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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. During COVID-19, the Government introduced additional support schemes to further strengthen the social safety net during this extraordinary time. 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 continues to play a critical role in supporting low-income households with their living expenses.

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 <https://msf.gov.sg/ComCare>.



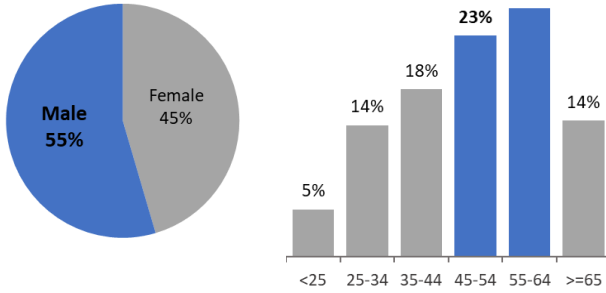
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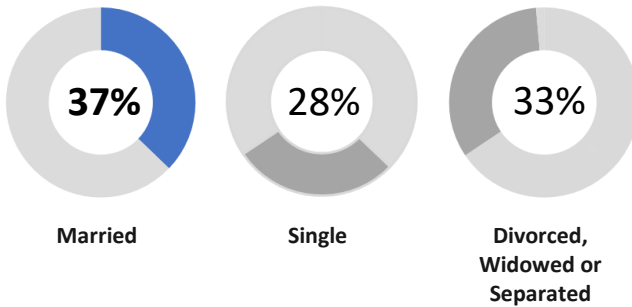
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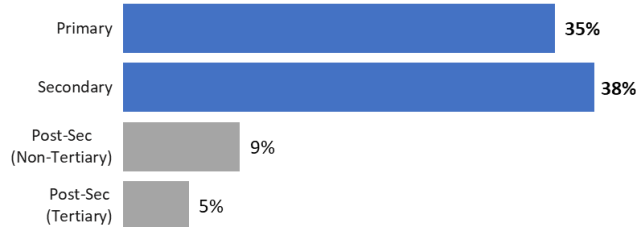
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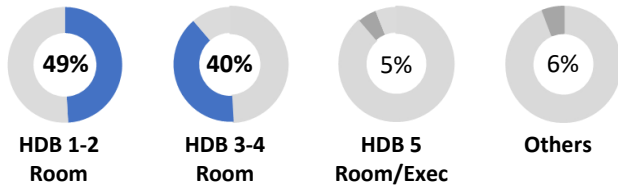
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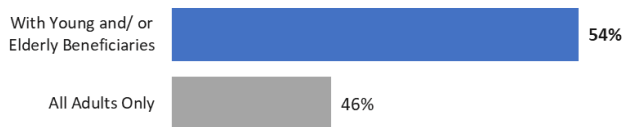
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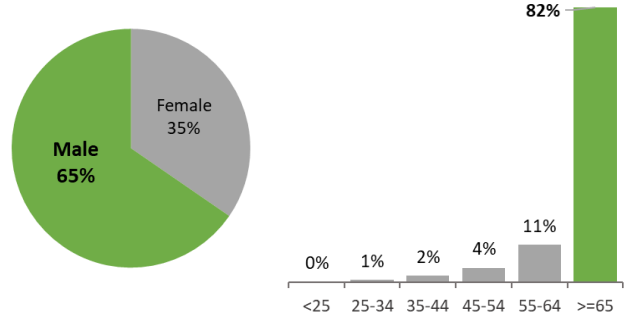
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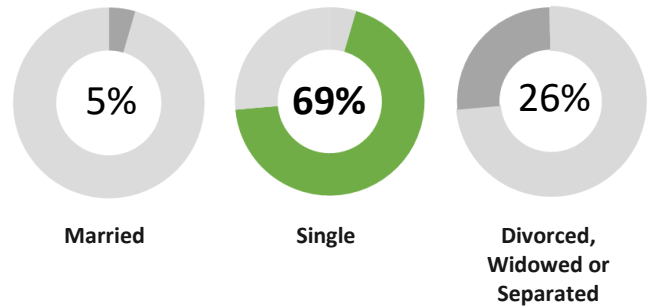
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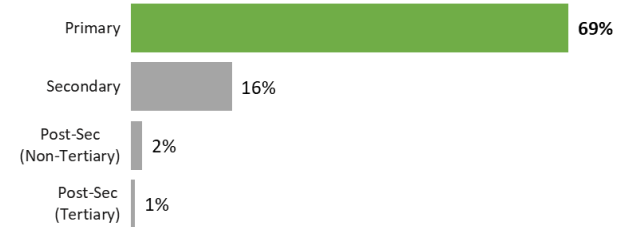
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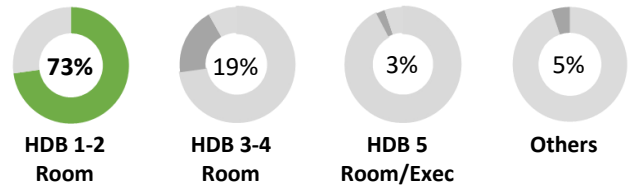
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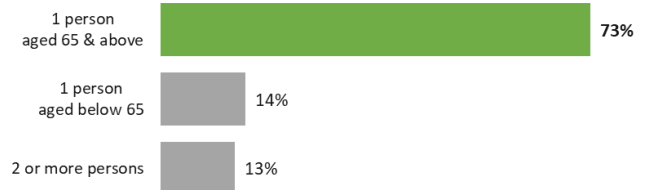
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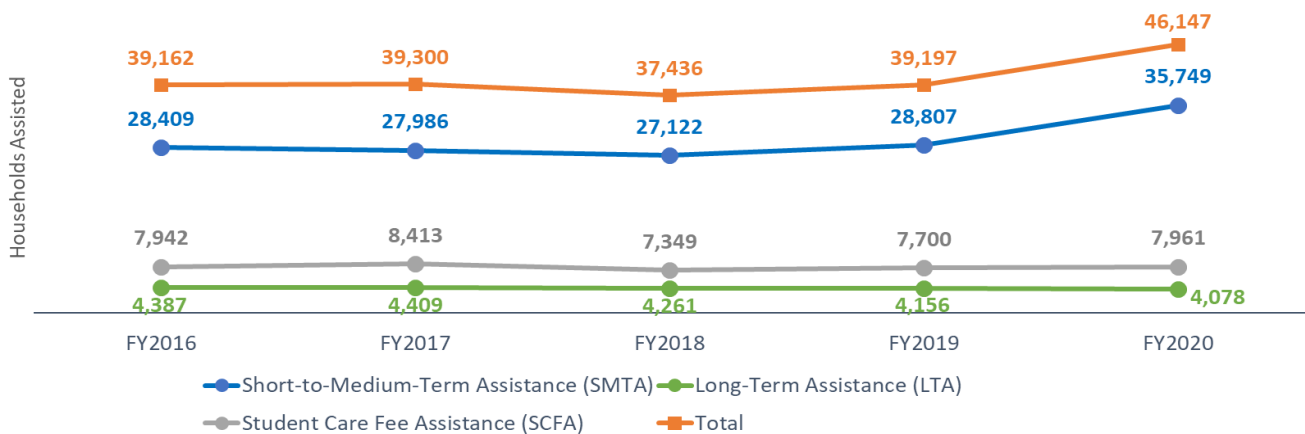


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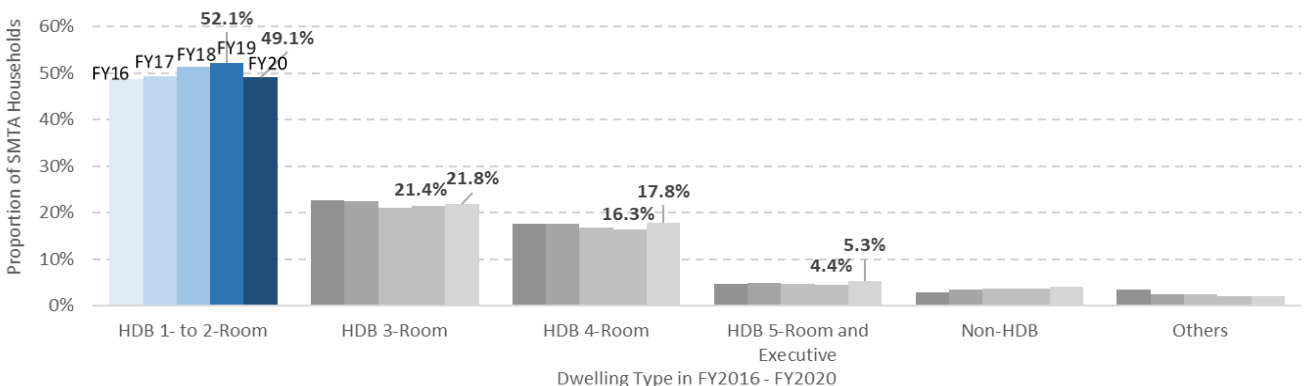


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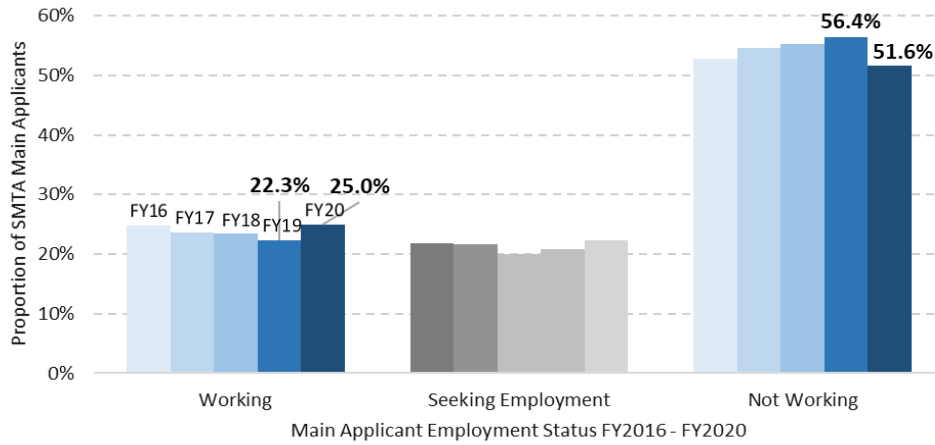
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With the economic impact of COVID-19 affecting the livelihoods of many households, we also observed more individuals and households staying in bigger flats qualifying for ComCare assistance. From FY2019 to FY2020, the proportion of SMTA households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats decreased (52.1% to 49.1%), while the proportion of SMTA households who stayed in HDB 3- to 5-room flats increased (42.1% to 44.9%), reversing the trend from FY2016 to FY2019.



From FY2019 to FY2020, the proportion of SMTA main applicants who were not working decreased (56.4% to 51.6%), while the proportion of SMTA main applicants who were working increased (22.3% to 25.0%), reversing the trend from FY2016 to FY2019.





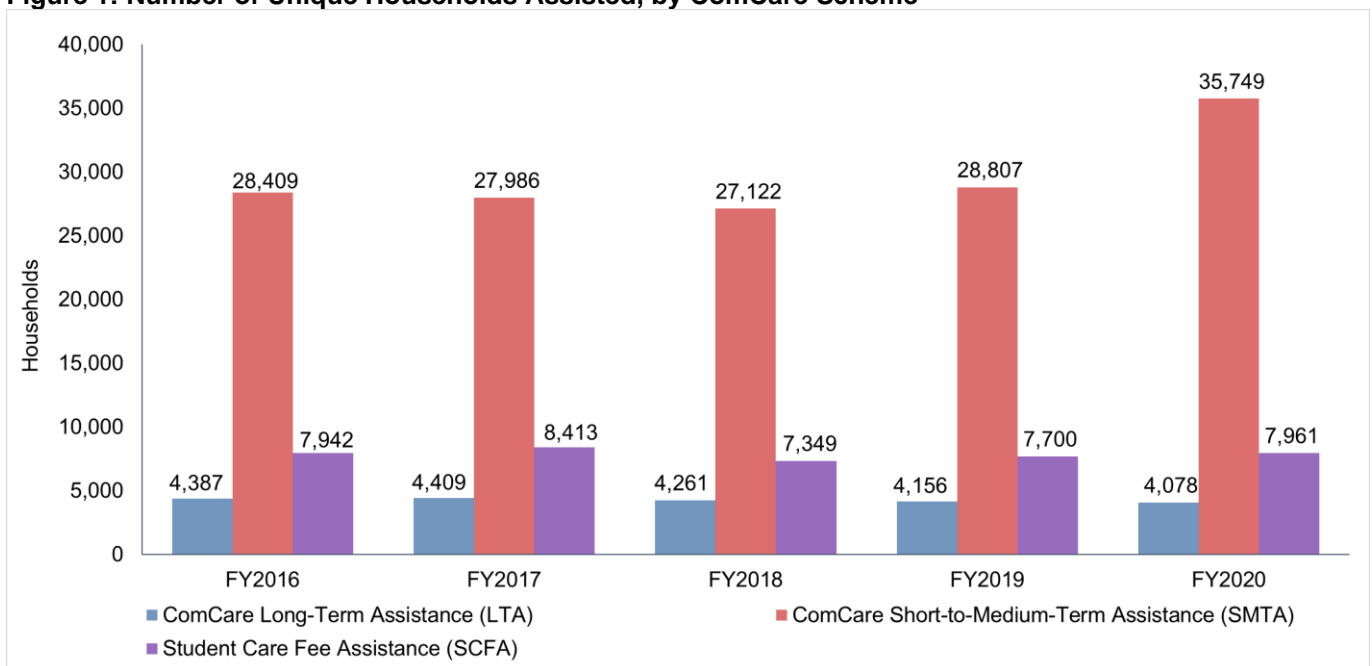
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Figure 1: Number of Unique Households Assisted, by ComCare Scheme



Note(s):

Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year. Hence, the same household might be counted more than once across schemes in a given financial year, if it received assistance from more than one scheme in that year.

