

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

**Question No: 560**

**Topic: Partner Allowance**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide the current number of people in receipt of Partner 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; and
- m. other payments received.

**Answer:**

The following tables provide the number of Partner 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" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

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

<b>Table a) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Age Group</b>	
<b>Customer Age</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
55-59	1,089
60-64	7,789
65+	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

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<b>State</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
New South Wales	2,819
Victoria	2,240
Queensland	1,671
Western Australia	711
South Australia	931
Tasmania	457
Australian Capital Territory	34
Northern Territory	30
Unknown	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

**Table c) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Electorate**

<b>State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>Partner Allowance</b>
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	21
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	<20
New South Wales	Banks	61
New South Wales	Barton	66
New South Wales	Bennelong	27
New South Wales	Berowra	<20
New South Wales	Blaxland	111
New South Wales	Bradfield	<20
New South Wales	Calare	58
New South Wales	Charlton	99
New South Wales	Chifley	69
New South Wales	Cook	<20
New South Wales	Cowper	119
New South Wales	Cunningham	68
New South Wales	Dobell	45
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	63
New South Wales	Farrer	76
New South Wales	Fowler	159
New South Wales	Gilmore	104
New South Wales	Grayndler	48
New South Wales	Greenway	52
New South Wales	Hughes	25

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New South Wales	Hume	53
New South Wales	Hunter	79
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	37
New South Wales	Lindsay	33
New South Wales	Lyne	115
New South Wales	Macarthur	45
New South Wales	Mackellar	<20
New South Wales	Macquarie	23
New South Wales	McMahon	90
New South Wales	Mitchell	<20
New South Wales	New England	86
New South Wales	Newcastle	49
New South Wales	North Sydney	<20
New South Wales	Page	97
New South Wales	Parkes	63
New South Wales	Parramatta	50
New South Wales	Paterson	93
New South Wales	Reid	58
New South Wales	Richmond	61
New South Wales	Riverina	40
New South Wales	Robertson	28
New South Wales	Shortland	82
New South Wales	Sydney	23
New South Wales	Throsby	106
New South Wales	Warringah	<20
New South Wales	Watson	105
New South Wales	Wentworth	<20
New South Wales	Werriwa	56
Northern Territory	Lingiari	<20
Northern Territory	Solomon	20
Queensland	Blair	48
Queensland	Bonner	36
Queensland	Bowman	54
Queensland	Brisbane	<20
Queensland	Capricornia	72
Queensland	Dawson	39

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Queensland	Dickson	45
Queensland	Fadden	57
Queensland	Fairfax	55
Queensland	Fisher	62
Queensland	Flynn	77
Queensland	Forde	54
Queensland	Griffith	<20
Queensland	Groom	40
Queensland	Herbert	39
Queensland	Hinkler	171
Queensland	Kennedy	46
Queensland	Leichhardt	24
Queensland	Lilley	26
Queensland	Longman	84
Queensland	Maranoa	75
Queensland	Mcperson	50
Queensland	Moncrieff	53
Queensland	Moreton	33
Queensland	Oxley	59
Queensland	Petrie	54
Queensland	Rankin	73
Queensland	Ryan	<20
Queensland	Wide Bay	131
Queensland	Wright	70
South Australia	Adelaide	33
South Australia	Barker	81
South Australia	Boothby	48
South Australia	Grey	148
South Australia	Hindmarsh	72
South Australia	Kingston	112
South Australia	Makin	105
South Australia	Mayo	79
South Australia	Port Adelaide	108
South Australia	Sturt	52
South Australia	Wakefield	92
Tasmania	Bass	68

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Tasmania	Braddon	120
Tasmania	Denison	43
Tasmania	Franklin	83
Tasmania	Lyons	143
Victoria	Aston	39
Victoria	Ballarat	77
Victoria	Batman	56
Victoria	Bendigo	65
Victoria	Bruce	85
Victoria	Calwell	87
Victoria	Casey	54
Victoria	Chisholm	54
Victoria	Corangamite	51
Victoria	Corio	105
Victoria	Deakin	30
Victoria	Dunkley	44
Victoria	Flinders	54
Victoria	Gellibrand	84
Victoria	Gippsland	108
Victoria	Goldstein	<20
Victoria	Gorton	112
Victoria	Higgins	<20
Victoria	Holt	76
Victoria	Hotham	87
Victoria	Indi	69
Victoria	Isaacs	50
Victoria	Jagajaga	32
Victoria	Kooyong	<20
Victoria	La Trobe	31
Victoria	Lalor	60
Victoria	Mallee	60
Victoria	Maribyrnong	106
Victoria	Mcewen	58
Victoria	Mcmillan	80
Victoria	Melbourne	24
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	<20

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Victoria	Menzies	41
Victoria	Murray	60
Victoria	Scullin	87
Victoria	Wannon	97
Victoria	Wills	64
Western Australia	Brand	68
Western Australia	Canning	88
Western Australia	Cowan	50
Western Australia	Curtin	<20
Western Australia	Durack	27
Western Australia	Forrest	55
Western Australia	Fremantle	47
Western Australia	Hasluck	53
Western Australia	Moore	35
Western Australia	O'Connor	52
Western Australia	Pearce	51
Western Australia	Perth	46
Western Australia	Stirling	48
Western Australia	Swan	50
Western Australia	Tangney	32
Unknown	Unknown	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,909</b>

<b>Table d) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Gender</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Males	459
Females	8,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

<b>Table e) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Indigenous Indicator</b>	
<b>Indigenous Indicator</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Indigenous	64
Non-Indigenous	8,845
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

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**Table f)** Data regarding the condition/disability of a person for whom Partner Allowance recipients may be caring is unavailable.

<b>Table g) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Duration on Partner Allowance</b>	
<b>Duration on Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Less Than 1 Year	<20
1 - 2 Years	<20
2 - 5 Years	<20
5 - 10 Years	1,002
10 Years Plus	7,898
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

<b>Table H) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Earnings Last Fortnight</b>		
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
Had Earnings	562	6
No Earnings	8,347	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>	

<b>Table i) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Rate</b>		
<b>Rate of Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>%</b>
Full Rate	6,659	75
Part Rate	2,247	25

<b>Table j) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Hours Worked Last Fortnight</b>	
<b>Hours worked last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
No hours	8,368
1 - 14 hours	225
15 - 29 hours	160
30 hours +	156
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

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<b>Table k) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Earnings</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	8,347
\$1 - \$61	np
\$62 - \$235	156
\$236 - \$249	<20
\$250 Plus	352
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

<b>Table l) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Earnings from Other Sources</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight from other sources</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	1,009
\$1 - \$61	7,087
\$62 - \$235	715
\$236 - \$249	<20
\$250 Plus	np
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,909</b>

<b>Table m) Recipients of Partner Allowance by Supplementary Payments</b> (note: recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)	
Carer Allowance	555
Clean Energy Supplement	8,906
Family Tax Benefit	52
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	<20
Mobility Allowance	<20
Pension Supplement	28
Pharmaceutical Allowance	7,758
Remote Area Allowance	47
Rent Assistance	112
Telephone Allowance	7,076
Utilities Allowance	6,799

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