

# 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.

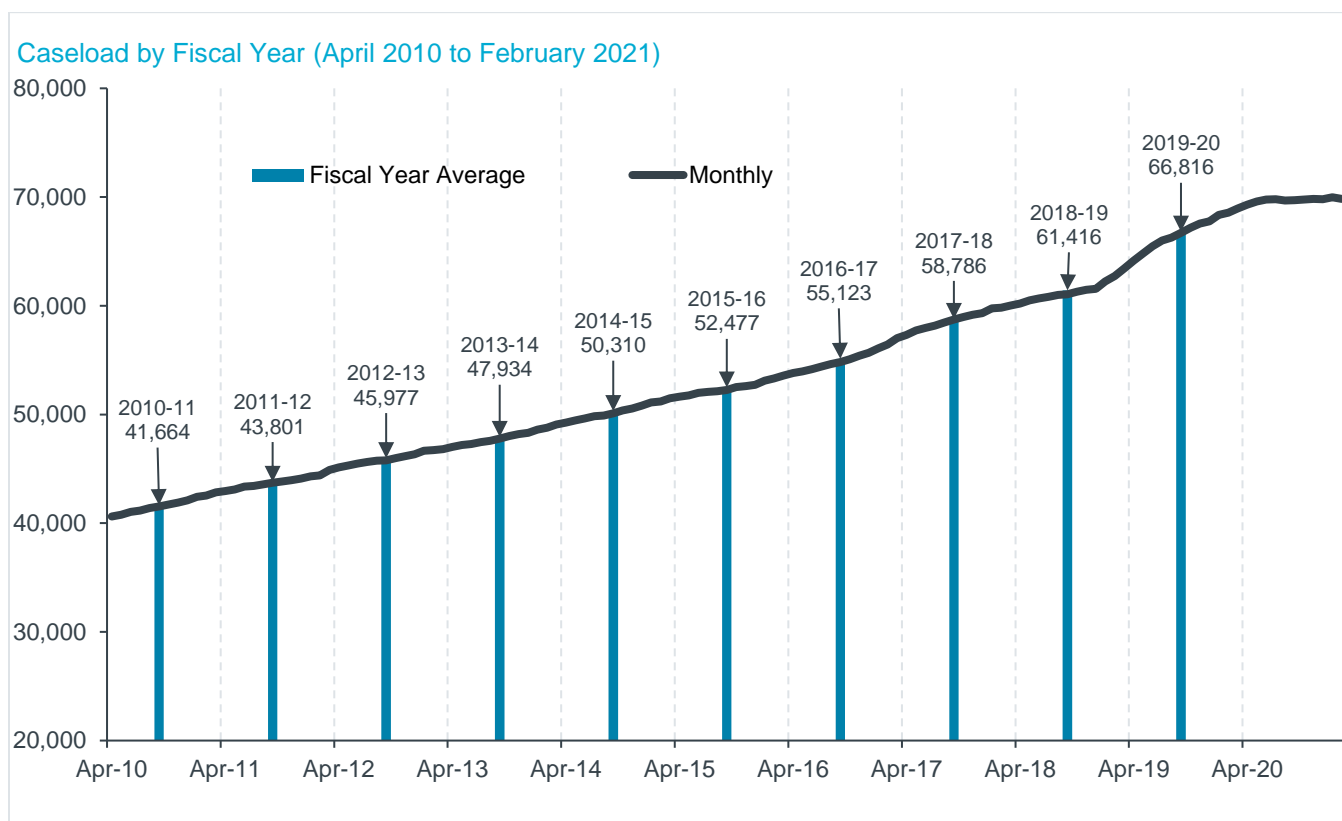
AISH may provide a monthly living allowance, a child benefit, health benefits, and personal benefits (in the form of extra monthly or one-time expenses), to assist clients with their living needs and to live as independently as possible. In determining an individual's eligibility for AISH benefits, consideration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

### Data Summary for February 2021

#### Caseload by Fiscal Year (April 2010 to February 2021)

The total AISH caseload for February 2021 was 69,834; a decrease of 0.20% from the previous month.

