

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
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**Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments**

**Question No: SQ15-000944**

**Topic: Working Age Payments**

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**Senator Nova Peris** asked:

Could the Department provide the number of young people who will have their income support reduced because of changes to the eligibility age of Newstart? Please also provide the number of recipients of the Newstart age allowance from 22, 23 and 24 by state and if possible by electorate.

**Answer:**

Subject to the passage of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Youth Employment) Bill 2015, from 1 July 2016 the minimum age of Newstart Allowance will be 25. Young jobseekers under 25 in receipt of Newstart at this date will remain on this payment while they remain qualified and as such, they will not experience a rate reduction.

The following tables provide the number of young people aged 22, 23 and 24 on Newstart Allowance by state and electorate as at 26/06/2015.

<b>NSA aged 22-24 by State</b>	<b>22 years</b>	<b>23 years</b>	<b>24 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Australian Capital Territory	294	301	262	857
New South Wales	7188	7130	6508	20826
Northern Territory	527	497	479	1503
Queensland	6268	5863	5373	17504
South Australia	2505	2436	2280	7221
Tasmania	812	774	720	2306
Victoria	6567	6470	6140	19177
Western Australia	2216	2172	2170	6558
Unknown	3	2	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>26380</b>	<b>25645</b>	<b>23935</b>	<b>75960</b>

<b>NSA aged 22-24 by Electorate</b>	<b>22 years</b>	<b>23 years</b>	<b>24 years</b>	<b>Total</b>
Unknown	89	86	77	<b>252</b>
Adelaide	225	219	221	<b>665</b>
Aston	117	125	112	<b>354</b>
Ballarat	257	248	215	<b>720</b>
Banks	78	77	68	<b>223</b>
Barker	213	210	182	<b>605</b>
Barton	94	86	84	<b>264</b>
Bass	183	204	186	<b>573</b>
Batman	202	232	241	<b>675</b>
Bendigo	204	193	181	<b>578</b>

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Bennelong	66	67	62	<b>195</b>
Berowra	41	45	40	<b>126</b>
Blair	294	275	226	<b>795</b>
Blaxland	250	223	217	<b>690</b>
Bonner	143	141	118	<b>402</b>
Boothby	148	149	150	<b>447</b>
Bowman	140	132	116	<b>388</b>
Braddon	167	149	131	<b>447</b>
Bradfield	36	30	23	<b>89</b>
Brand	199	171	187	<b>557</b>
Brisbane	150	148	158	<b>456</b>
Bruce	174	172	186	<b>532</b>
Calare	172	188	167	<b>527</b>
Calwell	303	295	286	<b>884</b>
Canberra	103	115	103	<b>321</b>
Canning	208	196	179	<b>583</b>
Capricornia	226	181	163	<b>570</b>
Casey	136	113	113	<b>362</b>
Charlton	196	187	156	<b>539</b>
Chifley	284	262	261	<b>807</b>
Chisholm	130	120	104	<b>354</b>
Cook	58	53	57	<b>168</b>
Corangamite	121	135	92	<b>348</b>
Corio	272	266	224	<b>762</b>
Cowan	121	140	127	<b>388</b>
Cowper	270	234	190	<b>694</b>
Cunningham	183	200	178	<b>561</b>
Curtin	45	58	65	<b>168</b>
Dawson	207	208	178	<b>593</b>
Deakin	97	114	101	<b>312</b>
Denison	195	184	181	<b>560</b>
Dickson	155	133	132	<b>420</b>
Dobell	212	211	174	<b>597</b>
Dunkley	192	147	159	<b>498</b>
Durack	269	243	293	<b>805</b>
Eden-Monaro	145	137	101	<b>383</b>
Fadden	199	192	189	<b>580</b>
Fairfax	158	184	153	<b>495</b>
Farrer	193	197	174	<b>564</b>
Fisher	152	130	102	<b>384</b>
Flinders	139	128	118	<b>385</b>
Flynn	213	211	169	<b>593</b>

