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PREFACE

The Government has strengthened our social safety nets over the last decade by investing heavily in education, healthcare, housing, employment and retirement adequacy for Singaporeans. The social safety nets comprise broad-based schemes and subsidies that benefit many, complemented by targeted support schemes, and a network of government and community agencies that provides assistance for low-income and vulnerable groups that need additional help. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government introduced additional support schemes to further strengthen these social safety nets. Within these multiple layers of assistance, ComCare continues to play a critical role in supporting low-income households with their living expenses, as it has since its inception in 2005.

This report provides an overview of the profile of households assisted by ComCare over the last five financial years. ComCare assistance is provided through the Social Service Offices (SSOs) run by the Ministry of Social and Family Development. Besides cash assistance, ComCare beneficiaries also receive assistance with household bills and medical bills, employment assistance (e.g. job searches and training), and referrals to other government agencies and community partners for case work and counselling, as needed. This support helps to provide individuals with the means to stabilise their circumstances, and then work towards self-reliance if they are able to.

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. In total, each household may have one or more individuals assisted.

Highest Educational Qualification Attained

- "No formal/primary qualification" refers to those who have no formal educational 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' educational 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 by a healthcare professional.
- "Not working Others" refers to those without regular employment or were not working for reasons (e.g. caregiving) other than medical conditions 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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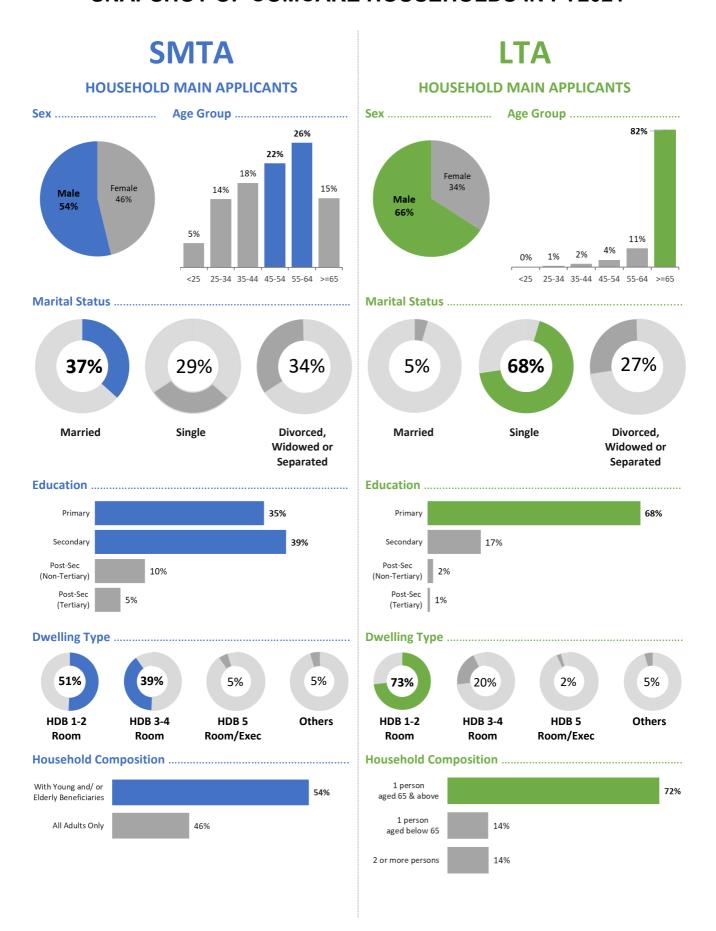
SMTA: ComCare Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance scheme

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

SCFA: Student Care Fee Assistance scheme

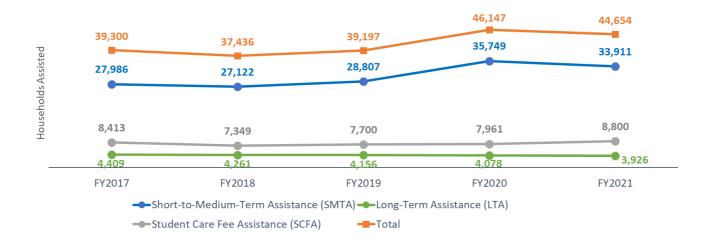
For more information on ComCare schemes, please refer to https://msf.gov.sg/ComCare.

SNAPSHOT OF COMCARE HOUSEHOLDS IN FY2021



SALIENT TRENDS

The overall number of unique households assisted yearly with SMTA, LTA and SCFA was stable at around 37,000 to 39,000 per year from FY2017 to FY2019, and increased significantly to 46,000 in FY2020, before decreasing slightly to 45,000 in FY2021. The trend was due to the larger number of households assisted with SMTA in FY2020 and FY2021, as the total number of households assisted yearly with LTA (at around 4,000 to 4,400) and SCFA (at around 7,300 to 8,800) remained relatively stable over FY2017 to FY2021. Arising from the economic impact of COVID-19 as well as flexibilities exercised in the last two years to allow more households to receive SMTA, the number of households assisted with SMTA in FY2020 and FY2021 was higher than in pre-COVID years.



From FY2020 to FY2021, the proportion of SMTA main applicants who were seeking employment decreased (22.3% to 18.9%), while the proportion of SMTA main applicants who were working increased (25.0% to 26.7%), suggesting that some SMTA clients may have managed to secure employment as the job market improves. The proportion of those not working increased (51.6% to 54.2%), reversing the dip in FY2020 due to COVID-19. This is partly due to the increase in the proportion of SMTA clients who were retirees (15.2% to 16.3%).



Main Applicant Employment Status FY2017 - FY2021



KEY TRENDS

ComCare Households Assisted I)

The total number of households assisted yearly with LTA (at around 4,000 to 4,400) and SCFA (at around 7,300 to 8,800) remained relatively stable over FY2017 to FY2021, although a slight decline in the number of households assisted with LTA was observed over the five financial years. However, with the economic impact of COVID-19 and flexibilities exercised to allow more households to receive SMTA, the number of households assisted with SMTA in FY2020 increased significantly compared to previous years. The number of SMTA households decreased slightly in FY2021 although not to pre-COVID-19 levels.

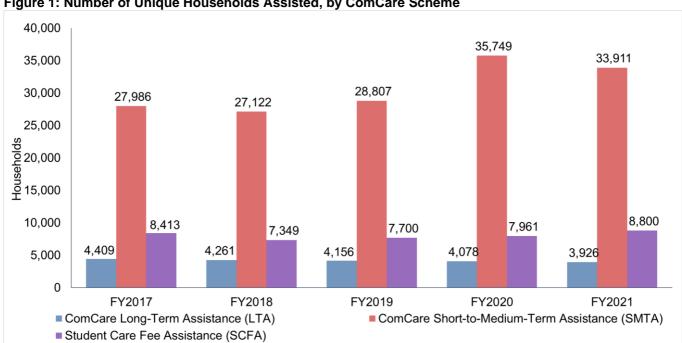


Figure 1: Number of Unique Households Assisted, by ComCare Scheme

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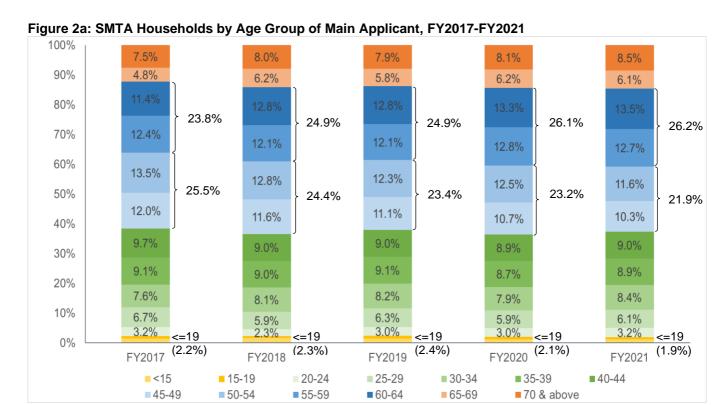
Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year. Hence, the same household might be counted more than once across schemes in a given financial year, if it received assistance from more than one scheme in that year.