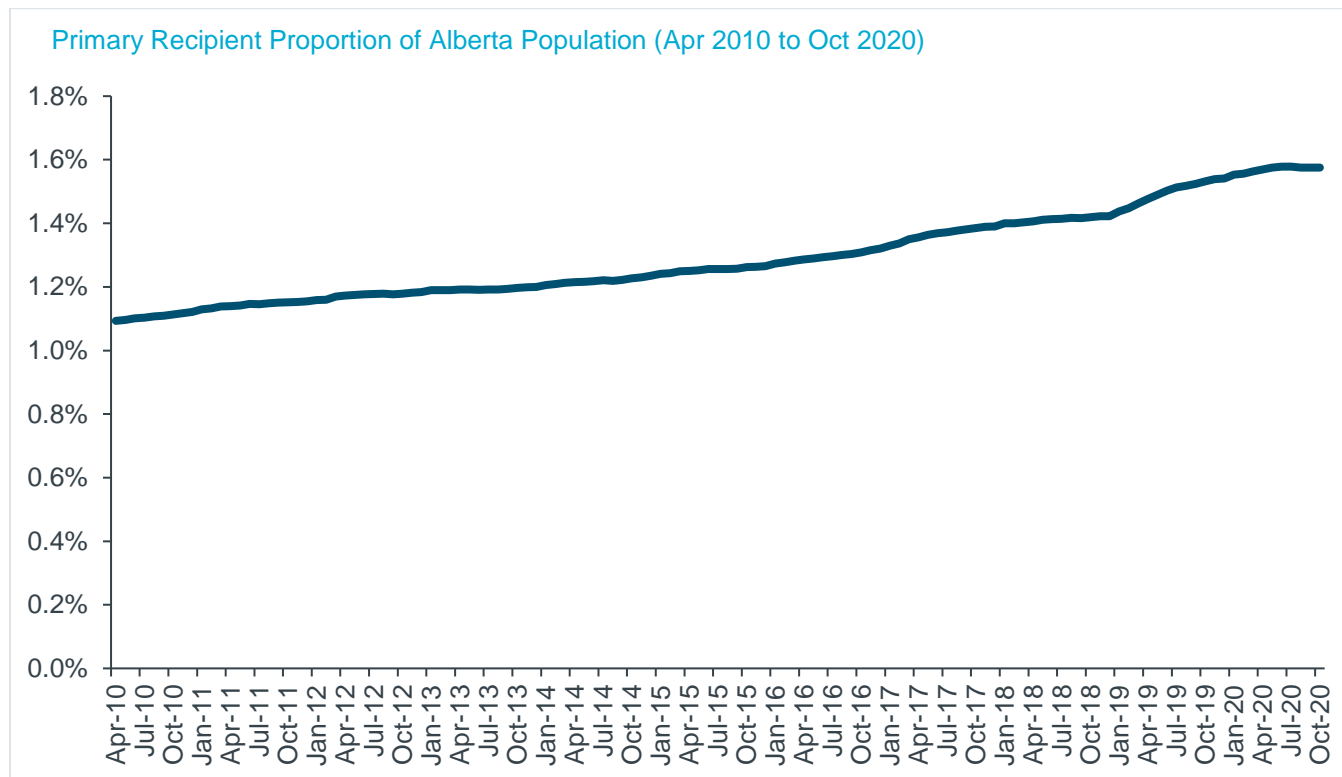
- From February 2020 to February 2021, the total AISH caseload showed an increase of 1.8%.



Source: Alberta Community and Social Services.

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

Of the entire population of Alberta for October 2020<sup>1</sup>, 1.6% were shown to be receiving benefits through the AISH program as primary recipients<sup>2</sup>.



