

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 397

Topic: Newstart

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Senator Brown asked:

Please provide the number of single parents on the Newstart Allowance by:

- (a) gender;
- (b) state/territory;
- (c) electorate;
- (d) reported income and hours of work undertaken;
- (e) type of employment;
- (f) other payments received; and
- (g) vulnerability indicators.

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of single Newstart Allowance principal carer recipients according to the breakdown requested, as at June 2014.

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Attachment A

a) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Gender	
Gender	Recipients
Males	8,474
Females	82,324
Total	90,798

b) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by State/ Territory	
State	Recipients
New South Wales	28,740
Victoria	21,787
Queensland	19,499
Western Australia	7,624
South Australia	8,738
Tasmania	2,748
Australian Capital Territory	736
Northern Territory	926
Total	90,798

c) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Electorate		
State of Electorate	Electorate	Recipients
New South Wales	Banks	516
New South Wales	Barton	414
New South Wales	Bennelong	267
New South Wales	Berowra	203
New South Wales	Blaxland	869
New South Wales	Bradfield	149
New South Wales	Calare	710
New South Wales	Charlton	605
New South Wales	Chifley	1,048
New South Wales	Cook	390
New South Wales	Cowper	1,014
New South Wales	Cunningham	548
New South Wales	Dobell	896
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	565

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c) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Electorate		
State of Electorate	Electorate	Recipients
New South Wales	Farrer	765
New South Wales	Fowler	1,266
New South Wales	Gilmore	756
New South Wales	Grayndler	376
New South Wales	Greenway	485
New South Wales	Hughes	417
New South Wales	Hume	541
New South Wales	Hunter	761
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	405
New South Wales	Lindsay	789
New South Wales	Lyne	804
New South Wales	Macarthur	680
New South Wales	Mackellar	270
New South Wales	Macquarie	574
New South Wales	McMahon	670
New South Wales	Mitchell	238
New South Wales	New England	812
New South Wales	Newcastle	546
New South Wales	North Sydney	138
New South Wales	Page	912
New South Wales	Parkes	863
New South Wales	Parramatta	548
New South Wales	Paterson	698
New South Wales	Reid	381
New South Wales	Richmond	1,012
New South Wales	Riverina	645
New South Wales	Robertson	710
New South Wales	Shortland	704
New South Wales	Sydney	260
New South Wales	Throsby	707
New South Wales	Warringah	199
New South Wales	Watson	664
New South Wales	Wentworth	205
New South Wales	Werriwa	742
Victoria	Aston	488
Victoria	Ballarat	784

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c) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Electorate		
State of Electorate	Electorate	Recipients
Victoria	Batman	519
Victoria	Bendigo	690
Victoria	Bruce	511
Victoria	Calwell	772
Victoria	Casey	634
Victoria	Chisholm	333
Victoria	Corangamite	558
Victoria	Corio	840
Victoria	Deakin	408
Victoria	Dunkley	796
Victoria	Flinders	751
Victoria	Gellibrand	632
Victoria	Gippsland	789
Victoria	Goldstein	227
Victoria	Gorton	1,007
Victoria	Higgins	163
Victoria	Holt	906
Victoria	Hotham	530
Victoria	Indi	647
Victoria	Isaacs	587
Victoria	Jagajaga	356
Victoria	Kooyong	119
Victoria	La Trobe	538
Victoria	Lalor	926
Victoria	Mallee	679
Victoria	Maribyrnong	714
Victoria	McEwen	825
Victoria	McMillan	786
Victoria	Melbourne	456
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	177
Victoria	Menzies	258
Victoria	Murray	735
Victoria	Scullin	626
Victoria	Wannon	633
Victoria	Wills	383
Queensland	Blair	809

