

Alberta Community and Social Services Open Data

Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)

Program Overview

The Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program provides financial and health related benefits to adult Albertans with severe and permanent disabilities that substantially limits their ability to earn a livelihood.

AISH may provide a monthly living allowance, a child benefit, health benefits, and personal benefits (in the form of extra monthly or one-time expenses), to assist clients with their living needs and to live as independently as possible. In determining an individual's eligibility for AISH benefits, consideration is given to the applicant, client and their cohabiting partner's income and assets.

Data Summary for November 2020

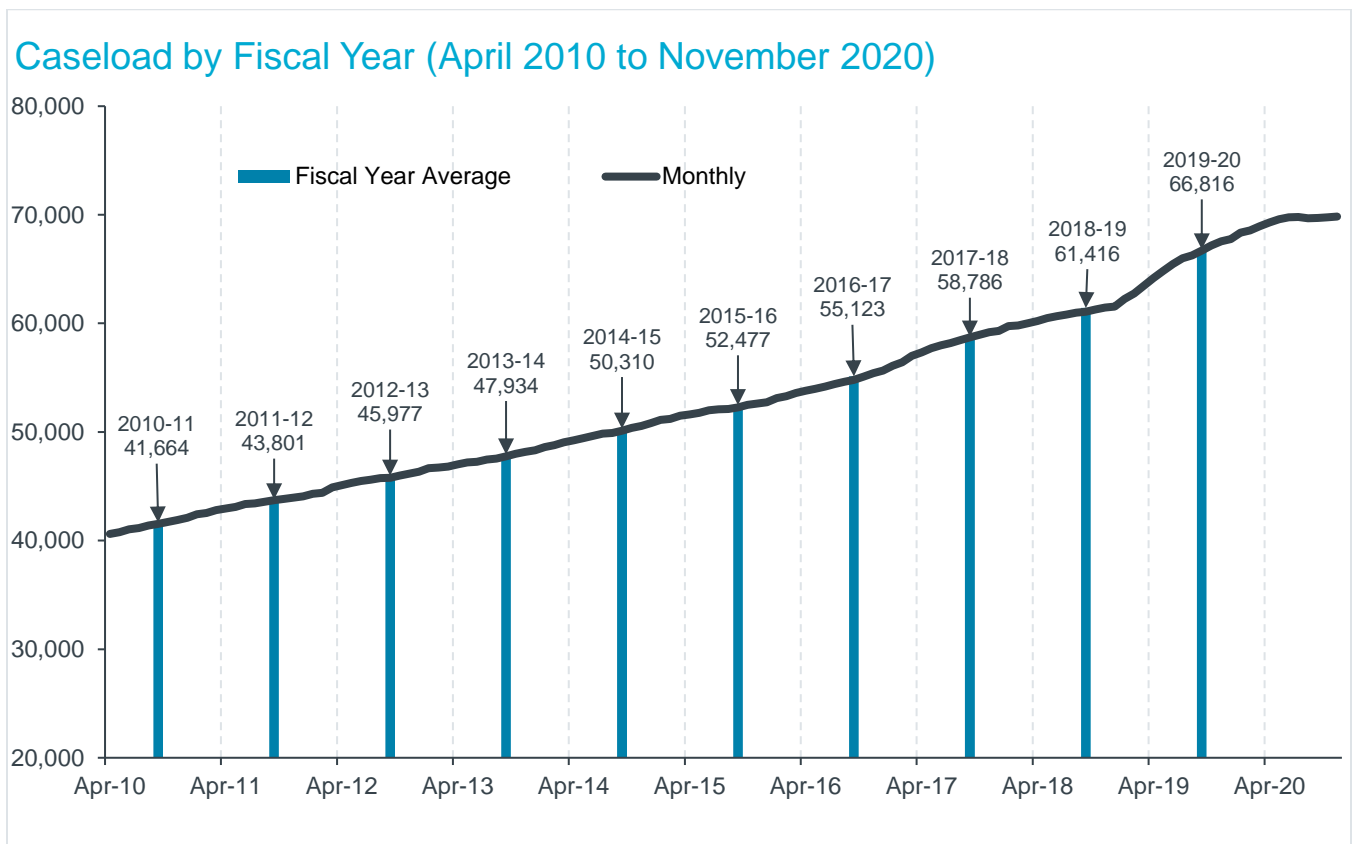
- The total AISH caseload for November was 69,838; an increase of 0.1% from the previous month.
- From November 2019 to November 2020, the total AISH caseload showed an increase of 3.4%.
- Of the entire population of Alberta for October 2020¹, 1.6% were shown to be receiving benefits through the AISH program as primary recipients².
- Caseload by Family Composition includes single individuals (86.1%), single parent (6.1%), childless couples (5.0%), and couples with children (2.8%).
- Caseload by Primary Medical Condition showed the highest proportion to be related to Physical Disabilities (43.9%), followed by Mental Illness Disorders (30.5%), Cognitive Disorders (25.6%), and Unknown (0.1%).
- Regional data for November showed Edmonton as having the highest proportion of caseloads (34.7%), followed by Calgary (29.3%), Central (13.4%), South (10.6%), North West (6.1%), North Central (5.0%), and North East (0.8%).
- Caseload by Average Age Group showed the highest proportion of AISH clients were aged between 60-64 (15.7%), followed by 55-59 years (15.4%), and 50-54 years (11.1%).