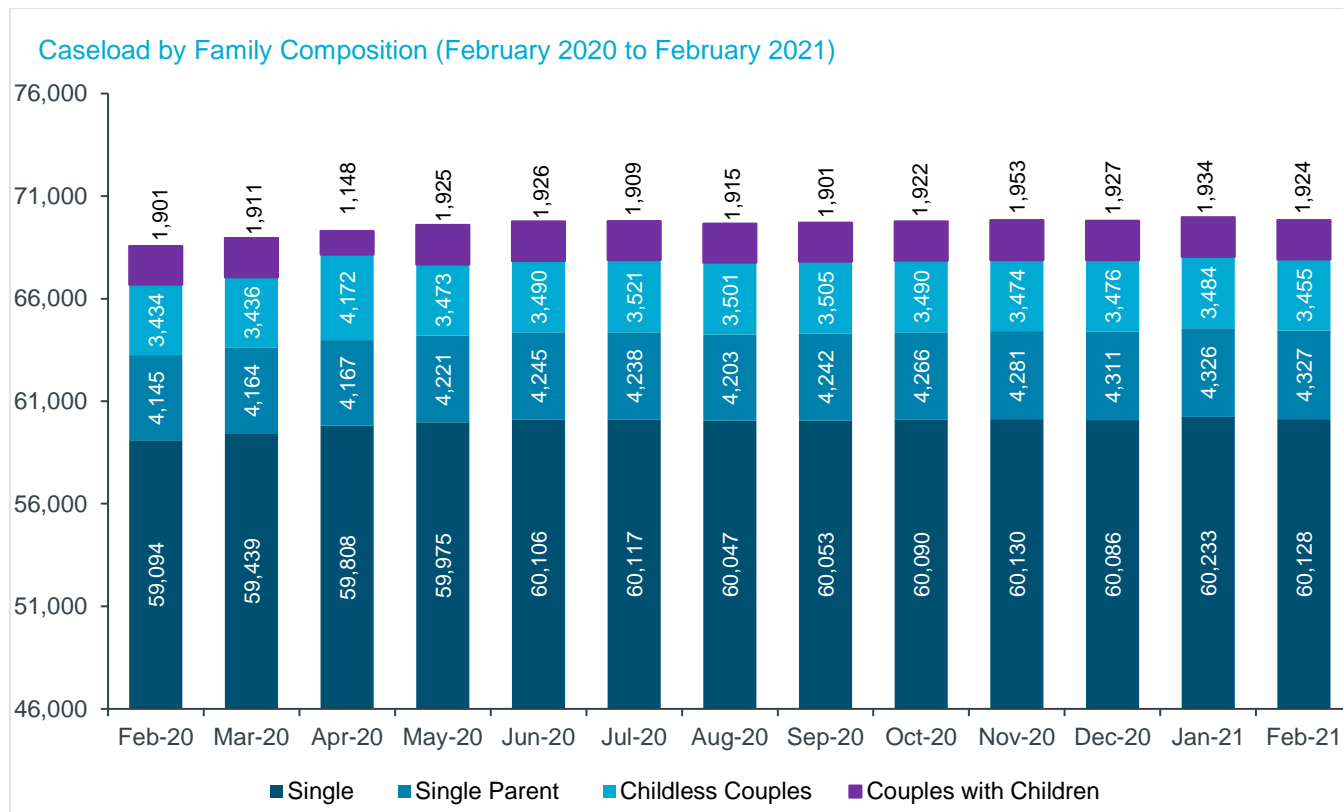
Source: Alberta Community and Social Services.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 Family Composition (February 2020 to February 2021)