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, dwelling type, household size and household composition.

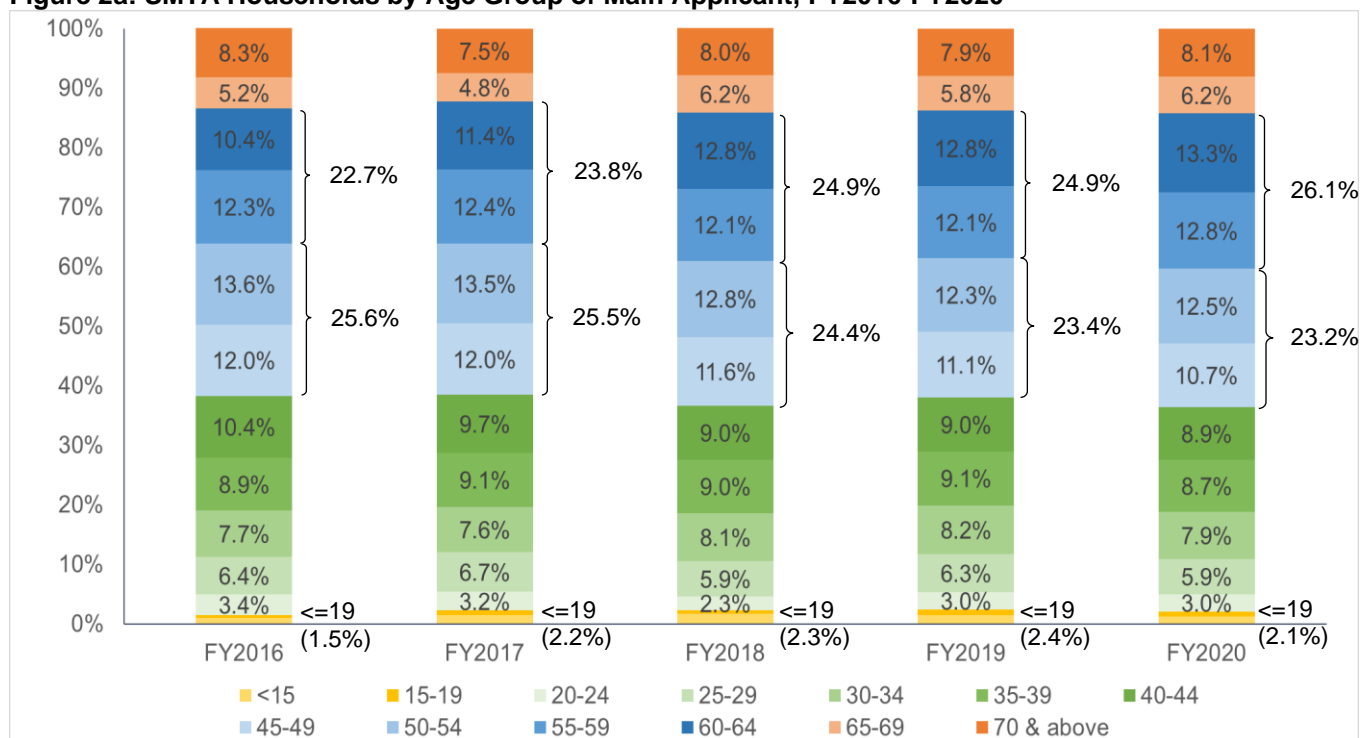
II) ComCare Households – Age Group Distribution

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

3 Households with main applicants aged 45-64 made up approximately half of the households assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent from FY2016 to FY2020.

4 The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 55-64 increased from 22.7% in FY2016 to 24.9% in FY2019, and to 26.1% in FY2020. The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 45-54 decreased from 25.6% in FY2016 to 23.4% in FY2019, and to 23.2% in FY2020.

Figure 2a: SMTA Households by Age Group of Main Applicant, FY2016-FY2020

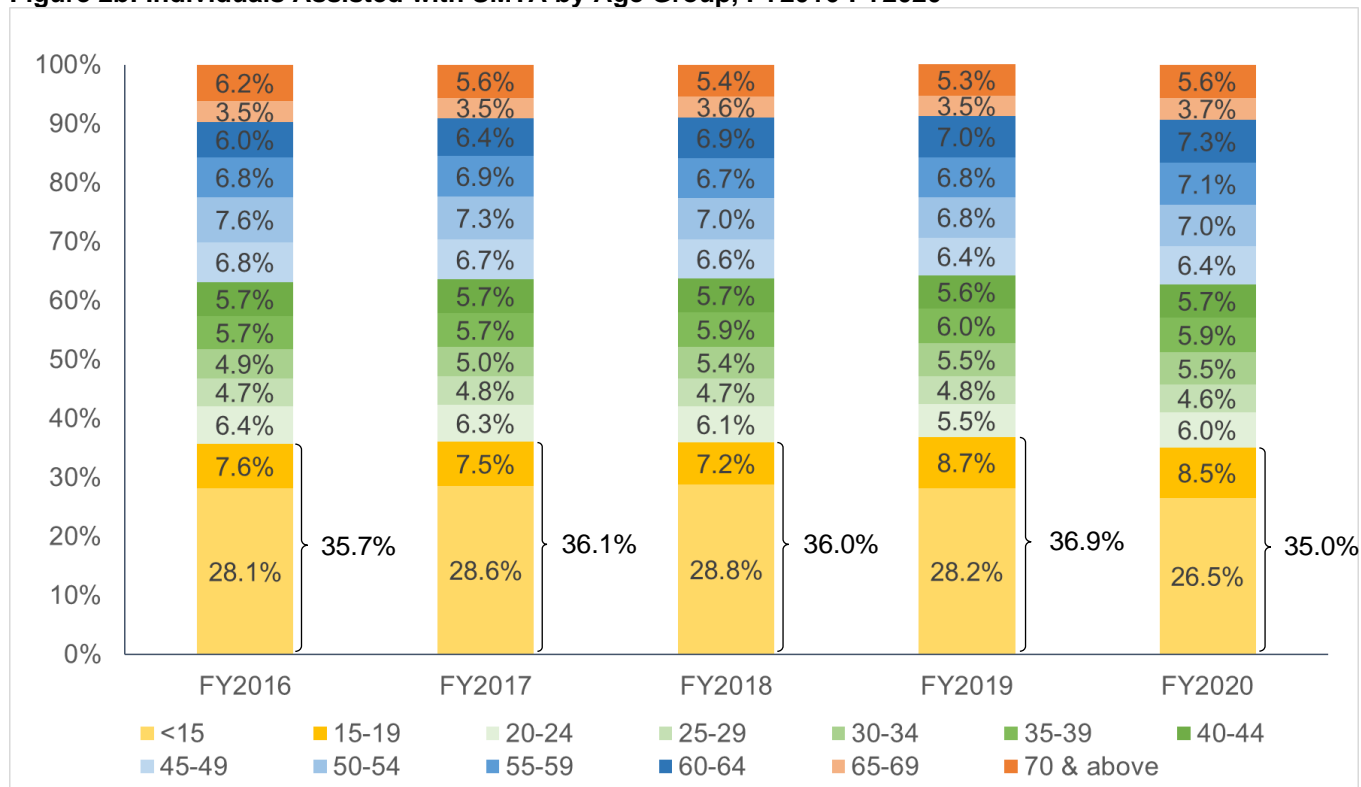


Note(s):

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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 Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with SMTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2016 to FY2020. Individuals aged 19 and below made up slightly over one-third of all individuals assisted with SMTA.

Figure 2b: Individuals Assisted with SMTA by Age Group, FY2016-FY2020



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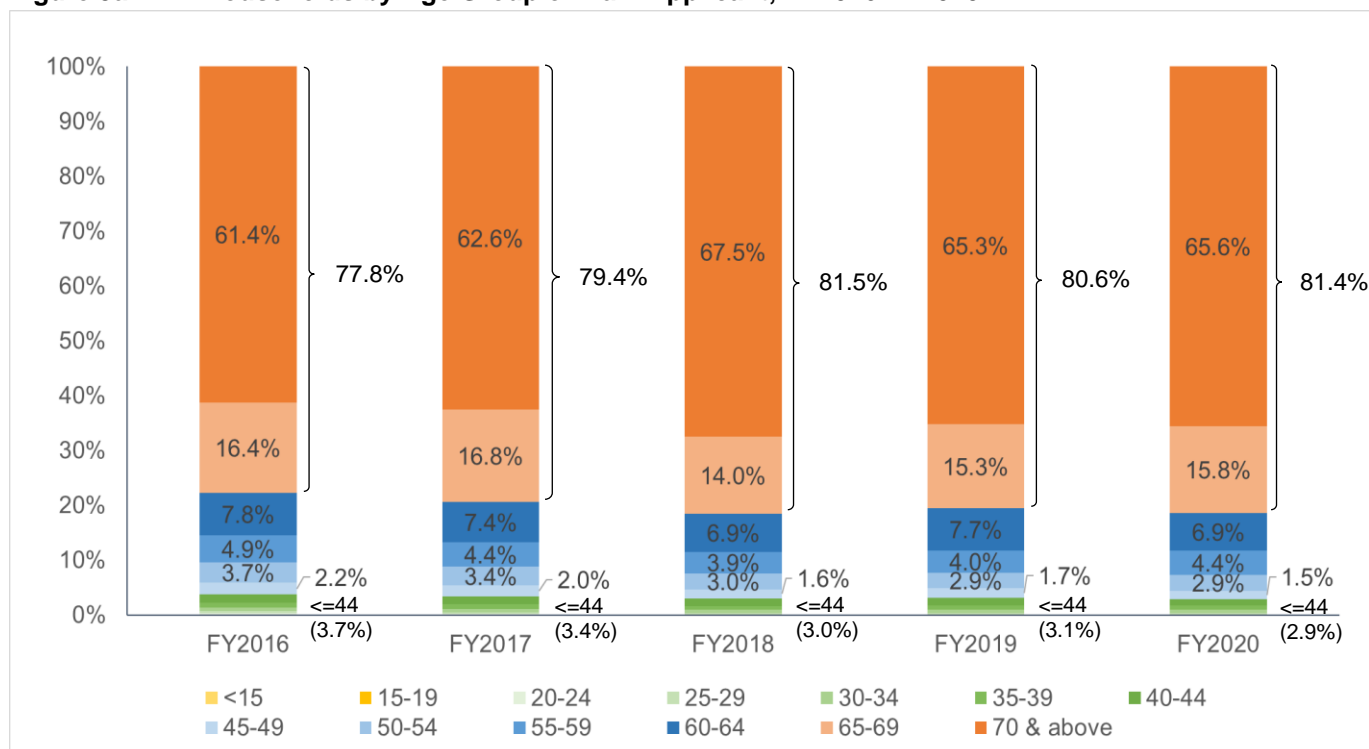
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The majority of Long-Term Assistance main applicants were aged 65 and above

6 Households with main applicants aged 65 and above remained the largest proportion of households assisted with LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020.

7 The proportion of LTA main applicants aged 65 and above has increased consistently from 77.8% in FY2016 to 80.6% in FY2019, and to 81.4% in FY2020.

Figure 3a: LTA Households by Age Group of Main Applicant, FY2016-FY2020

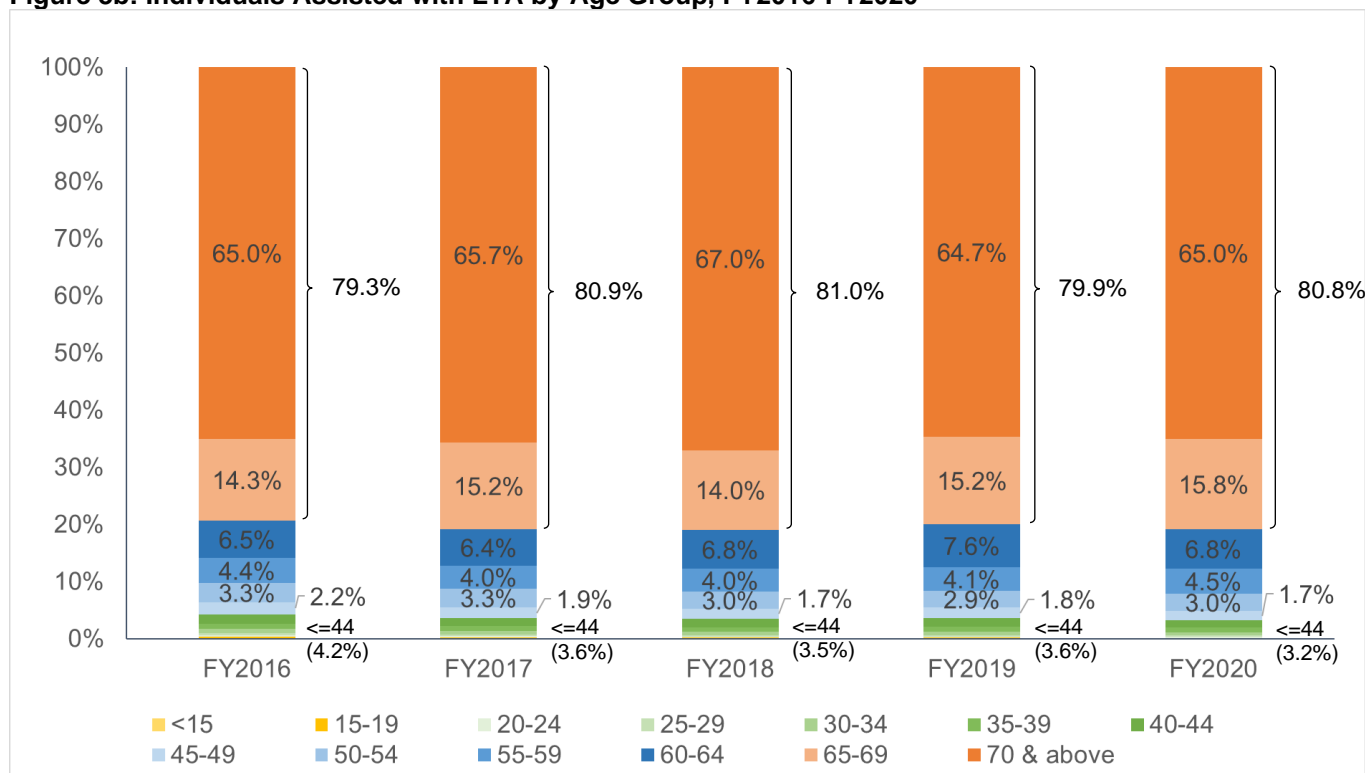


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2. Age was taken as at end of each financial year (i.e. 31 March). There could be main applicants aged below 15 because (i) the adults in the household were incarcerated or (ii) the children were orphans.