¹ Alberta population data is received on a quarterly basis. Source: Office of Statistics and Information (OSI).

² Each primary AISH recipient may have dependents which may increase the amount of support they receive. There may be unaccounted cases where there is more than one recipient in a case (or household).

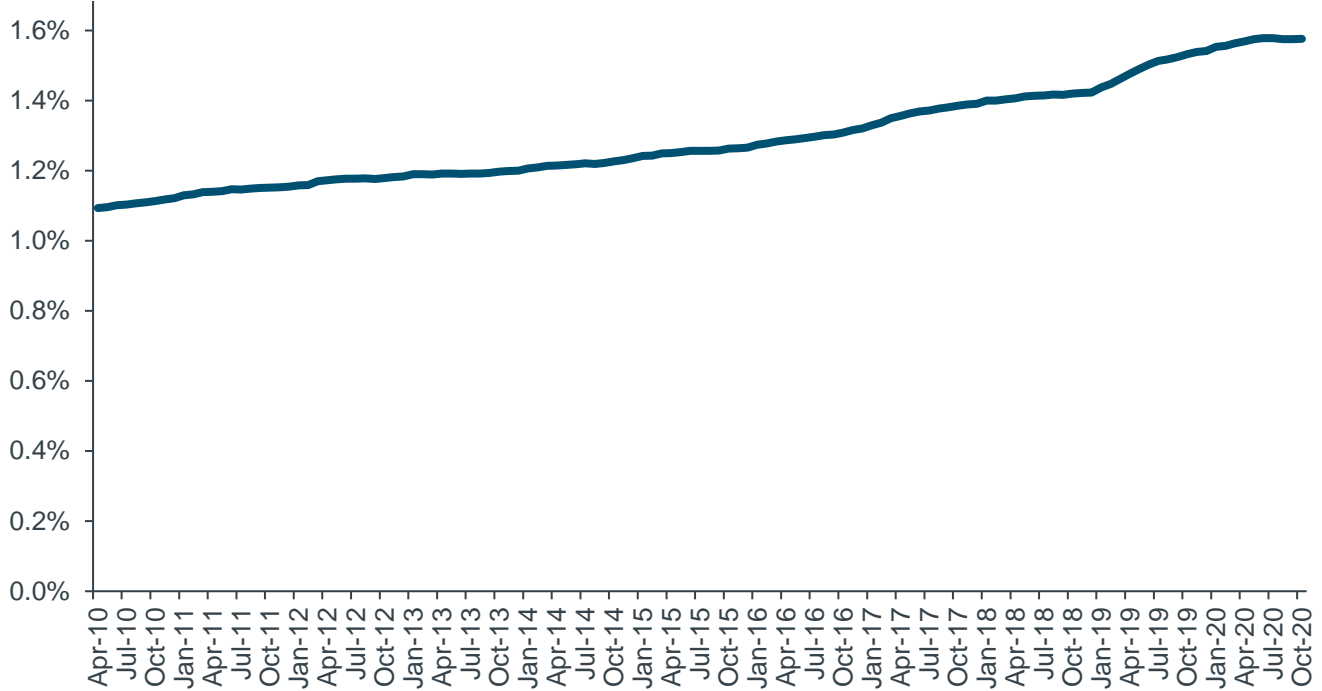
- Caseload by Client Income Type showed the total number of clients with CPP(D) income to be 15,773 (22.6%), and the total number of all types of Employment and Self-Employment incomes for client and/or partner (Employment Participation) to be 10,931 (15.7%).
- Client Gender showed the higher proportion of clients to be Male (53.2%), followed by Female (46.8%).
- Client Caseload showed the highest proportion to be Straight AISH (96.6%), followed by Modified AISH (3.2%), and Com. Residence (0.2%).