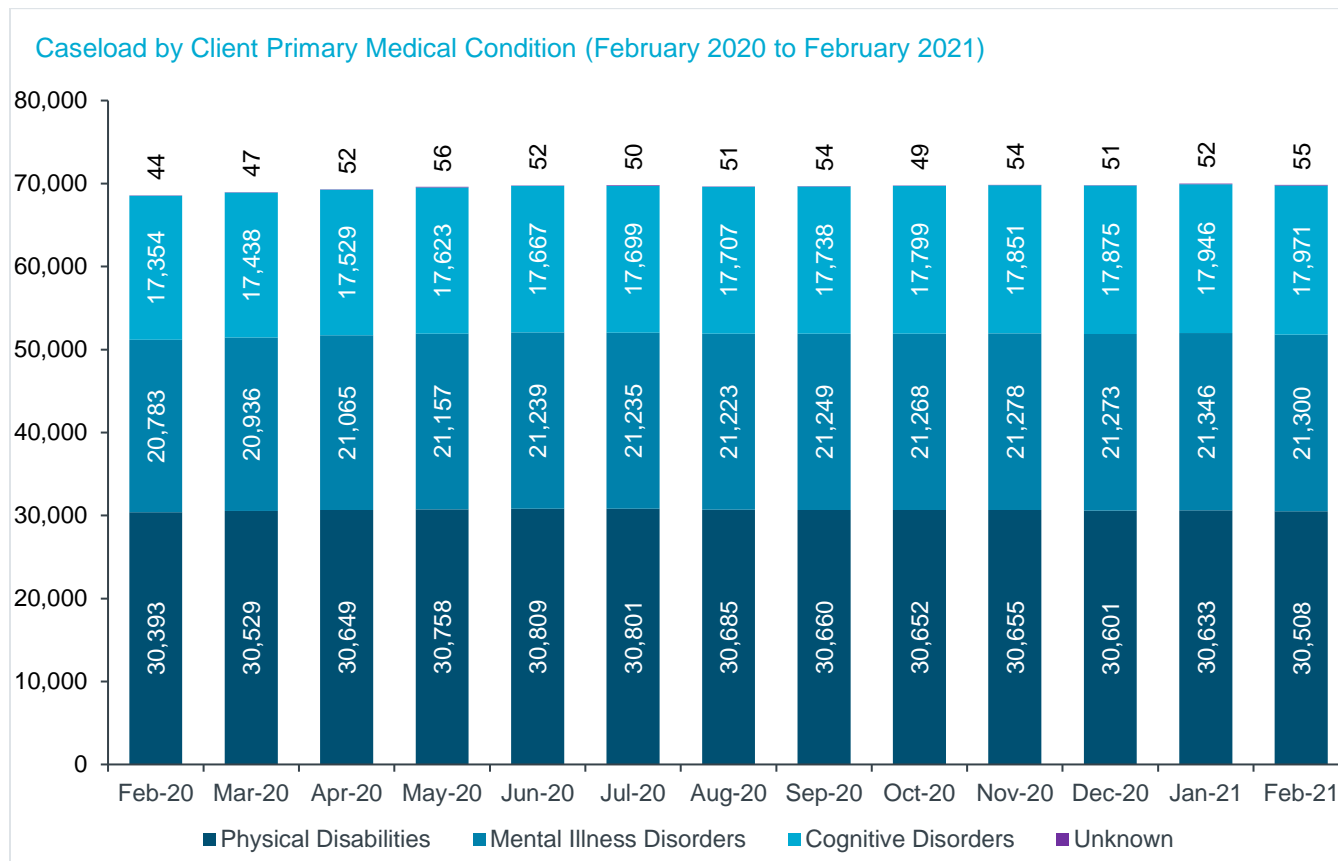
Caseload by Family Composition includes single individuals (86.1%), single parent (6.2%), childless couples (4.9%), and couples with children (2.8%).



Source: Alberta Community and Social Services.

