

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 9

Question No: 226

Topic: Principal Carers Newstart Allowance

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Senator Siewert asked:

Provide the following breakdown of current Newstart Allowance Principal Carer, at November 2013:

- a. Total number of recipients
- b. Age
- c. Gender
- d. Indigenous status
- e. Receiving Rent Assistance
- f. In social or public housing
- g. Who Own home of paying a mortgage
- h. With earnings
- i. By number of children
- j. Receiving Mobility Allowance
- k. Receiving Carer Allowance (and caring for
 - i) adults
 - ii) children (include no. of care recipients if more than 1)
- l. Who report having a disability
- m. Receiving Pensioner Education Supplement
- n. In regional remote, very remote locations, etc.
- o. Recipients by vulnerability indicator (indicate type of vulnerability and those with multiple vulnerabilities).

Answer:

a. Total Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients

There are a total of 112,049 Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients as at 29 November 2013. The requested data for these recipients is included in the following tables.

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b. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Age

Aged 22 to 24 Years	302
Aged 25 to 29 Years	3,908
Aged 30 to 34 Years	12,764
Aged 35 to 39 Years	22,958
Aged 40 to 44 Years	31,637
Aged 45 to 49 Years	24,658
Aged 50 to 54 Years	11,999
Aged 55 to 59 Years	3,036
Aged 60 to 64 Years	787
Total	112,049

c. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Gender

Female	101,923
Male	10,126
Total	112,049

d. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Indigenous Status

Indigenous	8,576
Not indigenous	103,473
Total	112,049

e. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Rent Assistance

Receiving Rent Assistance	52,470
Not Receiving Rent Assistance	59,579
Total	112,049

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f. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Lodgings

Board and Lodging	1,820
Defence Force Housing	<20
Free Board	44
Free Board and Lodgings	153
Free Lodgings	67
Government rent	13,940
Lodgings only	2,417
Maintenance fees for Nursing home/Retirement Home	<20
Mooring fees	<20
Net Rent Assessed	109
Other Housing Organisation	2,627
Private rent	53,224
Respite Care Fees	<20
Site Fees	210
Not covered by any of the above	79
No rent paid	37,350
Total	112,049

g. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Home Ownership

Homeowner	29,489
Non-homeowner	82,560
Total	112,049

h. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Earnings

Current Earnings	47,893
No Earnings	64,156
Total	112,049

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i. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Number of Principal Care Dependent Children

No of children	Total
0	335
1	68,836
2	31,488
3	8,732
4	2,167
5	388
6	85
7	<20
8 or more	<20
Total	112,049

j. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Those Receiving Mobility Allowance

Receiving Mobility Allowance	109
Not Receiving Mobility Allowance	111,940
Total	112,049

k. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Those Receiving Carer Allowance

Receiving Carer Allowance	8,459
Not Receiving Carer Allowance	103,590
Total	112,049

k(i). Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients Receiving Carer Allowance for Adults by Number of Adults Paid on Carer Allowance.

No of adults in recipient care	Total
1	1,468
2	75
Total	1,543

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k(ii). Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients Receiving Carer Allowance for Children by Number of Children Paid on Carer Allowance

No of children in recipient care due to child/children having a disability or medical condition	Total
1	6,569
2	505
3 or more	57
Total	7,131

l. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Work Capacity

Partial Capacity to Work (0 to 29 hours per week)	3,831
Full Capacity to Work (30+ hours per week)	108,218
Total	112,049

m. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Those Receiving Pensioner Education Supplement

Receiving Pensioner Education Supplement	1,641
Not Receiving Pensioner Education Supplement	110,408
Total	112,049

n. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Remoteness Area

Major Cities of Australia	71,525
Inner Regional Australia	25,143
Outer Regional Australia	12,001
Remote Australia	1,493
Very Remote Australia	1,845
Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area	42
Total	112,049

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o. Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Vulnerability Indicator

Vulnerability	Total
Total with one or more Vulnerability Indicator	11,114
Cognitive or neurological impairment	167
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	632
Homeless	449
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	3,438
Jobseeker in Transition	163
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	979
Nationally approved Vulnerability	<20
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	<20
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	7,113
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	207
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	34
Significant caring responsibilities	645

o(i). Newstart Allowance Principal Carer Recipients by Those with Multiple Vulnerability Indicators

No of Vulnerabilities	Total
0	100,935
1	8,720
2	2,096
3	262
4 or more	36
Total	112,049

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 29 November 2013
In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations of less than twenty are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided 'np'.