

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Disability Employment Services & Working Age & Student Payments

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Senator Siewert asked:

With regards to the recipients of Newstart and Youth Allowance over 50, please provide a breakdown by gender, state, single principle carer status, partial work capacity status and current earnings.

Answer:

The following tables provide the number of Newstart Allowance recipients aged over 50 years as at 27 September 2013 by state/territory and gender; principle carer status, partial work capacity status and current earnings.

Note: There are no Youth Allowance recipients aged over 50 years.

Recipients of Newstart aged over 50 by Gender and State/Territory - as at September 2013			
State/Territory	Female	Male	Total
Australian Capital Territory	507	510	1,017
New South Wales	29,626	29,254	58,880
Northern Territory	727	813	1,540
Queensland	18,629	17,587	36,216
South Australia	7,469	7,550	15,019
Tasmania	2,865	3,105	5,970
Victoria	21,924	20,895	42,819
Western Australia	6,700	6,319	13,019
Unknown	7	5	12
Total	88,454	86,038	174,492

Recipients of Newstart aged over 50 by Marital and Principal Carer status - as at September 2013			
	Not a Principal Carer	Principal Carer	Total
Not Partnered	99,824	9,110	108,934
Partnered	62,547	3,011	65,558
Total	162,371	12,121	174,492

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Recipients of Newstart aged over 50 by Partial Capacity to Work - as at September 2013	
Partial Capacity to Work (0 to 29 hours per week)	52,305
Full Capacity to Work (30+ hours per week)	122,187
Total	174,492

Recipients of Newstart aged over 50 by Earnings - as at September 2013	
No Earnings	139,297
Up to \$62	801
\$62.01-\$250	5,816
\$250+	28,578
Had Earnings	35,195
Total	174,492