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PREFACE

The Government has strengthened its social safety net over the last decade by investing heavily in education, healthcare, housing, employment and retirement adequacy for Singaporeans. There are broad-based schemes and subsidies that benefit many, while a network of government and community agencies provides targeted assistance for low-income and vulnerable groups who need additional help. Within these multiple layers of assistance, ComCare plays the role of supporting low-income households with their living expenses.

Since its inception in 2005, ComCare has served as a key social safety net for low-income Singaporeans.

Over the years, the profile of Singapore society has evolved due to demographic and social changes, such as smaller family sizes and an aging population. The family has come under greater strain as the first line of support.

In response to these trends, ComCare schemes have been enhanced over the years to assist low-income families to meet their basic needs and regain self-reliance.

This report provides an overview of the profile of households assisted by ComCare over the last five financial years.

DEFINITIONS

Applicants

- “Individual assisted” refers to any household member assisted by ComCare.
- “Main applicant” refers to the household member who applied for and was assisted by ComCare.
- Each household assisted by ComCare has one main applicant, and may have one or more individuals assisted.

Educational Qualifications

- “No formal/primary qualification” refers to those who have no formal education qualification or received primary-level education, including those who did and did not pass the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).
- “Secondary qualification” refers to those who received secondary-level education, including those who did and did not pass the GCE “O” or “N” Level.
- “Post-secondary qualification (non-tertiary)” refers to those who have ITE/vocational education or professional qualifications.
- “Post-secondary qualification (tertiary)” refers to those who have polytechnic, university, or post-graduate qualifications.
- “Not reported” refers to instances where no information was available on the individuals’ education qualifications.

Employment Status

- “Working” refers to those who were holding full-time or part-time jobs.
- “Seeking employment” refers to those who were not working but were looking for jobs.
- “Not working – Medically unfit” refers to those who were certified to be unfit for work.
- “Not working – Others” refers to those without regular employment, or were not working for other reasons (e.g. caregiving) except medical reasons or retirement.
- “Not reported” refers to instances where no information was available on the individuals’ employment status.

Marital Status

- “Not reported” refers to instances where no information was available on the individuals’ marital status.

Dwelling Type

- “Institutions” refer to homes and centres which provide specialised care, e.g. nursing homes and elderly aged homes.
- “Not reported” refers to instances where no information was available on the individuals’ dwelling type.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SMTA : ComCare Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance scheme

LTA : ComCare Long-Term Assistance scheme (also known as Public Assistance)

SCFA : Student Care Fee Assistance scheme

For more information on ComCare schemes, please refer to <http://app.msf.gov.sg/ComCare>.

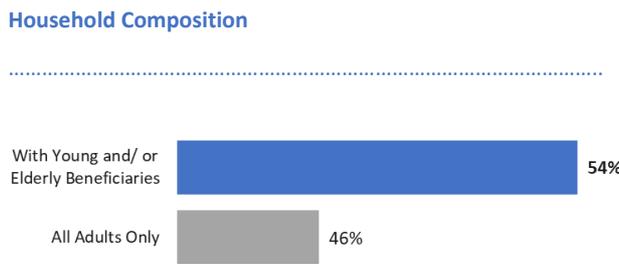
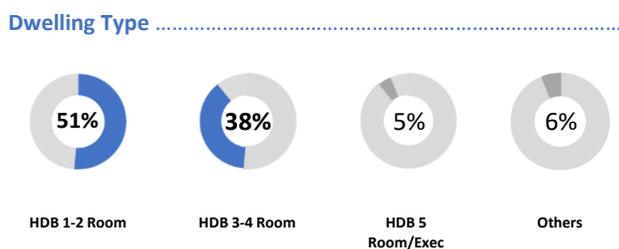
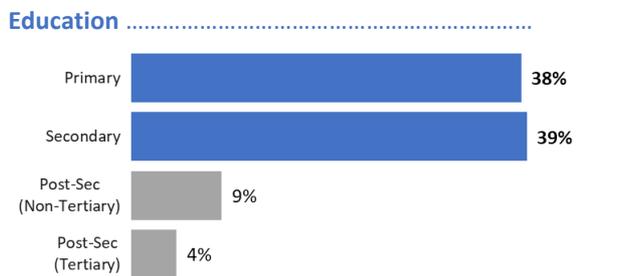
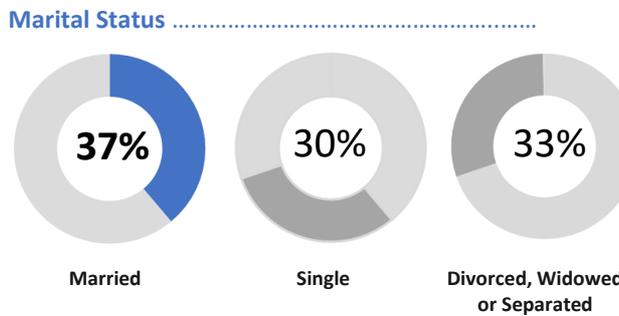
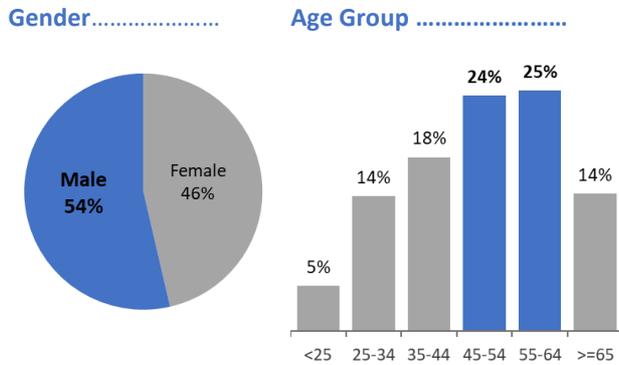


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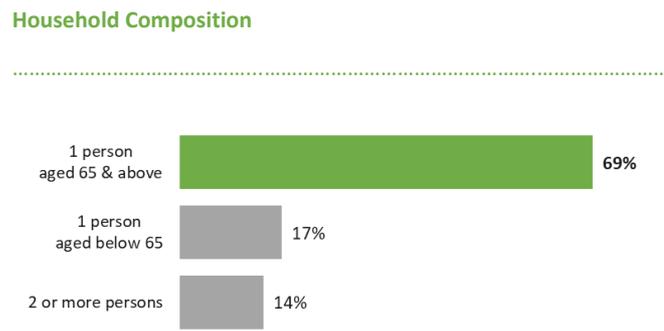
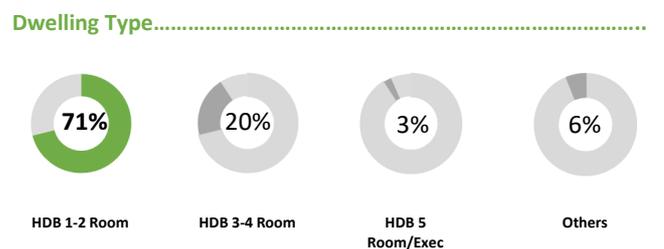
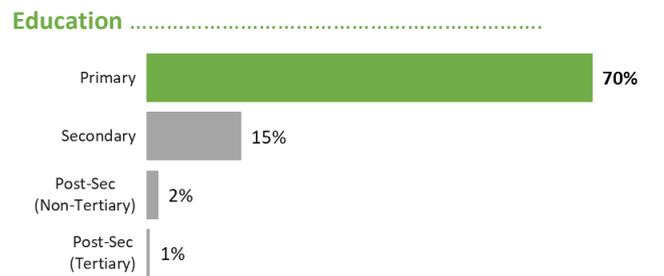
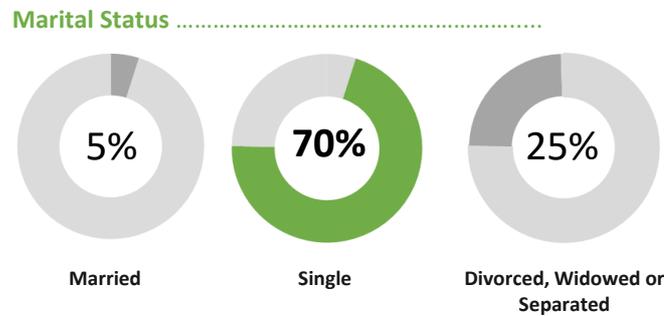
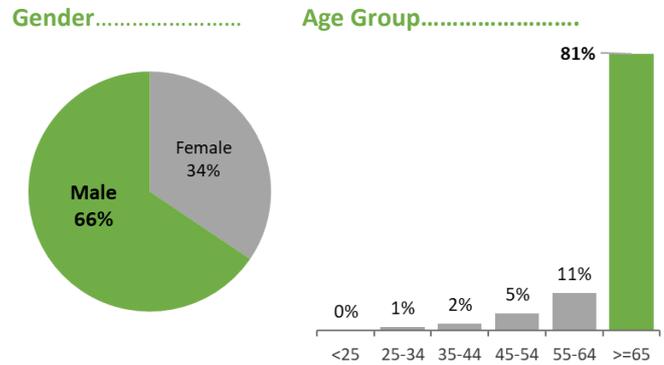
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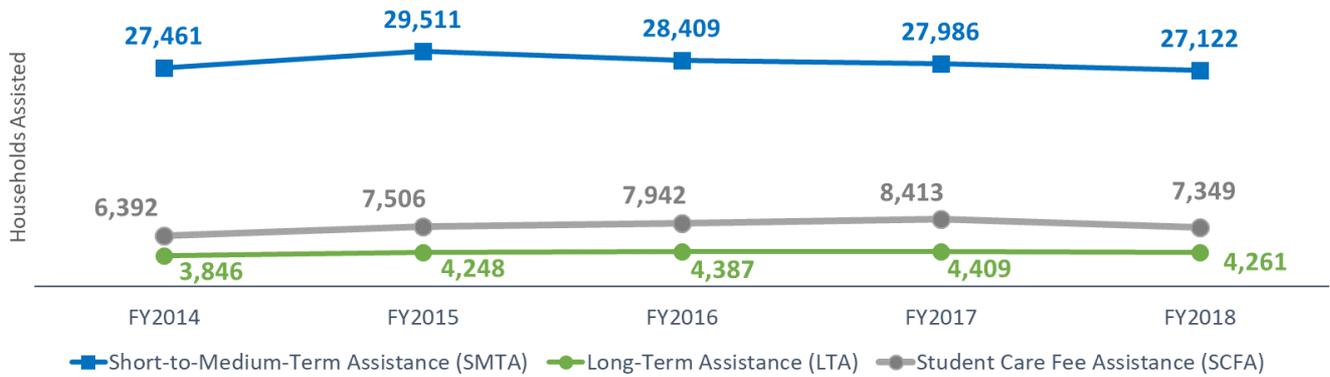
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HOUSEHOLD MAIN APPLICANTS

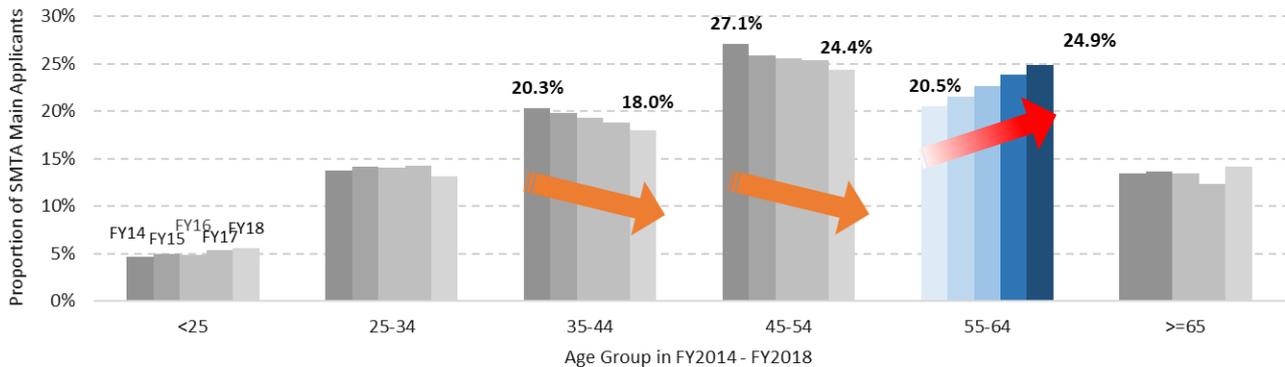


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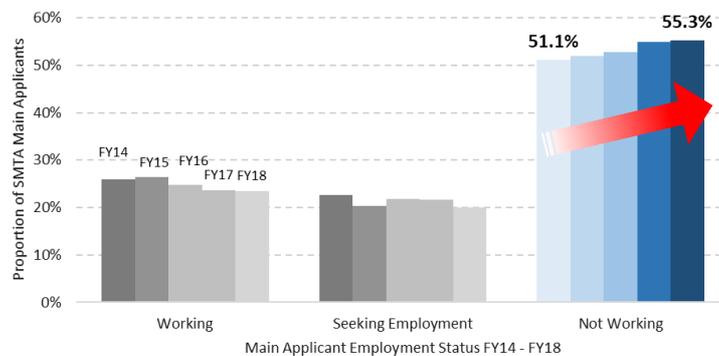
The total number of households assisted on SMTA, LTA and SCFA respectively, has remained relatively stable over the years. There was a slight decrease in the number of households assisted on SMTA from FY2015 to FY2018.



From FY2014 to FY2018, the proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 35-44 and 45-54 decreased, while the proportion of SMTA applicants aged 55-64 increased.



The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were not working (at the point of application) increased from FY2014 to FY2018.





