

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 497

Topic: Newstart Allowance

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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide the number of single parents on the Newstart Allowance by:

- a. gender;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. reported income and hours of work undertaken;
- e. type of employment;
- f. other payments received; and
- g. vulnerability indicators.

Answer:

The following tables provide the number of Single Newstart Allowance Principal Carer 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".

Table (a) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Gender	
Gender	Recipients
Males	8,087
Females	81,089
Total	89,176

Table (b) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by State/ Territory	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	28,412
Victoria	21,547
Queensland	18,956
Western Australia	8,430
South Australia	7,507
Tasmania	2,674
Australian Capital Territory	721
Northern Territory	929
Total	89,176

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Table (c) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Electorate

State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)	Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	350
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	368
New South Wales	Banks	521
New South Wales	Barton	409
New South Wales	Bennelong	267
New South Wales	Berowra	200
New South Wales	Blaxland	870
New South Wales	Bradfield	157
New South Wales	Calare	700
New South Wales	Charlton	609
New South Wales	Chifley	1012
New South Wales	Cook	377
New South Wales	Cowper	998
New South Wales	Cunningham	578
New South Wales	Dobell	909
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	557
New South Wales	Farrer	724
New South Wales	Fowler	1228
New South Wales	Gilmore	738
New South Wales	Grayndler	356
New South Wales	Greenway	492
New South Wales	Hughes	417
New South Wales	Hume	523
New South Wales	Hunter	733
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	407
New South Wales	Lindsay	788
New South Wales	Lyne	779
New South Wales	Macarthur	654
New South Wales	Mackellar	259
New South Wales	Macquarie	572
New South Wales	McMahon	673
New South Wales	Mitchell	231
New South Wales	New England	787
New South Wales	Newcastle	542

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New South Wales	North Sydney	145
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New South Wales	Parkes	859
New South Wales	Parramatta	565
New South Wales	Paterson	701
New South Wales	Reid	362
New South Wales	Richmond	1023
New South Wales	Riverina	628
New South Wales	Robertson	722
New South Wales	Shortland	677
New South Wales	Sydney	268
New South Wales	Throsby	709
New South Wales	Warringah	193
New South Wales	Watson	651
New South Wales	Wentworth	196
New South Wales	Werriwa	738
Northern Territory	Lingiari	619
Northern Territory	Solomon	307
Other Territories	Fraser	<20
Other Territories	Lingiari	<20
Queensland	Blair	807
Queensland	Bonner	404
Queensland	Bowman	529
Queensland	Brisbane	193
Queensland	Capricornia	577
Queensland	Dawson	585
Queensland	Dickson	438
Queensland	Fadden	757
Queensland	Fairfax	695
Queensland	Fisher	690
Queensland	Flynn	556
Queensland	Forde	710
Queensland	Griffith	303
Queensland	Groom	592
Queensland	Herbert	674

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Queensland	Hinkler	887
Queensland	Kennedy	801
Queensland	Leichhardt	978
Queensland	Lilley	404
Queensland	Longman	874
Queensland	Maranoa	572
Queensland	McPherson	888
Queensland	Moncrieff	772
Queensland	Moreton	344
Queensland	Oxley	670
Queensland	Petrie	681
Queensland	Rankin	861
Queensland	Ryan	225
Queensland	Wide Bay	848
Queensland	Wright	624
South Australia	Adelaide	400
South Australia	Barker	764
South Australia	Boothby	425
South Australia	Grey	804
South Australia	Hindmarsh	463
South Australia	Kingston	875
South Australia	Makin	646
South Australia	Mayo	516
South Australia	Port Adelaide	1040
South Australia	Sturt	440
South Australia	Wakefield	1134
Tasmania	Bass	559
Tasmania	Braddon	585
Tasmania	Denison	482
Tasmania	Franklin	451
Tasmania	Lyons	596
Victoria	Aston	475
Victoria	Ballarat	758
Victoria	Batman	506
Victoria	Bendigo	672

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Victoria	Bruce	514
Victoria	Calwell	770
Victoria	Casey	627
Victoria	Chisholm	322
Victoria	Corangamite	550
Victoria	Corio	834
Victoria	Deakin	386
Victoria	Dunkley	787
Victoria	Flinders	749
Victoria	Gellibrand	670
Victoria	Gippsland	813
Victoria	Goldstein	235
Victoria	Gorton	1003
Victoria	Higgins	153
Victoria	Holt	871
Victoria	Hotham	535
Victoria	Indi	645
Victoria	Isaacs	582
Victoria	Jagajaga	341
Victoria	Kooyong	125
Victoria	La Trobe	539
Victoria	Lalor	898
Victoria	Mallee	658
Victoria	Maribyrnong	702
Victoria	McEwen	792
Victoria	McMillan	761
Victoria	Melbourne	447
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	201
Victoria	Menzies	254
Victoria	Murray	721
Victoria	Scullin	612
Victoria	Wannon	647
Victoria	Wills	389
Western Australia	Brand	772
Western Australia	Canning	828

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Western Australia	Cowan	553
Western Australia	Curtin	165
Western Australia	Durack	744
Western Australia	Forrest	794
Western Australia	Fremantle	537
Western Australia	Hasluck	680
Western Australia	Moore	383
Western Australia	O'Connor	647
Western Australia	Pearce	711
Western Australia	Perth	423
Western Australia	Stirling	512
Western Australia	Swan	442
Western Australia	Tangney	232
Unknown	Unknown	31
Total		89,176

Table (d)(1) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings	
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients
Nil earnings	47,358
\$1 - \$61	424
\$62 - \$235	2,822
\$236 - \$249	317
\$250 Plus	38,255
Total	89,176

Table (d)(2) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Hours Worked Last Fortnight	
Hours worked last fortnight	Recipients
No Hours	47,397
1 - 14 hours	4,150
15 - 29 hours	5,819
30 hours+	31,810
Total	89,176

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Table (e) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Employment Type	
Employment Type	Recipients
Full time non-ongoing employment	<20
Full time ongoing employment	<20
Part time or casual	41,791
Undetermined	47,361
Total	89,176

Table (f) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Supplementary Payment (note: recipients can receive more than one supplement)	
Supplement	Recipients
Carer Allowance	6,741
Clean Energy Supplement	88,460
Double Orphan Pension	108
Drought Force Supplement	<20
Family Tax Benefit	86,745
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	818
Mobility Allowance	86
Pensioner Education Supplement	2,363
Pharmaceutical Allowance	88,549
Remote Area Allowance	1,753
Rent Assistance	44,691
RJCP Supplement	142
Training Allowance	<20
Training Supplement	<20
Work for the Dole Supplement	1,180
Telephone Allowance	67,288
Income Support Bonus	73,475
Education Entry Payment	1,968
Carer Allowance	6,741

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Table (g) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Vulnerability Indicator (note: recipients can have more than 1 Vulnerability Indicator)	
Vulnerability Indicator	Recipients
Cognitive or Neurological impairment	134
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	572
Homeless	398
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	2576
Jobseeker in Transition	112
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	512
Nationally approved Vulnerability	<20
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	<20
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	6029
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	186
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	31
Significant caring responsibilities	495
Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicator	8845

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