

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 11

Question No: 349

Topic: Newstart Allowance - Older unemployed

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Senator Siewert asked:

Provide the following data by Newstart Allowance recipients aged over 50:

1. Total numbers
2. By age
3. By gender
4. By age and gender
5. By state and territory
6. By Indigenous/non-Indigenous
7. With/without earnings
8. With a Partial Capacity to Work
9. Principal Carers
10. Receiving NSA rate for those over 60 after 9 months on payment
11. Numbers who access activity requirements for those over 55, in total and by gender
12. Receiving Rent Assistance
13. Receiving Carer Allowance (Adult) and Receiving Carer Allowance (Child)
14. By 'vulnerability' indicator
15. With multiple 'vulnerability' indicators.

Answer:

1. Total Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50

There are a total of 181,999 Newstart Allowance recipients aged over 50 years as at 27 December 2013. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than 20 are reported as "<20". The requested data for these recipients is included in the following tables.

2. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by Age

51	15,331
52	14,228
53	13,821
54	13,009
55	13,117
56	12,740
57	12,780
58	12,090
59	11,208
60	11,727
61	12,281
62	12,448
63	13,211
64	14,008
Total	181,999

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3. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by Gender

Female	93,687
Male	88,312
Total	181,999

4. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Total
51	8,541	6,790	15,331
52	7,762	6,466	14,228
53	7,427	6,394	13,821
54	7,006	6,003	13,009
55	6,966	6,151	13,117
56	6,821	5,919	12,740
57	6,794	5,986	12,780
58	6,142	5,948	12,090
59	5,407	5,801	11,208
60	5,617	6,110	11,727
61	5,946	6,335	12,281
62	6,116	6,332	12,448
63	6,420	6,791	13,211
64	6,722	7,286	14,008
Total	93,687	88,312	181,999

5. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by State and Territory

New South Wales	61,183
Victoria	44,300
Queensland	38,235
South Australia	15,805
Western Australia	13,554
Tasmania	6,152
Northern Territory	1,631
Australian Capital Territory	1,124
Unknown/Overseas	15
Total	181,999

6. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by Indigenous/Non-Indigenous

Indigenous	6,913
Not Indigenous	175,086
Total	181,999

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7. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 with/without Earnings

Current Earnings	33,023
No Earnings	148,976
Total	181,999

8. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 with a Partial Capacity to Work

Partial Capacity to Work (0-29 hours per week)	12,810
Full Capacity to Work (30+ hours per week)	169,189
Total	181,999

9. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 Principal Carers

Principal Carer	12,233
Not Principal Carer	169,766
Total	181,999

10. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by Rate Type

Single-no dependent child	76,324
Single-dependent child	12,964
Single-aged 60+ after 9 months on payment	23,786
Single-principal carer with exemption	642
Partnered	68,283
Total	181,999

11. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 55 by Activity Test Requirements and Gender

	Female	Male	Total
Exempt from Activity to Test	7,038	6,540	13,578
Not Exempt from Activity Test	48,947	49,968	98,915
Total	55,985	56,508	112,493

12. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 Receiving Rent Assistance

Receiving Rent Assistance	55,237
Not Receiving Rent Assistance	126,762
Total	181,999

13. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 Receiving Carer Allowance

Total Receiving Carer Allowance	2,854
Receiving Carer Allowance for a Child	806
Receiving Carer Allowance for an Adult	2,082

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14. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by Vulnerability Indicator

Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicator	26,309
Cognitive or Neurological impairment	611
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	1,608
Homeless	832
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	13,188
Jobseeker in Transition	279
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	2,126
Nationally approved Vulnerability	<20
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	<20
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	13,480
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	166
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	189
Significant caring responsibilities	349

15. Newstart Allowance Recipients Aged Over 50 by Number of Vulnerability Indicators

No Vulnerability Indicators	155,690
1 Vulnerability Indicators	20,491
2 Vulnerability Indicators	5,139
3 Vulnerability Indicators	631
4 or more Vulnerability Indicators	48
Total	181,999

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data