

CSSA caseload for February 2021

The overall Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) caseload in February showed a drop of 517 cases, representing a decrease of 0.2 per cent compared with that of January, according to the latest CSSA caseload statistics released by the Social Welfare Department today (March 16).

The total CSSA caseload at the end of February stood at 224 555 (see attached table), with a total of 318 308 recipients.

Analysed by case nature, low-earnings cases registered a month-to-month decrease of 0.6 per cent to 2 477 cases. Old age cases were down by 0.4 per cent to 129 725 cases. Single parent cases remained steady at 24 798 cases.

Unemployment cases decreased by 0.1 per cent on a monthly basis to 19 740 cases. The figure represented an increase of about 49.5 per cent in comparison with that of February 2020. On a month-to-month basis, the number of applications of unemployment cases decreased by 26.4 per cent to 683 cases in February 2021, representing a decrease of about 5.7 per cent from 724 cases in February 2020.

Permanent disability cases increased by 0.3 per cent to 17 480 cases. Ill-health cases rose by 0.2 per cent to 26 231 cases.