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Forde	245	201	212	<b>658</b>
Forrest	147	129	142	<b>418</b>
Fowler	213	194	201	<b>608</b>
Franklin	116	99	95	<b>310</b>
Fraser	190	185	154	<b>529</b>
Fremantle	104	135	134	<b>373</b>
Gellibrand	226	218	218	<b>662</b>
Gilmore	177	144	146	<b>467</b>
Gippsland	218	192	189	<b>599</b>
Goldstein	44	65	81	<b>190</b>
Gorton	299	265	257	<b>821</b>
Grayndler	124	160	156	<b>440</b>
Greenway	115	126	111	<b>352</b>
Grey	299	237	250	<b>786</b>
Griffith	133	174	166	<b>473</b>
Groom	209	170	153	<b>532</b>
Hasluck	202	159	173	<b>534</b>
Herbert	310	297	258	<b>865</b>
Higgins	81	102	99	<b>282</b>
Hindmarsh	171	165	196	<b>532</b>
Hinkler	257	218	201	<b>676</b>
Holt	298	293	226	<b>817</b>
Hotham	109	147	98	<b>354</b>
Hughes	84	95	90	<b>269</b>
Hume	124	126	116	<b>366</b>
Hunter	260	204	193	<b>657</b>
Indi	153	144	148	<b>445</b>
Isaacs	161	164	121	<b>446</b>
Jagajaga	107	139	96	<b>342</b>
Kennedy	261	231	248	<b>740</b>
Kingsford Smith	87	93	100	<b>280</b>
Kingston	268	290	233	<b>791</b>
Kooyong	72	67	58	<b>197</b>
La Trobe	133	134	121	<b>388</b>
Lalor	288	279	301	<b>868</b>
Leichhardt	319	344	321	<b>984</b>
Lilley	193	171	160	<b>524</b>
Lindsay	190	186	177	<b>553</b>
Lingiari	394	397	380	<b>1171</b>
Longman	250	207	226	<b>683</b>
Lyne	181	217	166	<b>564</b>
Lyons	149	137	126	<b>412</b>
Macarthur	150	165	126	<b>441</b>

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Mackellar	32	39	51	<b>122</b>
Macquarie	90	132	130	<b>352</b>
Makin	204	205	175	<b>584</b>
Mallee	185	193	205	<b>583</b>
Maranoa	154	146	121	<b>421</b>
Maribyrnong	239	238	191	<b>668</b>
Mayo	111	119	114	<b>344</b>
McEwen	209	211	213	<b>633</b>
McMahon	179	182	158	<b>519</b>
McMillan	211	188	172	<b>571</b>
McPherson	167	164	157	<b>488</b>
Melbourne	198	221	258	<b>677</b>
Melbourne Ports	112	111	135	<b>358</b>
Menzies	76	59	68	<b>203</b>
Mitchell	47	51	43	<b>141</b>
Moncrieff	247	249	215	<b>711</b>
Moore	93	104	90	<b>287</b>
Moreton	194	196	175	<b>565</b>
Murray	200	156	140	<b>496</b>
New England	262	238	205	<b>705</b>
Newcastle	259	229	229	<b>717</b>
North Sydney	32	28	28	<b>88</b>
O'Connor	182	174	160	<b>516</b>
Oxley	248	216	208	<b>672</b>
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Parkes	264	271	205	<b>740</b>
Parramatta	154	136	152	<b>442</b>
Paterson	174	166	152	<b>492</b>
Pearce	159	149	132	<b>440</b>
Perth	129	127	128	<b>384</b>
Petrie	219	172	173	<b>564</b>
Port Adelaide	342	314	291	<b>947</b>
Rankin	309	296	238	<b>843</b>
Reid	103	120	112	<b>335</b>
Richmond	181	181	171	<b>533</b>
Riverina	200	166	141	<b>507</b>
Robertson	151	174	146	<b>471</b>
Ryan	124	118	112	<b>354</b>
Scullin	209	200	190	<b>599</b>
Shortland	153	157	141	<b>451</b>
Solomon	121	92	88	<b>301</b>
Stirling	136	148	130	<b>414</b>
Sturt	121	133	127	<b>381</b>

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Swan	164	162	164	<b>490</b>
Sydney	89	119	157	<b>365</b>
Tangney	42	68	66	<b>176</b>
Throsby	166	174	154	<b>494</b>
Wakefield	400	391	337	<b>1128</b>
Wannon	164	165	150	<b>479</b>
Warringah	23	34	29	<b>86</b>
Watson	121	149	144	<b>414</b>
Wentworth	54	56	55	<b>165</b>
Werriwa	204	196	176	<b>576</b>
Wide Bay	236	211	166	<b>613</b>
Wills	219	215	261	<b>695</b>
Wright	144	122	129	<b>395</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26380</b>	<b>25645</b>	<b>23935</b>	<b>75960</b>

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS Blue Book dataset).