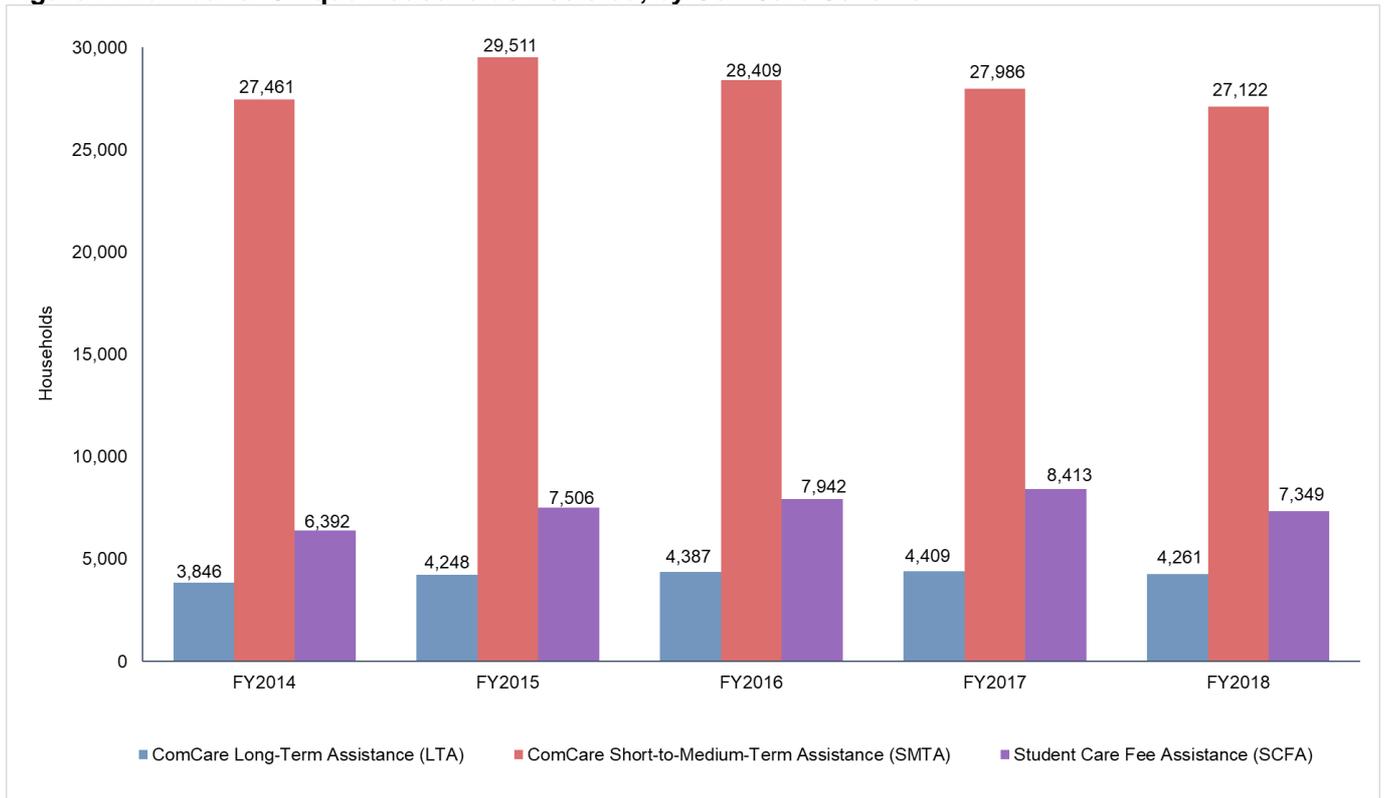
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I) ComCare Households Assisted

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Figure 1: Number of Unique Households Assisted, by ComCare Scheme



Notes:

The count of households was unique within the scheme and financial year. Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year. Hence, the same household might be included more than once within the same FY, if it received assistance from more than one scheme in that FY.

2 On the whole, the profiles of households on SMTA and LTA remained broadly similar over the past five financial years. This was observed across the demographic categories of age group, education qualifications, employment status, marital status, gender and dwelling type.

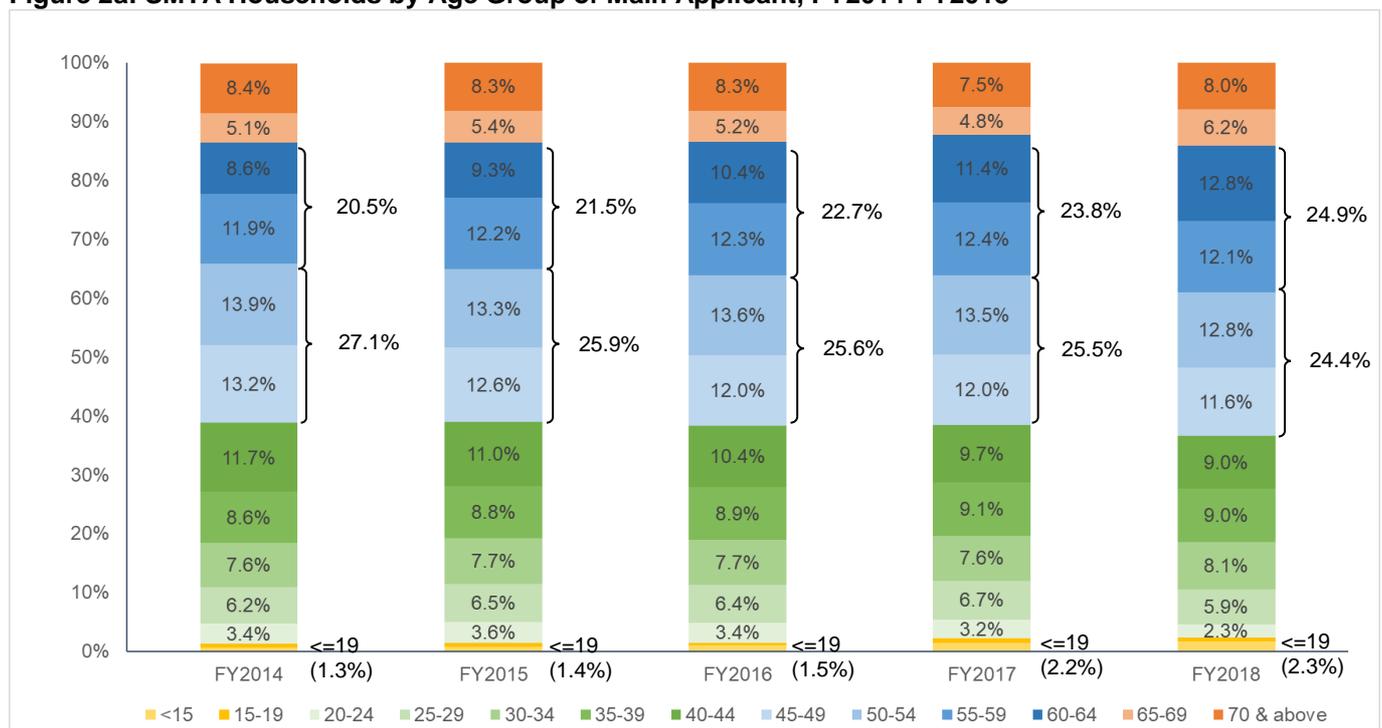
II) ComCare Households – Age Group Distribution

About half of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance main applicants were aged 45-64

3 Main applicants aged 45-64 made up approximately half of the households assisted on SMTA. This trend was consistent from FY2014 to FY2018.

4 The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 55-64 increased from 20.5% in FY2014 to 23.8% in FY2017, and to 24.9% in FY2018. The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 45-54 decreased from 27.1% in FY2014 to 25.5% in FY2017, and to 24.4% in FY2018.

Figure 2a: SMTA Households by Age Group of Main Applicant, FY2014-FY2018

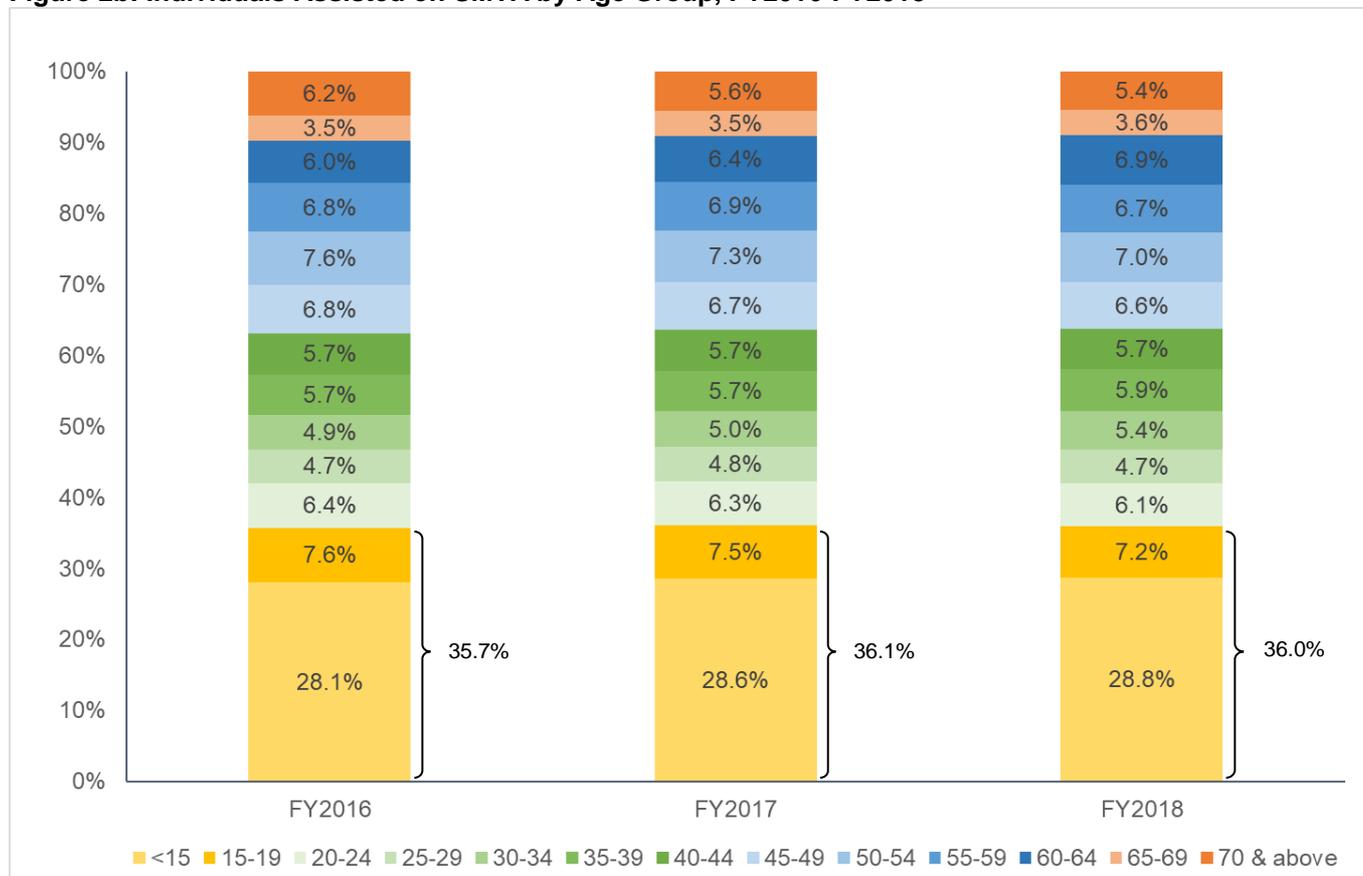


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2. Age was taken as at end of each financial year (i.e. 31 March). There could be main applicants aged below 15 because (i) the adults in the household were incarcerated or (ii) the children were orphans.

5 The proportion of individuals assisted on SMTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2016 to FY2018. Individuals aged 19 and below made up approximately one-third of all individuals assisted on SMTA.

Figure 2b: Individuals Assisted on SMTA by Age Group, FY2016-FY2018



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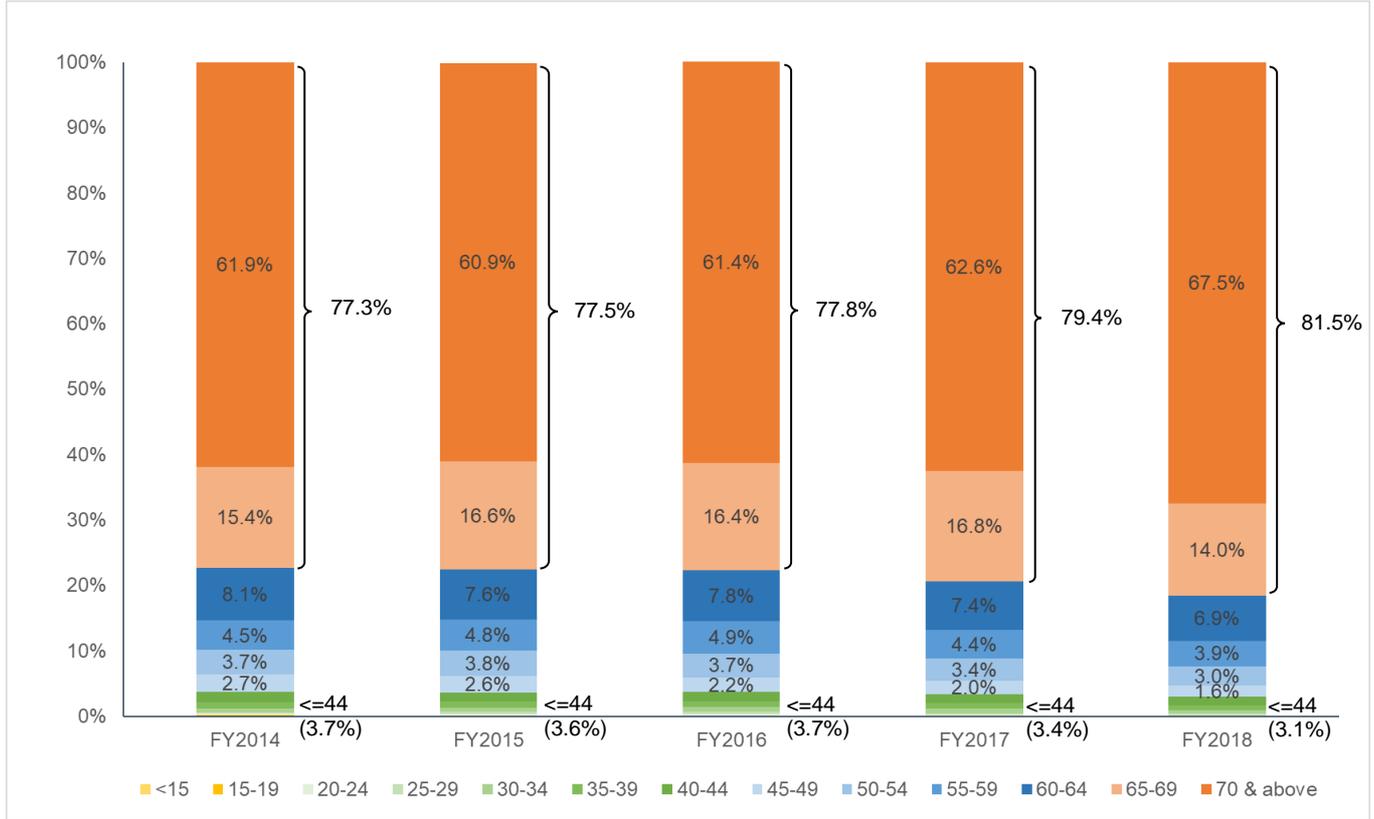
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2. Age was taken as at end of each financial year (i.e. 31 March).

The majority of Long-Term Assistance main applicants were aged 65 and above

6 Main applicants aged 65 and above remained the largest proportion of households assisted on LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018.

7 The proportion of LTA main applicants aged 65 and above increased from 77.3% in FY2014, to 79.4% in FY2017, and to 81.5% in FY2018. Those aged 64 and below decreased from 22.7% in FY2014, to 20.6% in FY2017, and to 18.5% in FY2018.

