

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

**Question No: 600**

**Topic: Disability Support Pension**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Disability Support Pension by:

- a. age;
- b. state/territory;
- c. electorate;
- d. sex;
- e. Indigenous status;
- f. condition/disability;
- g. duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- h. number and percentage reporting 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 by disability/condition;
- l. reported income from other assets; and
- m. other payments received.

**Answer:**

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

The following table provides the number of Disability Support Pension (DSP) recipients as at 28 March 2014 by the characteristics requested. Confidentiality rules preclude the publication of cells with <20 recipients.

<b>Table (a) Recipients of DSP by Age Group</b>	
16-19	19,016
20-24	36,881
25-29	38,866
30-34	45,036
35-39	53,935
40-44	75,406
45-49	91,868
50-54	117,753
55-59	140,064
60-64	178,079
65+	35,629
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,533</b>

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New South Wales	271,033
Victoria	203,472
Queensland	166,157
South Australia	74,706
Western Australia	62,771
Tasmania	28,382
Northern Territory	9,540
Australian Capital Territory	8,787
Not Coded/IOB	7,685

<b>State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGCS 2013)</b>	<b>Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>DSP</b>
New South Wales	Banks	4,000
New South Wales	Barton	3,874
New South Wales	Bennelong	3,318
New South Wales	Berowra	1,877
New South Wales	Blaxland	7,960
New South Wales	Bradfield	1,545
New South Wales	Calare	7,450
New South Wales	Charlton	6,709
New South Wales	Chifley	7,760
New South Wales	Cook	2,553
New South Wales	Cowper	9,773
New South Wales	Cunningham	6,089
New South Wales	Dobell	6,732
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	6,731
New South Wales	Farrer	6,959
New South Wales	Fowler	7,757
New South Wales	Gilmore	7,362
New South Wales	Grayndler	4,546
New South Wales	Greenway	4,284
New South Wales	Hughes	3,453
New South Wales	Hume	5,989
New South Wales	Hunter	7,187
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	4,510
New South Wales	Lindsay	5,800
New South Wales	Lyne	8,367
New South Wales	Macarthur	4,998
New South Wales	Mackellar	1,951
New South Wales	Macquarie	4,526
New South Wales	McMahon	5,892
New South Wales	Mitchell	1,714
New South Wales	New England	7,747

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**Table (c) DSP Recipients by Federal Electorates**

<b>State of Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGCS 2013)</b>	<b>Commonwealth Electoral Division (ASGS 2013)</b>	<b>DSP</b>
New South Wales	Newcastle	7,716
New South Wales	North Sydney	1,793
New South Wales	Page	9,806
New South Wales	Parkes	8,031
New South Wales	Parramatta	6,214
New South Wales	Paterson	7,073
New South Wales	Reid	3,596
New South Wales	Richmond	8,369
New South Wales	Riverina	6,126
New South Wales	Robertson	5,833
New South Wales	Shortland	6,834
New South Wales	Sydney	6,045
New South Wales	Throsby	7,353
New South Wales	Warringah	1,775
New South Wales	Watson	6,048
New South Wales	Wentworth	2,793
New South Wales	Werriva	5,883
Victoria	Aston	3,624
Victoria	Ballarat	7,454
Victoria	Batman	6,579
Victoria	Bendigo	7,325
Victoria	Bruce	5,832
Victoria	Calwell	7,838
Victoria	Casey	4,806
Victoria	Chisholm	3,972
Victoria	Corangamite	4,356
Victoria	Corio	7,519
Victoria	Deakin	4,205
Victoria	Dunkley	6,140
Victoria	Flinders	5,705
Victoria	Gellibrand	5,824
Victoria	Gippsland	7,938
Victoria	Goldstein	2,748
Victoria	Gorton	6,544
Victoria	Higgins	2,870
Victoria	Holt	6,964
Victoria	Hotham	4,865
Victoria	Indi	5,873
Victoria	Isaacs	5,065
Victoria	Jagajaga	3,848
Victoria	Kooyong	1,942
Victoria	La Trobe	3,517