## Caseload by Primary Medical Condition (February 2020 to February 2021)

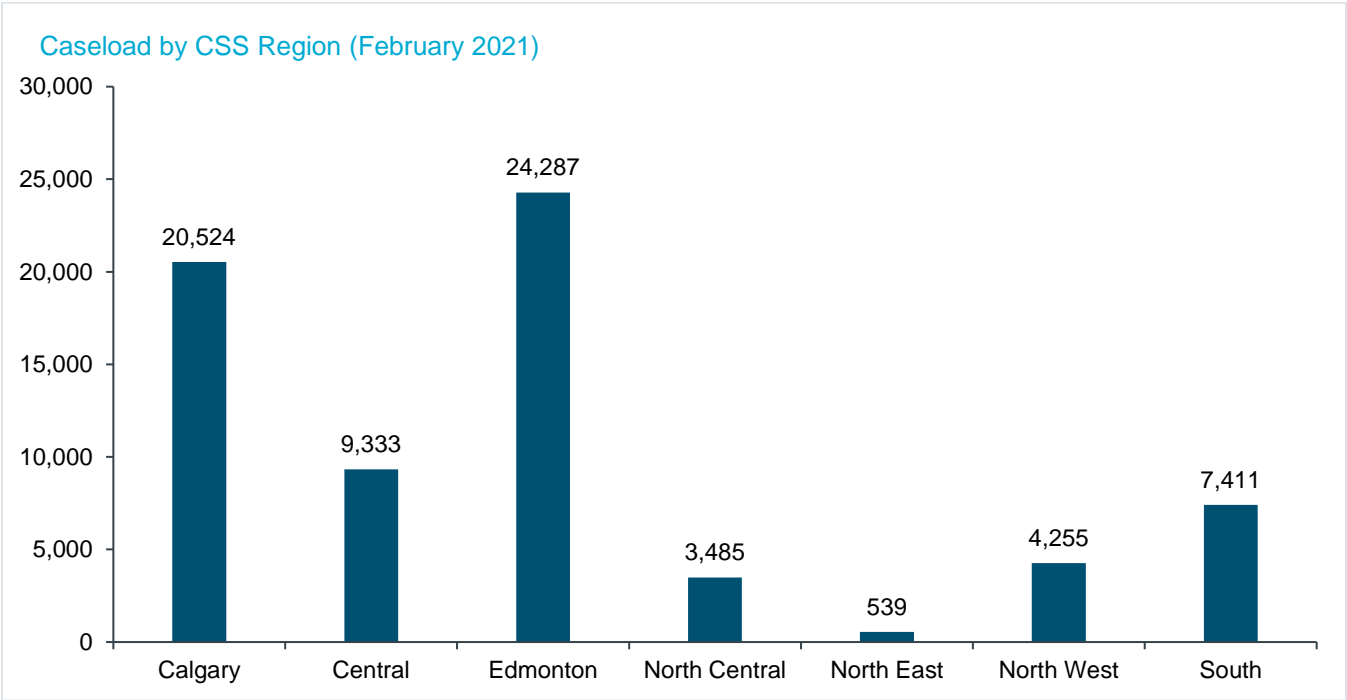
Caseload by Primary Medical Condition showed the highest proportion to be related to Physical Disabilities (43.7%), followed by Mental Illness Disorders (30.5%), Cognitive Disorders (25.7%), and Unknown (0.1%).



Source: Alberta Community and Social Services.

**Caseload by CSS Region (February 2021)**

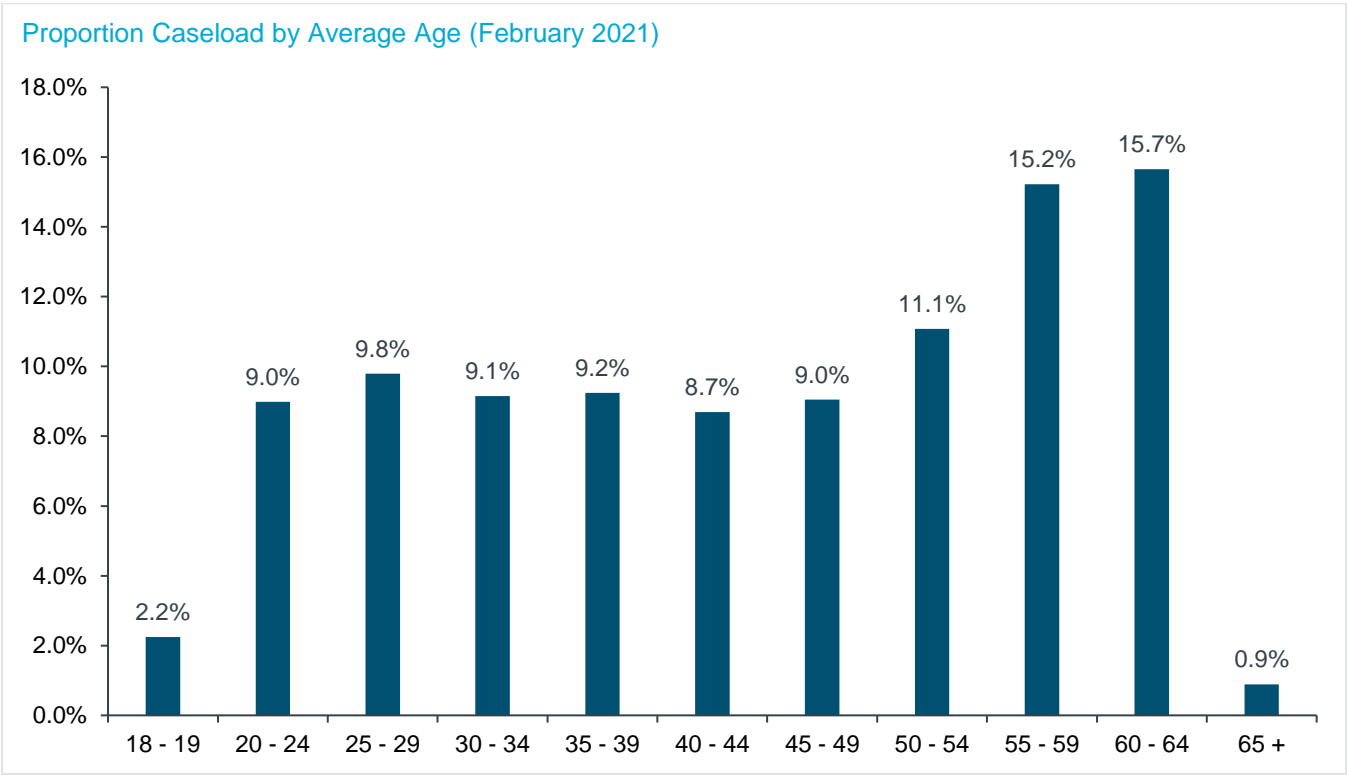
Regional data for January showed Edmonton as having the highest proportion of caseloads (34.8%), followed by Calgary (29.4%), Central (13.4%), South (10.6%), North West (6.1%), North Central (5.0%), and North East (0.8%).