Figure 3a: LTA Households by Age Group of Main Applicant, FY2014-FY2018

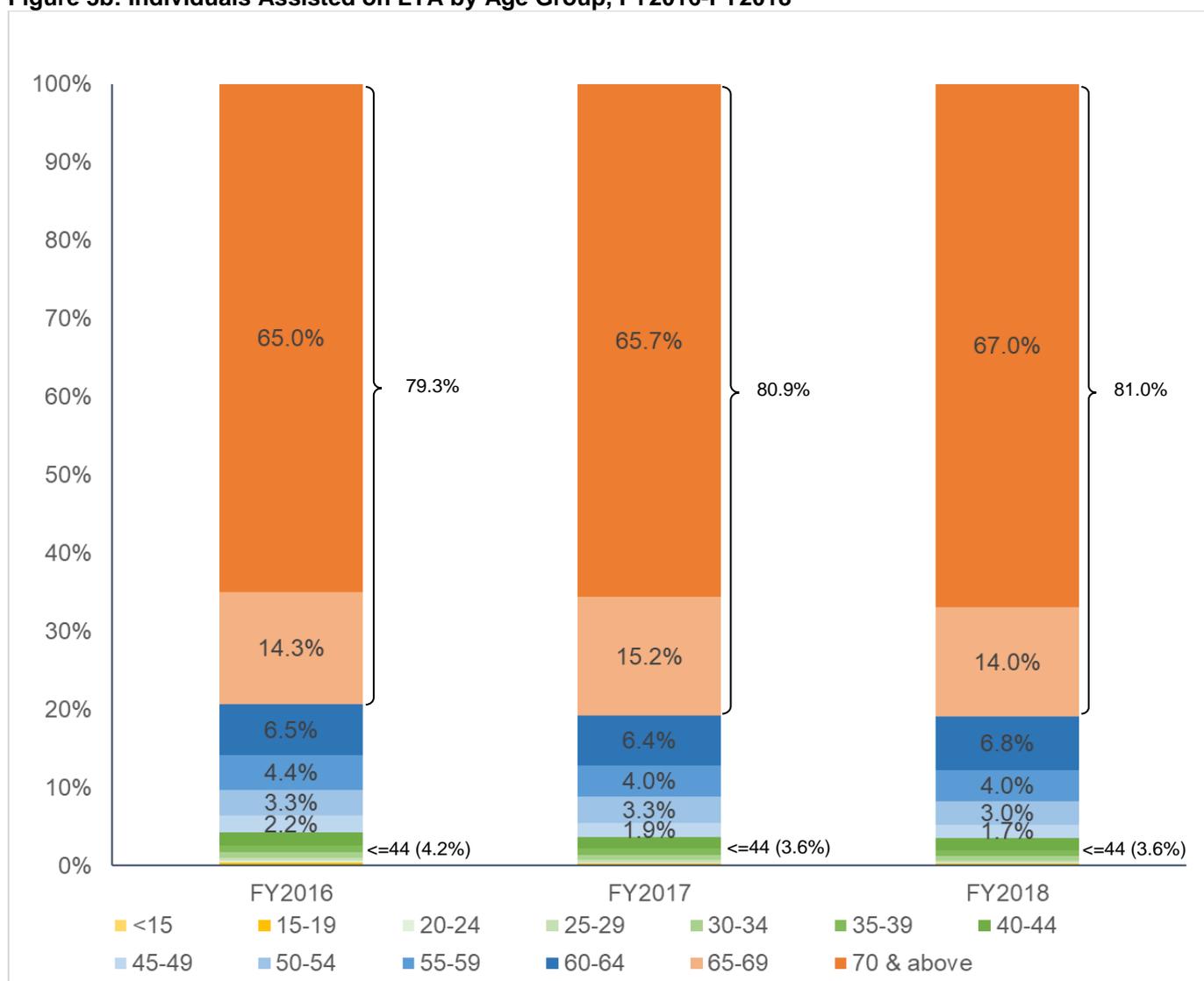


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8 Similarly, the proportion of individuals assisted on LTA aged 65 and above has increased from 79.3% in FY2016, to 80.9% in FY2017, and to 81.0% in FY2018. The proportion of individuals aged below 65 has decreased from 20.6% in FY2016, to 19.1% in FY2017, and to 19.0% in FY2018.

Figure 3b: Individuals Assisted on LTA by Age Group, FY2016-FY2018



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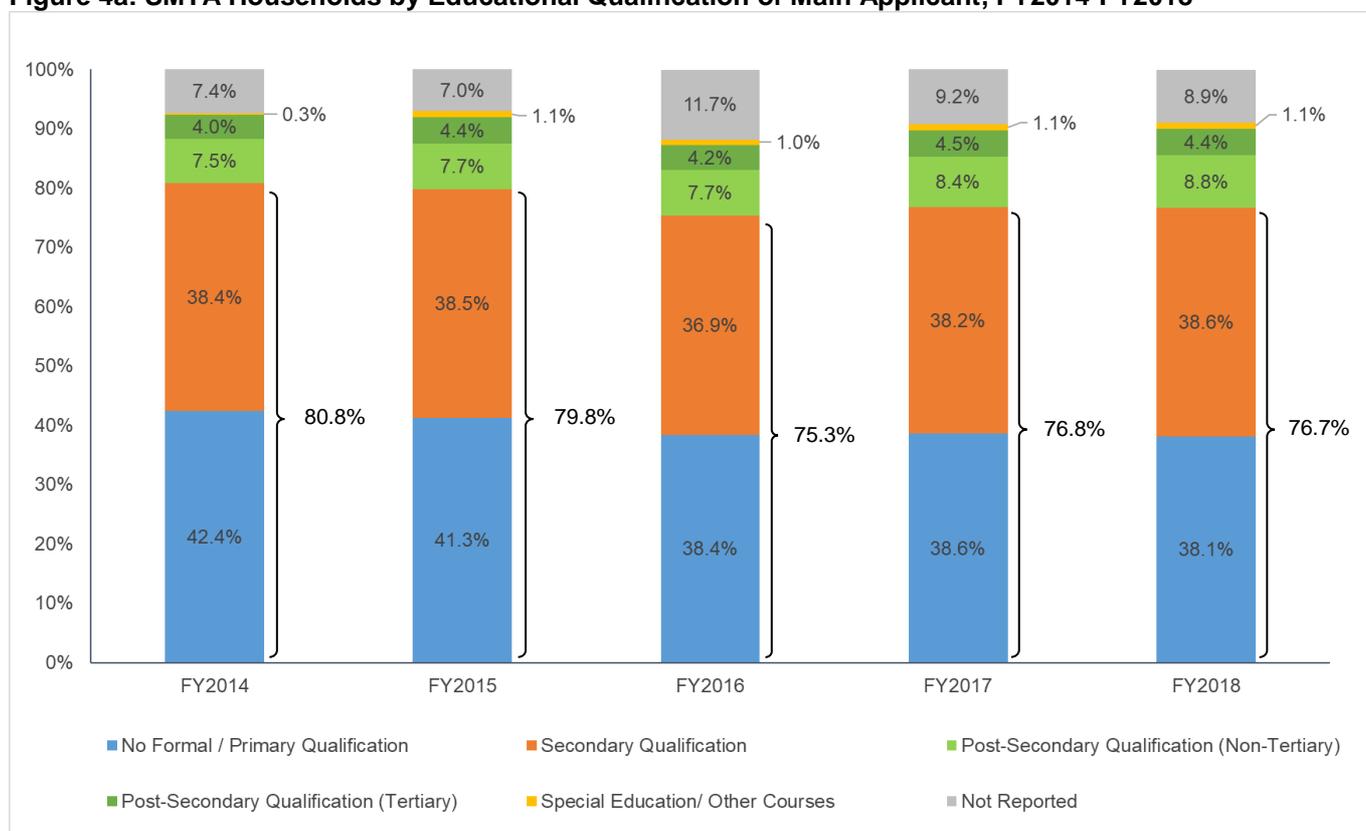
III) ComCare Households – Educational Qualifications

The majority of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance main applicants had secondary-level education or below

9 Main applicants with secondary-level education or below remained the largest proportion of households assisted on SMTA. This has been consistent across all years from FY2014 to FY2018.

10 The proportion of SMTA main applicants with secondary-level education or below decreased from 80.8% in FY2014 to 76.8% in FY2017, and to 76.7% in FY2018.

Figure 4a: SMTA Households by Educational Qualification of Main Applicant, FY2014-FY2018



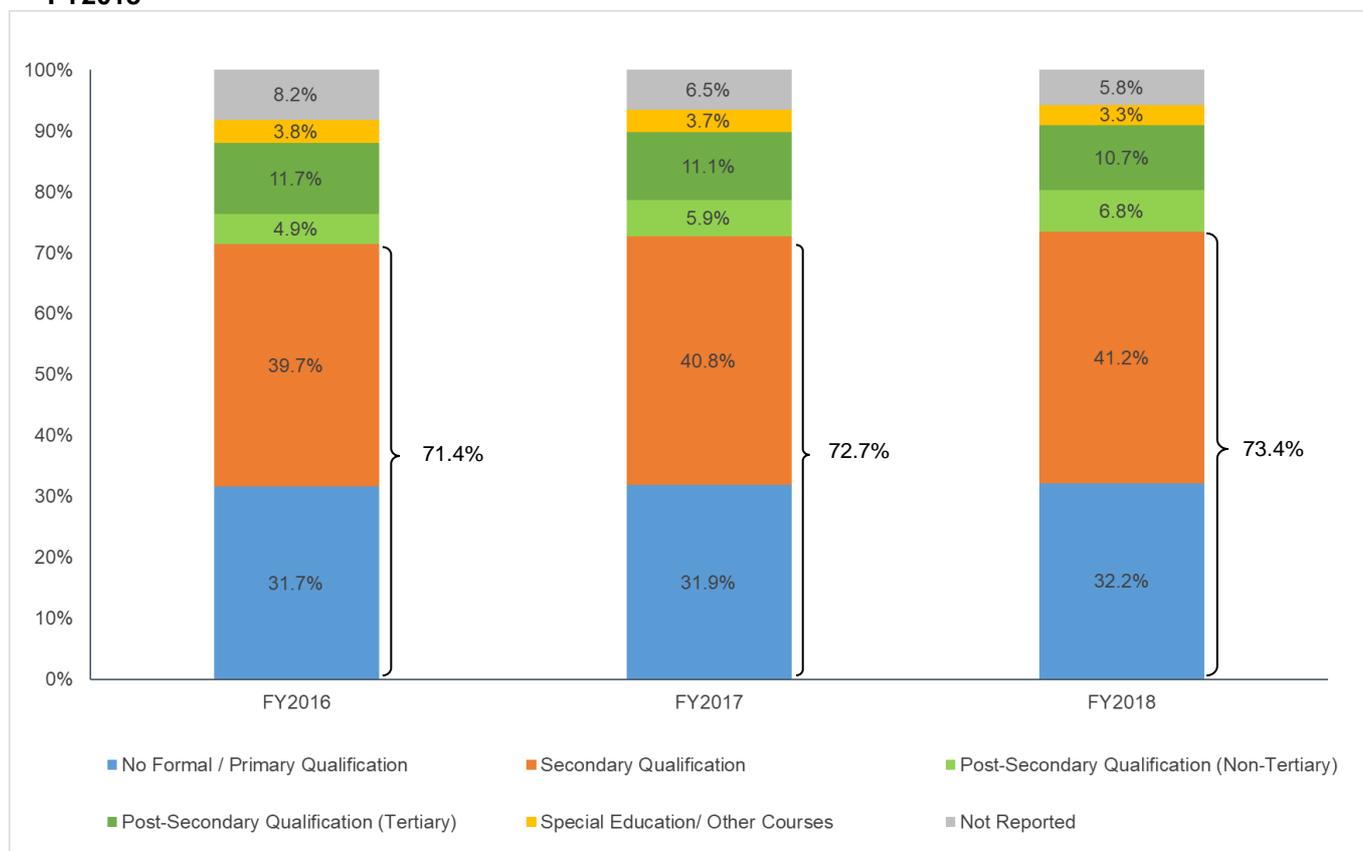
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2. There were slight changes in definitions from the FY2014 trends report following system changes in 2015. The current definitions are set out on page 2. FY2014 data have been regrouped according to the revised definitions in this report for comparability.

11 The majority of households assisted on SMTA had household members with a highest education level of secondary-level and below. This has been consistent across all years from FY2016 to FY2018.

12 The proportion of SMTA households with a highest education level of secondary-level education or below increased from 71.4% in FY2016 to 72.7% in FY2017, and to 73.4% in FY2018.

Figure 4b: SMTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household, FY2016- FY2018



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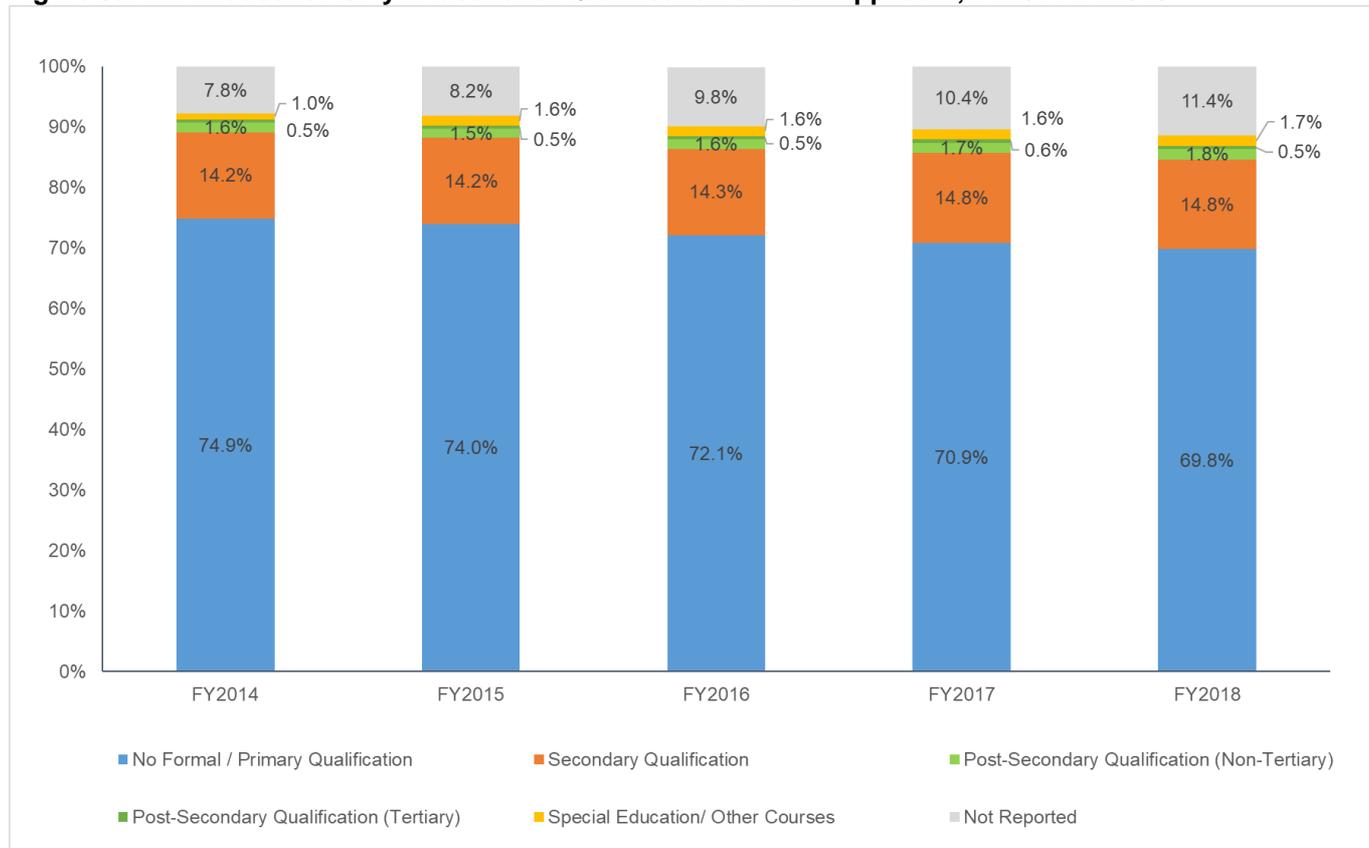
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The majority of Long-Term Assistance main applicants had primary-level education or below

13 Main applicants with primary-level education or below remained the largest proportion of households assisted on LTA. This has been consistent across all years from FY2014 to FY2018.

