



CRA data use and outcomes

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OUTLINE

- OVERVIEW OF PRIVATE RENTER ASSISTANCE DATA AND WHERE CRA DATA FITS
- A LOOK AT SOME OF THE DATA ISSUES IN INTERPRETING WHAT THE CRA DATA SHOWS
- PRESENT A RANGE OF DATA FROM THE CRA DATA SET

Size: no. of income units

Total no. of income units
4,021,538

No. of income units received CRA
935,488 (23.3% of the total)

No. of income units entitled to CRA
909,062 (22.6% of the total)



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NATIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE DATA

- 1999 CSHA HAD A SUBSIDUARY AGREEMENT THE NATIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE DATA AGREEMENT
- ONE OF THE PRIORITY AREAS WAS TO IMPROVE NATIONAL DATA ON THE ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE RENTERS

CHANGING POLICY AND PROGRAM VIEWS OF CRA

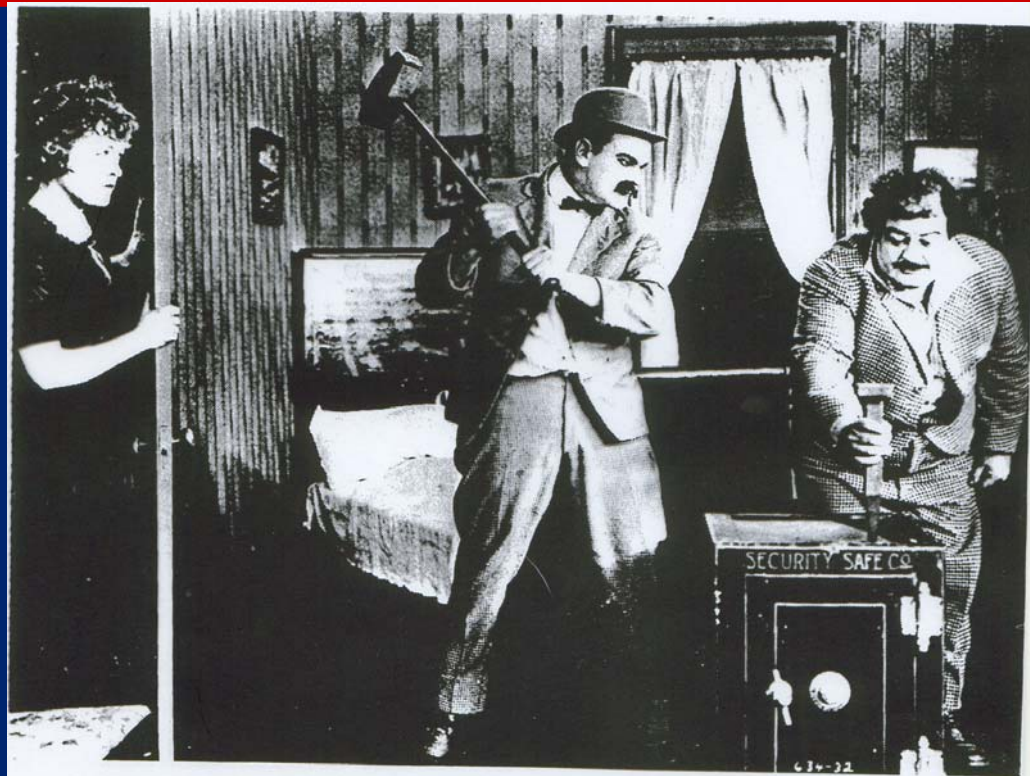
- HISTORICALLY CRA DATA 'HIDDEN' - INCLUDED IN INCOME SUPPORT DATA
- THE INCLUSION OF CRA IN THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE CHAPTER OF THE COAG REPORT ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- COMMUNITY HOUSING ORGANISATIONS SET RENTS IN A WAY THAT MAXIMISES THE TENANTS USE OF CRA IN MEETING RENT OBLIGATIONS.

NATIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE DATA REPOSITORY

HOLDS ADMINISTRATIVE DATA ON:

- *CSHA mainstream and targeted public housing;*
- *CSHA community housing;*
- *CSHA crisis accommodation, home purchase assistance and private rental assistance; and*
- *Commonwealth Rent Assistance.*

Private rental assistance data



**“I know the information’s in here...
all we have to do is get it out!”**

ADMINISTRATIVE RELATED TO ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE RENTERS (1)

IN 2002 THERE WERE:

- 900,000 INCOME UNITS RECEIVING CRA
- 146,000 HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED CSHA PRA
- AROUND 38,000 SAAP SUPPORT PERIODS FROM PRIVATE RENTERS



ADMINISTRATIVE RELATED TO ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE RENTERS (2)

THEY DIFFER IN:

- TYPE OF ASSISTANCE AND IN DURATION; AND
- THEY ARE DESCRIBED IN AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT WAYS - PEOPLE, INCOME UNITS AND HOUSEHOLDS

Describing assistance to private renters



THE THREE ASPECTS OF CRA ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

- DATA IS DEFINED AND COUNTED TO MEET ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS
- THE COVERAGE OF THE DATA IS LIMITED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
- THE QUALITY OF DATA IN THE SYSTEM MAY VARY



INCOME UNITS and HOUSEHOLDS

- CRA DATA CAN NOT EASILY SHOW THE NUMBER OF INCOME UNITS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD OR DWELLING
- IS ESTIMATED THAT IN 2001 THE 910,000 INCOME UNITS RECEIVING CRA LIVED IN 650,000 HOUSEHOLDS.
- ON AVERAGE 1.4 INCOME UNITS PER HOUSEHOLD



DWELLINGS, HOUSEHOLDS AND INCOME UNITS (1)

Dwelling A: Single household, single income unit

dwelling

household

income unit

persons

ONE HOUSEHOLD, ONE INCOME UNIT, THREE PEOPLE



DWELLINGS, HOUSEHOLDS AND INCOME UNITS (2)

Dwelling B: Multiple household, multiple income units

dwelling

households

income units

persons

ONE DWELLING, TWO HOUSEHOLDS, TWO INCOME UNITS



DWELLINGS, HOUSEHOLDS AND INCOME UNITS (3)