2 On the whole, the profiles of households on SMTA and LTA remained similar over the past five financial years. This was observed across the demographic characteristics, i.e. age group, highest educational qualification attained, employment status, marital status, sex, 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

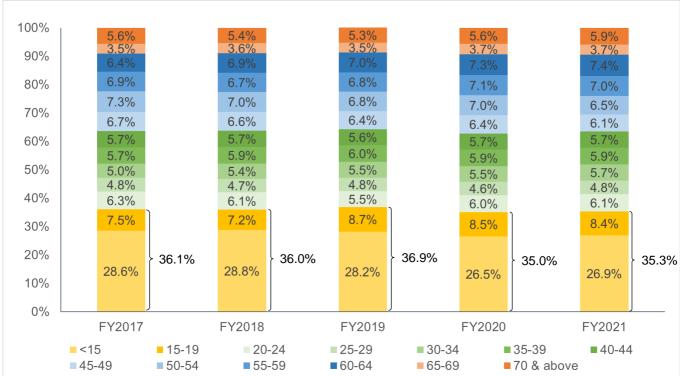
- 3 Households with main applicants aged 45-64 made up approximately half of the households assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent from FY2017 to FY2021.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 55-64 increased from 23.8% in FY2017 to 26.2% in FY2021, while the proportion aged 45-54 decreased across the five financial years, from 25.5% in FY2017 to 21.9% in FY2021.



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

Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with SMTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2017 to FY2021. Individuals aged 19 and below made up slightly over one-third of all individuals assisted with SMTA.





^{1.} Each individual was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.

^{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 Households with main applicants aged 65 and above remained the largest proportion of households assisted with LTA, a consistent trend observed across FY2017 to FY2021. This proportion also increased, from 79.4% in FY2017 to 81.7% in FY2021.

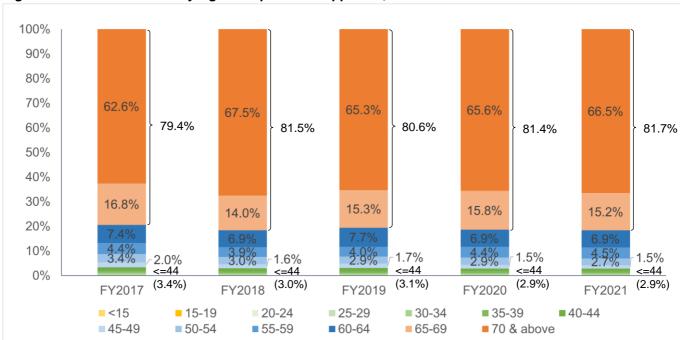


Figure 3a: LTA Households by Age Group of Main Applicant, FY2017-FY2021

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

Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with LTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2017 to FY2021. Individuals aged 65 and above continued to make up the majority of all individuals assisted with LTA, at about 80% each year.

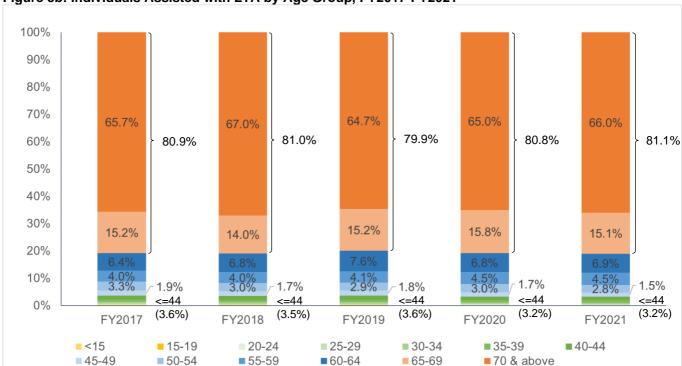


Figure 3b: Individuals Assisted with LTA by Age Group, FY2017-FY2021

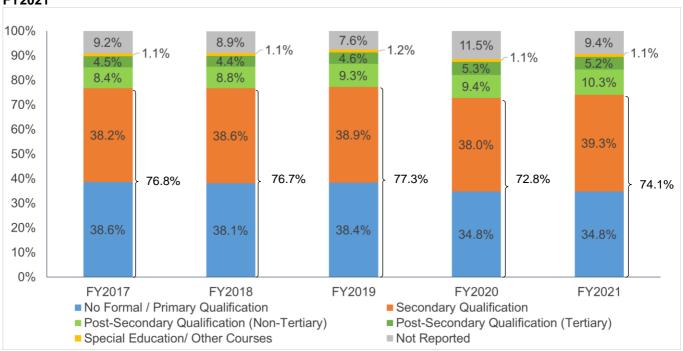
- 1. Each individual was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
- 2. Age was taken as at end of each financial year (i.e. 31 March).

III) ComCare Households – Highest Educational Qualification Attained

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

Households with main applicants with secondary-level education or below remained the largest proportion of households assisted with SMTA. This has been consistent across FY2017 to FY2021, fluctuating slightly across the years between 72.8% to 77.3%.

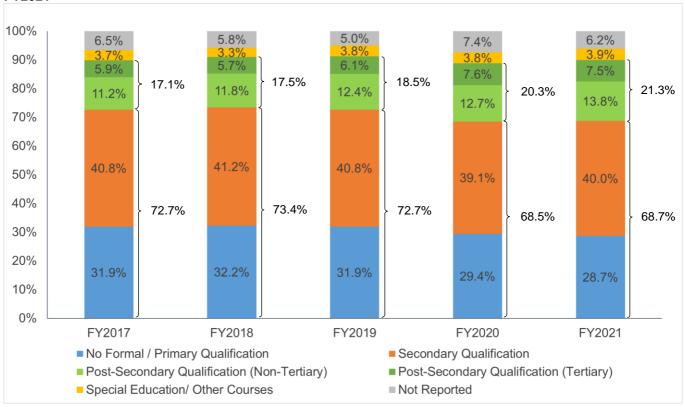
Figure 4a: SMTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification Attained of Main Applicant, FY2017-FY2021



Note(s):

The majority of individuals in households assisted with SMTA had a highest education qualification of secondary-level and below. This was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021. However, the proportion of such individuals in SMTA households decreased from 72.7% in FY2017 to 68.7% in FY2021, while the proportion with post-secondary education increased from 17.1% in FY2017 to 21.3% in FY2021.

