

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
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**Outcome Number:** 11

**Question No:** 623

**Topic:** Newstart Allowance

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the current number of people in receipt of Newstart Allowance by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- f. condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- g. duration on payment (<1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- h. number and percentage reporting other employment;
- i. number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- j. reported hours of work undertaken;
- k. reported income from employment;
- l. reported income from other assets;
- m. other payments received; and
- n. vulnerability indicators.

**Answer:**

The following tables provide the number of Newstart Allowance recipients as at the 27 December 2013 according to the breakdown requested. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than 20 are reported as "<20".

| <b>Table (a) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Age Group</b> |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Age Group</b>   | <b>Recipients</b> |
| 21-24  | 71,908            |
| 25-29  | 85,392            |
| 30-34  | 75,738            |
| 35-39  | 78,714            |
| 40-44  | 91,395            |
| 45-49  | 82,667            |
| 50-54  | 71,962            |
| 55-59  | 61,935            |
| 60-64  | 63,675            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>683,386</b>    |

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| <b>Table (b) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by State</b> |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>State</b>   | <b>Recipients</b> |
| New South Wales  | 213,512           |
| Victoria   | 168,731           |
| Queensland   | 144,288           |
| Western Australia  | 57,616            |
| South Australia  | 60,121            |
| Tasmania   | 21,667            |
| Australian Capital Territory                               | 5,707             |
| Northern Territory   | 11,691            |
| Other  | 53                |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>683,386</b>    |