14 The number of LTA main applicants with primary-level education or below decreased in proportion, from 74.9% in FY2014 to 70.9% in FY2017, and to 69.8% in FY2018.

Figure 5a: LTA Households by Educational Qualification of Main Applicant, FY2014-FY2018



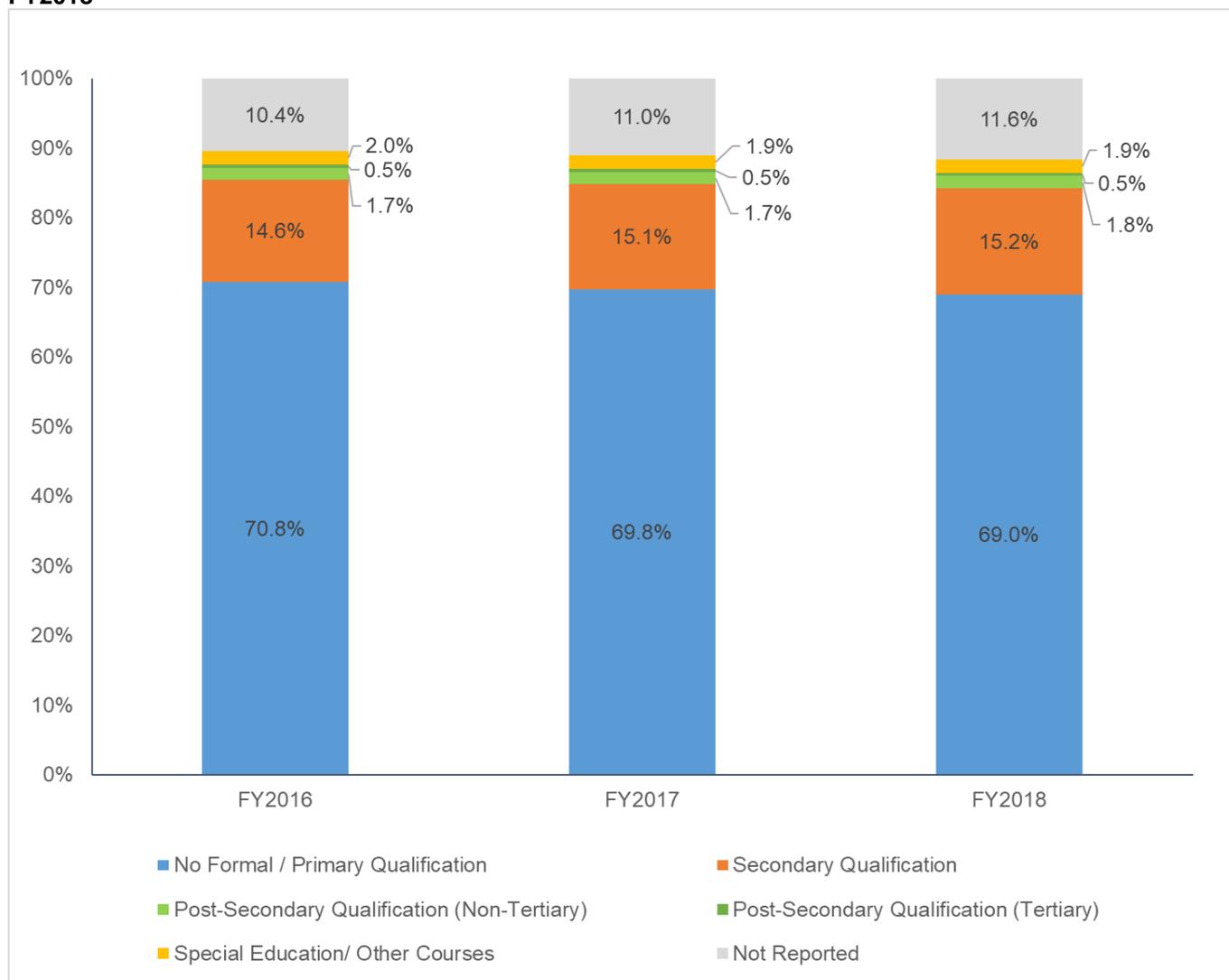
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15 The majority of households assisted on LTA had household members with a highest education level of primary-level education and below. This has been consistent across all years from FY2016 to FY2018.

16 The proportion of LTA households with a highest education level of primary-level education or below decreased from 70.8% in FY2016 to 69.8% in FY2017, and to 69.0% in FY2018.

Figure 5b: LTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household, FY2016-FY2018



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IV) ComCare Households – Employment Status

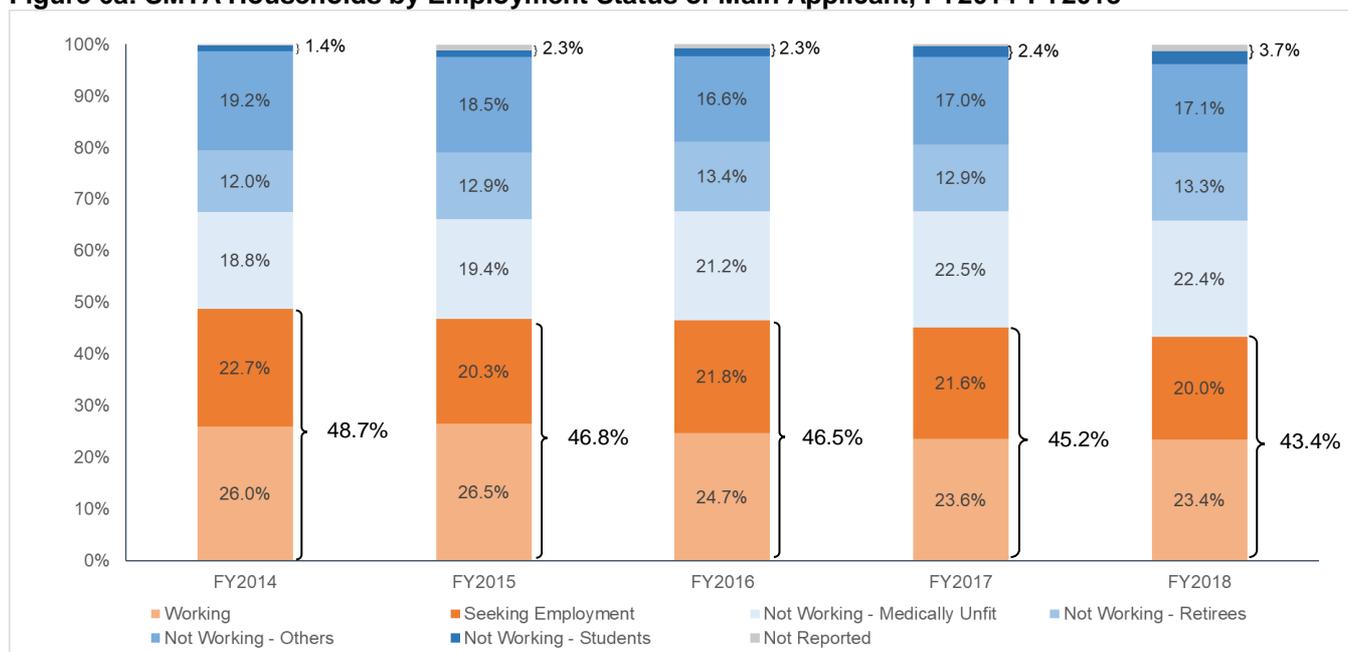
Almost half of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance main applicants were employed or seeking employment

17 Main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment made up approximately half of the households assisted on SMTA. This has been consistent in all years from FY2014 to FY2018.

18 The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment decreased from 48.7% in FY2014 to 45.2% in FY2017, and to 43.4% in FY2018.

19 Across the same period, there was an increase in the proportion of retirees (from 12.0% in FY2014 to 12.9% in FY2017, and to 13.3% in FY2018) and those not working for medical reasons (from 18.8% in FY2014 to 22.5% in FY2017, which then decreased slightly to 22.4% in FY2018).

Figure 6a: SMTA Households by Employment Status of Main Applicant, FY2014-FY2018

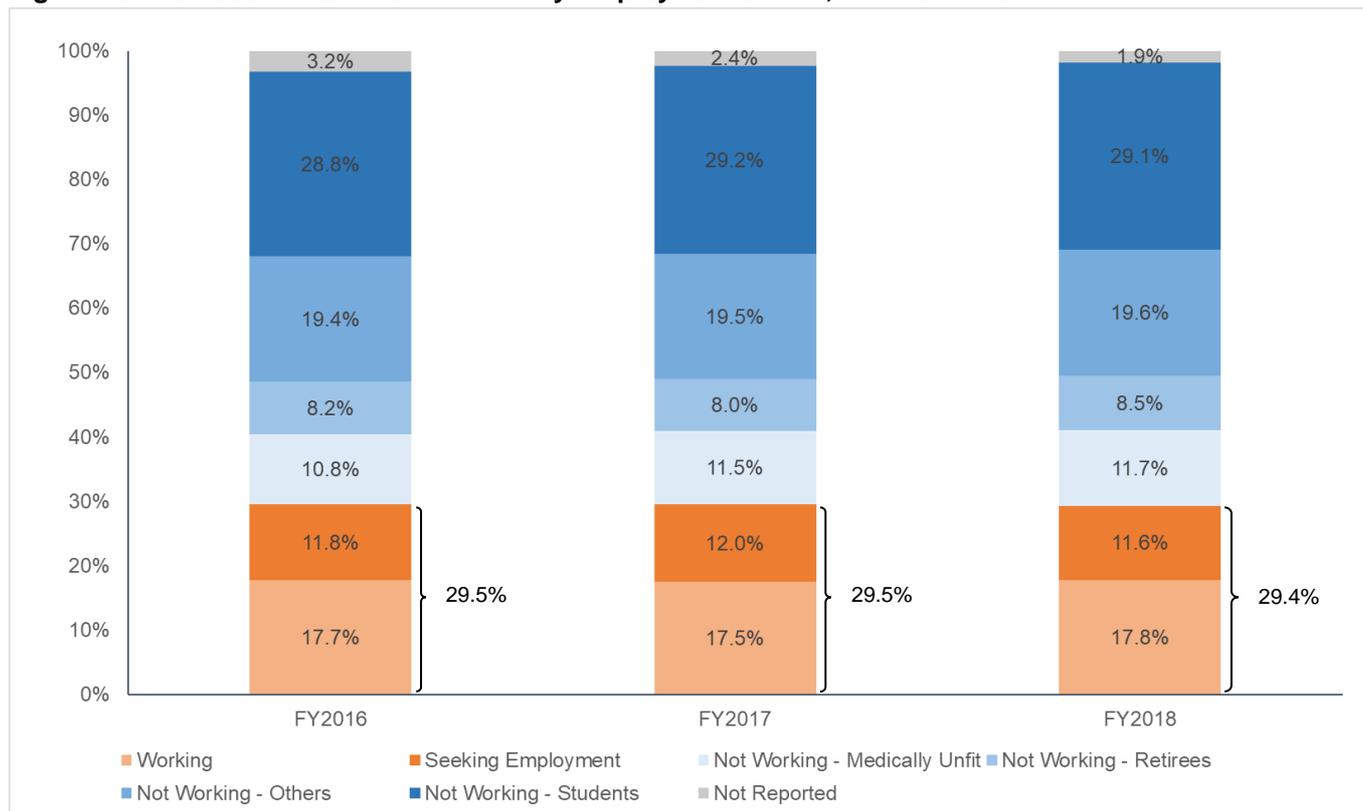


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20 Those who were either employed or seeking employment made up approximately 30% of the individuals assisted on SMTA. This has been consistent in all years from FY2016 to FY2018. The largest proportion of non-working individuals comprised students across all three years, averaging 29%.