Figure 4b: SMTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household, FY2017-FY2021



Note(s):

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

10 Households with main applicants with highest education qualification at primary-level education or below remained the largest proportion of households assisted with LTA, a consistent trend across FY2017 to FY2021. However, this proportion decreased consistently from FY2017 (70.9%) to FY2021 (67.9%).

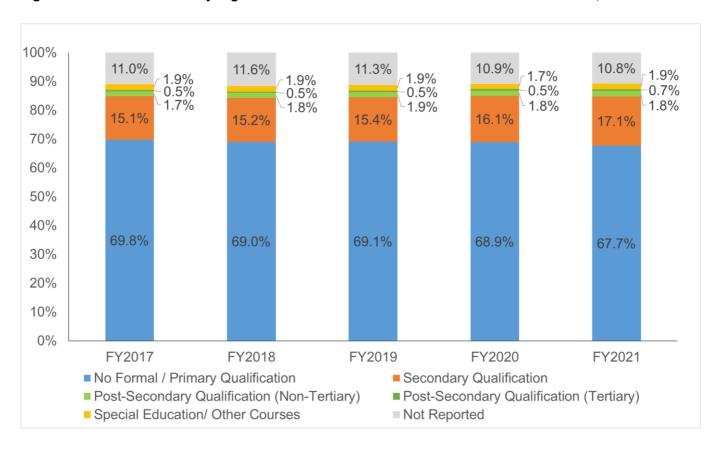
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Figure 5a: LTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification Attained of Main Applicant, FY2017-FY2021

Note(s):

The majority of individuals in households assisted with LTA also had a highest education qualification of primary-level and below. This was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021. However, the proportion of such individuals decreased in the last five years, from 69.8% in FY2017 to 67.7% in FY2021.

Figure 5b: LTA Households by Highest Educational Qualification of Members in Household, FY2017-FY2021

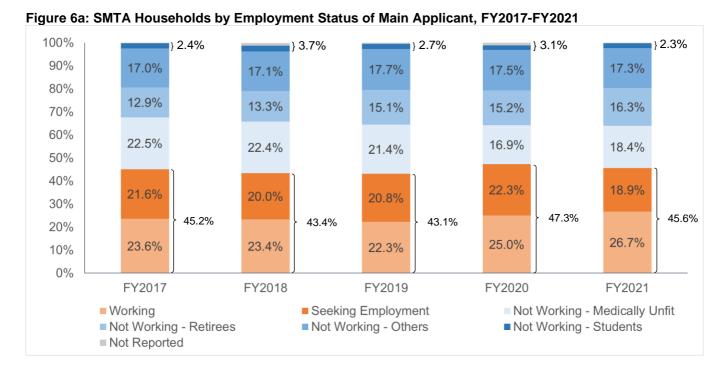


Note(s):

IV) ComCare Households – Employment Status

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

- Households with main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment made up slightly below half of the households assisted with SMTA. This was consistent from FY2017 to FY2021.
- 13 The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment was around 45% across FY2017 to FY2021, except for an increase to 47.3% in FY2020.
- Across the same period, there was an increase in the proportion of SMTA main applicants who were retirees, from 12.9% in FY2017 to 16.3% in FY2021.



Note(s):

Those who were either employed or seeking employment made up around 30% of the individuals assisted with SMTA. This was consistent from FY2017 to FY2021. The largest proportion of non-working individuals comprised students, averaging 29% across FY2017 to FY2021.

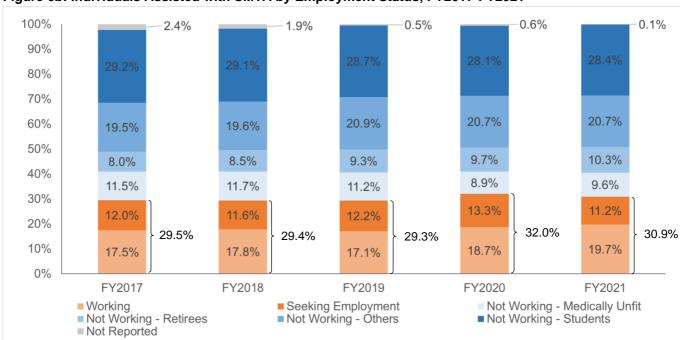


Figure 6b: Individuals Assisted with SMTA by Employment Status, FY2017-FY2021

Note(s):

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

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 64.5% in FY2017 to 66.3% in FY2019, and decreased to 64.2% in FY2020 and 62.1% in FY2021. The proportion of households with one employed individual decreased from 30.0% in FY2017 to 28.5% in FY2019, and increased to 30.1% in FY2020 and 31.9% in FY2021.

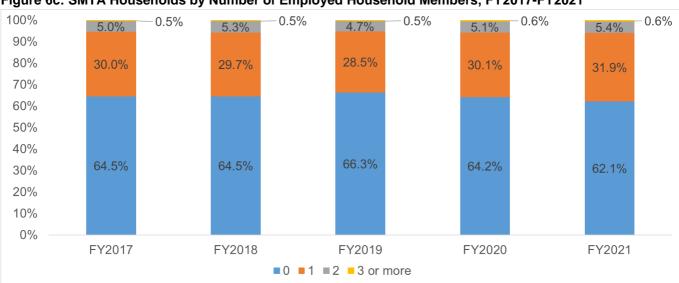


Figure 6c: SMTA Households by Number of Employed Household Members, FY2017-FY2021

Note(s):

V) ComCare Households – Marital Status and Sex

Most Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance main applicants were married or males

- 17 Households with main applicants who were married remained the largest proportion of households assisted with SMTA, followed by those with main applicants who were widowed/separated/divorced. This was consistent between FY2017 and FY2021.
- 18 The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were married was largely similar across the five financial years at around 37%. The proportion of divorced SMTA main applicants increased from 22.9% in FY2017 to 24.0% in FY2021.
- 19 The proportion of male SMTA main applicants made up approximately 54% of the households assisted with SMTA. This was consistent between FY2017 and FY2021.
- 20 Among main applicants who were single, the proportion of males remained about twice that of females across FY2017 to FY2021.
- 21 The top three marital and sex groups of SMTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2017 to FY2021: single males (19.2%), married males (18.9%) and married females (17.9%) in FY2021.