| <b>Table (c) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Electoral Division</b> |  |                           |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| <b>State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>             | <b>Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b> | <b>Newstart Allowance</b> |
| Australian Capital Territory  | Canberra   | 2504                      |
| Australian Capital Territory  | Fraser   | 3190                      |
| New South Wales   | Banks  | 3878                      |
| New South Wales   | Barton   | 3422                      |
| New South Wales   | Bennelong  | 2364                      |
| New South Wales   | Berowra  | 1315                      |
| New South Wales   | Blaxland   | 7937                      |
| New South Wales   | Bradfield  | 1350                      |
| New South Wales   | Calare   | 4710                      |
| New South Wales   | Charlton   | 3945                      |
| New South Wales   | Chifley  | 7261                      |
| New South Wales   | Cook   | 2172                      |
| New South Wales   | Cowper   | 6979                      |
| New South Wales   | Cunningham   | 4416                      |
| New South Wales   | Dobell   | 5314                      |
| New South Wales   | Eden-Monaro  | 4132                      |
| New South Wales   | Farrer   | 5086                      |
| New South Wales   | Fowler   | 8467                      |
| New South Wales   | Gilmore  | 4863                      |
| New South Wales   | Grayndler  | 4435                      |
| New South Wales   | Greenway   | 3815                      |
| New South Wales   | Hughes   | 2773                      |
| New South Wales   | Hume   | 3721                      |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| New South Wales   | Hunter   | 4787                      |
| New South Wales   | Kingsford Smith                                    | 3158                      |
| New South Wales   | Lindsay  | 4938                      |
| New South Wales   | Lyne   | 5967                      |
| New South Wales   | Macarthur  | 3893                      |
| New South Wales   | Mackellar  | 1583                      |
| New South Wales   | Macquarie  | 3744                      |
| New South Wales   | McMahon  | 6118                      |
| New South Wales   | Mitchell   | 1497                      |
| New South Wales   | New England  | 6041                      |
| New South Wales   | Newcastle  | 4902                      |
| New South Wales   | North Sydney                                       | 1482                      |
| New South Wales   | Page   | 6624                      |
| New South Wales   | Parkes   | 6236                      |
| New South Wales   | Parramatta   | 5869                      |
| New South Wales   | Paterson   | 4580                      |
| New South Wales   | Reid   | 4324                      |
| New South Wales   | Richmond   | 7172                      |
| New South Wales   | Riverina   | 4147                      |
| New South Wales   | Robertson  | 4477                      |
| New South Wales   | Shortland  | 4301                      |
| New South Wales   | Sydney   | 4593                      |
| New South Wales   | Throsby  | 4606                      |
| New South Wales   | Warringah  | 1335                      |
| New South Wales   | Watson   | 6422                      |
| New South Wales   | Wentworth  | 2743                      |
| New South Wales   | Werriwa  | 5551                      |
| Northern Territory  | Lingiari   | 9336                      |
| Northern Territory  | Solomon  | 2344                      |
| Queensland  | Blair  | 5458                      |
| Queensland  | Bonner   | 3005                      |
| Queensland  | Bowman   | 3281                      |
| Queensland  | Brisbane   | 3517                      |
| Queensland  | Capricornia  | 4025                      |
| Queensland  | Dawson   | 4213                      |
| Queensland  | Dickson  | 2980                      |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| Queensland  | Fadden   | 5206                      |
| Queensland  | Fairfax  | 4810                      |
| Queensland  | Fisher   | 4455                      |
| Queensland  | Flynn  | 4354                      |
| Queensland  | Forde  | 4823                      |
| Queensland  | Griffith   | 3836                      |
| Queensland  | Groom  | 3214                      |
| Queensland  | Herbert  | 5469                      |
| Queensland  | Hinkler  | 6707                      |
| Queensland  | Kennedy  | 7395                      |
| Queensland  | Leichhardt   | 9260                      |
| Queensland  | Lilley   | 3711                      |
| Queensland  | Longman  | 5722                      |
| Queensland  | Maranoa  | 4224                      |
| Queensland  | Mcperson   | 5176                      |
| Queensland  | Moncrieff  | 6547                      |
| Queensland  | Moreton  | 3919                      |
| Queensland  | Oxley  | 4941                      |
| Queensland  | Petrie   | 4620                      |
| Queensland  | Rankin   | 6537                      |
| Queensland  | Ryan   | 2243                      |
| Queensland  | Wide Bay   | 6275                      |
| Queensland  | Wright   | 4210                      |
| South Australia   | Adelaide   | 5177                      |
| South Australia   | Barker   | 5909                      |
| South Australia   | Boothby  | 3446                      |
| South Australia   | Grey   | 7098                      |
| South Australia   | Hindmarsh  | 4441                      |
| South Australia   | Kingston   | 6064                      |
| South Australia   | Makin  | 4556                      |
| South Australia   | Mayo   | 3580                      |
| South Australia   | Port Adelaide                                      | 8429                      |
| South Australia   | Sturt  | 3400                      |
| South Australia   | Wakefield  | 8016                      |
| Tasmania  | Bass   | 4869                      |
| Tasmania  | Braddon  | 4610                      |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| Tasmania  | Denison  | 4060                      |
| Tasmania  | Franklin   | 3153                      |
| Tasmania  | Lyons  | 4970                      |
| Victoria  | Aston  | 3031                      |
| Victoria  | Ballarat   | 5019                      |
| Victoria  | Batman   | 5287                      |
| Victoria  | Bendigo  | 4883                      |
| Victoria  | Bruce  | 5425                      |
| Victoria  | Calwell  | 7535                      |
| Victoria  | Casey  | 3307                      |
| Victoria  | Chisholm   | 2963                      |
| Victoria  | Corangamite  | 3530                      |
| Victoria  | Corio  | 6155                      |
| Victoria  | Deakin   | 3357                      |
| Victoria  | Dunkley  | 4919                      |
| Victoria  | Flinders   | 4329                      |
| Victoria  | Gellibrand   | 6737                      |
| Victoria  | Gippsland  | 5656                      |
| Victoria  | Goldstein  | 1841                      |
| Victoria  | Gorton   | 7031                      |
| Victoria  | Higgins  | 2350                      |
| Victoria  | Holt   | 6271                      |
| Victoria  | Hotham   | 3884                      |
| Victoria  | Indi   | 4273                      |
| Victoria  | Isaacs   | 4244                      |
| Victoria  | Jagajaga   | 2799                      |
| Victoria  | Kooyong  | 1545                      |
| Victoria  | La Trobe   | 3195                      |
| Victoria  | Lalor  | 6608                      |
| Victoria  | Mallee   | 4972                      |
| Victoria  | Maribyrnong  | 6475                      |
| Victoria  | Mcewen   | 4591                      |
| Victoria  | Mcmillan   | 5238                      |
| Victoria  | Melbourne  | 5663                      |
| Victoria  | Melbourne Ports                                    | 3352                      |
| Victoria  | Menzies  | 2219                      |

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|---|--|---------------------------|
| Victoria  | Murray   | 5239                      |
| Victoria  | Scullin  | 4855                      |
| Victoria  | Wannon   | 4593                      |
| Victoria  | Wills  | 5337                      |
| Western Australia   | Brand  | 4438                      |
| Western Australia   | Canning  | 4797                      |
| Western Australia   | Cowan  | 3152                      |
| Western Australia   | Curtin   | 1493                      |
| Western Australia   | Durack   | 7084                      |
| Western Australia   | Forrest  | 4192                      |
| Western Australia   | Fremantle  | 3759                      |
| Western Australia   | Hasluck  | 4404                      |
| Western Australia   | Moore  | 2083                      |
| Western Australia   | O'Connor   | 4945                      |
| Western Australia   | Pearce   | 3586                      |
| Western Australia   | Perth  | 4126                      |
| Western Australia   | Stirling   | 3880                      |
| Western Australia   | Swan   | 4065                      |
| Western Australia   | Tangney  | 1555                      |
| Unknown   | Unknown  | 389                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>683,386</b>            |

| <b>Table (d) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Gender</b> |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Gender</b>   | <b>Recipients</b> |
| Males   | 362,696           |
| Females   | 320,690           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>683,386</b>    |

| <b>Table (e) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by indigenous Indicator</b> |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Indigenous Indicator</b>   | <b>Recipients</b> |
| Indigenous  | 60,521            |
| Non-Indigenous  | 622,865           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>683,386</b>    |

