

CSSA caseload for April 2022

The overall Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) caseload in April showed a drop of 1 384 cases, representing a decrease of 0.6 per cent compared with that of March, according to the latest CSSA caseload statistics released by the Social Welfare Department today (May 19).

The total CSSA caseload at the end of April stood at 215 304 (see attached table), with a total of 299 544 recipients.

Analysed by case nature, low-earnings cases registered a month-to-month decrease of 2.8 per cent to 2 122 cases. Old age cases dropped by 0.8 per cent to 122 436 cases. Single parent cases decreased by 0.4 per cent to 23 567 cases. Ill-health cases were down by 0.3 per cent to 26 924 cases. Permanent disability cases slightly decreased by 0.2 per cent to 17 430 cases.

Unemployment cases decreased by 0.4 per cent on a month-to-month basis to 18 796 cases. The figure represented an increase of about 49.3 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 February to April 2022 was 532 per month, representing a decrease of 0.4 per cent from that in January to March 2022.