

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 495**

**Topic: Newstart Allowance**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** 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 28 March 2014 according to the breakdown requested. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Please note that some of the information is available at [www.data.gov.au](http://www.data.gov.au).

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
21-24	72,451
25-29	85,889
30-34	76,302
35-39	79,197
40-44	93,228
45-49	84,815
50-54	74,561
55-59	64,092
60-64	65,372
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</b>

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<b>State</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
New South Wales	216,370
Victoria	171,362
Queensland	148,922
Western Australia	59,107
South Australia	61,000
Tasmania	21,149
Australian Capital Territory	5,925
Northern Territory	12,020
Other	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</b>

**Table (c) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Electorate**

<b>State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Newstart Allowance</b>
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	2,549
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	3,357
New South Wales	Banks	3,950
New South Wales	Barton	3,577
New South Wales	Bennelong	2,444
New South Wales	Berowra	1,377
New South Wales	Blaxland	8,121
New South Wales	Bradfield	1,369
New South Wales	Calare	4,843
New South Wales	Charlton	4,018
New South Wales	Chifley	7,328
New South Wales	Cook	2,209
New South Wales	Cowper	7,051
New South Wales	Cunningham	4,381
New South Wales	Dobell	5,425
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	4,122
New South Wales	Farrer	5,115
New South Wales	Fowler	8,700
New South Wales	Gilmore	4,902
New South Wales	Grayndler	4,508
New South Wales	Greenway	3,905
New South Wales	Hughes	2,888
New South Wales	Hume	3,701
New South Wales	Hunter	4,935
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	3,329

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<b>State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Newstart Allowance</b>
New South Wales	Lindsay	4,936
New South Wales	Lyne	6,046
New South Wales	Macarthur	3,978
New South Wales	Mackellar	1,616
New South Wales	Macquarie	3,742
New South Wales	McMahon	6,076
New South Wales	Mitchell	1,521
New South Wales	New England	5,990
New South Wales	Newcastle	5,012
New South Wales	North Sydney	1,552
New South Wales	Page	6,629
New South Wales	Parkes	6,264
New South Wales	Parramatta	5,981
New South Wales	Paterson	4,661
New South Wales	Reid	4,385
New South Wales	Richmond	7,249
New South Wales	Riverina	4,108
New South Wales	Robertson	4,566
New South Wales	Shortland	4,368
New South Wales	Sydney	4,533
New South Wales	Throsby	4,607
New South Wales	Warringah	1,421
New South Wales	Watson	6,495
New South Wales	Wentworth	2,851
New South Wales	Werriwa	5,540
Northern Territory	Lingiari	9,534
Northern Territory	Solomon	2,455
Queensland	Blair	5,532
Queensland	Bonner	3,056
Queensland	Bowman	3,435
Queensland	Brisbane	3,627
Queensland	Capricornia	4,309
Queensland	Dawson	4,658
Queensland	Dickson	3,077
Queensland	Fadden	5,238
Queensland	Fairfax	4,879
Queensland	Fisher	4,472
Queensland	Flynn	4,600

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Queensland	Forde	4,978
Queensland	Griffith	3,736
Queensland	Groom	3,286
Queensland	Herbert	5,875
Queensland	Hinkler	6,867
Queensland	Kennedy	7,846
Queensland	Leichhardt	9,786
Queensland	Lilley	3,747
Queensland	Longman	6,041
Queensland	Maranoa	4,354
Queensland	Mcperson	5,142
Queensland	Moncrieff	6,548
Queensland	Moreton	4,058
Queensland	Oxley	5,070
Queensland	Petrie	4,885
Queensland	Rankin	6,684
Queensland	Ryan	2,208
Queensland	Wide Bay	6,466
Queensland	Wright	4,259
South Australia	Adelaide	5,239
South Australia	Barker	5,744
South Australia	Boothby	3,546
South Australia	Grey	7,194
South Australia	Hindmarsh	4,634
South Australia	Kingston	6,148
South Australia	Makin	4,619
South Australia	Mayo	3,628
South Australia	Port Adelaide	8,613
South Australia	Sturt	3,409
South Australia	Wakefield	8,234
Tasmania	Bass	4,672
Tasmania	Braddon	4,468
Tasmania	Denison	4,014
Tasmania	Franklin	3,131
Tasmania	Lyons	4,855
Victoria	Aston	3,110
Victoria	Ballarat	4,983
Victoria	Batman	5,375