For more detailed definitions of category and measures, please refer to the Income Support data dictionary.



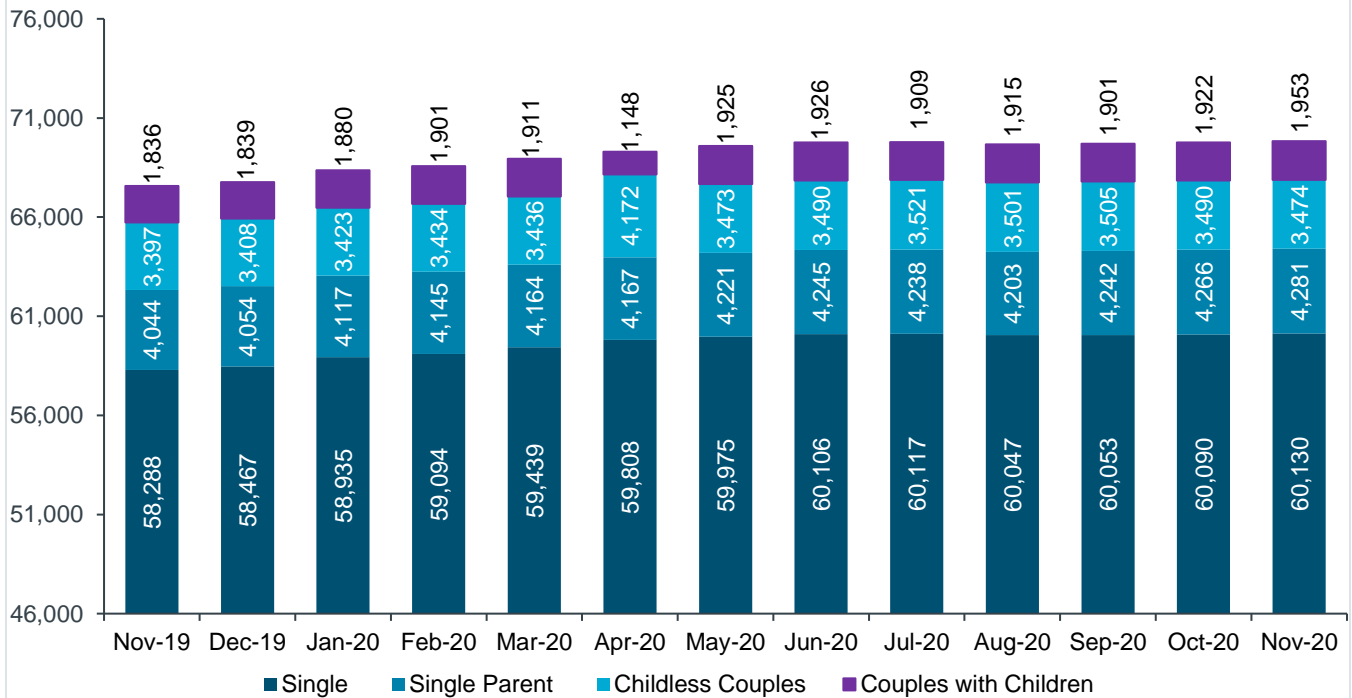
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Primary Recipient Proportion of Alberta Population (Apr 2010 to Oct 2020)