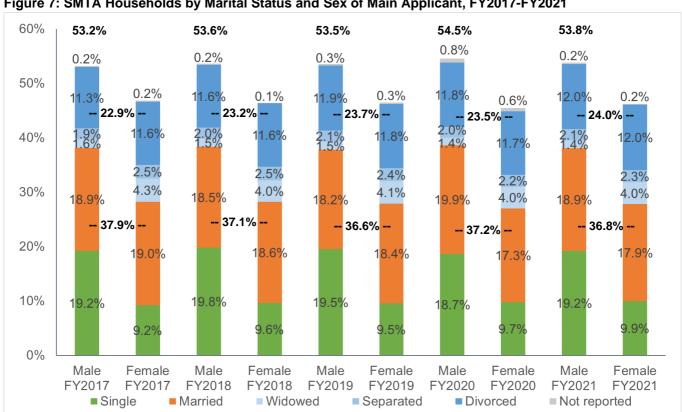


Figure 7: SMTA Households by Marital Status and Sex of Main Applicant, FY2017-FY2021

Note(s):

Most Long-Term Assistance main applicants were singles or males

- 22 Households with main applicants who were single remained the largest proportion of households assisted with LTA. This was consistent between FY2017 and FY2021.
- 23 The LTA main applicants who were single decreased in proportion across the five financial years, from 69.5% in FY2017 to 67.9% in FY2021.
- 24 The proportion of male LTA main applicants made up approximately 66% of the households assisted with LTA. This was consistent between FY2017 and FY2021.
- 25 The top three groups of LTA main applicants were single males, single females and divorced males. This was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021. The proportion of single males was relatively similar across FY2017 to FY2021, although FY2021 recorded the lowest proportion at 46.6%. The proportion of single females remained consistent at about 22% across FY2017 to FY2021.
- 26 Divorced LTA main applicants increased in proportion, from 9.3% in FY2017 to 11.9% in FY2021 for males, and from 3.4% in FY2017 to 4.2% in FY2021 for females. Widowed females decreased in proportion, from 7.3% in FY2017 to 6.6% in FY2021.

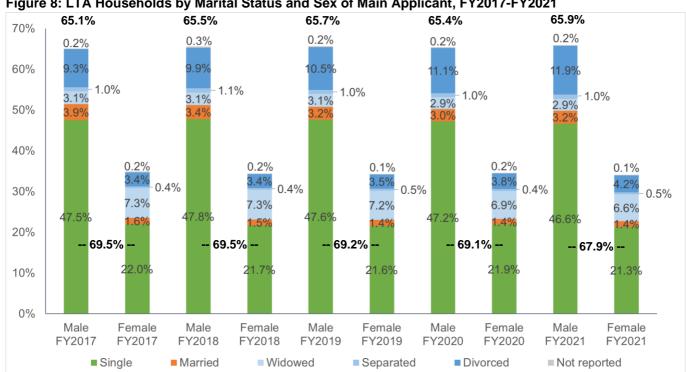


Figure 8: LTA Households by Marital Status and Sex of Main Applicant, FY2017-FY2021

Note(s):

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

- Households that stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats made up about half of those assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2017 (49.3%) to FY2021 (50.7%), with slight fluctuations across these years.
- The proportion of households that stayed in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 40.0% in FY2017 to 37.7% in FY2019. This increased to 39.6% in FY2020 and decreased slightly to 39.5% in FY2021.

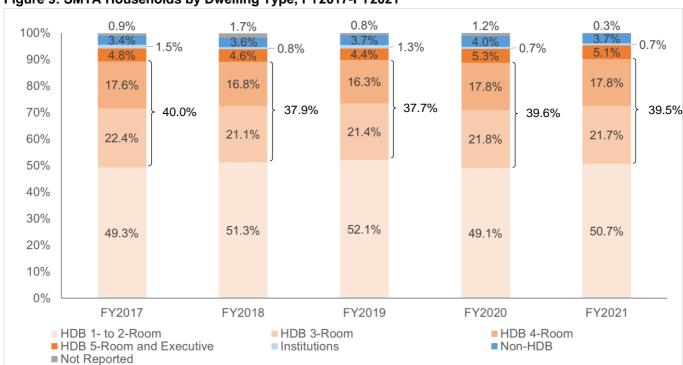


Figure 9: SMTA Households by Dwelling Type, FY2017-FY2021

- 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

- One- to two-person households made up more than half of those assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021.
- Although the proportion of one- to two-person SMTA households was consistently above 50%, it varied across the five financial years, with the highest proportion recorded in FY2019 (64.5%), and the lowest recorded in FY2021 (58.5%). The proportion of SMTA households with three or more persons decreased from 37.7% in FY2017 to 35.5% in FY2019, but increased over the last two financial years, to 41.5% in FY2021.

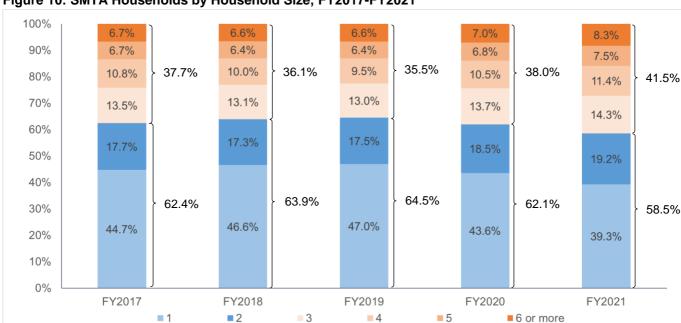


Figure 10: SMTA Households by Household Size, FY2017-FY2021

Note(s):

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

- Households that stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats remained the largest proportion of those assisted with LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021.
- The proportion staying in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased each year, from 69.0% in FY2017 to 73.3% in FY2021. The proportion staying in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 20.1% in FY2017 to 19.4% in FY2020, and increased slightly to 19.6% in FY2021.

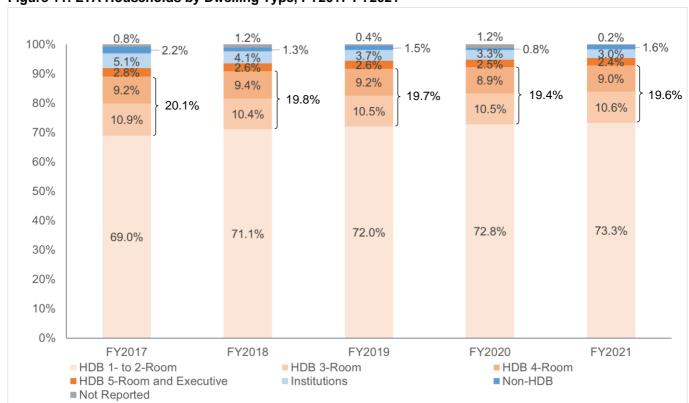


Figure 11: LTA Households by Dwelling Type, FY2017-FY2021

- 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

- 33 One-person households remained the largest proportion of those assisted with LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021.
- 34 The proportion of one-person LTA households increased between FY2017 (83.2%) and FY2020 (87.4%), but decreased to 85.9% in FY2021.
- 35 The proportion of two-person LTA households decreased between FY2017 (11.6%) and FY2020 (9.0%), but increased to 10.3% in FY2021.