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Victoria	Bendigo	4,920
Victoria	Bruce	5,544
Victoria	Calwell	7,633
Victoria	Casey	3,448
Victoria	Chisholm	3,062
Victoria	Corangamite	3,556
Victoria	Corio	6,141
Victoria	Deakin	3,393
Victoria	Dunkley	4,973
Victoria	Flinders	4,283
Victoria	Gellibrand	6,892
Victoria	Gippsland	5,726
Victoria	Goldstein	1,882
Victoria	Gorton	7,254
Victoria	Higgins	2,417
Victoria	Holt	6,520
Victoria	Hotham	3,997
Victoria	Indi	4,140
Victoria	Isaacs	4,388
Victoria	Jagajaga	2,848
Victoria	Kooyong	1,544
Victoria	La Trobe	3,182
Victoria	Lalor	6,802
Victoria	Mallee	4,989
Victoria	Maribyrnong	6,625
Victoria	Mcewen	4,772
Victoria	Mcmillan	5,147
Victoria	Melbourne	5,868
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	3,575
Victoria	Menzies	2,277
Victoria	Murray	5,048
Victoria	Scullin	4,967
Victoria	Wannon	4,652
Victoria	Wills	5,412
Western Australia	Brand	4,539
Western Australia	Canning	4,851
Western Australia	Cowan	3,328
Western Australia	Curtin	1,540

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<b>State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Newstart Allowance</b>
Western Australia	Durack	7,467
Western Australia	Forrest	4,249
Western Australia	Fremantle	3,916
Western Australia	Hasluck	4,499
Western Australia	Moore	2,130
Western Australia	O'Connor	4,963
Western Australia	Pearce	3,741
Western Australia	Perth	4,227
Western Australia	Stirling	3,844
Western Australia	Swan	4,118
Western Australia	Tangney	1,647
Unknown	Unknown	416
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>695,907</b>

<b>Table (d) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Gender</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Males	368,486
Females	327,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</b>

<b>Table (e) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by indigenous Indicator</b>	
<b>Indigenous Indicator</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Indigenous	61,179
Non-Indigenous	634,728
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</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.

<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	473,957
1 - 2 Years	76,794
2 - 5 Years	101,091
5 - 10 Years	33,214
10 Years Plus	10,851
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<b>Table (h) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Reported Earnings</b>		
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
Had Earnings	146,185	21
No Earnings	549,722	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</b>	

<b>Table (i) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Rate</b>		
<b>Rate of Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
Full Rate	511,179	73.5
Part Rate	176,064	25.3
Undetermined Rate	8,664	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</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	550,134
1 - 14 hours	33,624
15 - 29 hours	36,937
30 hours +	75,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</b>

<b>Table (k) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings Last Fortnight</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	549,723
\$1 - \$61	3,141
\$62 - \$235	23,101
\$236 - \$249	2,472
\$250 Plus	117,470
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</b>

<b>Table (l) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings from other sources</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight from other sources</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	302,596
\$1 - \$61	353,662
\$62 - \$235	24,698
\$236 - \$249	820
\$250 Plus	14,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,907</b>

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<b>Table (m) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Supplementary Payments</b> (note: recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)	
<b>Supplement</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Carer Allowance	13,313
Clean Energy Supplement	688,724
Double Orphan Pension	203
Drought Force Supplement	123
Family Tax Benefit	138,669
Green Corps Supplement	45
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	9,296
Mobility Allowance	1,133
Pensioner Education Supplement	2,404
Pharmaceutical Allowance	305,725
Remote Area Allowance	22,694
Rent Assistance	266,072
RJCP Supplement	2,509
Training Allowance	24
Training Supplement	<20
Work for the Dole Supplement	11,794
Telephone Allowance	207,888
Income Support Bonus	538,285
Education Entry Payment	4,223

<b>Table (n) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Vulnerability Indicator</b> (note: recipients can have more than 1 Vulnerability Indicator)	
<b>Vulnerability Indicator</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cognitive or Neurological impairment	3,067
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	14,492
Homeless	9,315
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	30,670
Jobseeker in Transition	2,248
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	8,971
Nationally approved Vulnerability	79
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	231
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	59,636
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	1,052
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	3,505
Significant caring responsibilities	1,368
<b>Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicator</b>	<b>105,255</b>

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)