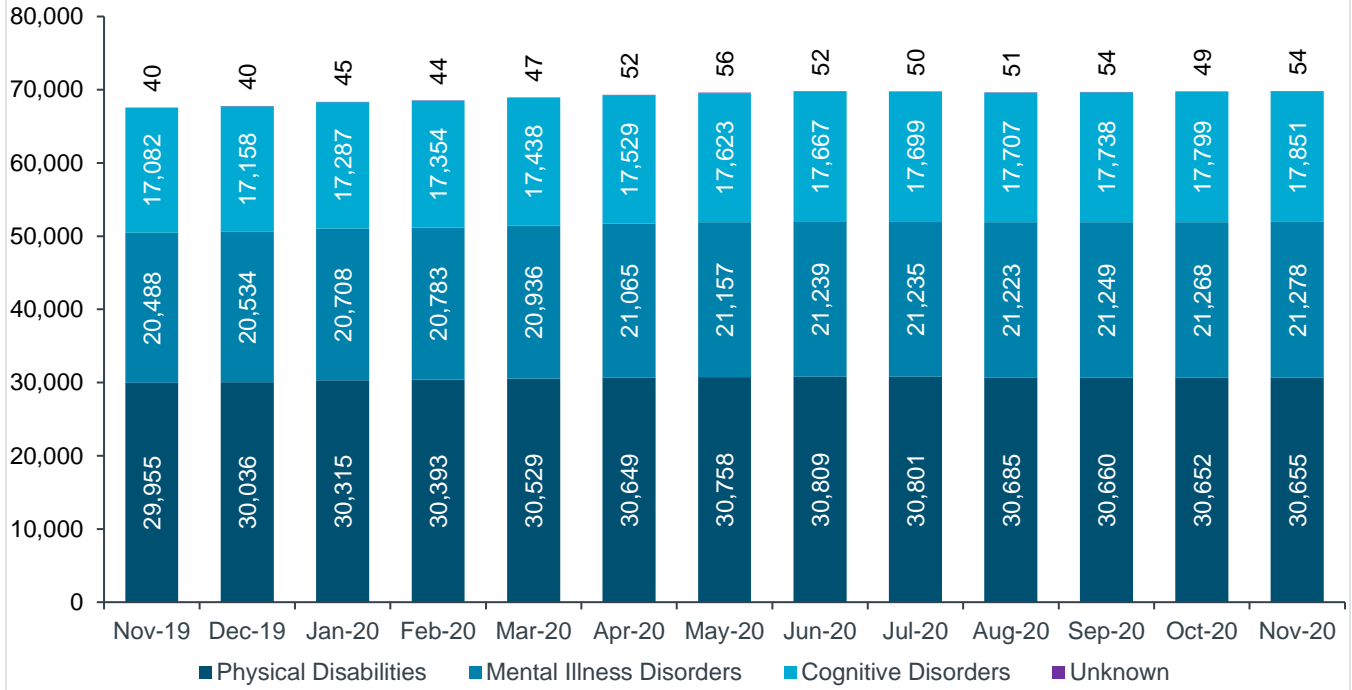
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Caseload by Family Composition (November 2019 to November 2020)



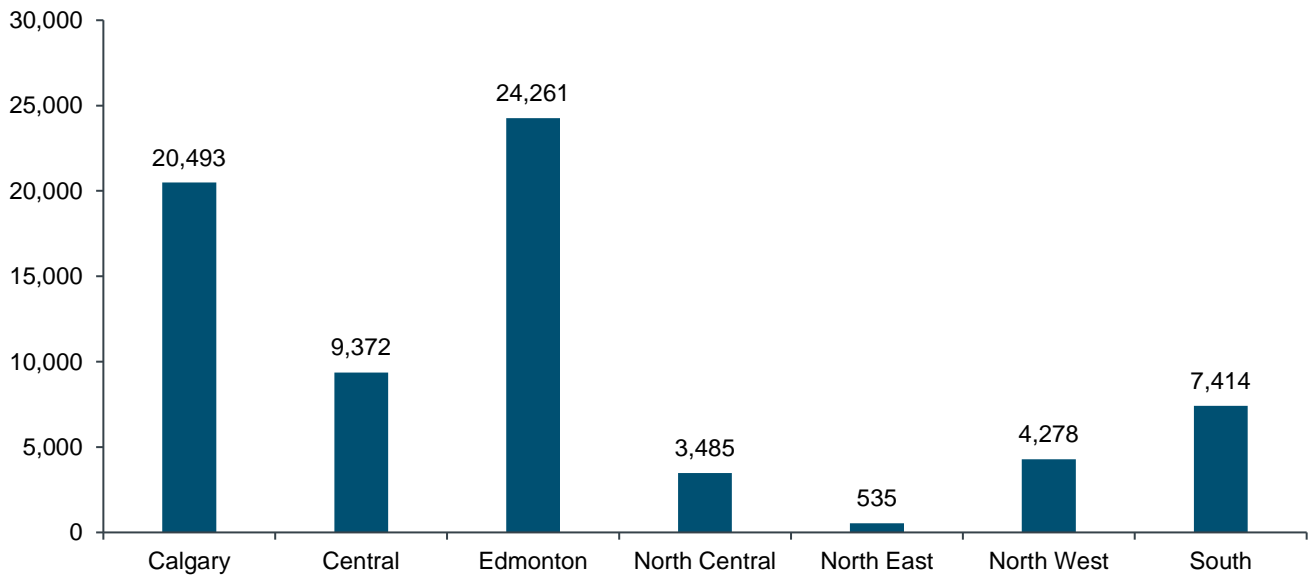
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Caseload by Primary Medical Condition (November 2019 to November 2020)



