

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 394

**Topic:** Newstart

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide the current number of people in receipt of Newstart Allowance by:

- (a) age;
- (b) state/territory;
- (c) electorate;
- (d) sex;
- (e) Indigenous/non-Indigenous status;
- (f) condition/disability of person for whom they are caring (if available);
- (g) duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- (h) number and percentage reporting other employment;
- (i) number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- (j) reported hours of work undertaken;
- (k) reported income from employment;
- (l) reported income from other assets;
- (m) other payments received; and
- (n) vulnerability indicators.

**Answer:**

The data requested as at June 2014 for questions a-e and g-i are available on data.gov.au at the following link <<https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>>.

September data will be available in late 2014.

Data for question part (f) are not available.

Data as at June 2014 for question parts j-n are provided in **Attachment A**.

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**Attachment A**

<b>j) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Hours Worked Last Fortnight</b>	
<b>Hours worked last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
No hours	557,067
1 - 14 hours	34,708
15 - 29 hours	38,048
30 hours +	75,991
<b>Total</b>	<b>705,814</b>

<b>k) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings Last Fortnight</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	556,683
\$1 - \$61	3,007
\$62 - \$235	24,037
\$236 - \$249	2,628
\$250 Plus	119,459
<b>Total</b>	<b>705,814</b>

<b>l) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings from other sources</b>	
<b>Earnings last fortnight from other sources</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Nil earnings	307,833
\$1 - \$61	356,781
\$62 - \$235	25,380
\$236 - \$249	854
\$250 Plus	14,966
<b>Total</b>	<b>705,814</b>

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<b>m) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Supplementary Payments</b> (note: recipients can receive more than 1 supplement)	
<b>Supplement</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
Carer Allowance	13,194
Clean Energy Supplement	697,592
Double Orphan Pension	189
Drought Force Supplement	86
Family Tax Benefit	140,747
Green Corps Supplement	62
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	10,123
Mobility Allowance	1,148
Pensioner Education Supplement	3,342
Pharmaceutical Allowance	313,859
Remote Area Allowance	22,662
Rent Assistance	269,188
RJCP Supplement	4,043
Training Allowance	<20
Training Supplement	<20
Work for the Dole Supplement	12,769
Telephone Allowance	61,619
Income Support Bonus	604,218
Education Entry Payment	8,346

<b>n) Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Vulnerability Indicator</b> (note: recipients can have more than 1 Vulnerability Indicator)	
<b>Vulnerability Indicator</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cognitive or Neurological impairment	3,153
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	14,055
Homeless	9,129
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	30,037
Jobseeker in Transition	2,615
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	8,646
Nationally approved Vulnerability	86
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	209
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	59,588
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	1,113
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	3,787
Significant caring responsibilities	1,339
<b>Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicator</b>	<b>105,094</b>

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