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Victoria	Lalor	5,210
Victoria	Mallee	8,147
Victoria	Maribyrnong	5,405
Victoria	McEwen	5,026
Victoria	McMillan	6,781
Victoria	Melbourne	5,479
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	4,247
Victoria	Menzies	2,472
Victoria	Murray	7,788
Victoria	Scullin	6,620
Victoria	Wannon	6,804
Victoria	Wills	5,999
Queensland	Blair	8,303
Queensland	Bonner	3,745
Queensland	Bowman	4,597
Queensland	Brisbane	4,318
Queensland	Capricornia	4,929
Queensland	Dawson	4,391
Queensland	Dickson	3,328
Queensland	Fadden	4,699
Queensland	Fairfax	5,285
Queensland	Fisher	4,885
Queensland	Flynn	5,273
Queensland	Forde	6,046
Queensland	Griffith	4,138
Queensland	Groom	6,112
Queensland	Herbert	5,292
Queensland	Hinkler	8,791
Queensland	Kennedy	6,364
Queensland	Leichhardt	6,557
Queensland	Lilley	4,666
Queensland	Longman	7,037
Queensland	Maranoa	7,703
Queensland	McPherson	4,647
Queensland	Moncrieff	5,381
Queensland	Moreton	4,079
Queensland	Oxley	5,616
Queensland	Petrie	5,982
Queensland	Rankin	6,920
Queensland	Ryan	2,159
Queensland	Wide Bay	9,263
Queensland	Wright	5,464

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South Australia	Adelaide	6,512
South Australia	Barker	7,294
South Australia	Boothby	4,387
South Australia	Grey	8,681
South Australia	Hindmarsh	5,930
South Australia	Kingston	7,388
South Australia	Makin	5,305
South Australia	Mayo	4,589
South Australia	Port Adelaide	9,858
South Australia	Sturt	4,921
South Australia	Wakefield	9,790
Western Australia	Brand	4,841
Western Australia	Canning	5,248
Western Australia	Cowan	3,512
Western Australia	Curtin	2,256
Western Australia	Durack	6,260
Western Australia	Forrest	4,631
Western Australia	Fremantle	4,479
Western Australia	Hasluck	4,492
Western Australia	Moore	2,278
Western Australia	O'Connor	5,592
Western Australia	Pearce	3,852
Western Australia	Perth	4,459
Western Australia	Stirling	4,633
Western Australia	Swan	4,533
Western Australia	Tangney	1,522
Tasmania	Bass	4,832
Tasmania	Braddon	6,404
Tasmania	Denison	5,380
Tasmania	Franklin	4,794
Tasmania	Lyons	6,964
Northern Territory	Lingiari	6,279
Northern Territory	Solomon	3,240
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	4,064
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	4,713

\* excludes 8,618 recipients not assigned to an Electorate

**Table (d) Recipients of DSP by Sex**

Males	441,997
Females	390,536
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,533</b>

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<b>Table (e) Recipients of DSP by Indigenous Status</b>	
Non-Indigenous	785,091
Indigenous	47,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,533</b>

<b>Table (f) Recipients of DSP by Primary Medical Condition</b>	
Acquired Brain Impairment	21,269
Amputation	1,633
Cancer/Tumour	17,118
Chronic Pain	13,947
Circulatory System	32,683
Congenital Anomalies	12,661
Endocrine & Immune System	18,214
Gastro-Intestinal System	7,139
Granted Prior To 12/11/91	10,556
Infectious Diseases	2,655
Inherited Disorders	738
Intellectual/Learning	103,764
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	212,969
Nervous System	43,265
Poorly Defined Cause	14,073
Psychological/Psychiatric	263,668
Reproductive System	658
Respiratory System	20,229
Sense Organs	22,477
Skin Disorder & Burns	924
Urogenital System	5,584
Not Coded	664
Visceral Disorder	5,645
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,533</b>