8 Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with LTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2016 to FY2020. Individuals aged 65 and above made up about 80% of all individuals assisted with LTA.

Figure 3b: Individuals Assisted with LTA by Age Group, FY2016-FY2020



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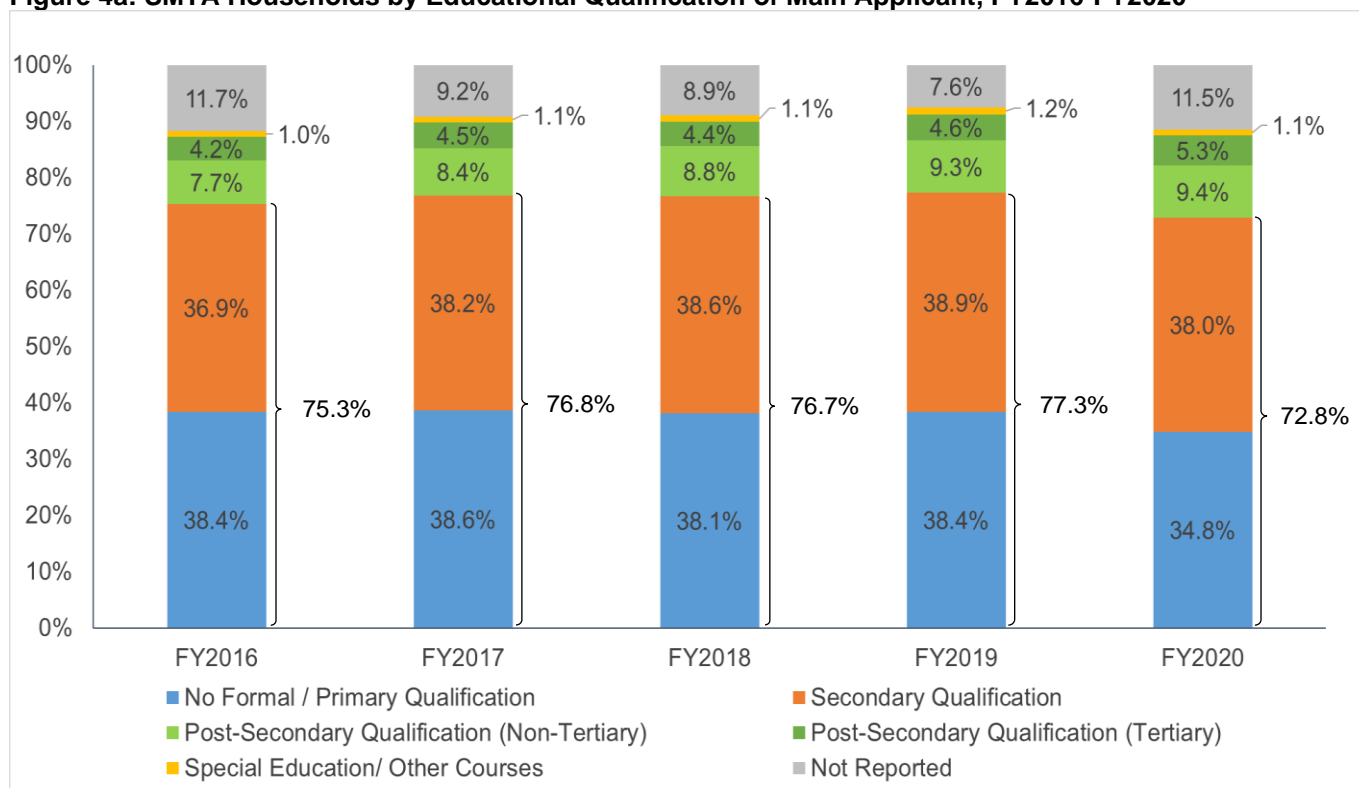
III) ComCare Households – Educational Qualifications

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

9 Households with main applicants with secondary-level education or below remained the largest proportion of households assisted with SMTA. This has been consistent across all years from FY2016 to FY2020.

10 The proportion of SMTA main applicants with secondary-level education or below increased from 75.3% in FY2016 to 77.3% in FY2019, and decreased to 72.8% in FY2020.

Figure 4a: SMTA Households by Educational Qualification of Main Applicant, FY2016-FY2020



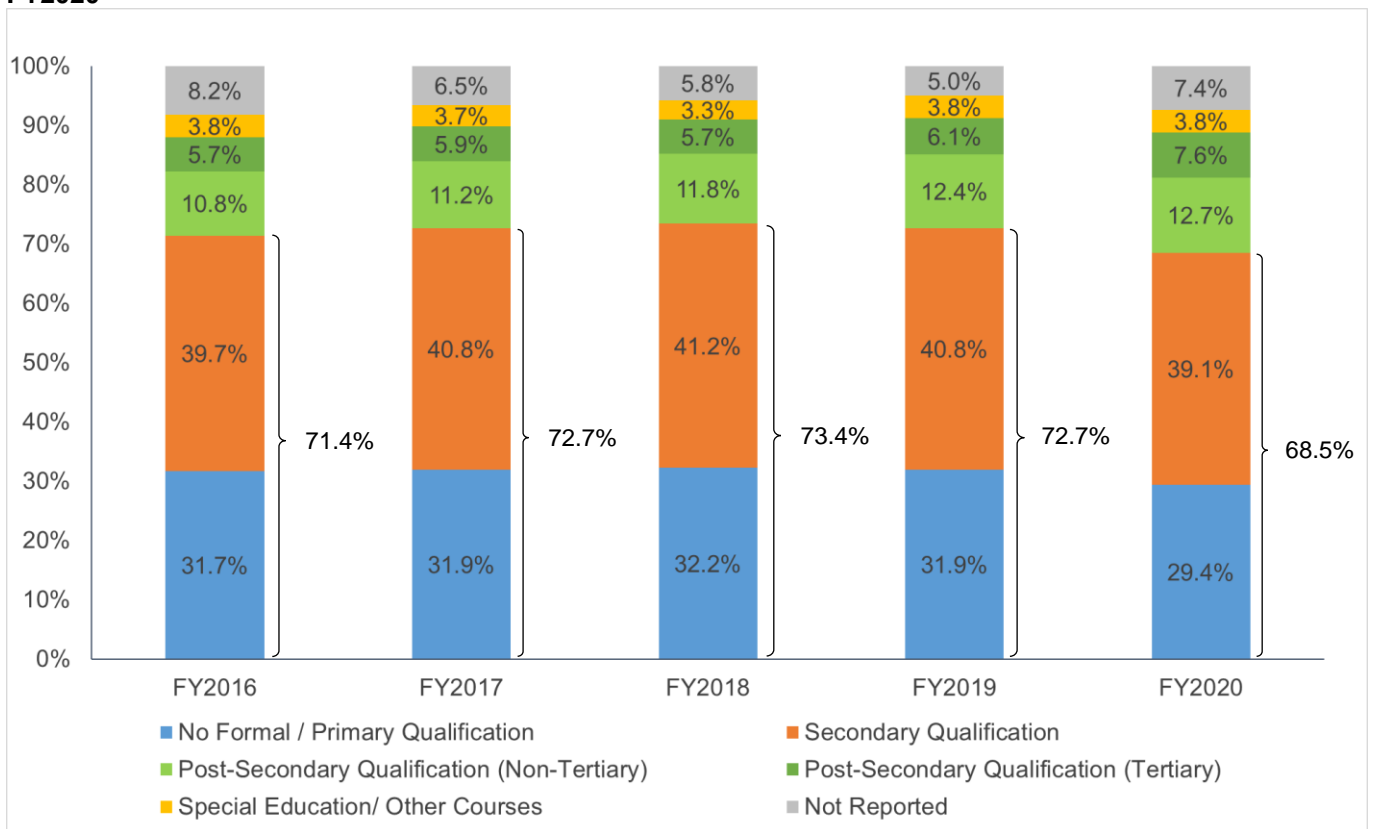
Note(s):

Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.

11 The majority of households assisted with SMTA had household members with a highest education level of secondary-level and below. This has been consistent across all years from FY2016 to FY2020.

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 FY2019, and decreased to 68.5% in FY2020.

Figure 4b: SMTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household, FY2016-FY2020



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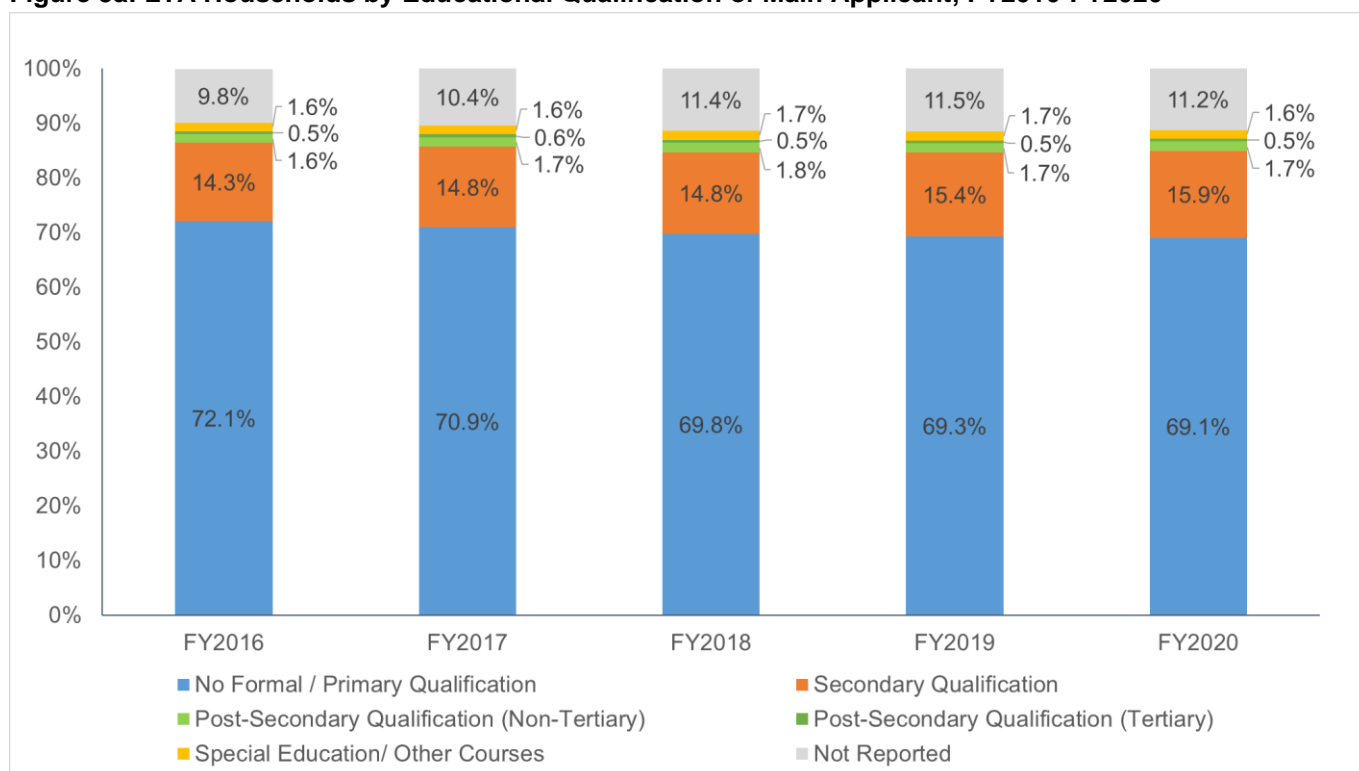
Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.

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

13 Households with main applicants with primary-level education or below remained the largest proportion of households assisted with LTA. This has been consistent across all years from FY2016 to FY2020.

14 The proportion of LTA main applicants with primary-level education or below has been decreasing consistently across FY2016 (72.1%) to FY2019 (69.3%), reaching 69.1% in FY2020.