Dwelling C: Group household, multiple income units

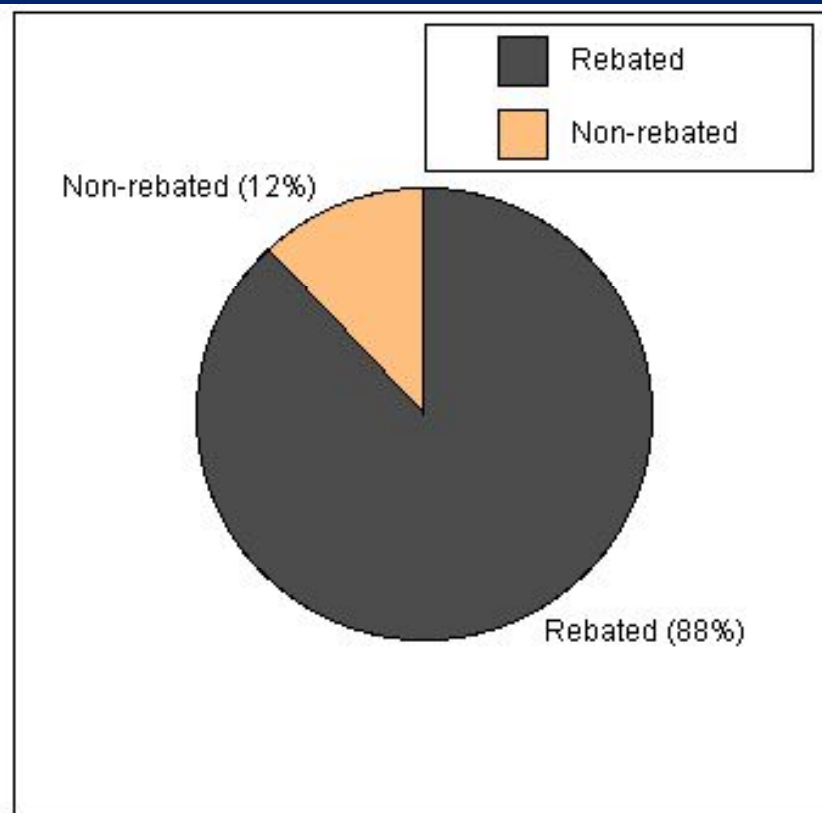
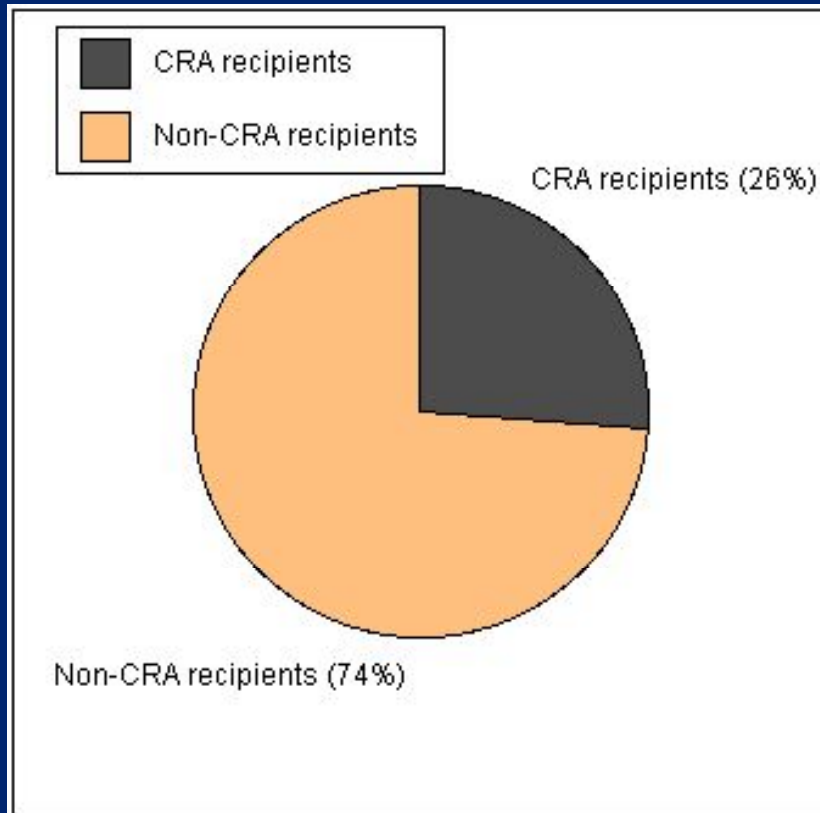
dwelling

household
income unit

person

ONE HOUSEHOLD, THREE INCOME UNITS, THREE PERSONS

CRA and public housing rebates





THE CRA DATA CAN BE USED TO LOOK AT THINGS SUCH AS

- LOOKING AT THE 4 MILLION CENTRELINK CLIENTS AND THEIR USE OF CRA.
- WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CRA RECIPIENTS - LOOKING AT THE 900,000 CRA CENTRELINK CLIENTS CHARACTERISTICS.
- THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF CLIENTS
- COMPARISON OF CHARACTERISTICS OF CRA RECIPIENTS WITH OTHER CLIENTS SUCH AS INCOME UNITS IN PUBLIC HOUSING

CRA RECIPIENTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL CENTRELINK CLIENT INCOME UNITS IN EACH GROUP

Payment type	
Age pension	11.2
Carer payment	18.9
Disability Support Pension	25.9
Family tax benefit only	20.8
New start allowance	35.5
Parenting Payment Partnered only	26.4
Parenting Payment Single	41.7
Widow allowance	24.9
Youth allowance	21.9
Other payments	18.2
TOTAL	22.9