Source: Alberta Community and Social Services

Proportion Caseload by Average Age (February 2021)

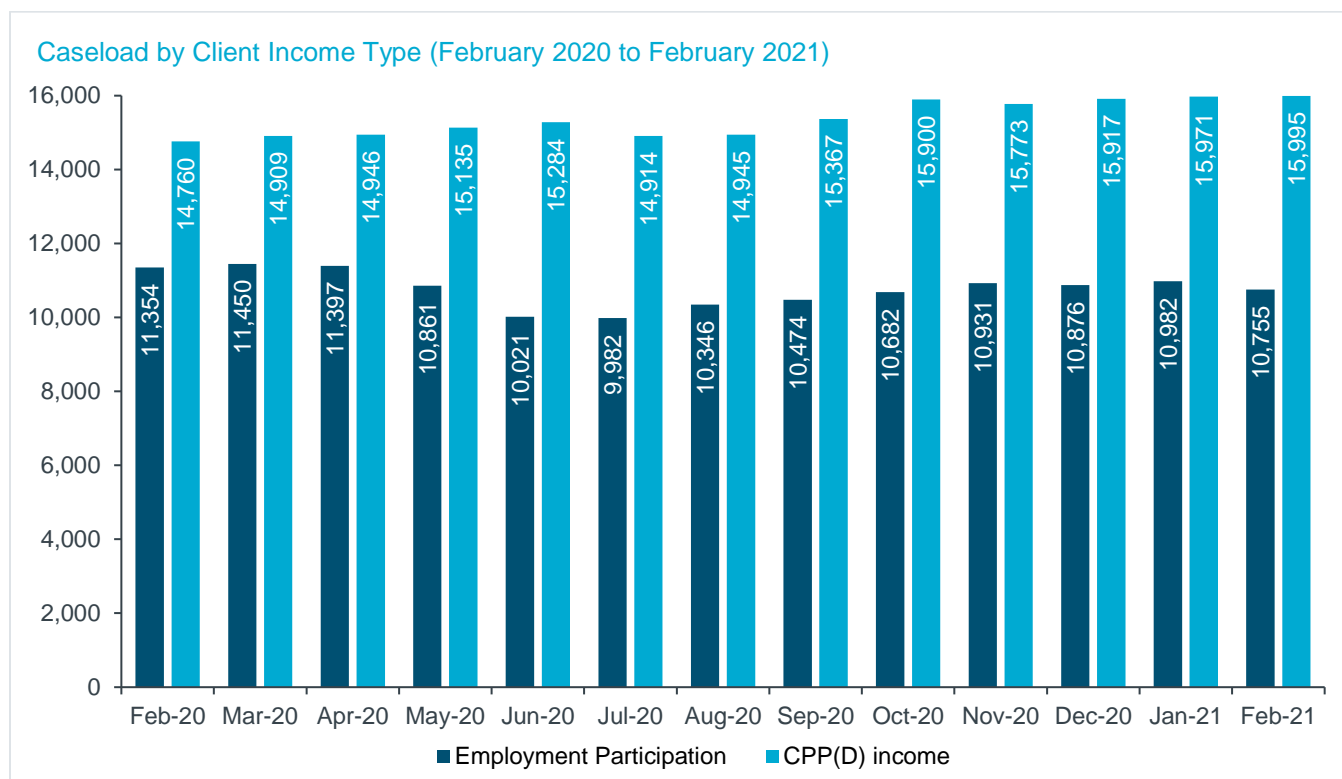
Caseload by Average Age Group showed the highest proportion of AISH clients were aged between 60-64 (15.7%), followed by 55-59 years (15.2%), and 50-54 years (11.1%).