Figure 5a: LTA Households by Educational Qualification of Main Applicant, FY2016-FY2020



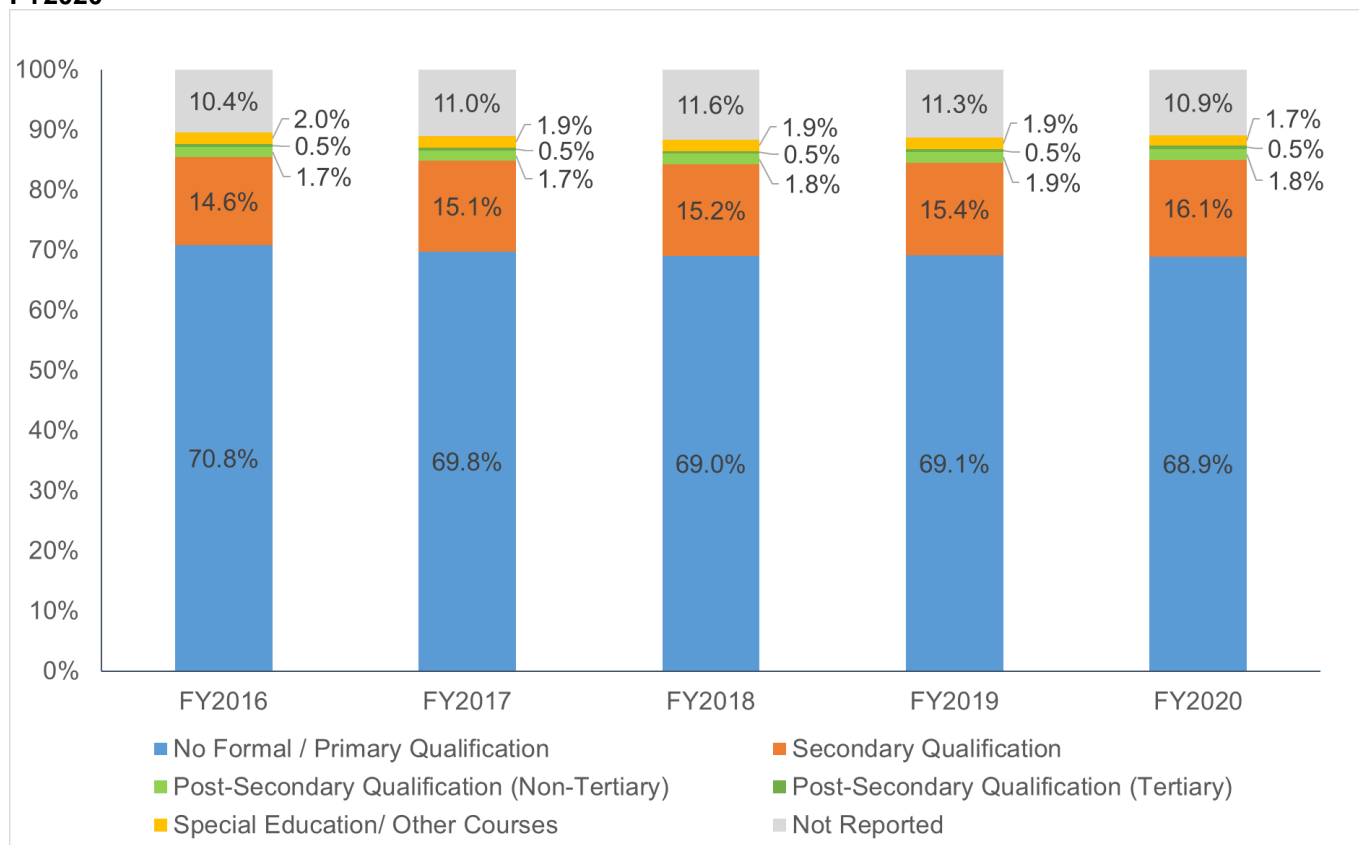
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15 The majority of households assisted with LTA had household members with a highest education level of primary-level education and below. This has been consistent across all years from FY2016 to FY2020.

16 The proportion of LTA households with a highest education level of primary-level education or below decreased from 70.8% in FY2016 to 69.1% in FY2019, and to 68.9% in FY2020.

Figure 5b: LTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household, FY2016-FY2020



Note(s):

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IV) ComCare Households – Employment Status

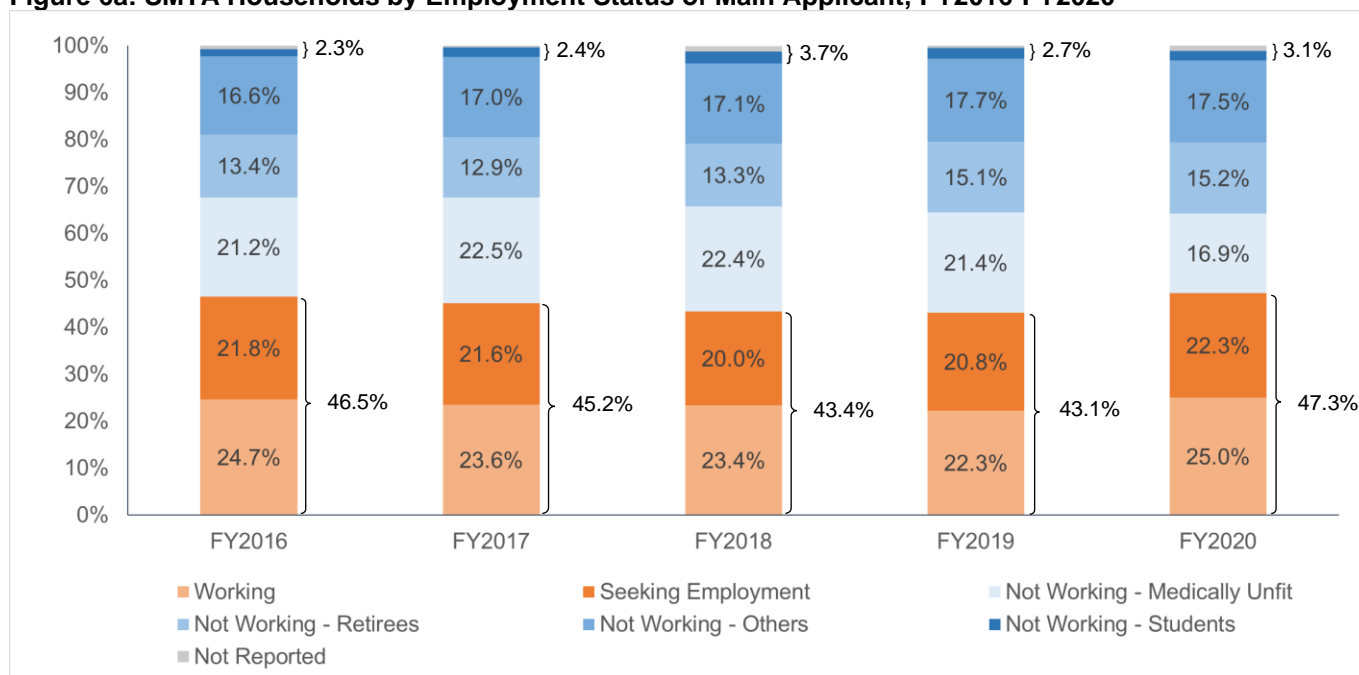
Almost half of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance main applicants were employed or seeking employment

17 Households with main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment made up slightly below half of the households assisted with SMTA. This has been consistent in all years from FY2016 to FY2020.

18 The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment decreased from 46.5% in FY2016 to 43.1% in FY2019, and increased to 47.3% in FY2020.

19 Across the same period, there was an increase in the proportion of retirees from 13.4% in FY2016 to 15.1% in FY2019, and to 15.2% in FY2020.

Figure 6a: SMTA Households by Employment Status of Main Applicant, FY2016-FY2020

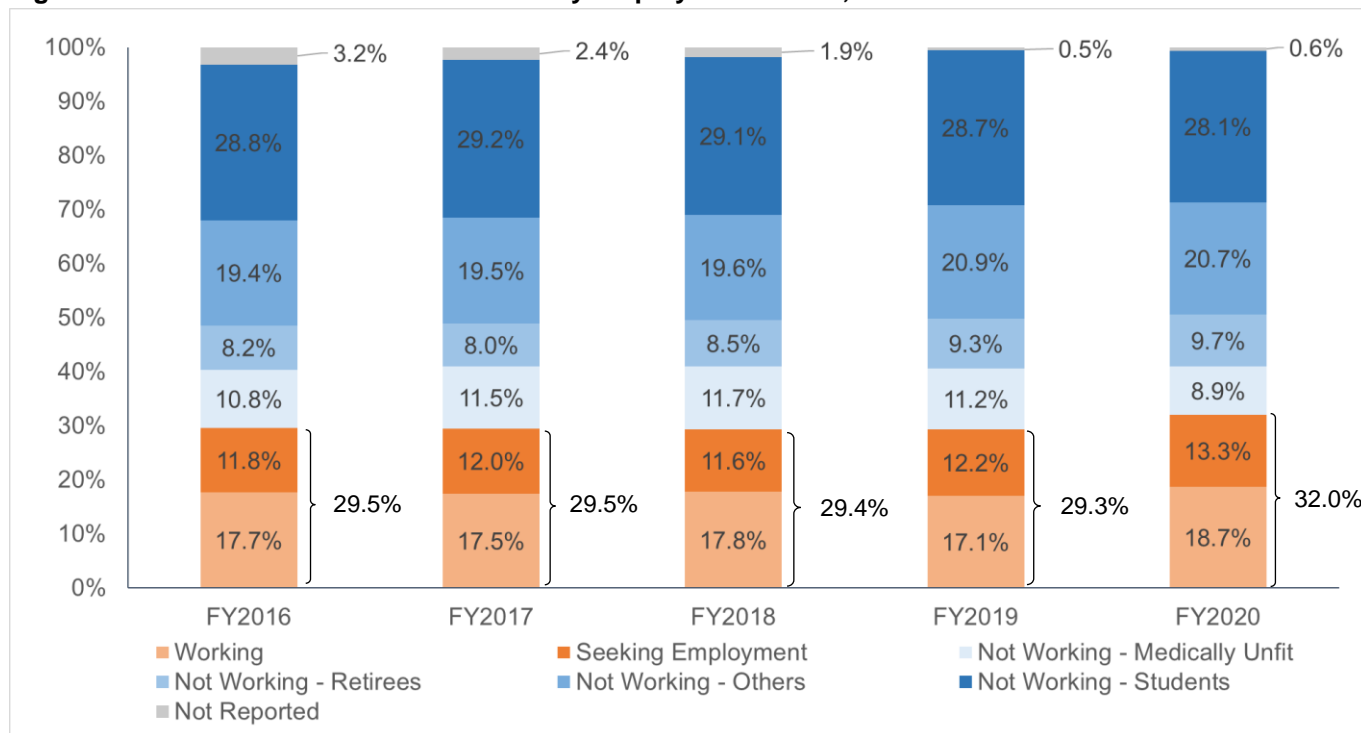


Note(s):

Each household was counted once under respective scheme in each financial year.

20 Those who were either employed or seeking employment made up around 30% of the individuals assisted with SMTA. This has been consistent in all years from FY2016 to FY2020. The largest proportion of non-working individuals comprised students, averaging 29% across FY2016 to FY2020.

Figure 6b: Individuals Assisted with SMTA by Employment Status, FY2016-FY2020

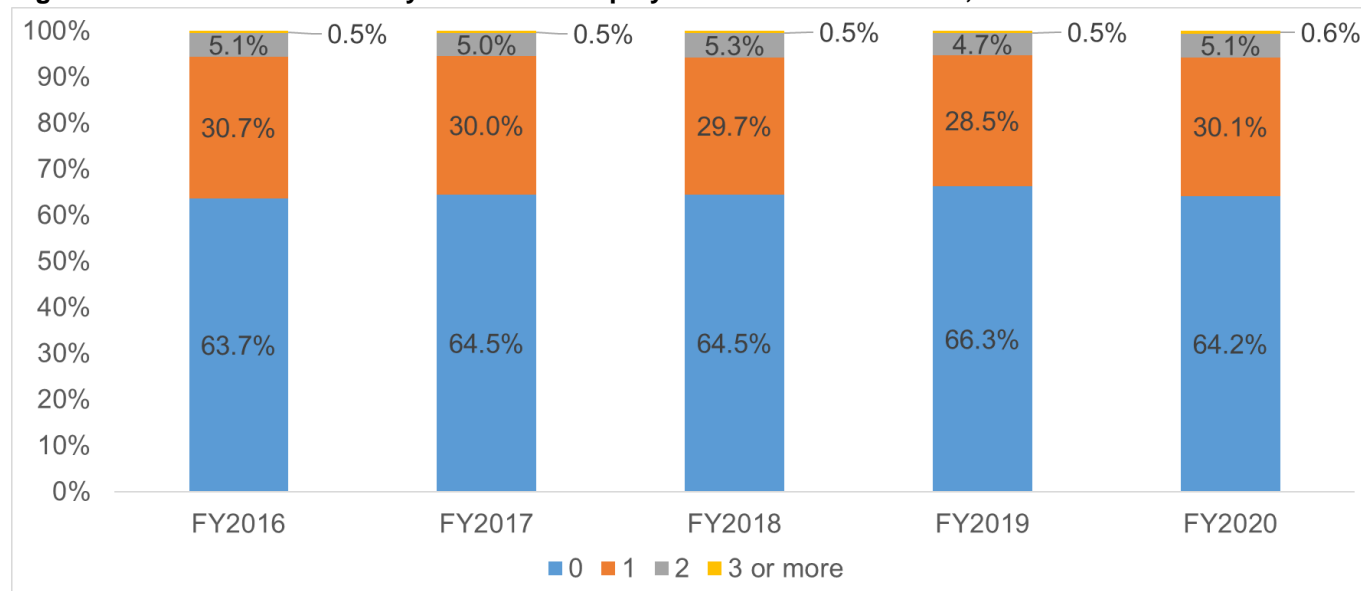


Note(s):

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21 Households with no employed individuals remained the largest proportion of households assisted with SMTA. The proportion of households which had no employed individuals increased from 63.7% in FY2016 to 66.3% in FY2019, and decreased to 64.2% in FY2020. The proportion of households with one employed individual decreased from 30.7% in FY2016 to 28.5% in FY2019, and increased to 30.1% in FY2020.

