

CSSA caseload for October 2020

The overall Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) caseload in October showed a drop of 872 cases, representing a decrease of 0.4 per cent compared with that of September, according to the latest CSSA caseload statistics released by the Social Welfare Department today (November 17).

The total CSSA caseload at the end of October stood at 225 086 (see attached table), with a total of 319 279 recipients.

Analysed by case nature, low-earnings cases registered a month-to-month decrease of 1.5 per cent to 2 600 cases. Old age cases were down by 0.6 per cent to 131 640 cases. Single parent cases fell by 0.3 per cent to 24 691 cases.

Unemployment cases, despite an increase of about 54.8 per cent in comparison with the level in October 2019, stabilised at 19 016 cases and the number was more or less the same as that in September 2020. The number of applications of unemployment cases decreased by 26.0 per cent to 860 cases in October 2020. The figure was the lowest since March 2020.

Ill-health cases rose by 0.3 per cent to 25 745 cases. Permanent disability cases increased by 0.1 per cent to 17 358 cases.