Figure 6b: Individuals Assisted on SMTA by Employment Status, FY2016-FY2018

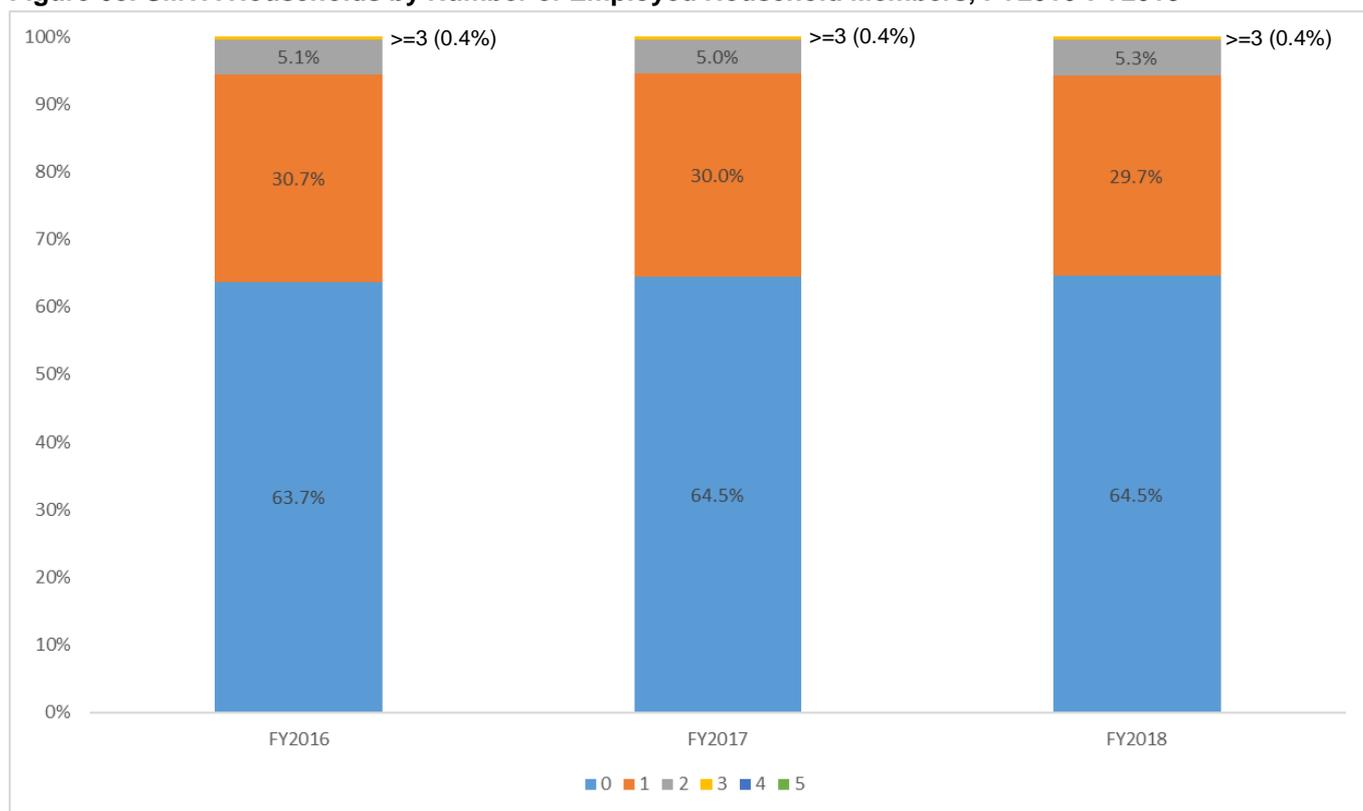


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21 Households with no employed individuals remained the largest proportion of households assisted on SMTA. The proportion of households which had no employed individuals increased from 63.7% in FY2016 to 64.5% FY2017, and remained at 64.5% in FY2018. The proportion of households with one employed individual decreased from 30.7% in FY2016 to 30.0% in FY2017, to 29.7% in FY2018.

Figure 6c: SMTA Households by Number of Employed Household Members, FY2016-FY2018



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V) ComCare Households – Marital Status and Gender

Two-fifths of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance main applicants were married

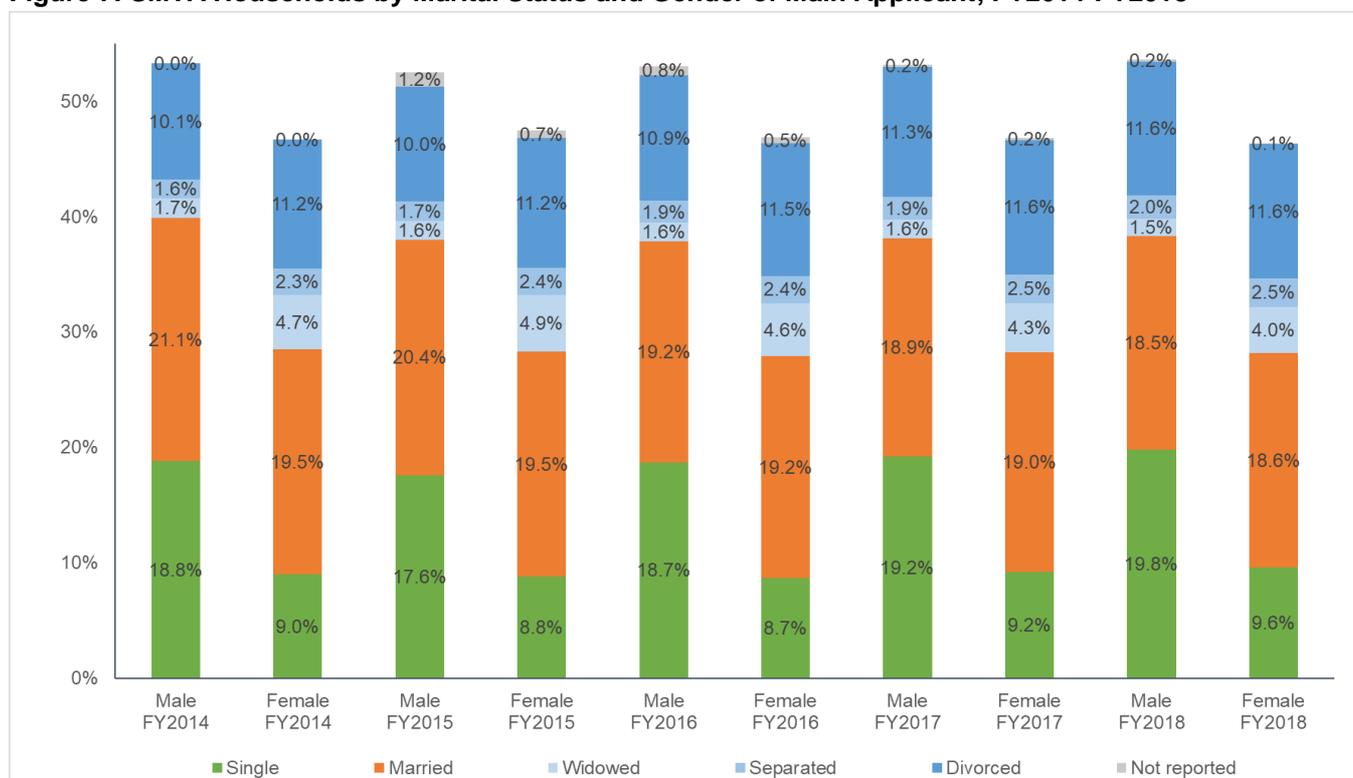
22 Main applicants who were married remained the largest proportion of households assisted on SMTA, followed by those who were widowed/separated/divorced, and the singles. This was consistent between FY2014 and FY2018.

23 The SMTA main applicants who were married decreased in proportion, from 40.6% in FY2014 to 37.9% in FY2017, and to 37.1% in FY2018.

24 Those who were divorced made up about two-thirds of the widowed/separated/divorced group. The proportion of divorcees increased from 21.3% in FY2014 to 22.9% in FY2017, and to 23.2% in FY2018. Among the singles, the proportion of males remained more than twice that of females, across FY2014 to FY2018.

25 The top three marital and gender groups of SMTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2014 to FY2018: single male (19.8%), married female (18.6%) and married male (18.5%) in FY2018.

Figure 7: SMTA Households by Marital Status and Gender of Main Applicant, FY2014-FY2018



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More than two-thirds of Long-Term Assistance main applicants were single

26 Main applicants who were single remained the largest proportion of households assisted on LTA. This was consistent between FY2014 and FY2018.

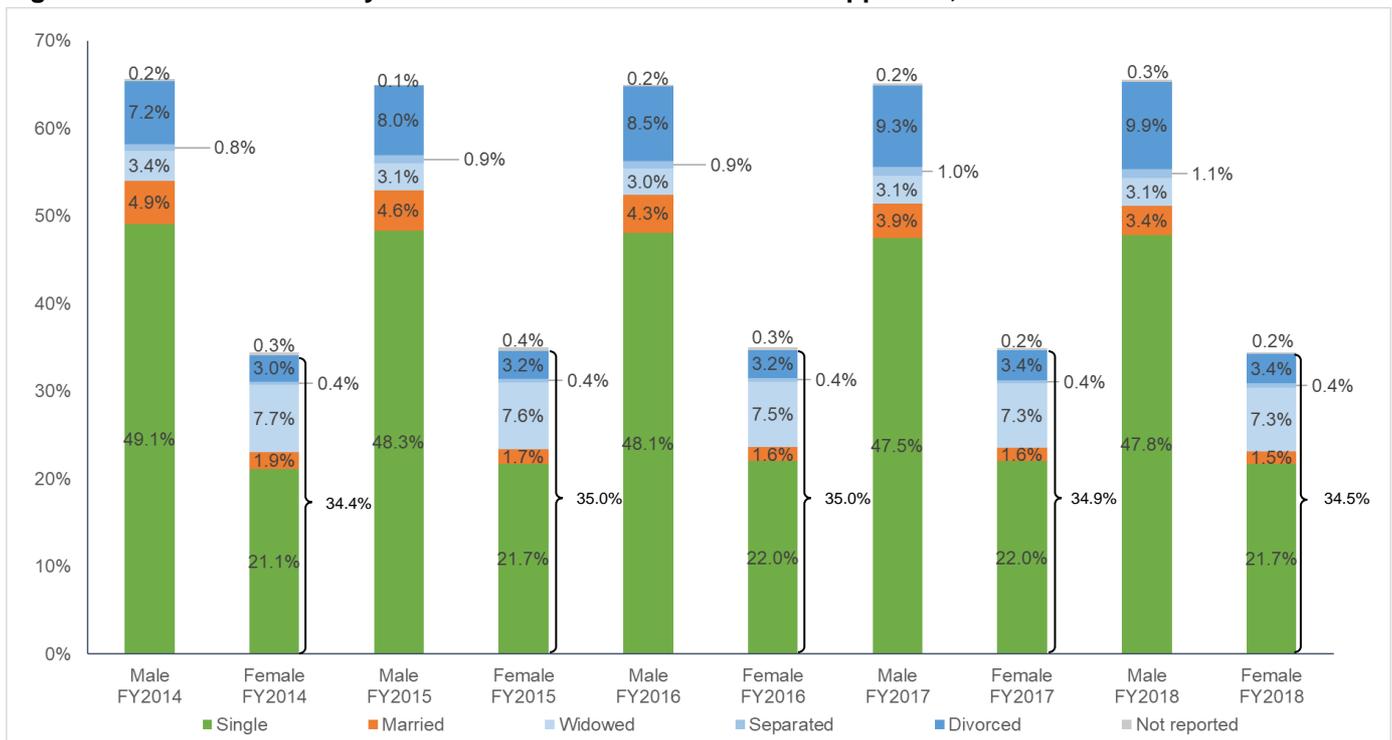
27 The LTA main applicants who were single decreased in proportion, from 70.2% in FY2014 to 69.5% in FY2017, and remained at 69.5% in FY2018.

28 The proportion of male LTA main applicants made up approximately 66% of the households assisted on LTA. This was consistent between FY2014 and FY2018.

29 The top two groups of LTA main applicants were single male and single female. This was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018. The proportion of single females increased from 21.1% in FY2014 to 22.0% in FY2017, and decreased slightly to 21.7% in FY2018. The proportion of single males decreased from 49.1% in FY2014 to 47.5% in FY2017, and increased slightly to 47.8% in FY2018.

30 Divorced males increased in proportion, from 7.2% in FY2014 to 9.3% in FY2017, and to 9.9% in FY2018. Widowed females decreased in proportion, from 7.7% in FY2014 to 7.3% in FY2017 and FY2018.

Figure 8: LTA Households by Marital Status and Gender of Main Applicant, FY2014-FY2018



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VI) ComCare Households – Dwelling Type and Household Size

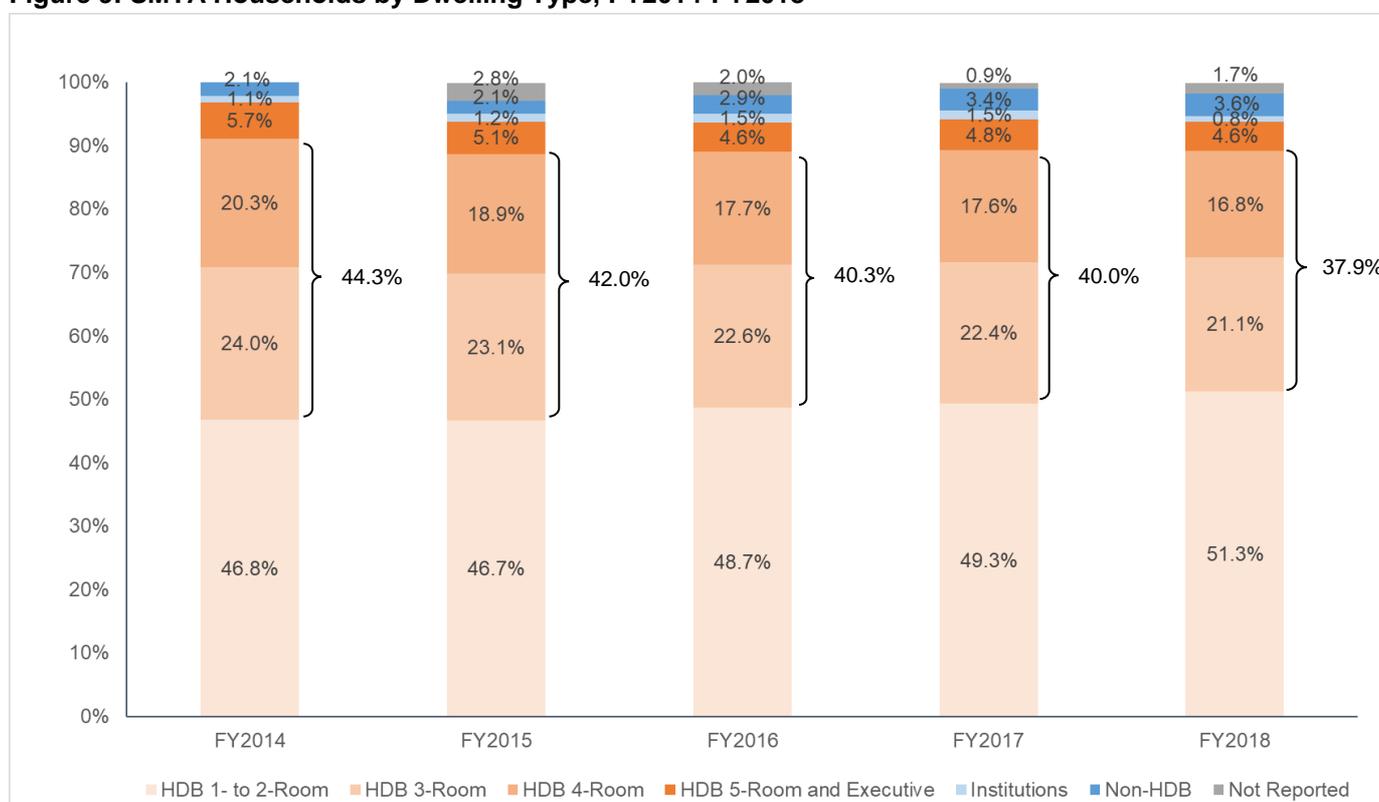
About half of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance households stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats

31 Households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats made up about half of those assisted on SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018.

32 The proportion of households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 46.8% in FY2014 to 49.3% in FY2017, and to 51.3% in FY2018.

33 The proportion of households who stayed in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 44.3% in FY2014 to 40.0% in FY2017, and to 37.9% in FY2018.