Figure 6c: SMTA Households by Number of Employed Household Members, FY2016-FY2020



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V) ComCare Households – Marital Status and Gender

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

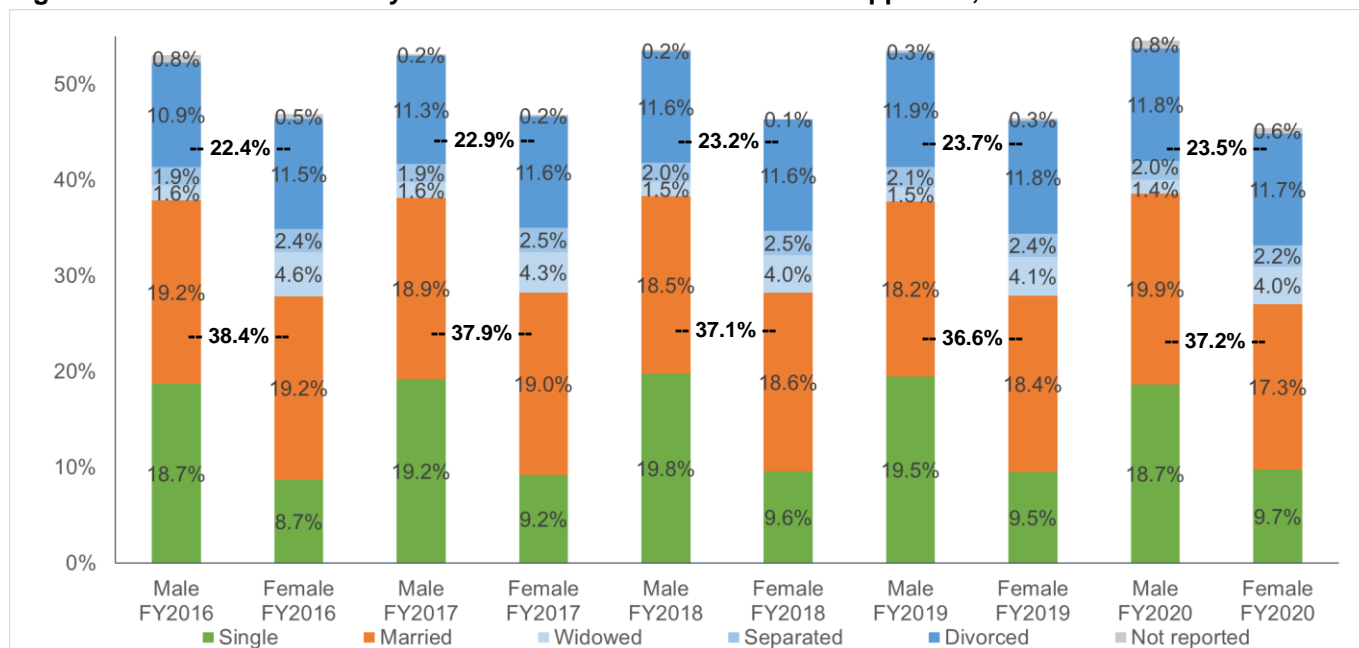
22 Households with main applicants who were married remained the largest proportion of households assisted with SMTA, followed by those who were widowed/separated/divorced, and the singles. This was consistent between FY2016 and FY2020.

23 The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were married decreased from 38.4% in FY2016 to 36.6% in FY2019, and increased to 37.2% in FY2020. The proportion of divorced main applicants increased from 22.4% in FY2016 to 23.7% in FY2019, and decreased slightly to 23.5% in FY2020.

24 Among the singles, the proportion of males remained about twice that of females, across FY2016 to FY2020.

25 The top three marital and gender groups of SMTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2016 to FY2020: married male (19.9%), single male (18.7%) and married female (17.3%) in FY2020.

Figure 7: SMTA Households by Marital Status and Gender of Main Applicant, FY2016-FY2020



Note(s):

Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.

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

26 Households with main applicants who were single remained the largest proportion of households assisted with LTA. This was consistent between FY2016 and FY2020.

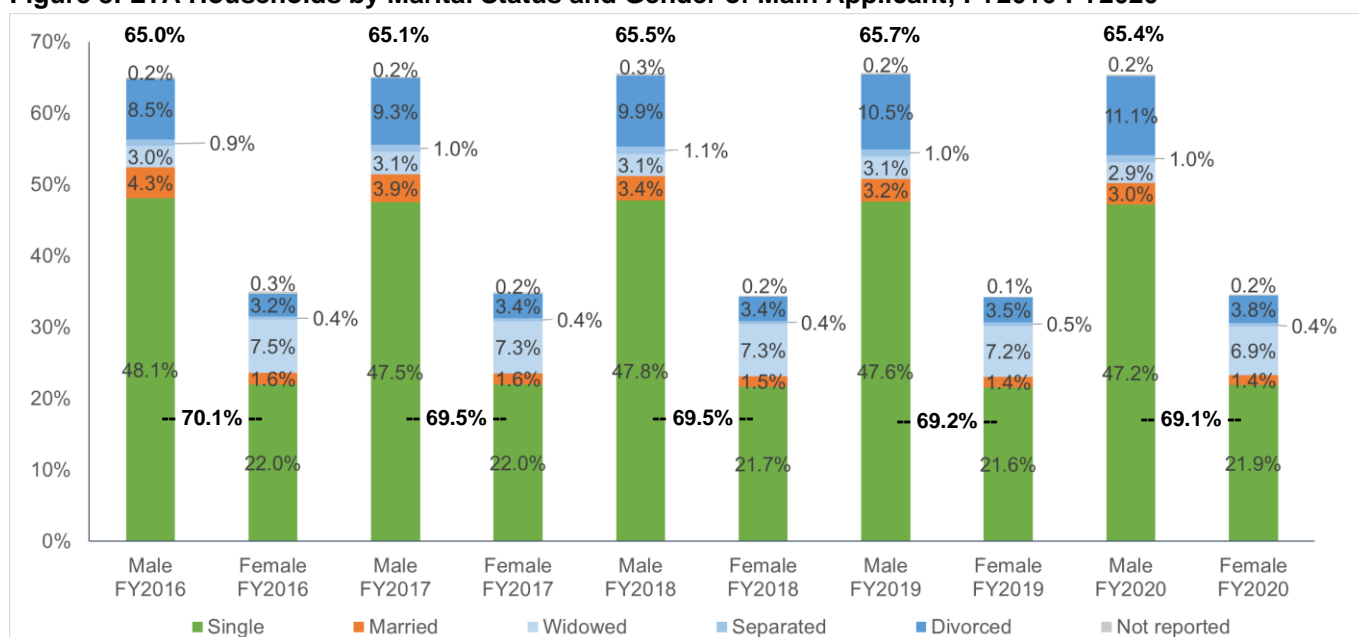
27 The LTA main applicants who were single decreased in proportion slightly, from 70.1% in FY2016 to 69.2% in FY2019, and to 69.1% in FY2020.

28 The proportion of male LTA main applicants made up approximately 65% of the households assisted with LTA. This was consistent between FY2016 and FY2020.

29 The top two groups of LTA main applicants were single male and single female. This was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020. The proportion of single males decreased from 48.1% in FY2016 to 47.6% in FY2019, and to 47.2% in FY2020. The proportion of single females was about 22% across FY2016 to FY2020.

30 Divorced males increased in proportion, from 8.5% in FY2016 to 10.5% in FY2019, and to 11.1% in FY2020. Widowed females decreased in proportion, from 7.5% in FY2016 to 7.2% in FY2019, and to 6.9% in FY2020.

Figure 8: LTA Households by Marital Status and Gender of Main Applicant, FY2016-FY2020



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VI) ComCare Households – Dwelling Type and Household Size

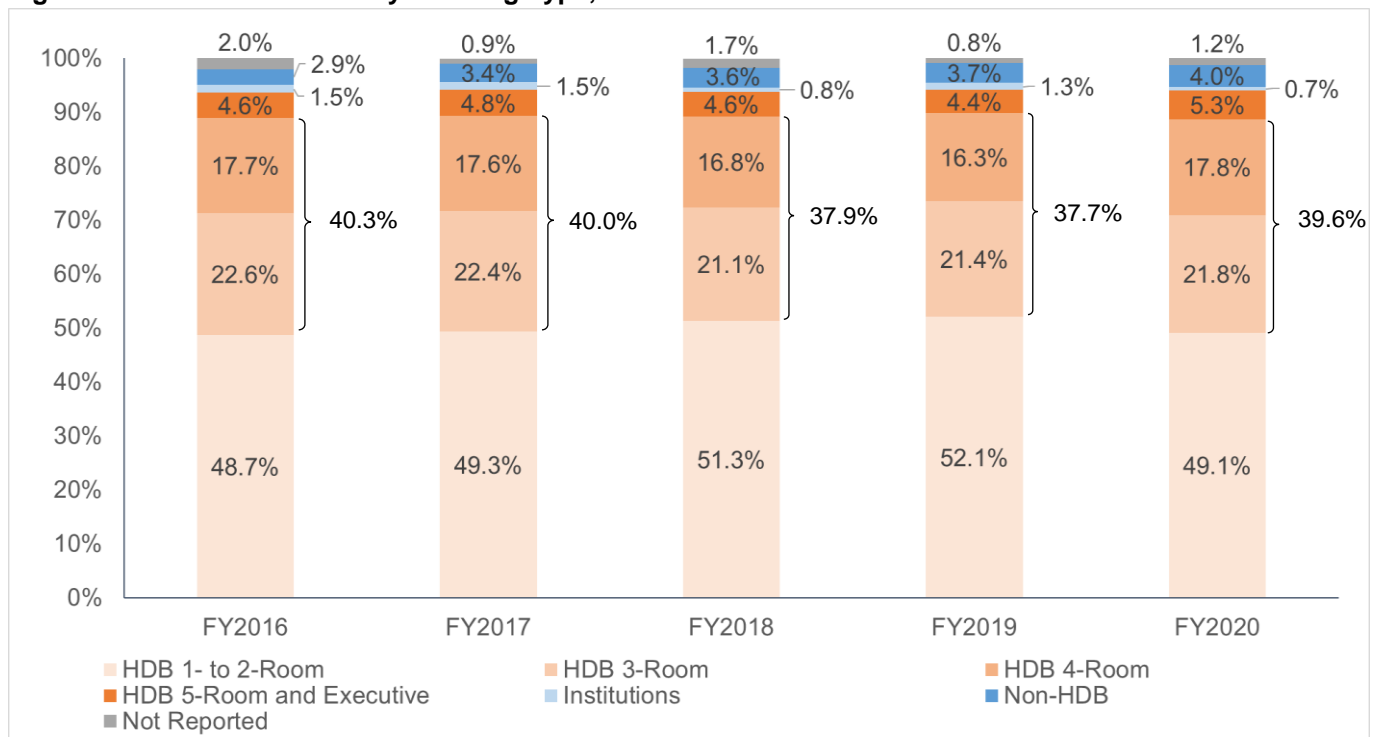
About half of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance households stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats

31 Households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats made up about half of those assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020.

32 The proportion of households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 48.7% in FY2016 to 52.1% in FY2019, and decreased to 49.1% in FY2020.

33 The proportion of households who stayed in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 40.3% in FY2016 to 37.7% in FY2019, and increased to 39.6% in FY2020.