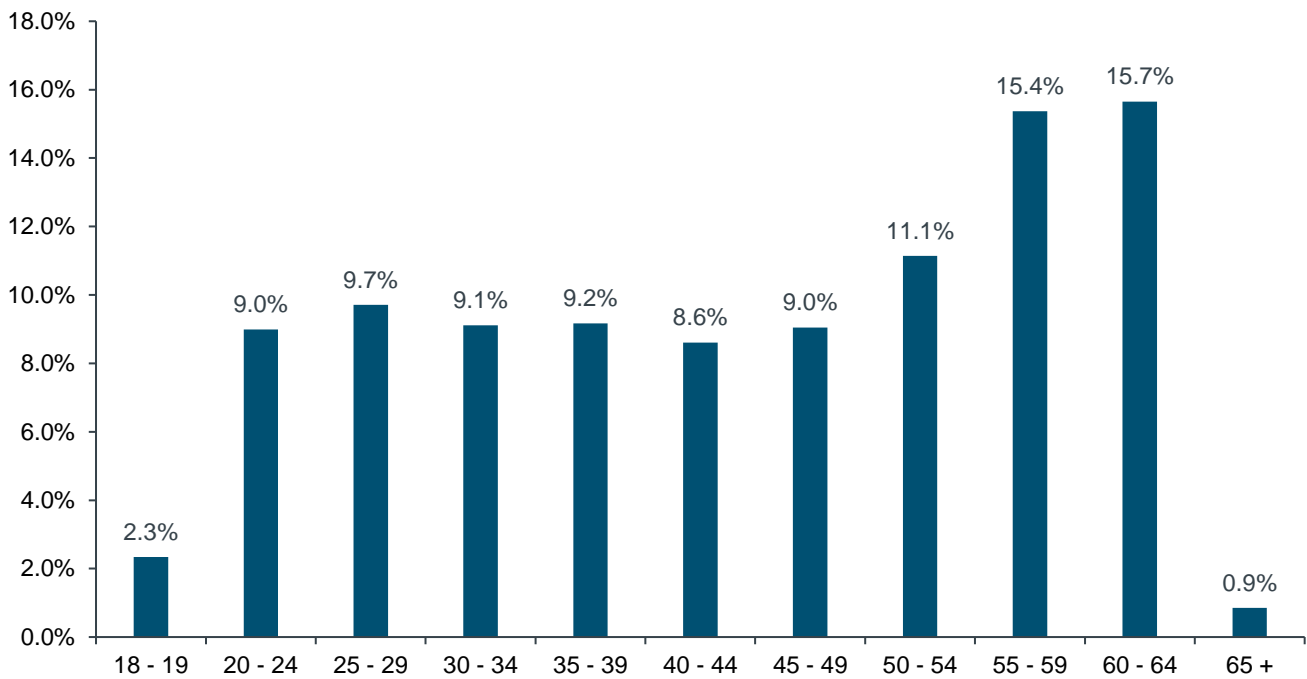
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Caseload by CSS Region (November 2020)



