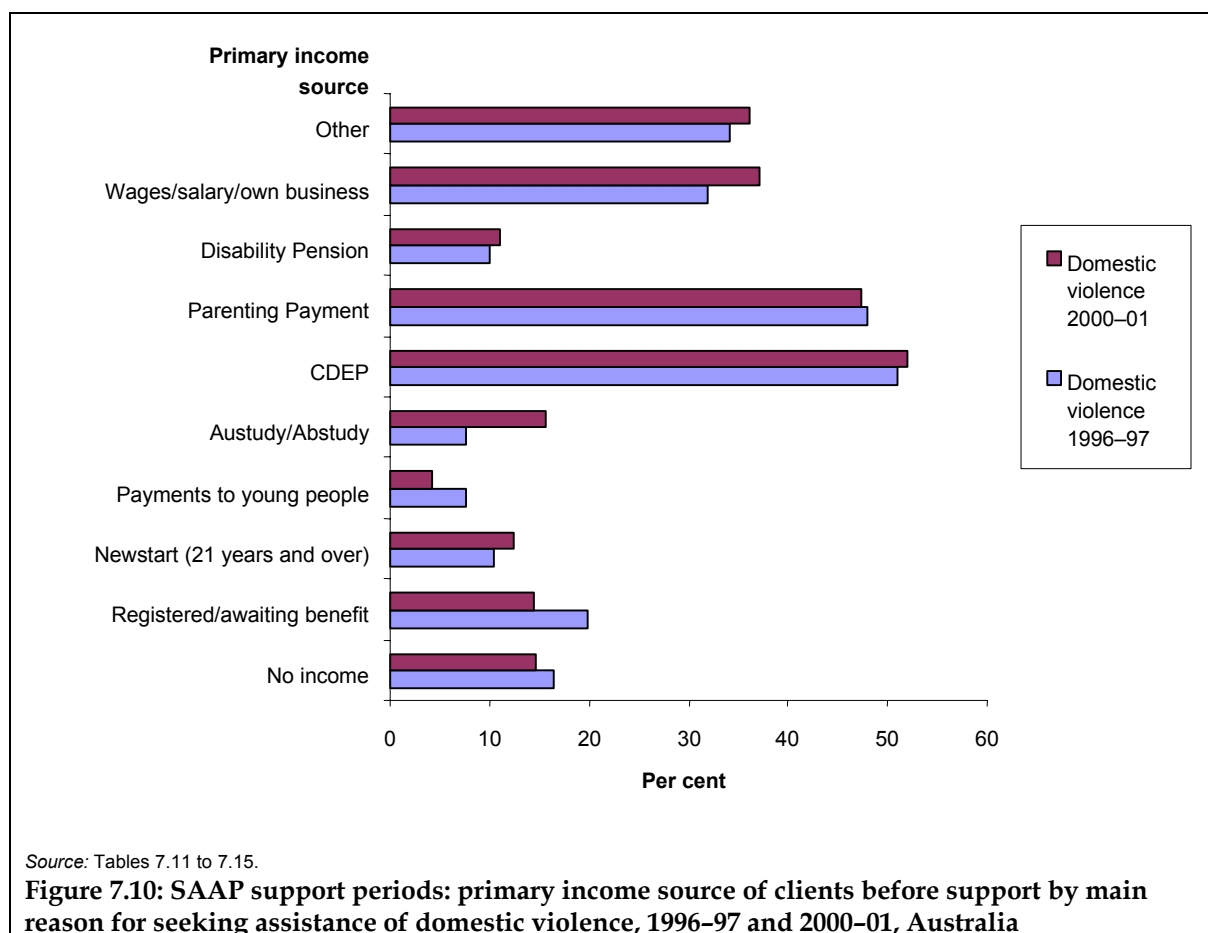
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Main reason for seeking assistance	Parenting Payment	Disability Support Pension	Wages/ salary/own business	Other	Total (%)	Total (number)
Usual accomm. unavailable	2.3	3.4	3.9	2.9	3.7	3,700
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	8.8	7.6	7.9	7.6	10.0	10,000
Time out from family/other situation	2.4	3.4	4.2	3.1	4.2	4,200
Relationship/family breakdown	6.9	6.4	13.5	7.0	11.8	11,900
Interpersonal conflicts	2.2	2.8	4.6	2.4	3.5	3,500
Physical/emotional abuse	5.0	2.5	4.9	4.9	3.7	3,700
Domestic violence	49.1	11.3	33.0	36.3	22.9	23,000
Sexual abuse	0.9	0.9	2.2	1.2	1.0	1,000
Financial difficulty	9.7	20.1	10.2	10.5	14.2	14,300
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.4	10.9	2.6	7.6	6.0	6,000
Emerg. accomm. ended	1.2	1.5	0.5	1.0	1.4	1,400
Recently left institution	0.2	2.4	0.4	1.2	1.5	1,500
Psychiatric illness	0.2	6.8	0.5	1.3	1.4	1,400
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	2.4	7.2	2.4	3.7	4.8	4,800
Itinerant	2.1	6.8	1.4	3.0	4.1	4,100
Other	5.4	5.9	7.7	6.5	5.8	5,800
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>20,900</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>100,400</b>

Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors: 3,788
2. Number excluded due to omissions: 15,752
3. Figures have been rounded.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.



## Parenting Payments

Almost one-half of support periods to clients in receipt of a Parenting Payment recorded the main reason for seeking assistance as domestic violence (48% in 1996-97 to 47% in 2000-01). The main reason of eviction or previous accommodation ended increased over the 5 years (from 6% to 10%) and financial difficulty decreased (from 10% to 7%).

## Disability Support Pension

Clients in receipt of the Disability Support Pension most often reported financial difficulty as the main reason for seeking assistance over the 5-year period (from 18% in 1996-97 to 12% in 2000-01). Domestic violence (from 10% to 11%) and drug, alcohol or substance abuse (from 11% to 10%) were also frequently reported main reasons. The proportion of support periods where the client indicated psychiatric illness was the main reason was much higher (7% in 1996-97 to 6% in 2000-01) than the national average across the 5 years (2%).

## Wages, salary or own business

There was an increase between 1996 and 2001 in the proportion of support periods in which clients on wages, salary or their own business sought assistance because of domestic violence (from 32% in 1996-97 to 37% in 2000-01). Clients whose primary income source was wages, salary or their own business reported a slightly higher proportion of instances where the main reason for seeking assistance was sexual abuse (from 3% to 1%) than the national

average (which was 1% or below across the 5 years). Eviction or previous accommodation ending (from 4% to 9%) was another main reason that increased over the period.

### **Other payments**

A similar pattern was observed in support periods to clients on Other income sources as for those on wages, salary or own business. That is, one-third or more support periods were provided to those whose main reason for seeking assistance was domestic violence (from 34% in 1996-97 to 36% in 2000-01), while financial difficulty (from 11% to 7%), eviction or previous accommodation ending (from 5% to 9%) and relationship or family breakdown (from 8% to 6%) were also commonly reported.

**Table 7.13: SAAP support periods: main reason for seeking assistance, by primary income source, Australia, 1998–99 (per cent)**

Main reason for seeking assistance	No income	Reg./ awaiting benefit	Newstart (21 years & over)	Young people	Austudy/ Abstudy	CDEP
Usual accomm. unavailable	4.0	7.1	6.0	8.0	6.4	4.8
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	8.0	11.8	11.0	17.5	12.1	1.4
Time out from family/other situation	10.5	4.3	2.6	5.7	7.8	5.6
Relationship/family breakdown	25.1	22.8	7.2	19.8	26.5	3.2
Interpersonal conflicts	5.2	2.6	2.7	5.7	5.5	0.7
Physical/emotional abuse	4.4	3.3	2.1	2.2	5.9	7.2
Domestic violence	15.9	13.6	12.8	4.5	9.3	57.7
Sexual abuse	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.4	—
Financial difficulty	5.6	11.0	21.1	10.8	8.4	6.5
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	2.3	3.3	13.1	4.4	2.5	5.1
Emerg. accomm. ended	1.0	1.7	1.3	2.4	1.7	0.8
Recently left institution	3.3	3.5	1.9	1.1	0.1	—
Psychiatric illness	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.7	—
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	4.1	7.3	8.0	5.5	3.4	2.4
Itinerant	2.2	3.1	5.0	6.1	2.0	1.0
Other	6.6	3.4	3.8	5.0	6.2	3.6
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>10,900</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>16,900</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>600</b>