Figure 9: SMTA Households by Dwelling Type, FY2016-FY2020



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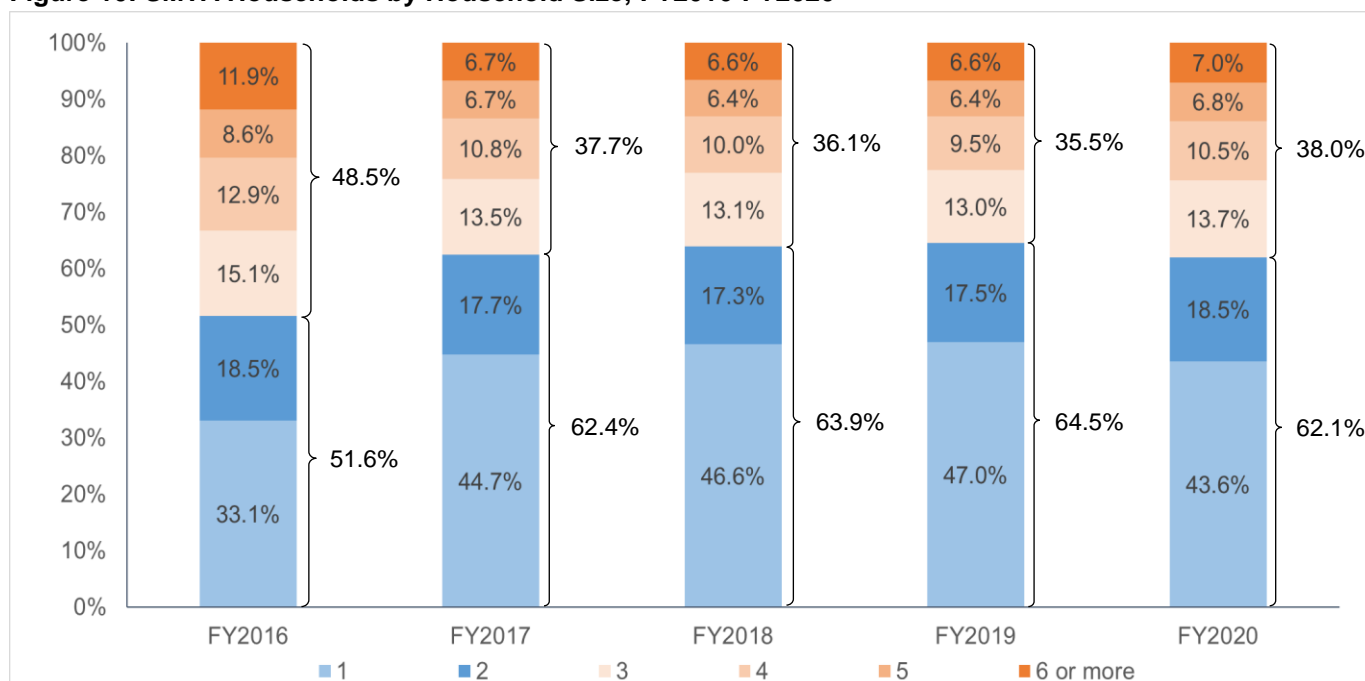
1. Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
2. There were instances of ComCare applicants staying in landed properties. They were not home owners but were staying with family members or friends.

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 with SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020.

35 The proportion of one- to two-person SMTA households increased from 51.6% in FY2016 to 64.5% in FY2019, and decreased to 62.1% in FY2020. The proportion of SMTA households with three or more persons decreased from 48.5% in FY2016 to 35.5% in FY2019, and increased to 38.0% in FY2020.

Figure 10: SMTA Households by Household Size, FY2016-FY2020



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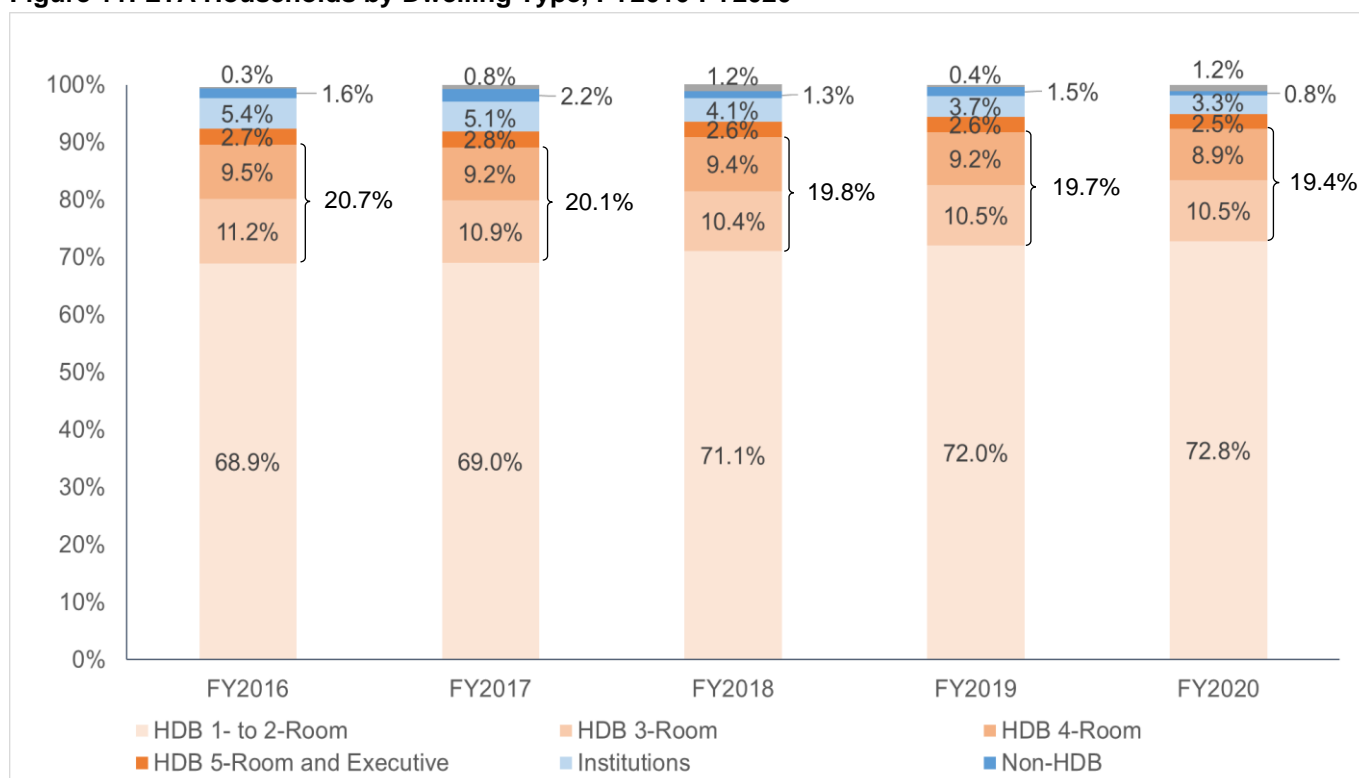
Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.

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 with LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020.

37 The proportion staying in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 68.9% in FY2016 to 72.0% in FY2019, and to 72.8% in FY2020. The proportion staying in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 20.7% in FY2016 to 19.7% in FY2019, and to 19.4% in FY2020.

Figure 11: LTA Households by Dwelling Type, FY2016-FY2020



Note(s):

1. Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
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.

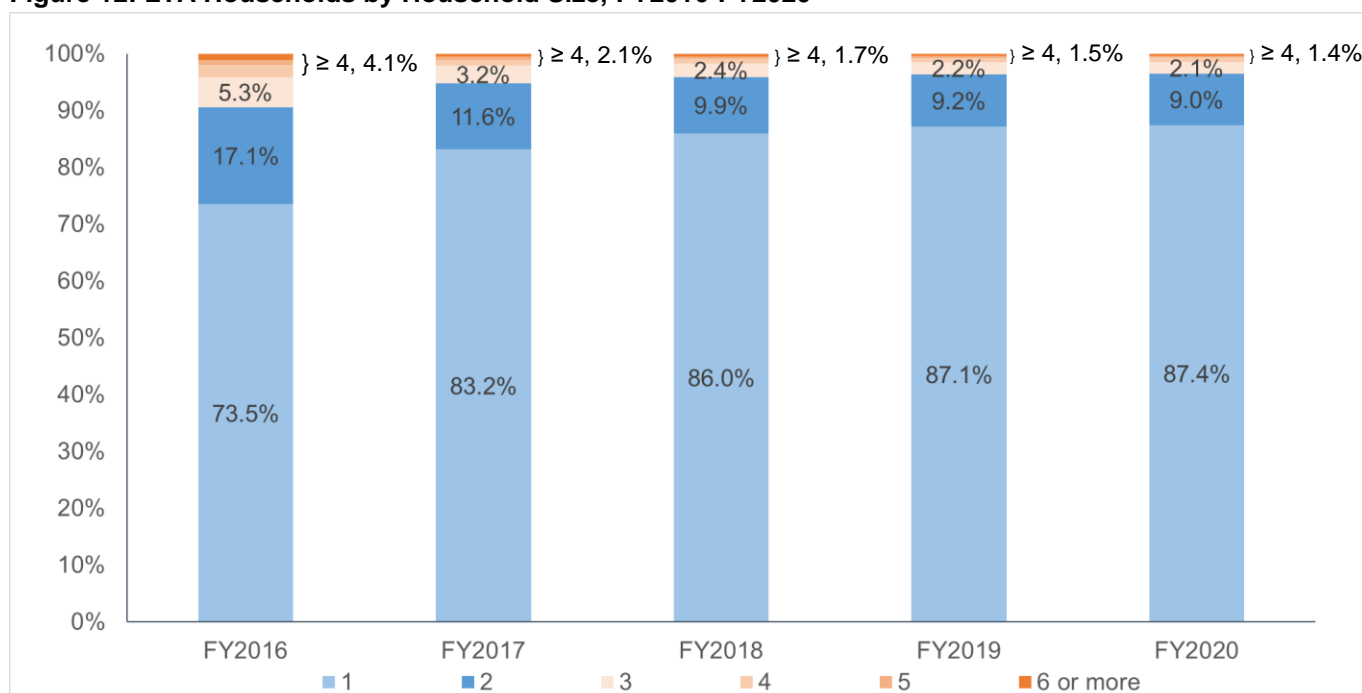
The majority of Long-Term Assistance households remained one-person households

38 One-person households remained the largest proportion of those assisted with LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020.

39 The one-person LTA households increased in proportion, from 73.5% in FY2016 to 87.1% in FY2019, and to 87.4% in FY2020.

40 The proportion of two-person LTA households decreased from 17.1% in FY2016 to 9.2% in FY2019, and to 9.0% in FY2020.

Figure 12: LTA Households by Household Size, FY2016-FY2020



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VII) ComCare Households – Household Composition

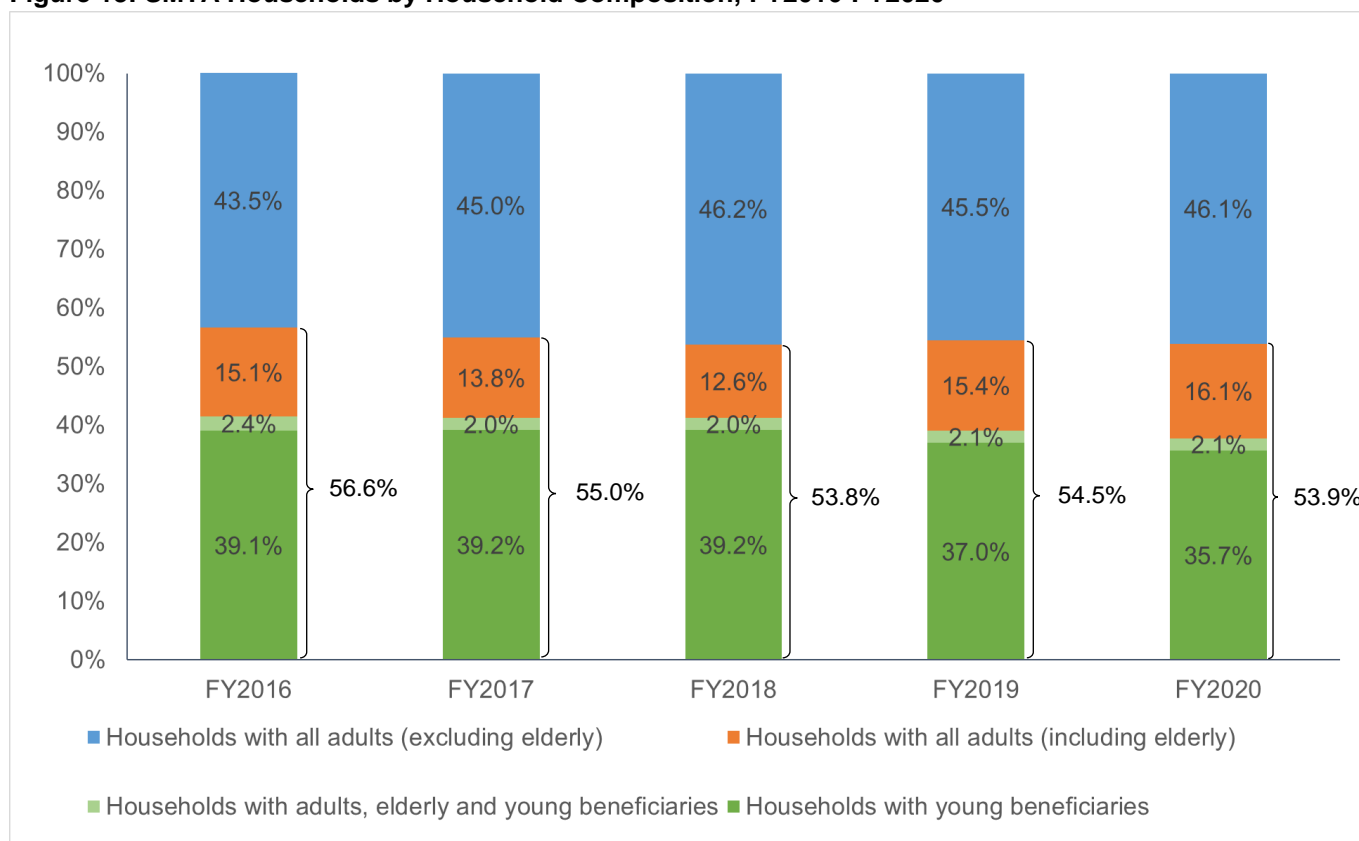
Nearly three-fifths of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance households had elderly and/or children

41 Households with elderly and/or children remained the largest proportion of those assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020.

42 The SMTA households with elderly and/or young beneficiaries decreased in proportion, from 56.6% in FY2016 to 54.5% in FY2019, and to 53.9% in FY2020.

43 Correspondingly, the proportion of SMTA households with only adults increased from 43.5% in FY2016 to 45.5% in FY2019, and to 46.1% in FY2020.

