

CSSA caseload for September 2021

The overall Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) caseload in September showed a drop of 1 128 cases, representing a decrease of 0.5 per cent compared with that of August, according to the latest CSSA caseload statistics released by the Social Welfare Department today (October 21).

The total CSSA caseload at the end of September stood at 219 130 (see attached table), with a total of 310 318 recipients.

Analysed by case nature, single parent cases registered a month-to-month decrease of 1.2 per cent to 24 336 cases. Low-earnings cases showed a drop of 1.1 per cent to 2 272 cases. Old age cases were down by 0.4 per cent to 125 252 cases. Ill-health cases decreased by 0.2 per cent to 26 703 cases. Permanent disability cases decreased by 0.1 per cent to 17 510 cases.

Unemployment cases decreased by 0.7 per cent to 19 110 cases. The figure represented an increase of about 51.8 per cent in comparison with that of January 2020 when Hong Kong just started to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The average number of applications for unemployment cases in July to September 2021 was 528 per month, representing a reduction of 2.9 per cent from that in June to August.