

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Newstart and Youth Allowance specific data requests

The current number of Newstart and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients on those payments continuously for 24 months or more, and projected number in 2012-13, broken down by:

- age;
- sex;
- principal carer status;
- partial work capacity status;
- Indigenous status;
- State/Territory and capital city/other within each State/Territory;
- whether completed Year 12 education or equivalent.

Answer

The following table provides data on long term (in continuous receipt of their current payment type for 24 months or more) recipients of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) by age, gender, principal carer status, partial work capacity status, indigenous status, state/territory, capital city and whether completed Year 12 or equivalent as at 26 August 2011.

Forward estimates of the number of long term unemployment benefit recipients are not available.

The table includes recipients of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other) who, as at 26 August 2011, were current on the Department of Human Services (DHS) payment system. The population does not include recipients of the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) Participation Supplement or those who did not receive a payment due to their own income and/or that of their partner or parents, where applicable.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20". Capital city distribution is based on the recipient's home address using the Australian Statistical Geographical Standard (ASGS) Greater Capital City Statistical Area correspondence July 2011.

(Source: DHS/Centrelink administrative data)

Recipients of Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance (other), in continuous receipt of current payment type for 24 months or more, by characteristic

Characteristic		Payment Type	
		Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance (Other)
Total		167 183	23 488
Age	less than 25	10 041	23,488
	25-49	97 797	-
	50 or over	59 345	-
Gender	Female	67 358	11 794
	Male	99 825	11 694
Principal Carer		10 640	<20
Partial Work Capacity		51 735	2173
Indigenous Status		17 417	2382
State	New South Wales	57 587	7440
	Victoria	40 196	5401
	Queensland	31 566	5297
	Western Australia	12 034	1382
	South Australia	15 446	2444
	Tasmania	5975	1051
	Australian Capital Territory	1179	173
	Northern Territory	3163	287
	Not identified	37	<20
Capital Cities	Sydney	30 548	3180
	Melbourne	27 140	3159
	Brisbane	12 048	2193
	Perth	8 140	938
	Adelaide	10 769	1753
	Hobart	2014	406
	Canberra	1154	163
	Darwin	469	65
Education Level	Completed Year 12 education or equivalent	63 529	14 467