Figure 13: SMTA Households by Household Composition, FY2016-FY2020



Note(s):

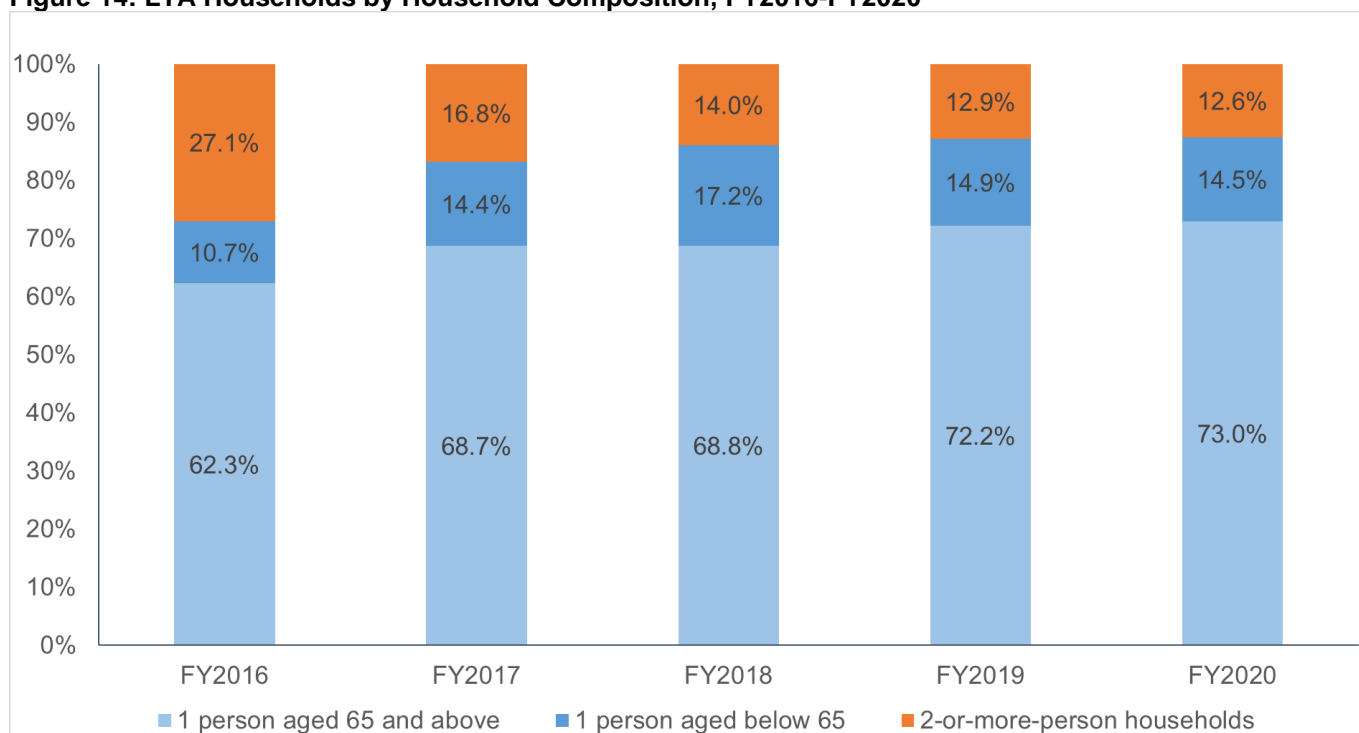
1. Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
2. "Elderly beneficiaries" were defined as those aged 65 and above; "adult beneficiaries" were defined as those aged 21 to 64; and "young beneficiaries" were defined as those aged below 21.

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

44 One-person elderly households remained the largest proportion of those assisted with LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2016 to FY2020.

45 The proportion of households with one elderly person aged 65 and above increased from 62.3% in FY2016 to 72.2% in FY2019, and to 73.0% in FY2020. The proportion of households with one person aged below 65 increased from 10.7% in FY2016 to 14.9% in FY2019, and decreased slightly to 14.5% in FY2020. Households with two or more persons decreased in proportion from 27.1% in FY2016 to 12.9% in FY2019, and to 12.6% in FY2020.

Figure 14: LTA Households by Household Composition, FY2016-FY2020



Note(s):

1. 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 overall number of unique households assisted yearly with SMTA, LTA and SCFA was stable from FY2016 to FY2019 and increased significantly in FY2020. The total number of unique households assisted yearly with LTA and SCFA has remained relatively stable over FY2016 to FY2020. However, with the economic impact of COVID-19, there was a significant increase in the number of households assisted with SMTA in FY2020.
- The majority, or 35,749 households, were assisted with SMTA, and 4,078 households were assisted with LTA in FY2020. There were 7,961 households that received SCFA in FY2020.

Age Group Distribution of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 55-64 increased from 22.7% in FY2016 to 24.9% in FY2019, and to 26.1% in FY2020.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 45-54 decreased from 25.6% in FY2016 to 23.4% in FY2019, and to 23.2% in FY2020.
- Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with SMTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2016 to FY2020. Individuals aged 19 and below made up slightly over one-third of all individuals assisted with SMTA.
- The proportion of LTA main applicants aged 65 and above has increased consistently from 77.8% in FY2016 to 80.6% in FY2019, and to 81.4% in FY2020.
- Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with LTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2016 to FY2020. Individuals aged 65 and above made up about 80% of all individuals assisted with LTA.

Educational Qualifications of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants with secondary-level education or below increased from 75.3% in FY2016 to 77.3% in FY2019, and decreased to 72.8% in FY2020.
- 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 FY2019, and decreased to 68.5% in FY2020.
- The proportion of LTA main applicants with primary-level education or below has been decreasing consistently across FY2016 (72.1%) to FY2019 (69.3%), reaching 69.1% in

FY2020.

- The proportion of LTA households with a highest education level of primary-level education or below decreased from 70.8% in FY2016 to 69.1% in FY2019, and to 68.9% in FY2020.

Employment Status of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment decreased from 46.5% in FY2016 to 43.1% in FY2019, and increased to 47.3% in FY2020.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were retirees increased from 13.4% in FY2016 to 15.1% in FY2019, and to 15.2% in FY2020.
- From FY2016 to FY2020, the proportion of individuals assisted with SMTA who were either employed or seeking employment was around 30%. The largest proportion of non-working individuals were students, averaging 29%.
- The proportion of households which had no employed individuals increased from 63.7% in FY2016 to 66.3% in FY2019, and decreased to 64.2% in FY2020.

Marital Status and Gender of ComCare Households

- The top three marital and gender groups of SMTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2016 to FY2020: married male (19.9%), single male (18.7%) and married female (17.3%) in FY2020.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were married decreased from 38.4% in FY2016 to 36.6% in FY2019, and increased to 37.2% in FY2020.
- The top two marital and gender groups of LTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2016 to FY2020: single male (47.2%) and single female (21.9%) in FY2020.
- The LTA main applicants who were single decreased in proportion slightly, from 70.1% in FY2016 to 69.2% in FY2019, and to 69.1% in FY2020.

Dwelling Type and Household Size of ComCare Households

- The proportion of households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 48.7% in FY2016 to 52.1% in FY2019, and decreased to 49.1% in FY2020.
- The proportion of households who stayed in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 40.3% in FY2016 to 37.7% in FY2019, and increased to 39.6% in FY2020.
- The proportion of one- to two-person SMTA households increased from 51.6% in FY2016 to 64.5% in FY2019, and decreased to 62.1% in FY2020.

- The proportion of SMTA households with three or more persons decreased from 48.5% in FY2016 to 35.5% in FY2019, and increased to 38.0% in FY2020.
- The proportion of LTA households who stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 68.9% in FY2016 to 72.0% in FY2019, and to 72.8% in FY2020.
- The proportion of LTA households staying in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 20.7% in FY2016 to 19.7% in FY2019, and to 19.4% in FY2020.
- The proportion of one-person LTA households increased from 73.5% in FY2016 to 87.1% in FY2019, and to 87.4% in FY2020.
- The proportion of two-person LTA households decreased from 17.1% in FY2016 to 9.2% in FY2019, and to 9.0% in FY2020.

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 56.6% in FY2016 to 54.5% in FY2019, and to 53.9% in FY2020.
- LTA households with one elderly person aged 65 and above increased in proportion, from 62.3% in FY2016 to 72.2% in FY2019, and to 73.0% in FY2020. The proportion of LTA households with one person aged below 65 increased from 10.7% in FY2016 to 14.9% in FY2019, and decreased slightly to 14.5% in FY2020.



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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	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
<15	277	1.0%	402	1.40%	469	1.7%	434	1.5%	438	1.2%
15-19	156	0.5%	221	0.80%	168	0.6%	255	0.9%	295	0.8%
20-24	955	3.4%	882	3.20%	632	2.3%	854	3.0%	1060	3.0%
25-29	1,829	6.4%	1,863	6.70%	1,596	5.9%	1,821	6.3%	2,101	5.9%
30-34	2,174	7.7%	2,127	7.60%	2,188	8.1%	2,373	8.2%	2,833	7.9%
35-39	2,515	8.9%	2,551	9.10%	2,436	9.0%	2,616	9.1%	3,110	8.7%
40-44	2,953	10.4%	2,717	9.70%	2,439	9.0%	2,584	9.0%	3,175	8.9%
45-49	3,420	12.0%	3,347	12.00%	3,134	11.6%	3,204	11.1%	3,841	10.7%
50-54	3,858	13.6%	3,767	13.50%	3,459	12.8%	3,548	12.3%	4,460	12.5%
55-59	3,503	12.3%	3,484	12.40%	3,279	12.1%	3,477	12.1%	4,584	12.8%
60-64	2,941	10.4%	3,188	11.40%	3,464	12.8%	3,675	12.8%	4,741	13.3%
65-69	1,477	5.2%	1,331	4.80%	1,686	6.2%	1,677	5.8%	2,208	6.2%
>=70	2,351	8.3%	2,106	7.50%	2,172	8.0%	2,289	7.9%	2,903	8.1%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.00%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%

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

Age Group	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
<15	18,536	28.1%	18,333	28.6%	17,681	28.8%	18,146	28.2%	21,352	26.5%
15-19	5,004	7.6%	4,812	7.5%	4,420	7.2%	5,599	8.7%	6,849	8.5%
20-24	4,194	6.4%	4,038	6.3%	3,731	6.1%	3,516	5.5%	4,859	6.0%
25-29	3,115	4.7%	3,083	4.8%	2,901	4.7%	3,066	4.8%	3,721	4.6%
30-34	3,234	4.9%	3,190	5.0%	3,322	5.4%	3,567	5.5%	4,428	5.5%
35-39	3,735	5.7%	3,690	5.7%	3,612	5.9%	3,833	6.0%	4,709	5.9%
40-44	3,789	5.7%	3,670	5.7%	3,497	5.7%	3,601	5.6%	4,599	5.7%
45-49	4,481	6.8%	4,328	6.7%	4,076	6.6%	4,131	6.4%	5,179	6.4%
50-54	4,991	7.6%	4,689	7.3%	4,320	7.0%	4,402	6.8%	5,620	7.0%
55-59	4,461	6.8%	4,420	6.9%	4,128	6.7%	4,364	6.8%	5,724	7.1%
60-64	3,966	6.0%	4,140	6.4%	4,240	6.9%	4,492	7.0%	5,891	7.3%
65-69	2,312	3.5%	2,215	3.5%	2,209	3.6%	2,239	3.5%	3,016	3.7%
>=70	4,092	6.2%	3,583	5.6%	3,310	5.4%	3,424	5.3%	4,502	5.6%
Total	65,910	100.0%	64,191	100.0%	61,447	100.0%	64,380	100.0%	80,449	100.0%

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

Age Group	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
<15	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
15-19	3	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
20-24	8	0.2%	5	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.0%	4	0.1%
25-29	16	0.4%	13	0.3%	12	0.3%	12	0.3%	10	0.2%
30-34	30	0.7%	29	0.7%	24	0.6%	24	0.6%	22	0.5%
35-39	39	0.9%	39	0.9%	29	0.7%	33	0.8%	35	0.9%
40-44	63	1.4%	59	1.3%	58	1.4%	57	1.4%	46	1.1%
45-49	96	2.2%	89	2.0%	70	1.6%	72	1.7%	62	1.5%
50-54	161	3.7%	151	3.4%	126	3.0%	119	2.9%	117	2.9%
55-59	213	4.9%	196	4.4%	168	3.9%	168	4.0%	180	4.4%
60-64	342	7.8%	325	7.4%	294	6.9%	319	7.7%	280	6.9%
65-69	721	16.4%	742	16.8%	598	14.0%	636	15.3%	646	15.8%
>=70	2,694	61.4%	2,758	62.6%	2,877	67.5%	2,712	65.3%	2,674	65.6%
Total	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%

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

Age Group	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2019 (%)
<15	7	0.1%	5	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
15-19	9	0.2%	7	0.1%	8	0.2%	8	0.2%	6	0.1%
20-24	13	0.3%	8	0.2%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%	7	0.2%
25-29	18	0.4%	15	0.3%	13	0.3%	13	0.3%	10	0.2%
30-34	35	0.7%	27	0.6%	26	0.6%	26	0.6%	22	0.5%
35-39	42	0.9%	41	0.9%	34	0.8%	38	0.9%	40	0.9%
40-44	78	1.6%	66	1.4%	68	1.5%	66	1.5%	51	1.2%
45-49	105	2.2%	88	1.9%	78	1.7%	80	1.8%	71	1.7%
50-54	158	3.3%	153	3.3%	134	3.0%	128	2.9%	126	3.0%
55-59	213	4.4%	188	4.0%	179	4.0%	180	4.1%	191	4.5%
60-64	310	6.5%	297	6.4%	307	6.8%	331	7.6%	290	6.8%
65-69	686	14.3%	710	15.2%	628	14.0%	666	15.2%	675	15.8%
>=70	3,114	65.0%	3,070	65.7%	3,011	67.0%	2,830	64.7%	2,773	65.0%
Total	4,788	100.0%	4,675	100.0%	4,495	100.0%	4,373	100.0%	4,263	100.0%