Figure 9: SMTA Households by Dwelling Type, FY2014-FY2018



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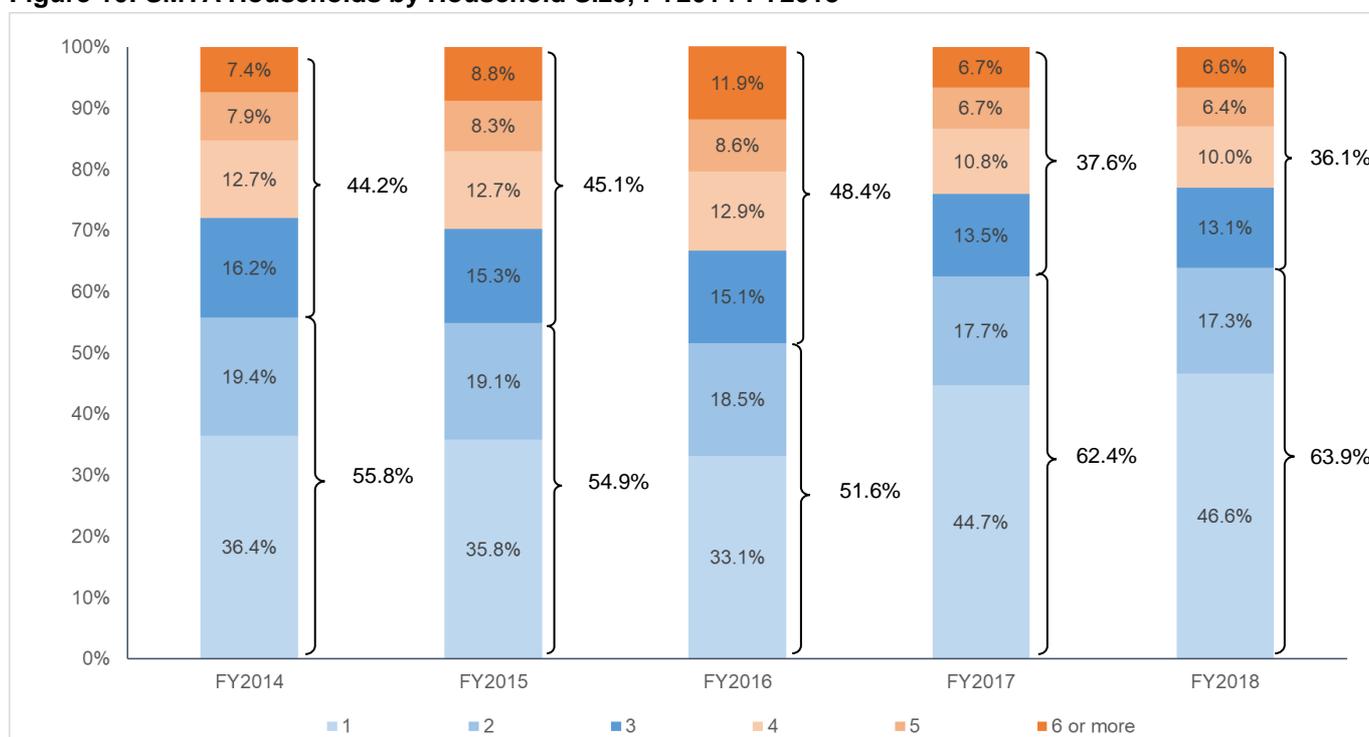
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2. There were instances of ComCare applicants staying in landed properties. They were not home owners but were staying with family members or friends.

More than half of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance households were one- to two-person households

34 One- to two-person households made up more than half of those assisted on SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018.

35 The one- to two-person SMTA households increased in proportion, from 55.8% in FY2014 to 62.4% in FY2017, and to 63.9% in FY2018. In particular, one-person SMTA households increased in proportion from 36.4% in FY2014 to 44.7% in FY2017, and to 46.6% in FY2018. SMTA households with three or more persons decreased in proportion from 44.2% in FY2014 to 37.6% in FY2017, and to 36.1% in FY2018.

Figure 10: SMTA Households by Household Size, FY2014-FY2018



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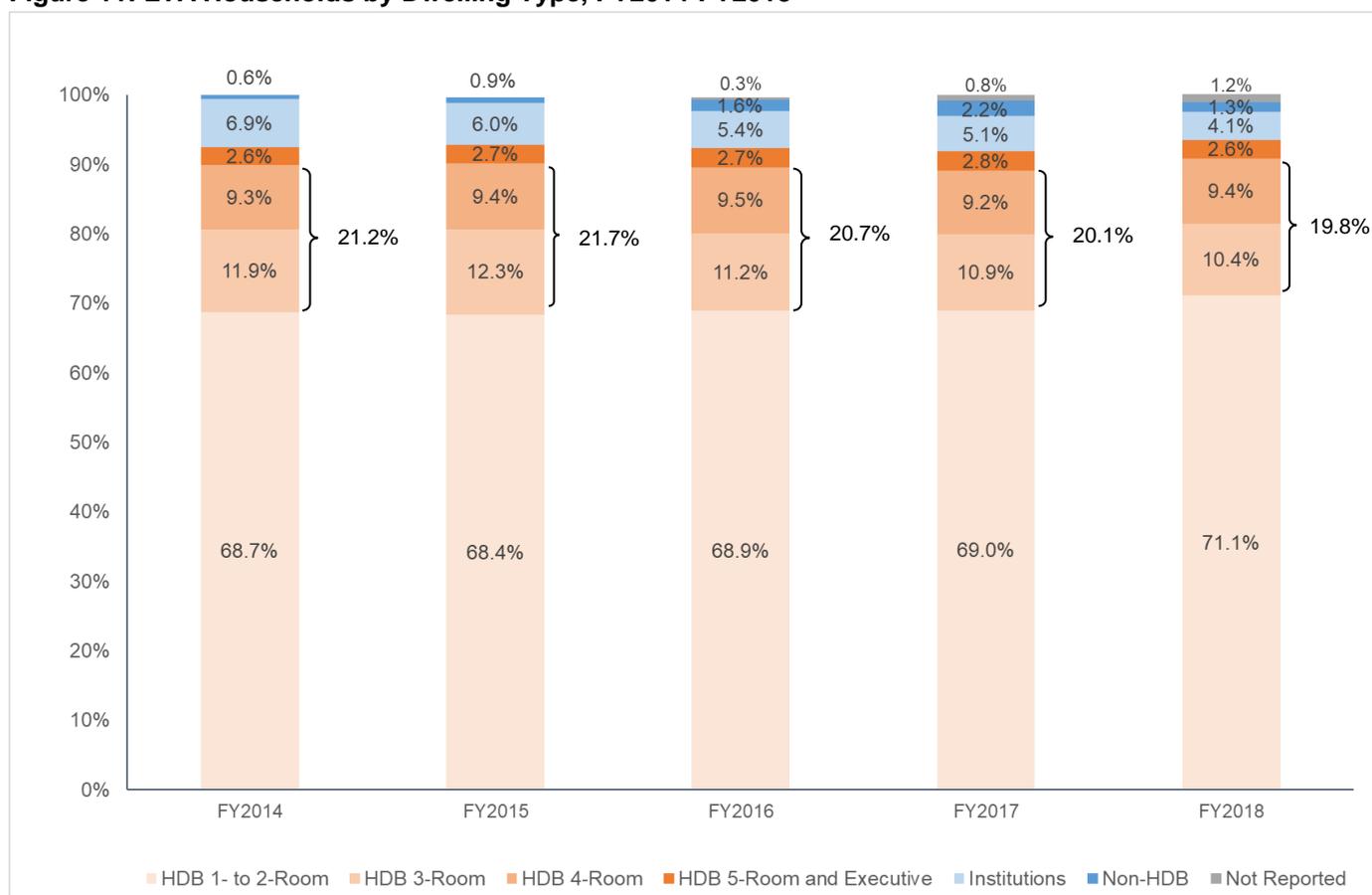
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More than two-thirds of Long-Term Assistance households stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats

36 Households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats remained the largest proportion of those assisted on LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018.

37 The proportion staying in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 68.7% in FY2014 to 69.0% in FY2017, and to 71.1% in FY2018. The proportion staying in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased slightly from 21.2% in FY2014, to 20.1% in FY2017, and to 19.8% in FY2018.

Figure 11: LTA Households by Dwelling Type, FY2014-FY2018



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2. The number of LTA households included those staying in non-government funded institutions. Individuals staying in government-funded institutions was excluded as their long-term needs were supported using non-ComCare funds.

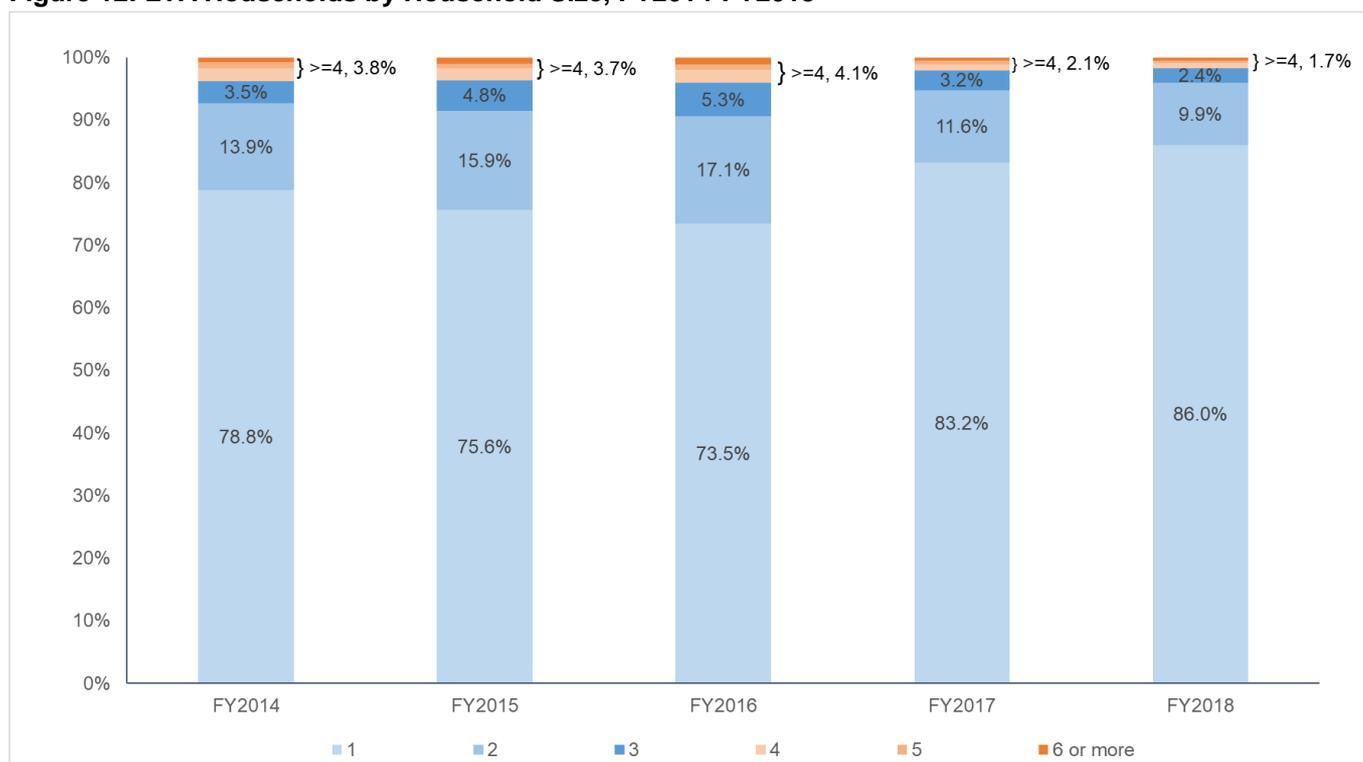
The majority of Long-Term Assistance households remained one-person households

38 One-person households remained the largest proportion of those assisted on LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018.

39 The one-person LTA households increased in proportion, from 78.8% in FY2014 to 83.2% in FY2017, and to 86.0% in FY2018.

40 The proportion of two-person LTA households decreased from 13.9% in FY2014 to 11.6% in FY2017, and to 9.9% in FY2018.

Figure 12: LTA Households by Household Size, FY2014-FY2018



Note:

The count of households was unique within the scheme and financial year. Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.

VII) ComCare Households – Household Composition

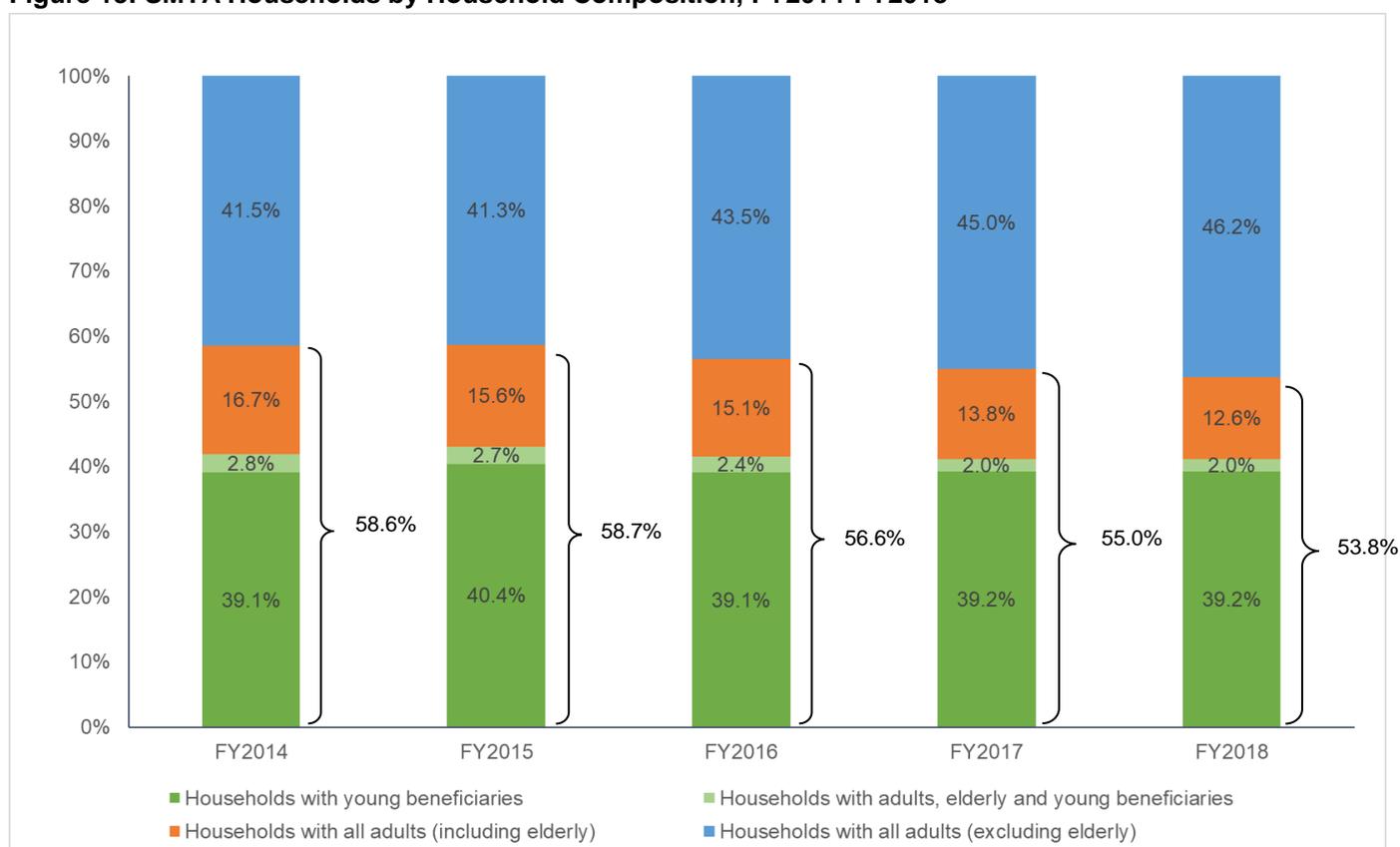
Nearly three-fifths of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance households had elderly and/or children

41 Households with elderly and/or children remained the largest proportion of those assisted on SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018.