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State of Electorate	Electorate	Recipients
Queensland	Bonner	401
Queensland	Bowman	542
Queensland	Brisbane	206
Queensland	Capricornia	607
Queensland	Dawson	615
Queensland	Dickson	448
Queensland	Fadden	747
Queensland	Fairfax	738
Queensland	Fisher	713
Queensland	Flynn	583
Queensland	Forde	748
Queensland	Griffith	317
Queensland	Groom	570
Queensland	Herbert	692
Queensland	Hinkler	927
Queensland	Kennedy	831
Queensland	Leichhardt	1,003
Queensland	Lilley	417
Queensland	Longman	876
Queensland	Maranoa	619
Queensland	McPherson	899
Queensland	Moncrieff	801
Queensland	Moreton	361
Queensland	Oxley	670
Queensland	Petrie	687
Queensland	Rankin	931
Queensland	Ryan	218
Queensland	Wide Bay	853
Queensland	Wright	658
South Australia	Adelaide	414
South Australia	Barker	798
South Australia	Boothby	424
South Australia	Grey	825
South Australia	Hindmarsh	441
South Australia	Kingston	881
South Australia	Makin	644

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c) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Electorate		
State of Electorate	Electorate	Recipients
South Australia	Mayo	525
South Australia	Port Adelaide	1,039
South Australia	Sturt	435
South Australia	Wakefield	1,201
Western Australia	Brand	787
Western Australia	Canning	864
Western Australia	Cowan	575
Western Australia	Curtin	166
Western Australia	Durack	811
Western Australia	Forrest	848
Western Australia	Fremantle	532
Western Australia	Hasluck	690
Western Australia	Moore	402
Western Australia	O'Connor	687
Western Australia	Pearce	726
Western Australia	Perth	456
Western Australia	Stirling	508
Western Australia	Swan	457
Western Australia	Tangney	226
Tasmania	Bass	562
Tasmania	Braddon	603
Tasmania	Denison	484
Tasmania	Franklin	459
Tasmania	Lyons	640
Northern Territory	Lingiari	633
Northern Territory	Solomon	284
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	356
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	377
Other Territories	Fraser	<20
Other Territories	Lingiari	<20
Unknown	Unknown	26
Total		90,798

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d) (1) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Earnings	
Earnings last fortnight	Recipients
Nil earnings	48,344
\$1 - \$61	380
\$62 - \$235	2,912
\$236 - \$249	371
\$250 Plus	38,791
Total	90,798

d) (2) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Hours Worked Last Fortnight	
Hours worked last fortnight	Recipients
No Hours	48,395
1 - 14 hours	4,306
15 - 29 hours	6,092
30 hours+	32,005
Total	90,798

e) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Employment Type	
Employment Type	Recipients
Full time non-ongoing employment	<20
Full time ongoing employment	<20
Part time or casual	42,419
Undetermined	48,350
Total	90,798

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f) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Supplementary Payment (note: recipients can receive more than one supplement)	
Supplement	Recipients
Carer Allowance	6,643
Clean Energy Supplement	90,088
Double Orphan Pension	109
Drought Force Supplement	<20
Family Tax Benefit	87,939
Green Corps Supplement	<20
Skills for Education and Employment Program Supplement	859
Mobility Allowance	94
Pensioner Education Supplement	3,286
Pharmaceutical Allowance	90,156
Remote Area Allowance	1,794
Rent Assistance	45,661
RJCP Supplement	196
Training Allowance	<20
Training Supplement	<20
Work for the Dole Supplement	1,292
Telephone Allowance	20,897
Income Support Bonus	82,495
Education Entry Payment	3,729

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g) Single Principal Carer Recipients of Newstart Allowance by Vulnerability Indicator (note: recipients can have more than 1 Vulnerability Indicator)	
Vulnerability Indicator	Recipients
Cognitive or Neurological impairment	134
Drug/alcohol dependency which impedes compliance	560
Homeless	419
Illness/injury requiring frequent treatment	2,528
Jobseeker in Transition	129
Significant lack of literacy and language skills	500
Nationally approved Vulnerability	<20
Served 8 week NPP in previous 12 months	<20
Psychiatric problem or Mental Illness	5,993
Recent traumatic relationship breakdown	194
Released prisoner (in gaol 14 days+)	39
Significant caring responsibilities	514
Total With One or More Vulnerability Indicator	8,858

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