ComCare Households – Educational Qualifications

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

Highest Education Attained	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	10,921	38.4%	10,803	38.6%	10,347	38.1%	11,048	38.4%	12,455	34.8%
Secondary Qualification	10,487	36.9%	10,684	38.2%	10,472	38.6%	11,201	38.9%	13,568	38.0%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	2,197	7.7%	2,360	8.4%	2,395	8.8%	2,693	9.3%	3,351	9.4%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	1,190	4.2%	1,250	4.5%	1,195	4.4%	1,329	4.6%	1,882	5.3%
Special Education/ Other Courses	298	1.0%	304	1.1%	304	1.1%	340	1.2%	381	1.1%
Not Reported	3,316	11.7%	2,585	9.2%	2,409	8.9%	2,196	7.6%	4,112	11.5%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	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 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	9,003	31.7%	8,935	31.9%	8,741	32.2%	9,202	31.9%	10,504	29.4%
Secondary Qualification	11,288	39.7%	11,409	40.8%	11,170	41.2%	11,739	40.8%	13,991	39.1%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	3,081	10.8%	3,136	11.2%	3,197	11.8%	3,575	12.4%	4,533	12.7%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	1,618	5.7%	1,645	5.9%	1,553	5.7%	1,755	6.1%	2,730	7.6%
Special Education/ Other Courses	1,083	3.8%	1,029	3.7%	899	3.3%	1,105	3.8%	1,345	3.8%
Not Reported	2,336	8.2%	1,832	6.5%	1,562	5.8%	1,431	5.0%	2,646	7.4%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%

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

Highest Education Attained	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019(%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	3,165	72.1%	3,124	70.9%	2,973	69.8%	2,879	69.3%	2,816	69.1%
Secondary Qualification	627	14.3%	654	14.8%	631	14.8%	638	15.4%	648	15.9%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	71	1.6%	75	1.7%	75	1.8%	70	1.7%	69	1.7%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	24	0.5%	26	0.6%	23	0.5%	20	0.5%	21	0.5%
Special Education/ Other Courses	72	1.6%	72	1.6%	73	1.7%	71	1.7%	67	1.6%
Not Reported	428	9.8%	458	10.4%	486	11.4%	478	11.5%	457	11.2%
Total	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	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 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	3,106	70.8%	3,076	69.8%	2,941	69.0%	2,871	69.1%	2,811	68.9%
Secondary Qualification	641	14.6%	664	15.1%	647	15.2%	641	15.4%	655	16.1%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	76	1.7%	32	1.7%	77	1.8%	77	1.9%	75	1.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	20	0.5%	67	0.5%	20	0.5%	19	0.5%	21	0.5%
Special Education / Other Courses	87	2.0%	85	1.9%	81	1.9%	79	1.9%	70	1.7%
Not Reported	457	10.4%	485	11.0%	495	11.6%	469	11.3%	446	10.9%
Total	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%

ComCare Households – Employment Status

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

Employment Status	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
Working	7,022	24.7%	6,595	23.6%	6,347	23.4%	6,414	22.3%	8,946	25.0%
Seeking Employment	6,181	21.8%	6,038	21.6%	5,421	20.0%	5,998	20.8%	7,957	22.3%
Not Working - Medically Unfit	6,031	21.2%	6,302	22.5%	6,083	22.4%	6,155	21.4%	6,056	16.9%
Not Working - Retirees	3,798	13.4%	3,620	12.9%	3,616	13.3%	4,349	15.1%	5,416	15.2%
Not Working - Students	428	1.5%	600	2.1%	665	2.5%	642	2.2%	710	2.0%
Not Working - Others	4,729	16.6%	4,745	17.0%	4,651	17.1%	5,105	17.7%	6,268	17.5%
Not Reported	220	0.8%	86	0.3%	339	1.2%	144	0.5%	396	1.1%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%

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

Employment Status	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019(%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
Working	11,665	17.7%	11,218	17.5%	10,917	17.8%	10,997	17.1%	15,050	18.7%
Seeking Employment	7,806	11.8%	7,709	12.0%	7,111	11.6%	7,882	12.2%	10,718	13.3%
Not Working - Medically Unfit	7,150	10.8%	7,360	11.5%	7,180	11.7%	7,242	11.2%	7,155	8.9%
Not Working - Retirees	5,404	8.2%	5,136	8.0%	5,201	8.5%	5,983	9.3%	7,783	9.7%
Not Working - Students	18,975	28.8%	18,743	29.2%	17,869	29.1%	18,504	28.7%	22,583	28.1%
Not Working - Others	12,803	19.4%	12,512	19.5%	12,029	19.6%	13,449	20.9%	16,657	20.7%
Not Reported	2,107	3.2%	1,513	2.4%	1,140	1.9%	323	0.5%	503	0.6%
Total	65,910	100.0%	64,191	100.0%	61,447	100.0%	64,380	100.0%	80,449	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 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
0	18,090	63.7%	18,053	64.5%	17,506	64.5%	19,094	66.3%	22,948	64.2%
1	8,731	30.7%	8,398	30.0%	8,049	29.7%	8,207	28.5%	10,761	30.1%
2	1,460	5.1%	1,408	5.0%	1,443	5.3%	1,365	4.7%	1,833	5.1%
3 or more	128	0.5%	127	0.5%	124	0.5%	141	0.5%	207	0.6%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	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	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
Single	Female	2,482	8.7%	2,581	9.2%	2,598	9.6%	2,740	9.5%	3,485	9.7%
	Male	5,306	18.7%	5,375	19.2%	5,368	19.8%	5,617	19.5%	6,671	18.7%
Married	Female	5,450	19.2%	5,317	19.0%	5,052	18.6%	5,296	18.4%	6,173	17.3%
	Male	5,446	19.2%	5,298	18.9%	5,023	18.5%	5,257	18.2%	7,125	19.9%
Widowed	Female	1,319	4.6%	1,196	4.3%	1,078	4.0%	1,185	4.1%	1,421	4.0%
	Male	462	1.6%	454	1.6%	413	1.5%	433	1.5%	515	1.4%
Separated	Female	685	2.4%	704	2.5%	676	2.5%	680	2.4%	789	2.2%
	Male	530	1.9%	540	1.9%	548	2.0%	602	2.1%	699	2.0%
Divorced	Female	3,262	11.5%	3,253	11.6%	3,152	11.6%	3,409	11.8%	4,167	11.7%
	Male	3,099	10.9%	3,153	11.3%	3,136	11.6%	3,437	11.9%	4,211	11.8%
Not reported	Female	153	0.5%	48	0.2%	25	0.1%	78	0.3%	214	0.6%
	Male	215	0.8%	67	0.2%	53	0.2%	73	0.3%	279	0.8%
Total	Female	13,351	47.0%	13,099	46.8%	12,581	46.4%	13,388	46.5%	16,249	45.5%
	Male	15,058	53.0%	14,887	53.2%	14,541	53.6%	15,419	53.5%	19,500	54.5%

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

Marital Status	Gender	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
Single	Female	965	22.0%	970	22.0%	924	21.7%	898	21.6%	892	21.9%
	Male	2,111	48.1%	2,094	47.5%	2,036	47.8%	1,980	47.6%	1,925	47.2%
Married	Female	70	1.6%	69	1.6%	63	1.5%	60	1.4%	58	1.4%
	Male	190	4.3%	174	3.9%	144	3.4%	131	3.2%	124	3.0%
Widowed	Female	327	7.5%	322	7.3%	310	7.3%	299	7.2%	280	6.9%
	Male	131	3.0%	138	3.1%	134	3.1%	130	3.1%	117	2.9%
Separated	Female	19	0.4%	18	0.4%	19	0.4%	19	0.5%	18	0.4%
	Male	40	0.9%	45	1.0%	45	1.1%	42	1.0%	42	1.0%
Divorced	Female	139	3.2%	150	3.4%	144	3.4%	144	3.5%	156	3.8%
	Male	372	8.5%	411	9.3%	422	9.9%	437	10.5%	451	11.1%
Not reported	Female	14	0.3%	9	0.2%	8	0.2%	6	0.1%	7	0.2%
	Male	9	0.2%	9	0.2%	12	0.3%	10	0.2%	8	0.2%
Total	Female	1,534	35.0%	1,538	34.9%	1,468	34.5%	1,426	34.3%	1,411	34.6%
	Male	2,853	65.0%	2,871	65.1%	2,793	65.5%	2,730	65.7%	2,667	65.4%

ComCare Households – Dwelling Type and Household Size

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

Dwelling Type	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
HDB 1- to 2-Room	13,834	48.7%	13,806	49.3%	13,910	51.3%	15,001	52.1%	17,566	49.1%
HDB 3-Room	6,407	22.6%	6,256	22.4%	5,734	21.1%	6,173	21.4%	7,805	21.8%
HDB 4-Room	5,027	17.7%	4,935	17.6%	4,549	16.8%	4,693	16.3%	6,350	17.8%
HDB 5-Room and Executive	1,311	4.6%	1,348	4.8%	1,252	4.6%	1,259	4.4%	1,890	5.3%
Institutions	425	1.5%	427	1.5%	220	0.8%	373	1.3%	260	0.7%
Condominiums and Other Apartments	69	0.2%	69	0.2%	64	0.2%	62	0.2%	132	0.4%
Landed Properties	47	0.2%	59	0.2%	53	0.2%	42	0.1%	78	0.2%
Others - Interim Rental Housing / Shop houses, etc.	717	2.5%	847	3.0%	876	3.2%	964	3.3%	1,225	3.4%
Not Reported	572	2.0%	239	0.9%	464	1.7%	240	0.8%	443	1.2%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%

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

Dwelling Type	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
HDB 1- to 2-Room	3,023	68.9%	3,041	69.0%	3,031	71.1%	2,994	72.0%	2,970	72.8%
HDB 3-Room	492	11.2%	482	10.9%	444	10.4%	436	10.5%	430	10.5%
HDB 4-Room	415	9.5%	406	9.2%	399	9.4%	383	9.2%	364	8.9%
HDB 5-Room and Executive Institutions¹	117	2.7%	123	2.8%	109	2.6%	110	2.6%	103	2.5%
Condominiums and Other Apartments	8	0.2%	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	8	0.2%	7	0.2%
Landed Properties	9	0.2%	10	0.2%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%
Others - Interim Rental Housing / Shop houses etc.	53	1.2%	79	1.8%	37	0.9%	46	1.1%	15	0.4%
Not Reported	35	0.8%	37	0.8%	50	1.2%	17	0.4%	47	1.2%
Total	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	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	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
1	9,400	33.1%	12,518	44.7%	12,647	46.6%	13,531	47.0%	15,572	43.6%
2	5,257	18.5%	4,959	17.7%	4,694	17.3%	5,044	17.5%	6,601	18.5%
3	4,283	15.1%	3,768	13.5%	3,564	13.1%	3,737	13.0%	4,885	13.7%
4	3,657	12.9%	3,010	10.8%	2,699	10.0%	2,745	9.5%	3,749	10.5%
5	2,433	8.6%	1,865	6.7%	1,737	6.4%	1,837	6.4%	2,442	6.8%
6 or more	3,379	11.9%	1,866	6.7%	1,781	6.6%	1,913	6.6%	2,500	7.0%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%

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

Household Size	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
1	3,225	73.5%	3,667	83.2%	3,664	86.0%	3,621	87.1%	3,566	87.4%
2	751	17.1%	512	11.6%	423	9.9%	384	9.2%	367	9.0%
3	231	5.3%	139	3.2%	103	2.4%	90	2.2%	87	2.1%
4	92	2.1%	43	1.0%	34	0.8%	31	0.7%	31	0.8%
5	38	0.9%	25	0.6%	17	0.4%	14	0.3%	12	0.3%
6 or more	50	1.1%	23	0.5%	20	0.5%	16	0.4%	15	0.4%
Total	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%

ComCare Households – Household Composition

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

Household Profile	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019(%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
Households with all adults (including elderly)	4,277	15.1%	3,857	13.8%	3,424	12.6%	4,435	15.4%	5,747	16.1%
Households with young beneficiaries	11,103	39.1%	10,978	39.2%	10,630	39.2%	10,652	37.0%	12,768	35.7%
Households with adults, elderly and young beneficiaries	669	2.4%	556	2.0%	547	2.0%	607	2.1%	742	2.1%
Households with all adults (excluding elderly)	12,360	43.5%	12,595	45.0%	12,521	46.2%	13,113	45.5%	16,492	46.1%
Total	28,409	100.0%	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%

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

Household Profile	FY2016	FY2016 (%)	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)
1 person aged 65 and above	2,732	62.3%	3,030	68.7%	2,932	68.8%	3,001	72.2%	2,975	73.0%
1 person aged below 65	468	10.7%	637	14.4%	732	17.2%	620	14.9%	591	14.5%
2-or-more-person households	1,187	27.1%	742	16.8%	597	14.0%	535	12.9%	512	12.6%
Total	4,387	100.0%	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%