

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 1.9 Income Support for Carers Question No: SQ15-000177

Topic: Income Support Recipients: Principal Carers

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Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:

Please provide an update to 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings, Question No. 226 on Principal Carers Newstart Allowance.

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of Newstart Allowance Principal Carer recipients as at December 2014, according to the breakdown requested.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

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Attachment A

a. Total Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients

As at December 2014, there were 119,869 Newstart Allowance Principal Carer recipients.

b. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Age	
Aged 22 to 24 Years	313
Aged 25 to 29 Years	4,423
Aged 30 to 34 Years	14,082
Aged 35 to 39 Years	24,182
Aged 40 to 44 Years	33,669
Aged 45 to 49 Years	26,015
Aged 50 to 54 Years	12,848
Aged 55 to 59 Years	3,420
Aged 60 to 64 Years	917
Total	119,869

c. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Gender	
Males	11,677
Females	108,192
Total	119,869

d. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Indigenous Status	
Indigenous	10,180
Not Identified Indigenous	109,689
Total	119,869

e. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Rent Assistance	
Receiving Rent Assistance	56,852
Not Receiving Rent Assistance	63,017
Total	119,869

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f. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Lodgings	
Board and Lodging	1,964
Defence Force Housing	<20
Free Board	44
Free Board and Lodgings	147
Free Lodgings	53
Government rent	14,536
Lodgings only	2,652
Maintenance fees for Nursing home/Retirement home	<20
Mooring fees	<20
Net Rent Assessed	96
Other Housing Organisation	2,944
Private rent	58,820
Respite Care fees	<20
Site Fees	218
Not covered by any of the above	119
No rent paid	38,268
Total	119,869

g. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Home Ownership	
Homeowner	29,950
Non-homeowner	89,919
Total	119,869

h. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Earnings	
Current Earnings	40,983
No Earnings	78,886
Total	119,869

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i. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Number of Principal Care Dependent Children	
0	1,824
1	72,501
2	33,351
3	9,385
4	2,320
5	405
6	72
7	<20
8	<20
Total	119,869

j. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Mobility Allowance	
Receiving Mobility Allowance	115
Not Receiving Mobility Allowance	119,754
Total	119,869

k. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Carer Allowance	
Receiving Carer Allowance	8,534
Not Receiving Carer Allowance	111,335
Total	119,869

k(i). Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients Receiving Carer Allowance for Adults by Number of Adults Paid on Carer Allowance.	
1	1,556
2	67
Total	1,623

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k(ii). Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients Receiving Carer Allowance for Children by Number of Children Paid on Carer Allowance	
1	6,583
2	467
3	53
Total	7,103

l. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Work Capacity	
Partial Capacity to Work (0-29 hours per week)	4,820
Full Capacity to Work (30+ hours per week)	115,049
Total	119,869

m. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Pensioner Education Supplement	
Receiving Pensioner Education Supplement	3,444
Not Receiving Pensioner Education Supplement	116,425
Total	119,869

n. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Remoteness Area	
Major Cities of Australia	74,920
Inner Regional Australia	27,245
Outer Regional Australia	13,329
Remote Australia	1,803
Very Remote Australia	2,396
Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area	176
Total	119,869

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o. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Vulnerability Indicator	
Cognitive or Neurological impairment	179
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	580
Homeless	412
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	3,245
Jobseeker in Transition	361
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	945
Nationally approved Vulnerability	<20
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	<20
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	6,894
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	204
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	58
Significant caring responsibilities	598
Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicators	10,861

o(i). Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Those with Multiple Vulnerability Indicators	
No. of Vulnerability Indicators	Total
1	8,551
2	2,024
3	256
4 or more	30
Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicators	10,861

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