

CSSA caseload for July 2020

The overall Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) caseload in July showed a drop of 789 cases, representing an decrease of 0.3 per cent compared with that of June, according to the latest CSSA caseload statistics released by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (August 19).

The total CSSA caseload at the end of July stood at 225 945 (see attached table), with a total of 321 347 recipients.

Analysed by case nature, low-earnings cases registered a month-to-month decrease of 2.1 per cent to 2 767 cases. Old age cases were down by 0.5 per cent to 133 014 cases. Permanent disability cases remained steady at 17 253 cases.

Unemployment cases fell by 1.3 per cent to 18 364 cases. However, the figure still represented an increase of about 56.5 per cent in comparison with that of July 2019. The number of applications of unemployment cases has fallen 48.6 per cent to 937 cases in July 2020, representing continuous drops since April 2020, i.e. a drop of 45.3 per cent from the peak of 3 957 cases in April 2020 to 2 164 cases in May 2020 and a further drop of 15.8 per cent to 1 823 cases in June 2020.

Ill-health cases increased by 0.7 per cent to 25 401 cases. Single parent cases slightly increased by 0.1 per cent to 24 966 cases.

Despite the implementation of special work arrangements for government employees, the SWD will continue to process CSSA applications as promptly as possible, a spokesperson for the SWD emphasised.