**Table (f)** Note that there is no data available regarding the condition/disability of a person for whom Newstart Allowance recipients may be caring for.

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| <b>Table (g) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Duration on Newstart Allowance</b> |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Duration on Payment</b>  | <b>Recipients</b> |
| Less Than 1 Year  | 337,014           |
| 1 - 2 Years   | 132,970           |
| 2 - 5 Years   | 149,064           |
| 5 - 10 Years  | 51,034            |
| 10 Years Plus   | 13,304            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>683,386</b>    |

| <b>Table (h) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Reported Earnings</b> |                   |          |
|--|-------------------|----------|
| <b>Earnings last fortnight</b>   | <b>Recipients</b> | <b>%</b> |
| Had Earnings   | 129,110           | 18.9     |
| No Earnings  | 554,276           | 81.1     |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>683,386</b>    |          |

| <b>Table (i) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Rate</b> |                   |          |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| <b>Rate of Payment</b>                                    | <b>Recipients</b> | <b>%</b> |
| Full Rate   | 506,149           | 74.1     |
| Part Rate   | 170,383           | 24.9     |
| Undetermined Rate   | 6,854             | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>683,386</b>    |          |

| <b>Table (j) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Hours Worked Last Fortnight</b> |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Hours worked last fortnight</b>   | <b>Recipients</b> |
| No hours   | 554,632           |
| 1 - 14 hours   | 31,498            |
| 15 - 29 hours  | 34,189            |
| 30 hours +   | 63,067            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>683,386</b>    |

| <b>Table(k) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings Last Fortnight</b> |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Earnings last fortnight</b>  | <b>Recipients</b> |
| Nil earnings  | 554,276           |
| \$1 - \$61  | 3,251             |
| \$62 - \$235  | 22,442            |
| \$236 - \$249   | 2,351             |
| \$250 Plus  | 101,066           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>683,386</b>    |

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| <b>Table (l) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings from other sources (for example, Interest, Superannuation, Compensation, real estate income)</b> |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Earnings last fortnight from other sources</b>  | <b>Recipients</b> |
| Nil earnings   | 297,362           |
| \$1 - \$61   | 347,679           |
| \$62 - \$235   | 24,120            |
| \$236 - \$249  | 767               |
| \$250 Plus   | 13,458            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>683,386</b>    |

| <b>Table (m) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Supplementary Payments (note: recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)</b> |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Supplement</b>   | <b>Recipients</b> |
| Carer Allowance   | 13,074            |
| CDEP Approved Program of Work Supplement  | <20               |
| Clean Energy Supplement   | 677,515           |
| Double Orphan Pension   | 194               |
| Drought Force Supplement  | 168               |
| Family Tax Benefit  | 136,398           |
| Green Corps Supplement  | 76                |
| Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement  | 8,358             |
| Mobility Allowance  | 1,077             |
| Pensioner Education Supplement  | 1,502             |
| Pharmaceutical Allowance  | 298,663           |
| Remote Area Allowance   | 21,968            |
| Rent Assistance (a)   | 262,039           |
| RJCP Supplement   | 2,062             |
| Training Allowance  | 20                |
| Training Supplement   | <20               |
| Work for the Dole Supplement  | 11,099            |
| Telephone Allowance   | 74,061            |
| Income Support Bonus  | 576,508           |
| Education Entry Payment   | 10,632            |



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| <b>Table (n) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Vulnerability Indicator</b><br>(note: recipients can have more than 1 Vulnerability Indicator) |                |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Vulnerability Indicator</b>  | <b>Total</b>   |
| Cognitive or Neurological impairment  | 3019           |
| Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance  | 15,175         |
| Homeless  | 9545           |
| Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment   | 30,935         |
| Jobseeker in Transition   | 1702           |
| Significant lack of literacy and language skills  | 9102           |
| Nationally approved Vulnerability   | 83             |
| Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months   | 228            |
| Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness   | 60,208         |
| Recent traumatic relationship breakdown   | 1144           |
| Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)  | 3446           |
| Significant caring responsibilities   | 1491           |
| <b>Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicator</b>   | <b>106,026</b> |

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data.