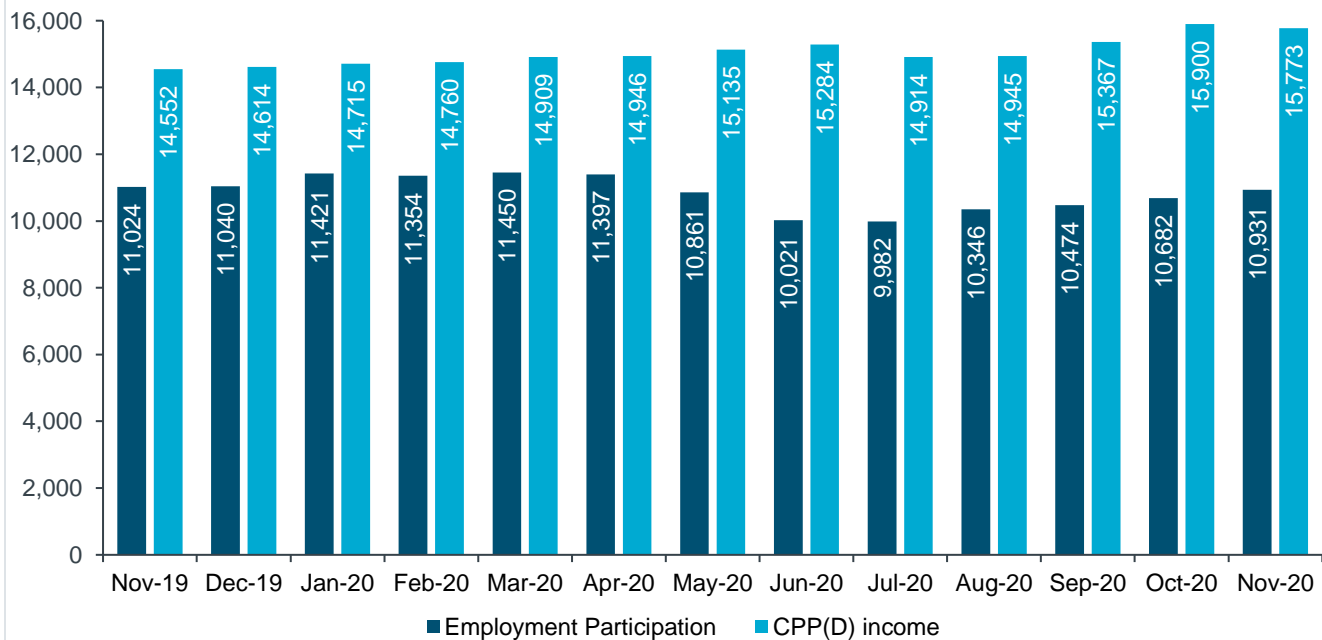
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Proportion Caseload by Average Age (November 2020)



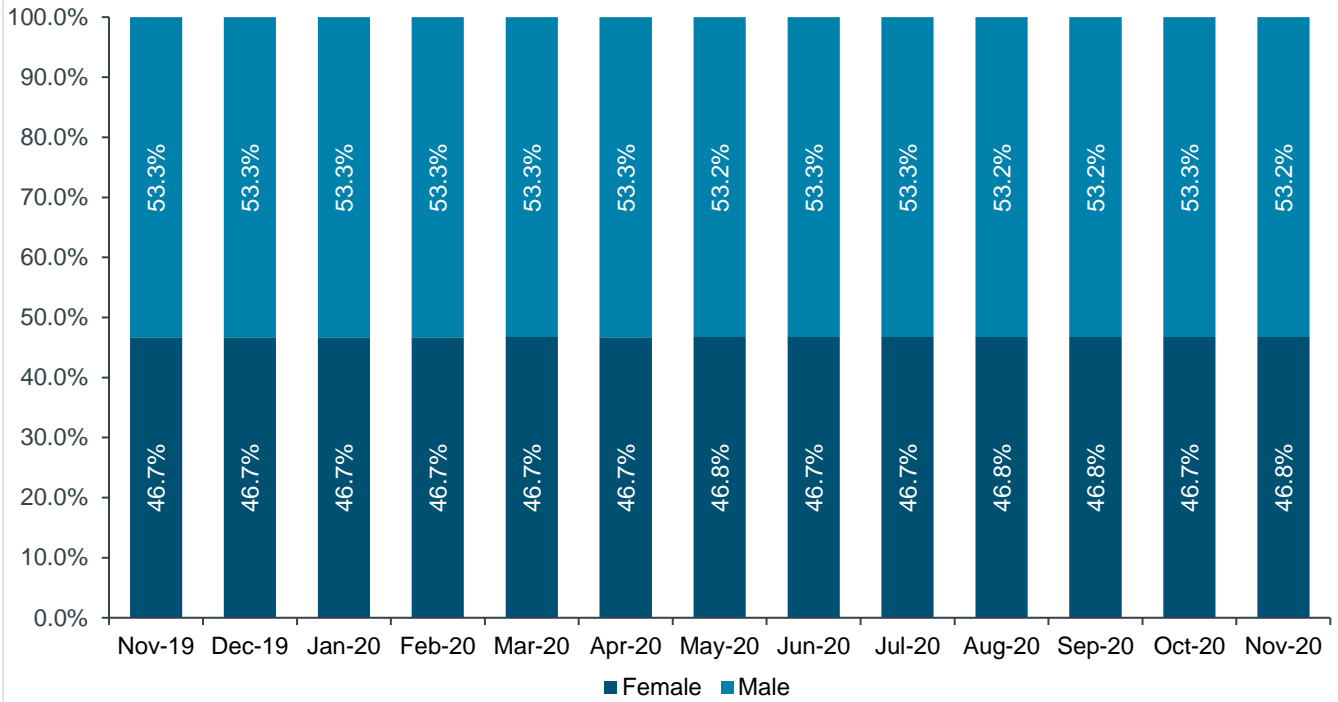
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Caseload by Client Income Type (November 2019 to November 2020)