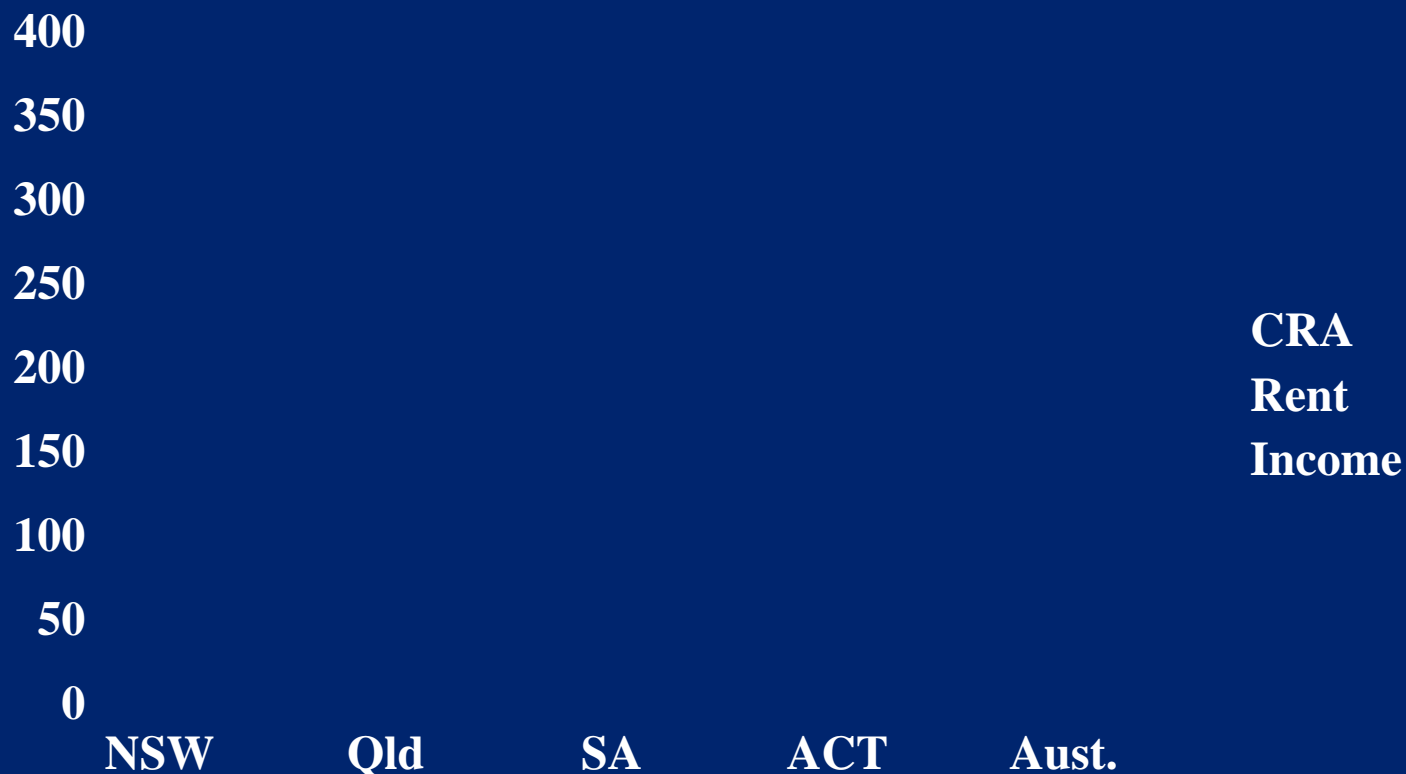
DISTRIBUTION OF CRA RECIPIENTS BY PAYMENT TYPE

Payment type	(per cent)
Age pension	16.3
Carer payment	1.0
Disability Support Pension	17.0
Family tax benefit only	9.0
New start allowance	21.7
Parenting Payment Partnered only	2.6
Parenting Payment Single	19.6
Parenting Payment Single	19.6
Widow allowance	1.1
Youth allowance	9.6
Other payments	1.9
Total	100.0
Total number	909,062

DISTRIBUTION OF CRA RECIPIENTS AND CENTRELINK CLIENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING BY PAYMENT TYPE

Payment type	CRA RECIPIENTS	CENTRELINK CLIENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING
Age pension	16.3	28.7
Carer payment	1.0	1.9
Disability Support Pension	17.0	27.8
Family tax benefit only	9.0	3.4
New start allowance	21.7	11.4
Parenting Payment Partnered only	2.6	1.3
Parenting Payment Single	19.6	21.6
Widow allowance	1.1	1.3
Youth allowance	9.6	0.8
Other payments	1.9	1.7
Total percent	100.0	100.0
Total number	909,062	332,121

Average weekly CRA, rent and income by State/territory (\$)