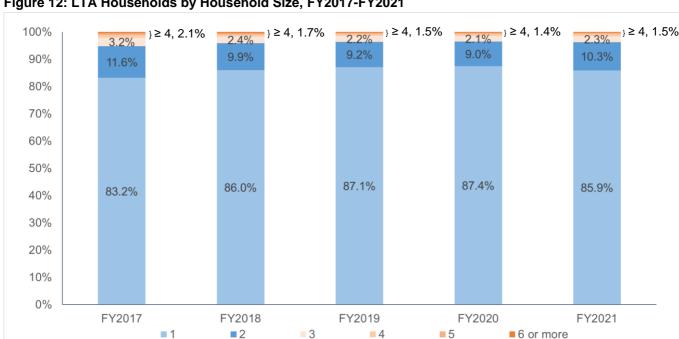


Figure 12: LTA Households by Household Size, FY2017-FY2021

Note(s):

VII) ComCare Households – Household Composition

Over half of Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance households had elderly and/or children

- Households with members who were elderly and/or children remained the largest proportion of those assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021.
- However, the proportion decreased slightly to 53.9% in the last two financial years, from 55.0% in FY2017.
- Correspondingly, the proportion of SMTA households with only adults increased from 45.0% in FY2017 to 46.1% in FY2020 and 46.0% in FY2021.

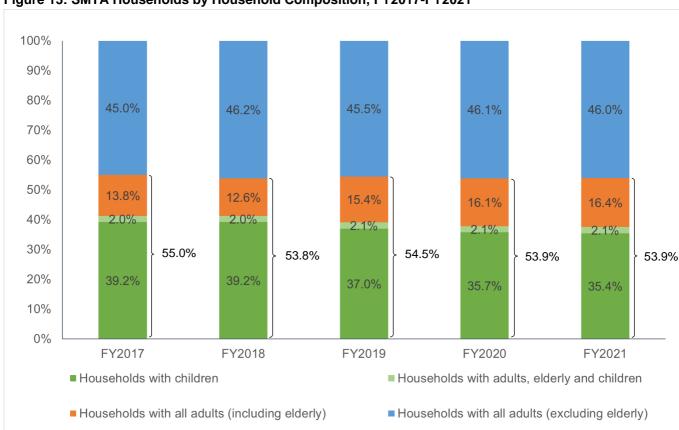


Figure 13: SMTA Households by Household Composition, FY2017-FY2021

- Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
- 2. "Elderly" refers to those aged 65 and above; "adult" refers to those aged 21 to 64; and "children" refers to those aged below 21.

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

- 39 One-person elderly households remained the largest proportion of those assisted with LTA. This trend was consistent across FY2017 to FY2021.
- The proportion of LTA households with only one elderly person aged 65 and above 40 increased over the last five financial years, from 68.7% in FY2017 to 72.1% in FY2021. The proportion was largest in FY2020 at 73.0%. The proportion of LTA households with only one person aged below 65 was the lowest in FY2021 (13.9%), out of the last five financial years. Households with two or more persons decreased in proportion in the first four financial years, from 16.8% in FY2017 to 12.6% in FY2020, but increased slightly to 14.1% in FY2021.

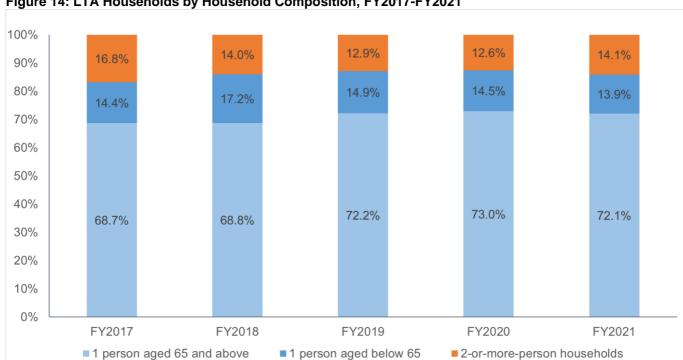


Figure 14: LTA Households by Household Composition, FY2017-FY2021

- Each household was counted once under the respective scheme in each financial year.
- Elderly households were defined as those with main applicants aged 65 and above.



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

ComCare Households Assisted

- The overall number of unique households assisted yearly with SMTA was stable from FY2017 to FY2019 and increased significantly in FY2020, in light of COVID-19. While it has decreased slightly in FY2021, the number is not back to pre-COVID levels. COVID-19 had a clear impact on earned income and job stability, although the economy has improved over the last year or so. The total number of unique households assisted yearly with LTA and SCFA has remained relatively stable over the period FY2017 to FY2021.
- In FY2021, 33,911 households, which represented the majority of households receiving ComCare assistance, were assisted with SMTA. 3,926 households were assisted with LTA and 8,800 households received SCFA in the same year.

Age Group Distribution of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 55-64 increased from 23.8% in FY2017 to 26.2% in FY2021, while the proportion of SMTA main applicants aged 45-54 decreased from 25.5% in FY2017 to 21.9% in FY2021. This could be reflective of changes in the broader population due to ageing.
- Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with SMTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2017 to FY2021. 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 79.4% in FY2017 to 81.7% in FY2021. This could be reflective of changes in the broader population due to ageing.
- Within households, the proportion of individuals assisted with LTA across all age groups remained consistent from FY2017 to FY2021. Since most LTA households are one-person households, akin to the trend observed for ages of main applicants, individuals aged 65 and above continued to make up the majority of all individuals assisted with LTA, at about 80% each year.

Highest Educational Qualification Attained of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants with secondary-level education or below decreased from 76.8% in FY2017 to 74.1% in FY2021.
- The proportion of individuals in SMTA households with a highest education qualification of secondary-level education or below decreased from 72.7% in FY2017 to 68.7% in FY2021.

- The proportion of LTA main applicants with primary-level education or below has been decreasing consistently across FY2017 (70.9%) to FY2021 (67.9%).
- The proportion of individuals in LTA households with a highest education qualification of primary-level education or below decreased from 69.8% in FY2017 to 67.7% in FY2021.
- These trends could be reflective of the broader population attaining higher educational qualifications in general.

Employment Status of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were either employed or seeking employment was around 45% across FY2017 to FY2021, except for a slight increase to 47.3% in FY2020.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were retirees increased from 12.9% in FY2017 to 16.3% in FY2021.
- From FY2017 to FY2021, 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 SMTA households which had no employed individuals decreased from 64.5% in FY2017 to 62.1% in FY2021.

Marital Status and Sex of ComCare Households

- The top three marital and sex groups of SMTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2017 to FY2021: single male (19.2%), married male (18.9%) and married female (17.9%) in FY2021.
- The proportion of SMTA main applicants who were married was largely similar across FY2017 to FY2021, at around 37%.
- The top three marital and sex groups of LTA main applicants remained consistent across FY2017 to FY2021: single male (46.6%), single female (21.3%) and divorced males (11.9%) in FY2021.
- The proportion of LTA main applicants who were single decreased from 69.5% in FY2017 to 67.9% in FY2021.

Dwelling Type and Household Size of ComCare Households

Households that stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats made up about half of those assisted with SMTA. This trend was consistent across FY2017 (49.3%) to FY2021 (50.7%), with slight fluctuations in the years in between.