42 The SMTA households with elderly and/or young beneficiaries decreased in proportion, from 58.6% in FY2014 to 55.0% in FY2017, and to 53.8% in FY2018.

43 Correspondingly, the proportion of SMTA households with only adults increased from 41.5% in FY2014 to 45.0% in FY2017, and to 46.2% in FY2018.

Figure 13: SMTA Households by Household Composition, FY2014-FY2018



Note(s):

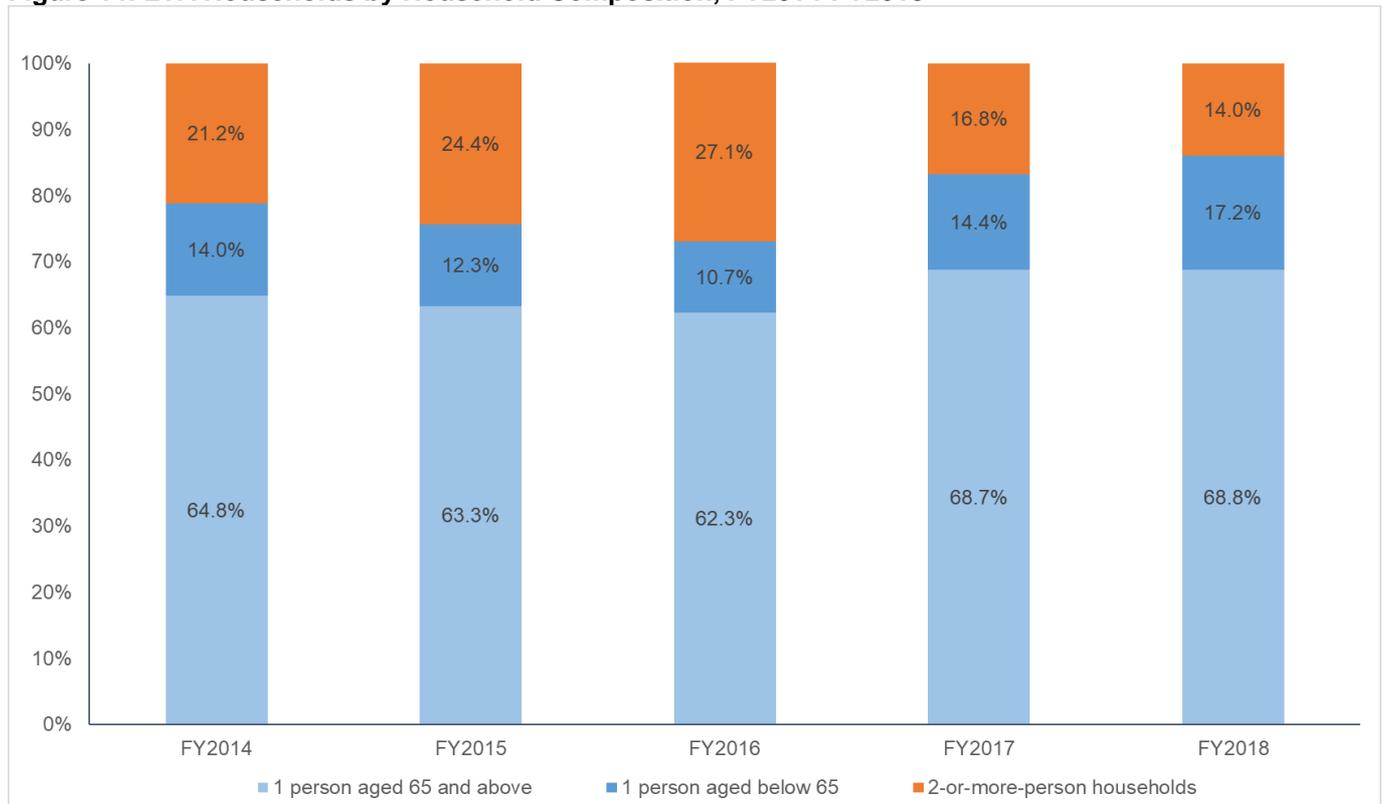
1. The count of households was unique within the scheme and financial year. Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
2. “Elderly beneficiaries” were defined as those aged 65 and above; “adult beneficiaries” were defined as those aged 21 to 64; and “young beneficiaries” were defined as those aged below 21.

The majority of Long-Term Assistance households were one-person elderly households

44 One-person elderly households remained the largest proportion of those assisted on LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2014 to FY2018.

45 The proportion of one-person households aged 65 and above increased from 64.8% in FY2014 to 68.7% in FY2017, and to 68.8% in FY2018. The one-person households aged below 65 increased in proportion from 14.0% (FY2014) to 14.4% (FY2017) and 17.2% (FY2018). Households with two or more persons decreased in proportion from 21.2% in FY2014 to 16.8% in FY2017, and to 14.0% in FY2018.

Figure 14: LTA Households by Household Composition, FY2014-FY2018



Note(s):

1. The count of households was unique within the scheme and financial year. Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
2. Elderly households were defined as those with main applicants aged 65 and above.



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ComCare Households Assisted

- The total number of households assisted on SMTA, LTA and SCFA respectively has remained relatively stable over the years. There was a slight decrease in the number of households assisted on SMTA from FY2015 to FY2018.
- The majority, or 27,122 households, were assisted on SMTA, and 4,261 households were assisted on LTA in FY2018. There were 7,349 households that received SCFA in FY2018.

Age Group Distribution of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 55-64 increased from 20.5% in FY2014 to 23.8% in FY2017, and to 24.9% in FY2018.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 45-54 decreased from 27.1% in FY2014 to 25.5% in FY2017, and to 24.4% in FY2018.
- The proportion of individuals assisted on SMTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2016 to FY2018. Individuals aged 19 and below made up approximately one-third of all individuals assisted on SMTA.
- The proportion of LTA main applicants aged 65 and above increased from 77.3% in FY2014 to 79.4% in FY2017, and to 81.5% in FY2018.
- The proportion of LTA main applicants aged 64 and below decreased from 22.7% in FY2014, to 20.6% in FY2017, and increased slightly to 18.5% in FY2018.
- The proportion of individuals assisted on LTA aged 65 and above increased from 79.3% in FY2016, to 80.9% in FY2017, and to 81.0% in FY2018.

Educational Qualifications of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants with secondary-level education or below decreased from 80.8% in FY2014 to 76.8% in FY2017, and to 76.7% in FY2018.
- The proportion of SMTA households with a highest education level of secondary-level education or below increased from 71.4% in FY2016 to 72.7% in FY2017, and to 73.4% in FY2018.
- The proportion of LTA main applicants with primary-level education or below decreased from 74.9% in FY2014 to 70.9% in FY2017, and to 69.8% in FY2018.

- The proportion of LTA households with a highest education level of primary-level education or below decreased from 70.8% in FY2016 to 69.8% in FY2017, and to 69.0% in FY2018.

Employment Status of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment decreased from 48.7% in FY2014 to 45.2% in FY2017, and to 43.4% in FY2018.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were retirees increased from 12.0% in FY2014 to 12.9% in FY2017, and to 13.3% in FY2018.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were not working for medical reasons increased from 18.8% in FY2014 to 22.5% in FY2017, and decreased slightly to 22.4% in FY2018.
- From FY2016 to FY2018, the proportion of individuals assisted on SMTA who were either employed or seeking employment was approximately 30%. The largest proportion of non-working individuals were students across all three years, averaging 29%.
- The proportion of households which had no employed individuals increased from 63.7% in FY2016 to 64.5% in FY2017, and remained at 64.5% in FY2018.

Marital Status and Gender of ComCare Households

- The top three marital and gender groups of SMTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2014 to FY2018. They were single male (19.8%), married female (18.6%) and married male (18.5%) in FY2018.
- The married SMTA main applicants decreased in proportion, from 40.6% in FY2014 to 37.9% in FY2017, and to 37.1% in FY2018.
- The top two marital and gender groups of LTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2014 to FY2018. They were single male (47.8%) and single female (21.7%) in FY2018.
- The single LTA main applicants decreased in proportion, from 70.2% in FY2014 to 69.5% in FY2017, and remained at 69.5% in FY2018.

Dwelling Type and Household Size of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 46.8% in FY2014 to 49.3% in FY2017, and to 51.3% in FY2018. The proportion of SMTA households who stayed in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 44.3% in FY2014 to 40.0% in FY2017, and to 37.9% in FY2018.
- One- to two-person SMTA households increased in proportion, from 55.8% in FY2014 to 62.4% in FY2018.

in FY2017, and to 63.9% in FY2018. In particular, one-person SMTA households increased in proportion, from 36.4% in FY2014 to 44.7% in FY2017, and to 46.6% in FY2018.

- SMTA households with three or more persons decreased in proportion from 44.2% in FY2014 to 37.6% in FY2017, and to 36.1% in FY2018.
- The proportion of LTA households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 68.7% in FY2014 to 69.0% in FY2017, and to 71.1% in FY2018.
- The proportion of LTA households staying in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased slightly from 21.2% in FY2014, to 20.1% in FY2017, and to 19.8% in FY2018.
- The proportion of one-person LTA households increased from 78.8% in FY2014 to 83.2% in FY2017, and to 86.0% in FY2018.
- The proportion of two-person LTA households decreased from 13.9% in FY2014 to 11.6% in FY2017, and to 9.9% in FY2018.

Household Composition of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA households with elderly (those aged 65 and above) and/or young beneficiaries (those aged below 21) decreased from 58.6% in FY2014 to 55.0% in FY2017, and to 53.8% in FY2018.
- One-person LTA households with an elderly person aged 65 and above increased in proportion, from 64.8% in FY2014 to 68.7% in FY2017, and to 68.8% in FY2018. The one-person households aged below 65 increased in proportion from 14.0% (FY2014) to 14.4% (FY2017) and 17.2% (FY2018).

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ComCare Households – Age Group Distribution

Table A1: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Age Group of Main Applicant

Age Group	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
<15	188	0.7%	228	0.8%	277	1.0%	402	1.4%	469	1.7%
15-19	164	0.6%	186	0.6%	156	0.5%	221	0.8%	168	0.6%
20-24	940	3.4%	1,055	3.6%	955	3.4%	882	3.2%	632	2.3%
25-29	1,696	6.2%	1,907	6.5%	1,829	6.4%	1,863	6.7%	1,596	5.9%
30-34	2,092	7.6%	2,268	7.7%	2,174	7.7%	2,127	7.6%	2,188	8.1%
35-39	2,375	8.6%	2,600	8.8%	2,515	8.9%	2,551	9.1%	2,436	9.0%
40-44	3,223	11.7%	3,243	11.0%	2,953	10.4%	2,717	9.7%	2,439	9.0%
45-49	3,620	13.2%	3,706	12.6%	3,420	12.0%	3,347	12.0%	3,134	11.6%
50-54	3,820	13.9%	3,935	13.3%	3,858	13.6%	3,767	13.5%	3,459	12.8%
55-59	3,278	11.9%	3,602	12.2%	3,503	12.3%	3,484	12.4%	3,279	12.1%
60-64	2,350	8.6%	2,730	9.3%	2,941	10.4%	3,188	11.4%	3,464	12.8%
65-69	1,396	5.1%	1,587	5.4%	1,477	5.2%	1,331	4.8%	1,686	6.2%
>=70	2,319	8.4%	2,464	8.3%	2,351	8.3%	2,106	7.5%	2,172	8.0%
Total	27,461	100.0%	29,511	100.0%	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%

Table A2: Number and Proportion of Individual Assisted on SMTA by Age Group

Age Group	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
<15	18,536	28.1%	18,333	28.6%	17,681	28.8%
15-19	5,004	7.6%	4,812	7.5%	4,420	7.2%
20-24	4,194	6.4%	4,038	6.3%	3,731	6.1%
25-29	3,115	4.7%	3,083	4.8%	2,901	4.7%
30-34	3,234	4.9%	3,190	5.0%	3,322	5.4%
35-39	3,735	5.7%	3,690	5.7%	3,612	5.9%
40-44	3,789	5.7%	3,670	5.7%	3,497	5.7%
45-49	4,481	6.8%	4,328	6.7%	4,076	6.6%
50-54	4,991	7.6%	4,689	7.3%	4,320	7.0%
55-59	4,461	6.8%	4,420	6.9%	4,128	6.7%
60-64	3,966	6.0%	4,140	6.4%	4,240	6.9%
65-69	2,312	3.5%	2,215	3.5%	2,209	3.6%
>=70	4,092	6.2%	3,583	5.6%	3,310	5.4%
Total	65,910	100.0%	64,191	100.0%	61,447	100.0%

Table A3: Number and Proportion of LTA Households by Age Group of Main Applicant

Age Group	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
<15	3	0.1%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
15-19	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.0%
20-24	7	0.2%	10	0.2%	8	0.2%	5	0.1%	3	0.1%
25-29	8	0.2%	15	0.4%	16	0.4%	13	0.3%	12	0.3%
30-34	23	0.6%	27	0.6%	30	0.7%	29	0.7%	24	0.6%
35-39	35	0.9%	42	1.0%	39	0.9%	39	0.9%	29	0.7%
40-44	60	1.6%	57	1.3%	63	1.4%	59	1.3%	58	1.4%
45-49	105	2.7%	110	2.6%	96	2.2%	89	2.0%	70	1.6%
50-54	142	3.7%	163	3.8%	161	3.7%	151	3.4%	126	3.0%
55-59	174	4.5%	205	4.8%	213	4.9%	196	4.4%	168	3.9%
60-64	311	8.1%	322	7.6%	342	7.8%	325	7.4%	294	6.9%
65-69	593	15.4%	707	16.6%	721	16.4%	742	16.8%	598	14.0%
>=70	2,381	61.9%	2,585	60.9%	2,694	61.4%	2,758	62.6%	2,877	67.5%
Total	3,846	100.0%	4,248	100.0%	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%

