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Statistical Note MAY 2020 - ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS (REVISED)

Latest data released on JobSeeker numbers indicates that in May, the rapid increase that occurred in the Cairns region in April slowed and the percentage of the workforce on JobSeeker rose only marginally in the Cairns region from about 18% to about 20%.

It can be expected that the numbers will stabilise in June and be coming down in July.

Table – Numbers Receiving JobSeeker & Youth Allowance (Other)

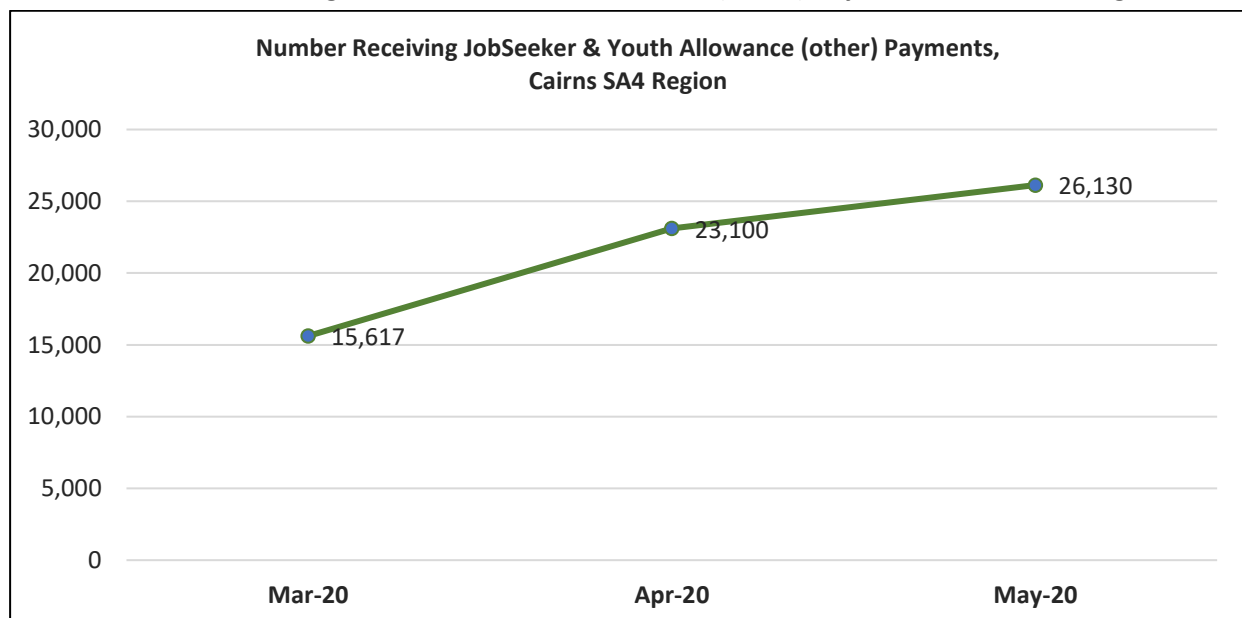
	Cairns ⁽¹⁾	Cairns SA4 Region ⁽²⁾
March 2020	9,256	15,617
April 2020	15,427	23,100
May 2020	16,173	26,130

Source: Cummings Economics from Australian Department of Social Services.

Note ⁽¹⁾: Cairns Local Government Area excluding Babinda.

Note ⁽²⁾: Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Mareeba, Douglas.

Chart – Numbers Receiving JobSeeker & Youth Allowance (Other) Payments, Cairns SA4 Region



Source: Cummings Economics from Australian Department of Social Services.

Note Revision: From March on, the definition of JobSeeker was changed from being confined to those on a Newstart Allowance (NSA) with a “Job Search” requirement to include all those on a Newstart Allowance including a substantial number without a “Job Search” requirement including those directed to training, temporarily sick or injured and undertaking voluntary work.

Table – MAY 2020 - Numbers Receiving JobSeeker & Youth Allowance (Other) – Cairns SA4 Region

	JobSeeker No.	Youth Allowance (Other)
Brinsmead	284	42
Clifton Beach - Kewarra Beach	839	82
Freshwater - Stratford	223	30
Redlynch	575	73
Trinity Beach - Smithfield	1,091	155
Yorkeys Knob - Machans Beach	711	63
Bentley Park	630	108
Cairns City	1,661	183
Earlville - Bayview Heights	641	96
Edmonton	969	167
Gordonvale - Trinity	641	94
Kanimbla - Mooroolool	802	136
Lamb Range	0	0
Manoora	1,016	150
Manunda	845	128
Mount Sheridan	512	86
Westcourt - Bungalow	1,041	130
White Rock	557	91
Whitfield - Edge Hill	547	58
Woree	621	95
Babinda	301	33
Innisfail	936	166
Johnstone	605	68
Tully	879	82
Wooroonooran	<5	0
Yarrabah	677	178
Daintree	855	100
Port Douglas	678	52
Atherton	818	131
Herberton	675	64
Kuranda	635	64
Malanda - Yungaburra	608	62
Mareeba	1,044	151
Total	22,917	3,118

Source: Australian Department of Social Services.

Table – APRIL 2020 - Numbers Receiving JobSeeker & Youth Allowance (Other) – Cairns SA4 Region

	JobSeeker No.	Youth Allowance (Other)
Brinsmead	248	30
Clifton Beach - Kewarra Beach	684	48
Freshwater - Stratford	192	17
Redlynch	488	38
Trinity Beach - Smithfield	987	94
Yorkeys Knob - Machans Beach	616	41
Bentley Park	565	86
Cairns City	1,641	146
Earlville - Bayview Heights	565	78
Edmonton	869	130
Gordonvale - Trinity	553	71
Kanimbla - Mooroolool	724	96
Lamb Range	0	0
Manoora	990	136
Manunda	808	117
Mount Sheridan	478	57
Westcourt - Bungalow	986	115
White Rock	508	70
Whitfield - Edge Hill	477	40
Woree	567	77
Babinda	266	16
Innisfail	859	134
Johnstone	537	49
Tully	754	63
Wooroonooran	<5	0
Yarrabah	644	178
Daintree	780	69
Port Douglas	661	26
Atherton	724	103
Herberton	585	48
Kuranda	539	50
Malanda - Yungaburra	508	40
Mareeba	921	113
Total	20,724	2,376

Source: Australian Department of Social Services.

Table – MARCH 2020 - Numbers Receiving JobSeeker & Youth Allowance (Other) – Cairns SA4 Region

	JobSeeker No.	Youth Allowance (Other)
Brinsmead	122	21
Clifton Beach - Kewarra Beach	314	32
Freshwater - Stratford	101	15
Redlynch	221	20
Trinity Beach - Smithfield	429	59
Yorkeys Knob - Machans Beach	342	33
Bentley Park	361	69
Cairns City	1034	110
Earlville - Bayview Heights	372	66
Edmonton	545	109
Gordonvale - Trinity	376	57
Kanimbla - Mooroolool	484	78
Lamb Range	0	0
Manoora	738	126
Manunda	622	108
Mount Sheridan	251	41
Westcourt - Bungalow	695	86
White Rock	354	64
Whitfield - Edge Hill	289	26
Woree	430	56
Babinda	202	10
Innisfail	719	118
Johnstone	379	40
Tully	527	49
Wooroonooran	0	0
Yarrabah	621	176
Daintree	473	55
Port Douglas	191	14
Atherton	541	81
Herberton	472	41
Kuranda	377	40
Malanda - Yungaburra	350	34
Mareeba	756	95
Total	13,688	1,929

Source: Australian Department of Social Services.