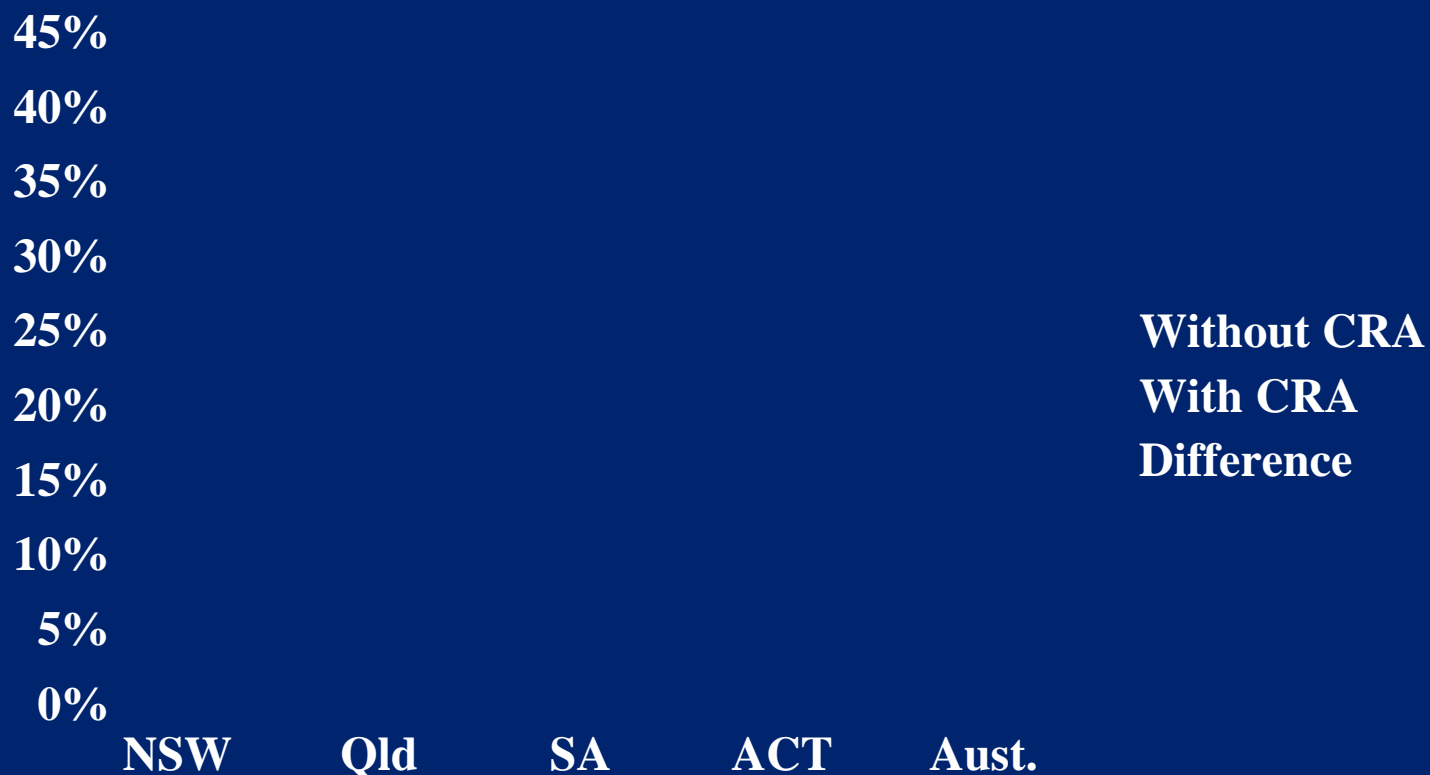




Outcome: housing affordability

- Proportion of income spent on rent
- CRA is not included in income
- Affordability without CRA= $\text{weekly rent paid} / \text{weekly total income} * 100$
- Affordability with CRA= $(\text{weekly rent paid} - \text{weekly CRA received}) / \text{weekly total income} * 100$

Average affordability by State/territory (%)



Per cent of income units who spent 30% or less income on rent by State/Territory (\$)



Conclusion

- Further studies are essential to understand the co-relationship between housing affordability, rent, income, CRA and client characteristics
- For more detailed information and analysis on CRA data, please refer to forthcoming AIHW housing assistance statistics series: Commonwealth Rent Assistance June 2002 - A Statistical Overview
- By visiting AIHW website www.aihw.gov.au