- The proportion of households that stayed in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 40.0% in FY2017 to 37.7% in FY2019. This increased to 39.6% in FY2020, likely due to the economic impact of COVID-19 on such households, but the proportion decreased slightly to 39.5% in FY2021.
- Although the proportion of one- to two-person SMTA households was consistently above 50%, it varied across the five financial years, with the highest proportion recorded in FY2019 (64.5%), and the lowest recorded in FY2021 (58.5%).
- The proportion of SMTA households with three or more persons decreased from 37.7% in FY2017 to 35.5% in FY2019, but increased over the last two financial years, to 41.5% in FY2021.
- The proportion of LTA households that stayed in HDB 1- to 2-room flats increased from 69.0% in FY2017 to 73.3% in FY2021.
- The proportion of LTA households staying in HDB 3- to 4-room flats decreased from 20.1% in FY2017 to 19.4% in FY2020, and increased slightly to 19.6% in FY2021.
- The proportion of one-person LTA households increased between FY2017 (83.2%) and FY2020 (87.4%), but decreased to 85.9% in FY2021.
- The proportion of two-person LTA households decreased between FY2017 (11.6%) and FY2020 (9.0%), but increased to 10.3% in FY2021.

Household Composition of ComCare Households

- The proportion of SMTA households with elderly (those aged 65 and above) and/or children (those aged below 21) decreased from 55.0% in FY2017 to 53.9% in FY2020 and FY2021. This is in line with the observed increase in the proportion of SMTA households with one to two members, and a decrease in the proportion with three of more members, across the five financial years.
- The proportion of LTA households with only one elderly person aged 65 and above increased over the last five financial years, from 68.7% in FY2017 to 72.1% in FY2021. The proportion of LTA households with only one person aged below 65 was the lowest in FY2021 (13.9%), out of the last five financial years.



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ComCare Households – Age Group Distribution

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

Age	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Group		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
<15	402	1.40%	469	1.7%	434	1.5%	438	1.2%	403	1.2%
15-19	221	0.80%	168	0.6%	255	0.9%	295	0.8%	244	0.7%
20-24	882	3.20%	632	2.3%	854	3.0%	1060	3.0%	1082	3.2%
25-29	1,863	6.70%	1,596	5.9%	1,821	6.3%	2,101	5.9%	2,055	6.1%
30-34	2,127	7.60%	2,188	8.1%	2,373	8.2%	2,833	7.9%	2,835	8.4%
35-39	2,551	9.10%	2,436	9.0%	2,616	9.1%	3,110	8.7%	3,006	8.9%
40-44	2,717	9.70%	2,439	9.0%	2,584	9.0%	3,175	8.9%	3,045	9.0%
45-49	3,347	12.00%	3,134	11.6%	3,204	11.1%	3,841	10.7%	3,482	10.3%
50-54	3,767	13.50%	3,459	12.8%	3,548	12.3%	4,460	12.5%	3,936	11.6%
55-59	3,484	12.40%	3,279	12.1%	3,477	12.1%	4,584	12.8%	4,293	12.7%
60-64	3,188	11.40%	3,464	12.8%	3,675	12.8%	4,741	13.3%	4,583	13.5%
65-69	1,331	4.80%	1,686	6.2%	1,677	5.8%	2,208	6.2%	2,074	6.1%
>=70	2,106	7.50%	2,172	8.0%	2,289	7.9%	2,903	8.1%	2,873	8.5%
Total	27,986	100.00%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

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

Age	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Group		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
<15	18,333	28.6%	17,681	28.8%	18,146	28.2%	21,352	26.5%	20,568	26.9%
15-19	4,812	7.5%	4,420	7.2%	5,599	8.7%	6,849	8.5%	6,400	8.4%
20-24	4,038	6.3%	3,731	6.1%	3,516	5.5%	4,859	6.0%	4,674	6.1%
25-29	3,083	4.8%	2,901	4.7%	3,066	4.8%	3,721	4.6%	3,655	4.8%
30-34	3,190	5.0%	3,322	5.4%	3,567	5.5%	4,428	5.5%	4,340	5.7%
35-39	3,690	5.7%	3,612	5.9%	3,833	6.0%	4,709	5.9%	4,511	5.9%
40-44	3,670	5.7%	3,497	5.7%	3,601	5.6%	4,599	5.7%	4,342	5.7%
45-49	4,328	6.7%	4,076	6.6%	4,131	6.4%	5,179	6.4%	4,633	6.1%
50-54	4,689	7.3%	4,320	7.0%	4,402	6.8%	5,620	7.0%	4,971	6.5%
55-59	4,420	6.9%	4,128	6.7%	4,364	6.8%	5,724	7.1%	5,364	7.0%
60-64	4,140	6.4%	4,240	6.9%	4,492	7.0%	5,891	7.3%	5,673	7.4%
65-69	2,215	3.5%	2,209	3.6%	2,239	3.5%	3,016	3.7%	2,800	3.7%
>=70	3,583	5.6%	3,310	5.4%	3,424	5.3%	4,502	5.6%	4,474	5.9%
Total	64,191	100.0%	61,447	100.0%	64,380	100.0%	80,449	100.0%	76,405	100.0%

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

Age	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Group		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
<15	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
15-19	3	0.1%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
20-24	5	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.0%	4	0.1%	4	0.1%
25-29	13	0.3%	12	0.3%	12	0.3%	10	0.2%	9	0.2%
30-34	29	0.7%	24	0.6%	24	0.6%	22	0.5%	21	0.5%
35-39	39	0.9%	29	0.7%	33	0.8%	35	0.9%	33	0.8%
40-44	59	1.3%	58	1.4%	57	1.4%	46	1.1%	45	1.1%
45-49	89	2.0%	70	1.6%	72	1.7%	62	1.5%	57	1.5%
50-54	151	3.4%	126	3.0%	119	2.9%	117	2.9%	105	2.7%
55-59	196	4.4%	168	3.9%	168	4.0%	180	4.4%	176	4.5%
60-64	325	7.4%	294	6.9%	319	7.7%	280	6.9%	269	6.9%
65-69	742	16.8%	598	14.0%	636	15.3%	646	15.8%	596	15.2%
>=70	2,758	62.6%	2,877	67.5%	2,712	65.3%	2,674	65.6%	2,610	66.5%
Total	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%	3,926	100.0%

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

Age	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Group		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
<15	5	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
15-19	7	0.1%	8	0.2%	8	0.2%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%
20-24	8	0.2%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%	7	0.2%	6	0.1%
25-29	15	0.3%	13	0.3%	13	0.3%	10	0.2%	10	0.2%
30-34	27	0.6%	26	0.6%	26	0.6%	22	0.5%	21	0.5%
35-39	41	0.9%	34	0.8%	38	0.9%	40	0.9%	39	0.9%
40-44	66	1.4%	68	1.5%	66	1.5%	51	1.2%	51	1.2%
45-49	88	1.9%	78	1.7%	80	1.8%	71	1.7%	62	1.5%
50-54	153	3.3%	134	3.0%	128	2.9%	126	3.0%	116	2.8%
55-59	188	4.0%	179	4.0%	180	4.1%	191	4.5%	184	4.5%
60-64	297	6.4%	307	6.8%	331	7.6%	290	6.8%	283	6.9%
65-69	710	15.2%	628	14.0%	666	15.2%	675	15.8%	622	15.1%
>=70	3,070	65.7%	3,011	67.0%	2,830	64.7%	2,773	65.0%	2,716	66.0%
Total	4,675	100.0%	4,495	100.0%	4,373	100.0%	4,263	100.0%	4,116	100.0%

