

## CSSA caseload for July 2022

The overall Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) caseload in July showed a drop of 1 207 cases, representing a decrease of 0.6 per cent compared with that of June, according to the latest CSSA caseload statistics released by the Social Welfare Department today (August 17).

The total CSSA caseload at the end of July stood at 211 065 (see attached table), with a total of 297 957 recipients.

Analysed by case nature, low-earnings cases registered a month-to-month decrease of 2.0 per cent to 2 013 cases. Old age cases dropped by 0.8 per cent to 118 684 cases. Single parent cases decreased by 0.5 per cent to 23 355 cases. Permanent disability cases slightly decreased by 0.1 per cent to 17 393 cases.

Unemployment cases decreased by 0.4 per cent on a month-to-month basis to 18 642 cases. The figure represented an increase of about 48.1 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 May to July 2022 was 500 per month, representing an increase of 0.8 per cent from that in April to June 2022.

Ill-health cases increased by 0.2 per cent to 27 001 cases.