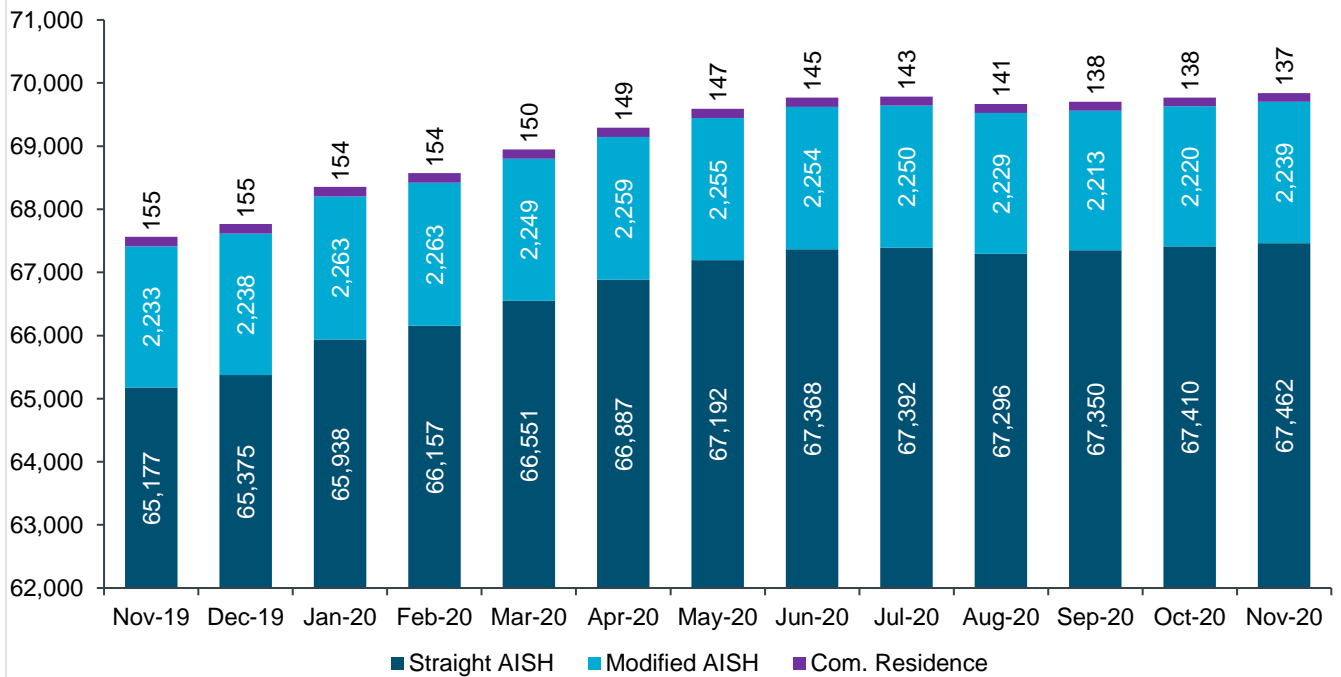
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Caseload by Client Gender (November 2019 to November 2020)



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Client Caseload (November 2019 to November 2020)



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