

Table 1 Numbers of unemployed or low-earning able-bodied CSSA recipients ^{note} aged 15 to 64 from 2021-22 to 2023-24

| | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 (as at end September 2023) |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| Unemployed recipients | 20 023 | 18 726 | 18 123 |
| Low-earning recipients | 3 753 | 3 318 | 3 084 |
| Total | 23 776 | 22 044 | 21 207 |

Note: ‘Unemployed’ CSSA recipients refer to those who are unemployed, employed with monthly earnings less than the ‘prescribed level’, or working less than 120 hours per month. ‘Low-earning’ CSSA recipients refer to those who are employed with monthly earnings not less than the ‘prescribed level’ and working not less than 120 hours per month. The ‘prescribed level’ for 2021-22 is \$2,455, and that for both 2022-23 and 2023-24 (as at end September 2023) is \$2,545.

Table 2 Median durations of CSSA unemployed or low-earning cases ^{note} receiving CSSA from 2021-22 to 2023-24

| Case category | Median durations of receiving CSSA (Years) | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|
| | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 (as at end September 2023) |
| Low-earning | 11.1 | 11.3 | 11.4 |
| Unemployment | 2.9 | 3.7 | 4.1 |

Note: Some of the recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parenthood), and have not been on CSSA all along due to unemployment or low-earnings.