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Main reason for seeking assistance	Parenting Payment	Disability Support Pension	Wages/ salary/own business	Other	Total (%)	Total (no.)
Usual accomm. unavailable	3.1	4.9	4.2	3.9	5.1	5,300
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	9.2	8.8	8.1	7.7	10.6	11,000
Time out from family/other situation	2.5	3.6	4.2	3.6	4.4	4,500
Relationship/family breakdown	7.1	6.2	14.2	6.8	11.8	12,400
Interpersonal conflicts	2.3	3.2	4.9	2.5	3.6	3,700
Physical/emotional abuse	4.2	2.1	4.3	3.8	3.2	3,400
Domestic violence	50.1	11.7	35.4	36.6	23.5	24,500
Sexual abuse	0.7	0.6	1.5	0.9	0.8	800
Financial difficulty	8.7	17.6	9.2	10.9	12.6	13,100
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.2	11.0	3.3	7.3	6.3	6,500
Emerg. accomm. ended	0.9	1.4	0.8	0.7	1.3	1,400
Recently left institution	0.2	2.4	0.2	1.4	1.5	1,500
Psychiatric illness	0.2	6.5	0.4	1.8	1.4	1,500
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	2.8	8.0	2.5	3.9	5.2	5,500
Itinerant	1.9	6.7	0.9	2.9	3.9	4,100
Other	4.8	5.4	5.7	5.3	5.0	5,200
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>22,600</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>104,400</b>

Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors: 2,872
2. Number excluded due to omissions: 15,082
3. Figures have been rounded.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

**Table 7.14: SAAP support periods: main reason for seeking assistance, by primary income source, Australia, 1999–00 (per cent)**

Main reason for seeking assistance	No income	Reg./ awaiting benefit	Newstart (21 years & over)	Young people	Austudy/ Abstudy	CDEP
Usual accomm. unavailable	7.0	7.7	10.1	11.7	13.2	10.0
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	7.1	9.9	10.9	16.2	12.9	4.7
Time out from family/other situation	10.9	5.7	3.0	7.2	7.8	7.8
Relationship/family breakdown	24.3	21.9	8.1	21.8	18.9	5.9
Interpersonal conflicts	4.1	2.1	2.4	5.2	5.7	1.3
Physical/emotional abuse	3.9	3.6	2.0	2.4	3.4	7.5
Domestic violence	16.8	14.3	12.3	4.5	13.7	47.4
Sexual abuse	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.9	2.6
Financial difficulty	5.3	12.6	15.8	9.1	7.7	3.1
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.9	2.9	12.7	3.2	2.6	4.1
Emerg. accomm. ended	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.8	—
Recently left institution	3.2	4.3	2.4	1.5	0.6	—
Psychiatric illness	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.7	—
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	4.7	6.4	8.1	4.5	3.2	2.5
Itinerant	2.0	2.6	4.4	4.9	2.2	1.2
Other	6.8	3.6	4.9	4.4	4.7	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>300</b>

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Main reason for seeking assistance	Parenting Payment	Disability Support Pension	Wages/ salary/own business	Other	Total (%)	Total (no.)
Usual accomm. unavailable	4.7	9.0	5.4	7.1	8.2	8,500
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	9.9	9.3	7.6	7.6	10.3	10,700
Time out from family/other situation	2.8	3.9	4.7	3.6	4.7	4,900
Relationship/family breakdown	7.4	6.5	16.5	6.5	11.8	12,300
Interpersonal conflicts	2.2	2.8	4.4	2.2	3.1	3,200
Physical/emotional abuse	4.4	2.1	3.9	4.0	3.1	3,300
Domestic violence	48.9	10.8	35.9	36.3	23.2	24,200
Sexual abuse	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.6	600
Financial difficulty	7.7	14.4	7.5	8.6	10.5	11,000
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.1	10.4	2.7	7.2	6.1	6,400
Emerg. accomm. ended	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.4	1,400
Recently left institution	0.2	2.2	0.2	1.5	1.6	1,700
Psychiatric illness	0.2	7.2	0.5	1.8	1.6	1,700
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	2.8	8.7	2.9	4.2	5.5	5,700
Itinerant	1.8	5.5	1.0	2.4	3.4	3,500
Other	4.1	5.4	5.1	5.3	4.9	5,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>104,200</b>