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## Caseload by Client Income Type (February 2020 to February 2021)

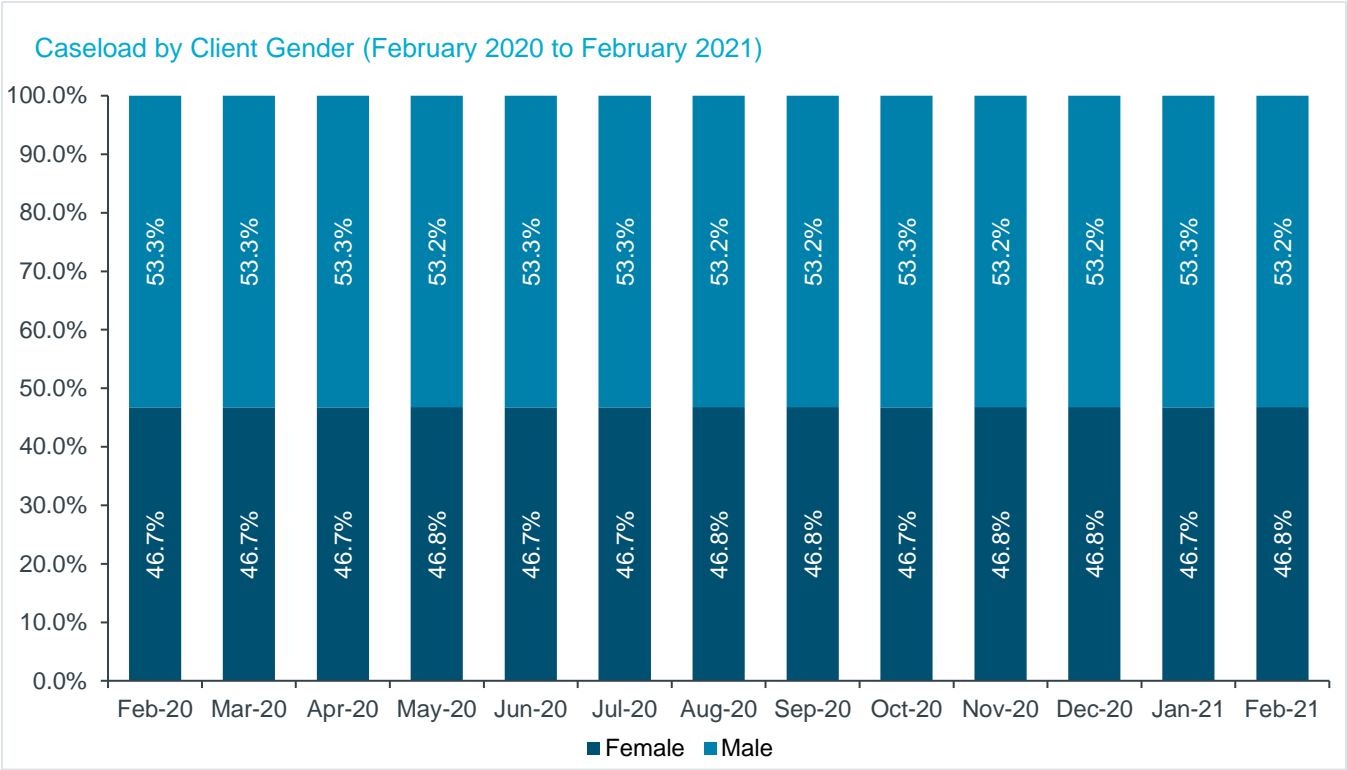
Caseload by Client Income Type showed the total number of clients with CPP(D) income to be 15,995 (22.9%), and the total number of all types of Employment and Self-Employment incomes for client and/or partner (Employment Participation) to be 10,755 (15.4%).