<b>Table (g) Recipients of DSP by duration on payment</b>	
< 1 Year	52,787
1 To < 2 Years	49,887
2 To < 5 Years	189,486
5 To < 10 Years	196,452
10 + Years	343,921
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,533</b>

<b>Table (h) recipients of DSP by Reported Earnings</b>		
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>percentage</b>
Had Earnings	67,996	8.2
Nil Earnings	764,537	91.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,533</b>	

<b>Table (i) recipients of DSP by Rate</b>		
<b>Rate of Payment</b>	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>percentage</b>
Full Rate	683,861	82.1
Part Rate	148,672	17.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,533</b>	

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<b>Hours worked last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
No hours	768,801
1-14 hours	16,665
15-18 hours	7,219
19-21 hours	3,798
22-24 hours	3,228
25 hours +	32,822

<b>Primary Medical Condition</b>	<b>Fortnightly Earnings Range</b>					<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Nil Earnings</b>	<b>&gt;\$0 - \$62</b>	<b>&gt;\$62 - \$236</b>	<b>&gt;\$236 - \$250</b>	<b>Over \$250</b>	
Acquired Brain Impairment	19,672	143	510	33	911	21,269
Amputation	1,509	9	28	1	86	1,633
Cancer/Tumour	16,140	45	205	12	716	17,118
Chronic Pain	13,253	29	177	12	476	13,947
Circulatory System	31,130	82	396	40	1,035	32,683
Congenital Anomalies	10,712	275	802	36	836	12,661
Endocrine & Immune System	17,106	41	264	30	773	18,214
Gastro-Intestinal System	6,586	17	114	7	415	7,139
Granted Prior To 12/11/91	9,302	194	462	25	573	10,556
Infectious Diseases	2,511	7	40	2	95	2,655
Inherited Disorders	601	4	29	4	100	738
Intellectual/Learning	83,153	3,030	8,934	508	8,139	103,764
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	201,488	561	3,263	285	7,372	212,969
Nervous System	39,880	340	1,082	82	1,881	43,265
Poorly Defined Cause	12,876	70	279	22	826	14,073
Psychological/Psychiatric	247,256	1,339	5,179	371	9,523	263,668
Reproductive System	610	1	9	1	37	658
Respiratory System	19,318	58	272	22	559	20,229
Sense Organs	19,348	173	511	45	2,400	22,477
Skin Disorder & Burns	867	5	10	2	40	924
Urogenital System	5,215	20	77	6	266	5,584
Visceral Disorder	5,369	14	69	9	184	5,645
Not Coded	635	0	9	2	18	664
<b>Total</b>	<b>764,537</b>	<b>6,457</b>	<b>22,721</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>37,261</b>	<b>832,533</b>

Has Employment earnings	Average Fortnightly own gross earnings	\$495.00
Has Income from assets	Avg Income from assets	\$45.00
Has Other Income (not employment or from Assets)	Average Other Income	\$259.00

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<b>Table (m) Supplementary Payments made to DSP Recipients - Financial Year to March 2014</b>	
<b>Supplement</b>	<b>No. of Payments</b>
Clean Energy Supplement	852,295
Clean Energy Advance	30,634
CDEP Supplement	69
CDEP Participant Supplement	119
Education Entry Payment	21,737
Incentive Allowance	5,523
Language , Literacy and Numeracy	1,484
Pharmaceutical Allowance	31,282
Basic Pension Supplement	828,066
Minimum Pension Supplement	821,243
Remaining Pension Supplement	820,896
Remote Area Allowance	17,496
Telephone Allowance	8,151
Utilities Allowance	30,212
Work for the Dole	122
Youth Disability supplement	31,288
Remote Job Community Program Supplement	320

\* recipients may receive more than one supplement