Notes

1. Number excluded due to errors: 1,946
2. Number excluded due to omissions: 18,038
3. Figures have been rounded.
4. The results presented rely on data reported by SAAP agencies and their clients. Based on income support eligibility criteria, for the collection period those aged under 16 or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to the Disability Support Pension or Youth Allowance, and those aged under 21 years or entitled to the Age Pension are not entitled to Newstart Allowance. However in some cases clients have reported receiving such payments. See counting rules in Appendix 2 for further discussion.

Source: SAAP Client Collection.

**Table 7.15: SAAP support periods: main reason for seeking assistance, by primary income source, Australia, 2000-01 (per cent)**

Main reason for seeking assistance	No income	Reg./ awaiting benefit	Newstart (21 years & over)	Young people	Austudy/ Abstudy	CDEP
Usual accomm. unavailable	8.2	10.6	11.3	13.6	9.9	5.7
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	8.3	11.3	11.4	17.9	13.0	2.7
Time out from family/other situation	10.1	5.0	3.3	7.7	7.1	5.5
Relationship/family breakdown	21.5	15.7	7.3	19.2	19.3	5.7
Interpersonal conflicts	4.4	2.2	2.3	4.5	4.2	1.8
Physical/emotional abuse	3.6	3.8	2.4	2.5	3.9	10.9
Domestic violence	14.6	14.4	12.4	4.2	15.7	52.0
Sexual abuse	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	—
Financial difficulty	5.8	11.8	14.3	7.4	5.0	4.9
Gambling	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	—
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	2.4	3.6	11.5	3.7	1.9	1.4
Emerg. accomm. ended	1.0	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.0	1.0
Recently left institution	3.8	3.8	2.2	1.5	1.6	—
Psychiatric illness	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.9	—
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	4.9	7.7	8.3	3.9	3.9	2.9
Itinerant	1.7	2.5	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.0
Other	8.5	4.5	5.4	5.6	7.1	2.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>500</b>

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Main reason for seeking assistance	Parenting Payment	Disability Support Pension	Wages/salary/ own business	Other	Total (%)	Total (no.)
Usual accomm. unavailable	5.4	10.1	6.2	5.9	9.0	9,600
Eviction/previous accomm. ended	10.1	10.1	9.1	8.7	11.2	11,800
Time out from family/other situation	3.3	4.6	4.4	3.4	4.9	5,200
Relationship/family breakdown	6.9	5.9	13.2	6.2	10.5	11,200
Interpersonal conflicts	2.0	2.6	3.7	2.2	2.9	3,000
Physical/emotional abuse	4.8	2.4	4.9	5.0	3.5	3,700
Domestic violence	47.4	11.1	37.2	36.2	22.7	24,100
Sexual abuse	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	500
Financial difficulty	6.6	12.0	5.7	7.4	9.2	9,800
Gambling	—	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	300
Drug/alcohol/substance abuse	1.2	9.9	2.6	6.2	5.8	6,100
Emerg. accomm. ended	1.2	1.9	0.8	1.0	1.6	1,700
Recently left institution	0.2	2.5	0.4	1.2	1.7	1,800
Psychiatric illness	0.2	6.4	0.6	1.4	1.5	1,600
Recent arrival to area with no means of support	3.2	8.5	3.0	5.8	5.7	6,000
Itinerant	1.4	5.3	0.7	2.2	3.1	3,300
Other	5.6	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.0	6,400
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>..</i>
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>..</b>
<b>Total (number)</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>106,000</b>

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