Source: Alberta Community and Social Services.

Caseload by Client Gender (February 2020 to February 2021)

Client Gender showed the higher proportion of clients to be Male (53.2%), followed by Female (46.8%).

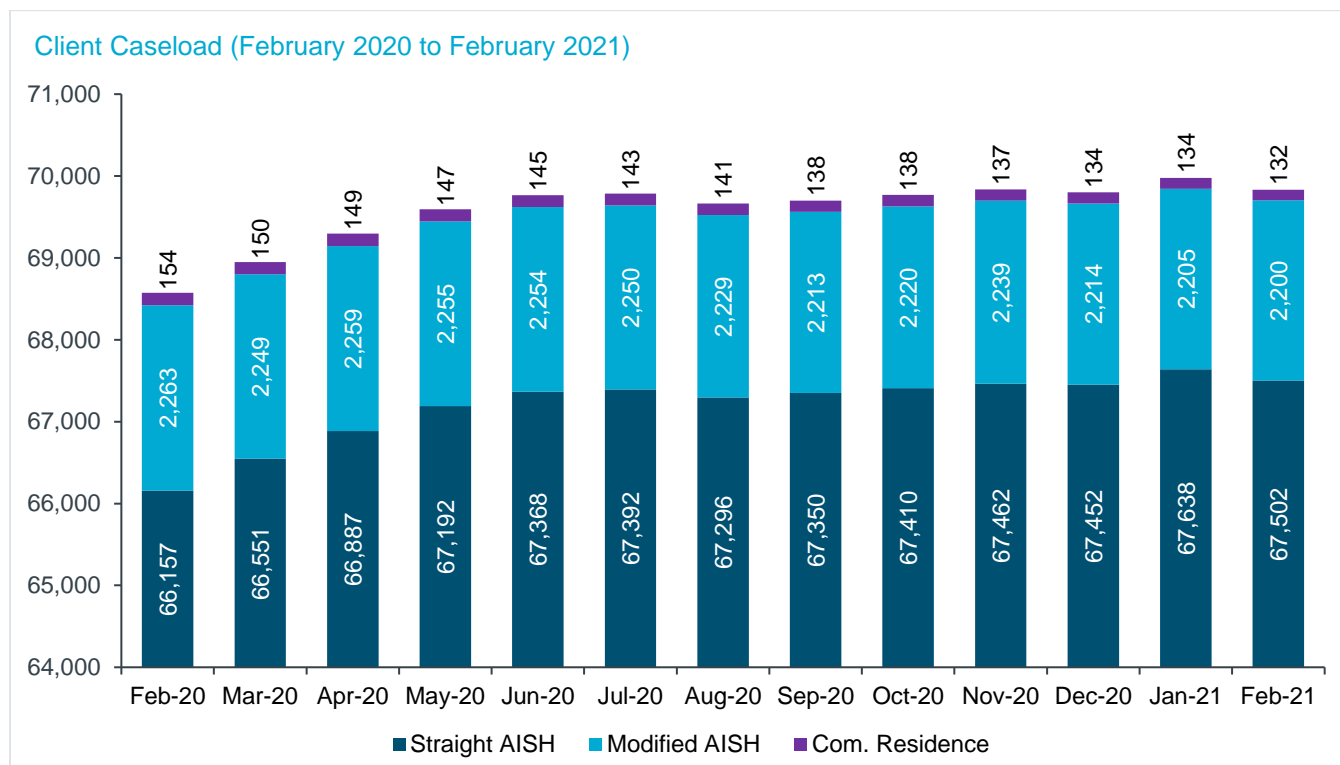


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## Client Caseload (February 2020 to February 2021)

Client Caseload showed the highest proportion to be Straight AISH (96.7%), followed by Modified AISH (3.2%), and Com. Residence (0.2%).



Source: Alberta Community and Social Services.

*For terms and definitions of specific data elements, please refer to the Income Support data dictionary.*