ComCare Households - Highest Educational Qualification Attained

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

Highest Education Attained	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	10,803	38.6%	10,347	38.1%	11,048	38.4%	12,455	34.8%	11,804	34.8%
Secondary Qualification	10,684	38.2%	10,472	38.6%	11,201	38.9%	13,568	38.0%	13,315	39.3%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	2,360	8.4%	2,395	8.8%	2,693	9.3%	3,351	9.4%	3,481	10.3%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	1,250	4.5%	1,195	4.4%	1,329	4.6%	1,882	5.3%	1,748	5.2%
Special Education/ Other Courses	304	1.1%	304	1.1%	340	1.2%	381	1.1%	368	1.1%
Not Reported	2,585	9.2%	2,409	8.9%	2,196	7.6%	4,112	11.5%	3,195	9.4%
Total	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

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

Highest Education Attained	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	8,935	31.9%	8,741	32.2%	9,202	31.9%	10,504	29.4%	9,731	28.7%
Secondary Qualification	11,409	40.8%	11,170	41.2%	11,739	40.8%	13,991	39.1%	13,570	40.0%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	3,136	11.2%	3,197	11.8%	3,575	12.4%	4,533	12.7%	4,673	13.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	1,645	5.9%	1,553	5.7%	1,755	6.1%	2,730	7.6%	2,532	7.5%
Special Education/ Other Courses	1,029	3.7%	899	3.3%	1,105	3.8%	1,345	3.8%	1,314	3.9%
Not Reported	1,832	6.5%	1,562	5.8%	1,431	5.0%	2,646	7.4%	2,091	6.2%
Total	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

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

Highest Education Attained	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020(%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	3,124	70.9%	2,973	69.8%	2,879	69.3%	2,816	69.1%	2,667	67.9%
Secondary Qualification	654	14.8%	631	14.8%	638	15.4%	648	15.9%	662	16.9%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	75	1.7%	75	1.8%	70	1.7%	69	1.7%	67	1.7%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	26	0.6%	23	0.5%	20	0.5%	21	0.5%	27	0.7%
Special Education/ Other Courses	72	1.6%	73	1.7%	71	1.7%	67	1.6%	69	1.8%
Not Reported	458	10.4%	486	11.4%	478	11.5%	457	11.2%	434	11.1%
Total	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%	3,926	100.0%

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

Highest Education Attained	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
No Formal/Primary Qualification	3,076	69.8%	2,941	69.0%	2,871	69.1%	2,811	68.9%	2,657	67.7%
Secondary Qualification	664	15.1%	647	15.2%	641	15.4%	655	16.1%	672	17.1%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Non-Tertiary)	32	1.7%	77	1.8%	77	1.9%	75	1.8%	72	1.8%
Post-Secondary Qualification (Tertiary)	67	0.5%	20	0.5%	19	0.5%	21	0.5%	27	0.7%
Special Education / Other Courses	85	1.9%	81	1.9%	79	1.9%	70	1.7%	74	1.9%
Not Reported	485	11.0%	495	11.6%	469	11.3%	446	10.9%	424	10.8%
Total	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%	3,926	100.0%

ComCare Households – Employment Status

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

Employment Status	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
Working	6,595	23.6%	6,347	23.4%	6,414	22.3%	8,946	25.0%	9,058	26.7%
Seeking Employment	6,038	21.6%	5,421	20.0%	5,998	20.8%	7,957	22.3%	6,398	18.9%
Not Working - Medically Unfit	6,302	22.5%	6,083	22.4%	6,155	21.4%	6,056	16.9%	6,249	18.4%
Not Working - Retirees	3,620	12.9%	3,616	13.3%	4,349	15.1%	5,416	15.2%	5,537	16.3%
Not Working - Students	600	2.1%	665	2.5%	642	2.2%	710	2.0%	706	2.1%
Not Working - Others	4,745	17.0%	4,651	17.1%	5,105	17.7%	6,268	17.5%	5,879	17.3%
Not Reported	86	0.3%	339	1.2%	144	0.5%	396	1.1%	84	0.2%
Total	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

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

Employment Status	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020(%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
Working	11,218	17.5%	10,917	17.8%	10,997	17.1%	15,050	18.7%	15,054	19.7%
Seeking Employment	7,709	12.0%	7,111	11.6%	7,882	12.2%	10,718	13.3%	8,555	11.2%
Not Working - Medically Unfit	7,360	11.5%	7,180	11.7%	7,242	11.2%	7,155	8.9%	7,338	9.6%
Not Working - Retirees	5,136	8.0%	5,201	8.5%	5,983	9.3%	7,783	9.7%	7,895	10.3%
Not Working - Students	18,743	29.2%	17,869	29.1%	18,504	28.7%	22,583	28.1%	21,682	28.4%
Not Working - Others	12,512	19.5%	12,029	19.6%	13,449	20.9%	16,657	20.7%	15,785	20.7%
Not Reported	1,513	2.4%	1,140	1.9%	323	0.5%	503	0.6%	96	0.1%
Total	64,191	100.0%	61,447	100.0%	64,380	100.0%	80,449	100.0%	76,405	100.0%

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

Number of Employed	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Household Members		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
0	18,053	64.5%	17,506	64.5%	19,094	66.3%	22,948	64.2%	21,055	62.1%
1	8,398	30.0%	8,049	29.7%	8,207	28.5%	10,761	30.1%	10,831	31.9%
2	1,408	5.0%	1,443	5.3%	1,365	4.7%	1,833	5.1%	1,819	5.4%
3 or more	127	0.5%	124	0.5%	141	0.5%	207	0.6%	206	0.6%
Total	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

ComCare Households – Marital Status and Sex

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

Marital	Sex	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Status			(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
Single	Female	2,581	9.2%	2,598	9.6%	2,740	9.5%	3,485	9.7%	3,371	9.9%
Siligle	Male	5,375	19.2%	5,368	19.8%	5,617	19.5%	6,671	18.7%	6,510	19.2%
Married	Female	5,317	19.0%	5,052	18.6%	5,296	18.4%	6,173	17.3%	6,054	17.9%
Walled	Male	5,298	18.9%	5,023	18.5%	5,257	18.2%	7,125	19.9%	6,394	18.9%
Widowed	Female	1,196	4.3%	1,078	4.0%	1,185	4.1%	1,421	4.0%	1,355	4.0%
widowed	Male	454	1.6%	413	1.5%	433	1.5%	515	1.4%	491	1.4%
Separated	Female	704	2.5%	676	2.5%	680	2.4%	789	2.2%	768	2.3%
Separateu	Male	540	1.9%	548	2.0%	602	2.1%	699	2.0%	699	2.1%
Divorced	Female	3,253	11.6%	3,152	11.6%	3,409	11.8%	4,167	11.7%	4,077	12.0%
Divorceu	Male	3,153	11.3%	3,136	11.6%	3,437	11.9%	4,211	11.8%	4,065	12.0%
Not	Female	48	0.2%	25	0.1%	78	0.3%	214	0.6%	51	0.2%
reported	Male	67	0.2%	53	0.2%	73	0.3%	279	0.8%	76	0.2%
Total	Female	13,099	46.8%	12,581	46.4%	13,388	46.5%	16,249	45.5%	15,676	46.2%
iotai	Male	14,887	53.2%	14,541	53.6%	15,419	53.5%	19,500	54.5%	18,235	53.8%