Table A4: Number and Proportion of Individuals Assisted on LTA by Age Group

Age Group	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
<15	7	0.1%	5	0.1%	3	0.1%
15-19	9	0.2%	7	0.1%	8	0.2%
20-24	13	0.3%	8	0.2%	6	0.1%
25-29	18	0.4%	15	0.3%	13	0.3%
30-34	35	0.7%	27	0.6%	26	0.6%
35-39	42	0.9%	41	0.9%	34	0.8%
40-44	78	1.6%	66	1.4%	68	1.5%
45-49	105	2.2%	88	1.9%	78	1.7%
50-54	158	3.3%	153	3.3%	134	3.0%
55-59	213	4.4%	188	4.0%	179	4.0%
60-64	310	6.5%	297	6.4%	307	6.8%
65-69	686	14.3%	710	15.2%	628	14.0%
>=70	3,114	65.0%	3,070	65.7%	3,011	67.0%
Total	4,788	100.0%	4,675	100.0%	4,495	100.0%

ComCare Households – Educational Qualifications

Table A5: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Educational Qualification of Main Applicant

Highest Education Attained	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	11,641	42.4%	12,186	41.3%	10,921	38.4%	10,803	38.6%	10,347	38.1%
Secondary Qualification	10,534	38.4%	11,364	38.5%	10,487	36.9%	10,684	38.2%	10,472	38.6%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	2,061	7.5%	2,279	7.7%	2,197	7.7%	2,360	8.4%	2,395	8.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	1,093	4.0%	1,306	4.4%	1,190	4.2%	1,250	4.5%	1,195	4.4%
Special Education	87	0.3%	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Courses	0	0.0%	318	1.1%	298	1.0%	304	1.1%	304	1.1%
Not Reported	2,045	7.4%	2,053	7.0%	3,316	11.7%	2,585	9.2%	2,409	8.9%
Total	27,461	100.0%	29,511	100.0%	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%

Table A6: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household

Highest Education Attained	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	9,003	31.7%	8,935	31.9%	8,741	32.2%
Secondary Qualification	11,288	39.7%	11,409	40.8%	11,170	41.2%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	1,383	4.9%	1,661	5.9%	1,857	6.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	3,316	11.7%	3,120	11.1%	2,893	10.7%
Special Education / Other Courses	1,083	3.8%	1,029	3.7%	899	3.3%
Not Reported	2,336	8.2%	1,832	6.5%	1,562	5.8%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%

Table A7: Number and Proportion of LTA Households by Educational Qualification of Main Applicant

Highest Education Attained	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	2,879	74.9%	3,145	74.0%	3,165	72.1%	3,124	70.9%	2,973	69.8%
Secondary Qualification	548	14.2%	603	14.2%	627	14.3%	654	14.8%	631	14.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	61	1.6%	63	1.5%	71	1.6%	75	1.7%	75	1.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	19	0.5%	19	0.5%	24	0.5%	26	0.6%	23	0.5%
Special Education	38	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Courses	0	0.0%	69	1.6%	72	1.6%	72	1.6%	73	1.7%
Not Reported	301	7.8%	349	8.2%	428	9.8%	458	10.4%	486	11.4%
Total	3,846	100.0%	4,248	100.0%	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%

Table A8: Number and Proportion of LTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household

Highest Education Attained	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	3,106	70.8%	3,076	69.8%	2,941	69.0%
Secondary Qualification	641	14.6%	664	15.1%	647	15.2%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	76	1.7%	32	1.7%	77	1.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	20	0.5%	67	0.5%	20	0.5%
Special Education / Other Courses	87	2.0%	85	1.9%	81	1.9%
Not Reported	457	10.4%	485	11.0%	495	11.6%
Total	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%

Note: There were slight changes in definition from the FY2014 trends report following system changes in 2015. The current definitions are set out on page 2. FY2014 data have been regrouped according to the revised definitions in this report for comparability.

ComCare Households – Employment Status

Table A9: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Employment Status of Main Applicant

Employment Status	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
Working	7,134	26.0%	7,833	26.5%	7,022	24.7%	6,595	23.6%	6,347	23.4%
Seeking Employment	6,227	22.7%	5,981	20.3%	6,181	21.8%	6,038	21.6%	5,421	20.0%
Not Working - Medically Unfit	5,149	18.8%	5,726	19.4%	6,031	21.2%	6,302	22.5%	6,083	22.4%
Not Working - Retirees	3,305	12.0%	3,808	12.9%	3,798	13.4%	3,620	12.9%	3,616	13.3%
Not Working - Students	301	1.1%	363	1.2%	428	1.5%	600	2.1%	665	2.5%
Not Working - Others	5,276	19.2%	5,468	18.5%	4,729	16.6%	4,745	17.0%	4,651	17.1%
Not Reported	69	0.2%	332	1.1%	220	0.8%	86	0.3%	339	1.2%
Total	27,461	100.0%	29,511	100.0%	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0

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Table A10: Number and Proportion of Individuals Assisted on SMTA by Employment Status

Employment Status	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
Working	11,665	17.7%	11,218	17.5%	10,917	17.8%
Seeking Employment	7,806	11.8%	7,709	12.0%	7,111	11.6%
Not Working - Medically Unfit	7,150	10.8%	7,360	11.5%	7,180	11.7%
Not Working - Retirees	5,404	8.2%	5,136	8.0%	5,201	8.5%
Not Working - Students	18,975	28.8%	18,743	29.2%	17,869	29.1%
Not Working - Others	12,803	19.4%	12,512	19.5%	12,029	19.6%
Not Reported	2,107	3.2%	1,513	2.4%	1,140	1.9%
Total	65,910	100.0%	64,191	100.0%	61,447	100.0

Table A11: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Number of Employed Household Members

Number of Employed Household Members	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
0	18,090	63.7%	18,053	64.5%	17,506	64.5%
1	8,731	30.7%	8,398	30.0%	8,049	29.7%
2	1,460	5.1%	1,408	5.0%	1,443	5.3%
3	118	0.4%	118	0.4%	113	0.4%
4	10	0.0%	9	0.0%	10	0.0%
5	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%

ComCare Households – Marital Status and Gender

Table A12: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Marital Status and Gender of Main Applicant

Marital Status	Gender	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
Single	Female	2,484	9.0%	2,584	8.8%	2,482	8.7%	2,581	9.2%	2,598	9.6%
	Male	5,160	18.8%	5,199	17.6%	5,306	18.7%	5,375	19.2%	5,368	19.8%
Married	Female	5,355	19.5%	5,752	19.5%	5,450	19.2%	5,317	19.0%	5,052	18.6%
	Male	5,787	21.1%	6,024	20.4%	5,446	19.2%	5,298	18.9%	5,023	18.5%
Widowed	Female	1,285	4.7%	1,448	4.9%	1,319	4.6%	1,196	4.3%	1,078	4.0%
	Male	458	1.7%	478	1.6%	462	1.6%	454	1.6%	413	1.5%
Separated	Female	632	2.3%	700	2.4%	685	2.4%	704	2.5%	676	2.5%
	Male	444	1.6%	508	1.7%	530	1.9%	540	1.9%	548	2.0%
Divorced	Female	3,078	11.2%	3,307	11.2%	3,262	11.5%	3,253	11.6%	3,152	11.6%
	Male	2,776	10.1%	2,965	10.0%	3,099	10.9%	3,153	11.3%	3,136	11.6%
Not reported	Female	1	0.0%	205	0.7%	153	0.5%	48	0.2%	25	0.1%
	Male	1	0.0%	341	1.2%	215	0.8%	67	0.2%	53	0.2%
Total	Female	12,835	46.7%	13,996	47.4%	13,351	47.0%	13,099	46.8%	12,581	46.4%
	Male	14,626	53.3%	15,515	52.6%	15,058	53.0%	14,887	53.2%	14,541	53.6%

Table A13: Number and Proportion of LTA Households by Marital Status and Gender of Main Applicant

Marital Status	Gender	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
Single	Female	813	21.1%	923	21.7%	965	22.0%	970	22.0%	924	21.7%
	Male	1,887	49.1%	2,050	48.3%	2,111	48.1%	2,094	47.5%	2,036	47.8%
Married	Female	74	1.9%	72	1.7%	70	1.6%	69	1.6%	63	1.5%
	Male	188	4.9%	197	4.6%	190	4.3%	174	3.9%	144	3.4%
Widowed	Female	297	7.7%	323	7.6%	327	7.5%	322	7.3%	310	7.3%
	Male	131	3.4%	133	3.1%	131	3.0%	138	3.1%	134	3.1%
Separated	Female	15	0.4%	18	0.4%	19	0.4%	18	0.4%	19	0.4%
	Male	32	0.8%	40	0.9%	40	0.9%	45	1.0%	45	1.1%
Divorced	Female	115	3.0%	135	3.2%	139	3.2%	150	3.4%	144	3.4%
	Male	275	7.2%	338	8.0%	372	8.5%	411	9.3%	422	9.9%
Not reported	Female	13	0.3%	14	0.4%	14	0.3%	9	0.2%	8	0.2%
	Male	6	0.2%	5	0.1%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%	12	0.3%
Total	Female	1,327	34.5%	1,485	35.0%	1,534	35.0%	1,538	34.9%	1,468	34.5%
	Male	2,519	65.5%	2,763	65.0%	2,853	65.0%	2,871	65.1%	2,793	65.5%

ComCare Households – Dwelling Type and Household Size

Table A14: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Dwelling Type

Dwelling Type	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
HDB 1- to 2-Room	12,851	46.8%	13,793	46.7%	13,834	48.7%	13,806	49.3%	13,910	51.3%
HDB 3-Room	6,599	24.0%	6,804	23.1%	6,407	22.6%	6,256	22.4%	5,734	21.1%
HDB 4-Room	5,557	20.3%	5,589	18.9%	5,027	17.7%	4,935	17.6%	4,549	16.8%
HDB 5-Room and Executive	1,555	5.7%	1,517	5.1%	1,311	4.6%	1,348	4.8%	1,252	4.6%
Institutions	307	1.1%	358	1.2%	425	1.5%	427	1.5%	220	0.8%
Condominiums and Other Apartments	66	0.2%	69	0.2%	69	0.2%	69	0.2%	64	0.2%
Landed Properties	61	0.2%	63	0.2%	47	0.2%	59	0.2%	53	0.2%
Others - Interim Rental Housing / Shop houses, etc.	465	1.7%	502	1.7%	717	2.5%	847	3.0%	876	3.2%
Not Reported	0	0.0%	816	2.8%	572	2.0%	239	0.9%	464	1.7%
Total	27,461	100.0%	29,511	100.0%	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%

Table A15: Number and Proportion of LTA Households by Dwelling Type

Dwelling Type	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
HDB 1- to 2-Room	2,644	68.7%	2,914	68.4%	3,023	68.9%	3,041	69.0%	3,031	71.1%
HDB 3-Room	457	11.9%	523	12.3%	492	11.2%	482	10.9%	444	10.4%
HDB 4-Room	359	9.3%	398	9.4%	415	9.5%	406	9.2%	399	9.4%
HDB 5-Room and Executive Institutions¹	99	2.6%	113	2.7%	117	2.7%	123	2.8%	109	2.6%
Condominiums and Other Apartments	264	6.9%	255	6.0%	235	5.4%	224	5.1%	175	4.1%
Landed Properties	4	0.1%	8	0.2%	8	0.2%	7	0.2%	7	0.2%
Others - Interim Rental Housing / Shop houses etc.	6	0.2%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%	10	0.2%	9	0.2%
Not Reported	13	0.3%	23	0.5%	53	1.2%	79	1.8%	37	0.9%
Total	0	0.0%	5	0.3%	35	0.8%	37	0.8%	50	1.2%
	3,846	100.0%	4,248	100.0%	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%

¹ The number of LTA households included those staying in non-government funded institutions. Individuals staying in government-funded institutions were excluded as their Long-Term needs were supported using non-ComCare funds.

Table A16: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Household Size

Household Size	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
1	9,997	36.4%	10,561	35.8%	9,400	33.1%	12,518	44.7%	12,647	46.6%
2	5,324	19.4%	5,638	19.1%	5,257	18.5%	4,959	17.7%	4,694	17.3%
3	4,457	16.2%	4,522	15.3%	4,283	15.1%	3,768	13.5%	3,564	13.1%
4	3,499	12.7%	3,745	12.7%	3,657	12.9%	3,010	10.8%	2,699	10.0%
5	2,160	7.9%	2,437	8.3%	2,433	8.6%	1,865	6.7%	1,737	6.4%
6 or more	2,024	7.4%	2,608	8.8%	3,379	11.9%	1,866	6.7%	1,781	6.6%
Total	27,461	100.0%	29,511	100.0%	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%

Table A17: Number and Proportion of LTA Households by Household Size

Household Size	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
1	3,030	78.8%	3,210	75.6%	3,225	73.5%	3,667	83.2%	3,664	86.0%
2	533	13.9%	677	15.9%	751	17.1%	512	11.6%	423	9.9%
3	133	3.5%	202	4.8%	231	5.3%	139	3.2%	103	2.4%
4	81	2.1%	80	1.9%	92	2.1%	43	1.0%	34	0.8%
5	37	0.9%	36	0.8%	38	0.9%	25	0.6%	17	0.4%
6 or more	32	0.8%	43	1.0%	50	1.1%	23	0.5%	20	0.5%
Total	3,846	100.0%	4,248	100.0%	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%

ComCare Households – Household Composition

Table A18: Number and Proportion of SMTA Households by Household Composition

Household Profile	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
Households with all adults (including elderly)	4,580	16.7%	4,615	15.6%	4,277	15.1%	3,857	13.8%	3,424	12.6%
Households with young beneficiaries	10,737	39.1%	11,924	40.4%	11,103	39.1%	10,978	39.2%	10,630	39.2%
Households with adults, elderly and young beneficiaries	760	2.8%	786	2.7%	669	2.4%	556	2.0%	547	2.0%
Households with all adults (excluding elderly)	11,384	41.5%	12,186	41.3%	12,360	43.5%	12,595	45.0%	12,521	46.2%
Total	27,461	100.0%	29,511	100.0%	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%

Table A19: Number and Proportion of LTA Households by Household Composition

Household Profile	FY2014	FY2014 (%)	FY2015	FY2015 (%)	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)
1 person aged 65 and above	2,492	64.8%	2,687	63.3%	2,732	62.3%	3,030	68.7%	2,932	68.8%
1 person aged below 65	538	14.0%	523	12.3%	468	10.7%	637	14.4%	732	17.2%
2-or-more-person households	816	21.2%	1,038	24.4%	1,187	27.1%	742	16.8%	597	14.0%
Total	3,846	100.0%	4,248	100.0%	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0