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

Marital	Sex	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Status			(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
Single	Female	970	22.0%	924	21.7%	898	21.6%	892	21.9%	838	21.3%
Siligle	Male	2,094	47.5%	2,036	47.8%	1,980	47.6%	1,925	47.2%	1,830	46.6%
Married	Female	69	1.6%	63	1.5%	60	1.4%	58	1.4%	54	1.4%
Marrieu	Male	174	3.9%	144	3.4%	131	3.2%	124	3.0%	127	3.2%
Widowed	Female	322	7.3%	310	7.3%	299	7.2%	280	6.9%	258	6.6%
widowed	Male	138	3.1%	134	3.1%	130	3.1%	117	2.9%	114	2.9%
Sanaratad	Female	18	0.4%	19	0.4%	19	0.5%	18	0.4%	19	0.5%
Separated	Male	45	1.0%	45	1.1%	42	1.0%	42	1.0%	41	1.0%
Divorced	Female	150	3.4%	144	3.4%	144	3.5%	156	3.8%	164	4.2%
Divorceu	Male	411	9.3%	422	9.9%	437	10.5%	451	11.1%	468	11.9%
Not	Female	9	0.2%	8	0.2%	6	0.1%	7	0.2%	5	0.1%
reported	Male	9	0.2%	12	0.3%	10	0.2%	8	0.2%	8	0.2%
Total	Female	1,538	34.9%	1,468	34.5%	1,426	34.3%	1,411	34.6%	1,338	34.1%
Total	Male	2,871	65.1%	2,793	65.5%	2,730	65.7%	2,667	65.4%	2,588	65.9%

ComCare Households – Dwelling Type and Household Size

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

Dwelling Type	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
HDB 1- to 2-Room	13,806	49.3%	13,910	51.3%	15,001	52.1%	17,566	49.1%	17,203	50.7%
HDB 3-Room	6,256	22.4%	5,734	21.1%	6,173	21.4%	7,805	21.8%	7,363	21.7%
HDB 4-Room	4,935	17.6%	4,549	16.8%	4,693	16.3%	6,350	17.8%	6,025	17.8%
HDB 5-Room	1,348	4.8%	1,252	4.6%	1,259	4.4%	1,890	5.3%	1,717	5.1%
and Executive	1,340	4.0%	1,232	4.0%	1,259	4.470	1,090	5.5%	1,717	5.176
Institutions	427	1.5%	220	0.8%	373	1.3%	260	0.7%	251	0.7%
Condominiums and	69	0.2%	64	0.2%	62	0.2%	132	0.4%	93	0.3%
Other Apartments	09	0.2 /6	04	0.2 /6	02	0.2 /6	132	0.476	93	0.576
Landed Properties	59	0.2%	53	0.2%	42	0.1%	78	0.2%	64	0.2%
Others - Interim										
Rental Housing /	847	3.0%	876	3.2%	964	3.3%	1,225	3.4%	1,093	3.2%
Shop houses, etc.										
Not Reported	239	0.9%	464	1.7%	240	0.8%	443	1.2%	102	0.3%
Total	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

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

Dwelling Type	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
HDB 1- to 2-Room	3,041	69.0%	3,031	71.1%	2,994	72.0%	2,970	72.8%	2,878	73.3%
HDB 3-Room	482	10.9%	444	10.4%	436	10.5%	430	10.5%	415	10.6%
HDB 4-Room	406	9.2%	399	9.4%	383	9.2%	364	8.9%	354	9.0%
HDB 5-Room and Executive	123	2.8%	109	2.6%	110	2.6%	103	2.5%	95	2.4%
Institutions ¹	224	5.1%	175	4.1%	153	3.7%	133	3.3%	117	3.0%
Condominiums and Other Apartments	7	0.2%	7	0.2%	8	0.2%	7	0.2%	6	0.2%
Landed Properties	10	0.2%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%	9	0.2%	8	0.2%
Others - Interim Rental Housing / Shop houses etc.	79	1.8%	37	0.9%	46	1.1%	15	0.4%	47	1.2%
Not Reported	37	0.8%	50	1.2%	17	0.4%	47	1.2%	6	0.2%
Total	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%	3,926	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	FY2017	FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019	FY2020	FY2020	FY2021	FY2021
Size		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)		(%)
1	12,518	44.7%	12,647	46.6%	13,531	47.0%	15,572	43.6%	13,337	39.3%
2	4,959	17.7%	4,694	17.3%	5,044	17.5%	6,601	18.5%	6,517	19.2%
3	3,768	13.5%	3,564	13.1%	3,737	13.0%	4,885	13.7%	4,835	14.3%
4	3,010	10.8%	2,699	10.0%	2,745	9.5%	3,749	10.5%	3,853	11.4%
5	1,865	6.7%	1,737	6.4%	1,837	6.4%	2,442	6.8%	2,549	7.5%
6 or more	1,866	6.7%	1,781	6.6%	1,913	6.6%	2,500	7.0%	2,820	8.3%
Total	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

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

Household Size	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
SIZE										
1	3,667	83.2%	3,664	86.0%	3,621	87.1%	3,566	87.4%	3,373	85.9%
2	512	11.6%	423	9.9%	384	9.2%	367	9.0%	404	10.3%
3	139	3.2%	103	2.4%	90	2.2%	87	2.1%	89	2.3%
4	43	1.0%	34	0.8%	31	0.7%	31	0.8%	30	0.8%
5	25	0.6%	17	0.4%	14	0.3%	12	0.3%	14	0.4%
6 or more	23	0.5%	20	0.5%	16	0.4%	15	0.4%	16	0.4%
Total	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%	3,926	100.0%

ComCare Households – Household Composition

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

Household Profile	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018 (%)	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020(%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
Households with all adults (including elderly)	3,857	13.8%	3,424	12.6%	4,435	15.4%	5,747	16.1%	5,577	16.4%
Households with children	10,978	39.2%	10,630	39.2%	10,652	37.0%	12,768	35.7%	12,018	35.4%
Households with adults, elderly and children	556	2.0%	547	2.0%	607	2.1%	742	2.1%	702	2.1%
Households with all adults (excluding elderly)	12,595	45.0%	12,521	46.2%	13,113	45.5%	16,492	46.1%	15,614	46.0%
Total	27,986	100.0%	27,122	100.0%	28,807	100.0%	35,749	100.0%	33,911	100.0%

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

Household Profile	FY2017	FY2017 (%)	FY2018	FY2018	FY2019	FY2019 (%)	FY2020	FY2020 (%)	FY2021	FY2021 (%)
1 person aged 65 and above	3,030	68.7%	2,932	68.8%	3,001	72.2%	2,975	73.0%	2,829	72.1%
1 person aged below 65	637	14.4%	732	17.2%	620	14.9%	591	14.5%	544	13.9%
2-or-more- person households	742	16.8%	597	14.0%	535	12.9%	512	12.6%	553	14.1%
Total	4,409	100.0%	4,261	100.0%	4,156	100.0%	4,078	100.0%	3,926	100.0%