

Survey for the Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme

Survey Findings

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Remarks: “*” means that both LIFA and non-LIFA members were included.

“#” means that only LIFA members were included.

Background, Research Objectives & Design

Research Background & Objectives

- The Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA) Scheme aims to relieve the financial burden of low-income working families not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, with particular focus on children, in order to enhance self-reliance through active employment and ease inter-generational poverty.
- As the Government has committed to conduct an overall policy review one year after the implementation of the Scheme, a survey was commissioned:
 - To gain comprehensive understanding of how different families react to LIFA
 - To assess the impact as well as areas for improvement of the Scheme
 - Ultimately, to provide inputs into a comprehensive policy review of the Scheme

Sampling Method & Target Respondents

Sampling Method

- Using stratified sampling approach, a total of 6,700 beneficiary LIFA families were randomly selected.
- The selected samples were drawn from the LIFA System in 2 phases, with 5,000 samples in the 1st phase and 1,700 in 2nd phase.

Target Respondents

- All successful LIFA applicants and their household members (excluding live-in foreign domestic helpers, holders of Two-way Exit Permit and visitors) living in the same quarter during the claim period for the first-round application (i.e. from November 2015 to April/May/June 2016*) were the target respondents of the survey.

(*First-round applications for LIFA were implemented in phases: Phase 1 with claim period from November 2015 to April 2016; Phase 2 with claim period from November 2015 to May 2016 and Phase 3 with claim period from November 2015 to June 2016)

- **Proxy** was allowed if:
 - Household members were aged below 15
 - Household members were too old to complete the questionnaire

Data Collection Method & Fieldwork Period

Data Collection Method

- Face-to-face household interview, using paper-and-pen approach.
- Based on the contact telephone numbers of LIFA applicants provided by the Working Family Allowance Office (WFAO), telephone appointments were made with them before the onsite visits.
- If households could not be contacted in each onsite visit, notification letters were left to the households for inviting them to make appointments for interviews.
- At least 4 onsite visits were made to sampled quarters before such cases were treated as unreachable cases (i.e. non-contacted).
- Interviewing length of each household was around 50 minutes.

Fieldwork Period

- 21 September – 1 October 2016 (Pilot Survey)
- 2 December 2016 – 23 March 2017 (Main Survey)

Sample Size Achieved, Response Rate & Grossed-up Figures

Sample Size Achieved and Response Rate

- A total of 5,351 beneficiary LIFA families were successfully enumerated.
- Response rate: 79.9%

Grossed-up Figures

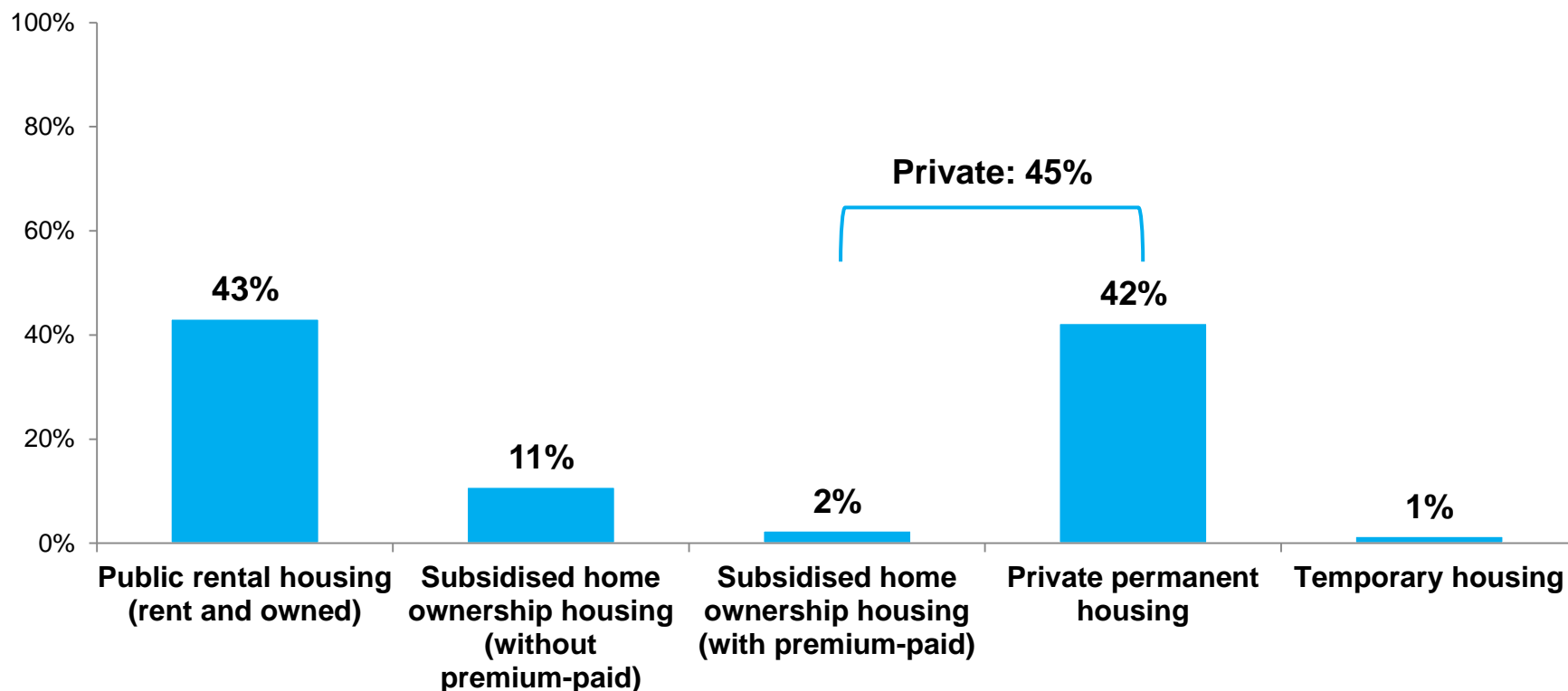
- When the LIFA administrative data were extracted for selection of households for survey in October 2016, a total of 25,345 LIFA applications were approved. Out of these households, 5,351 were selected and successfully enumerated. To gross up the survey data of the 5,351 enumerated households to 25,345 LIFA households, weighting factors were first derived in accordance with the variables adopted in sampling design such as household size, working hour tier, income tier, ethnicity, etc. and then adjusted for housing type. Among the 25,345 households, the grossed-up figure of LIFA members is 91,703 and that of non-LIFA members is 4,699.

Profile of Enumerated Households

Survey Findings

Type of Quarters lived in (at end Mar 2016) (by type of housing adopted in the General Household Survey)

- Overall, about two-fifth of households with LIFA (43%) live in public rental housing, followed by private permanent housing (42%).
- In total, 45% of households live in private housing, including both private and subsidised home ownership housing with premium-paid.

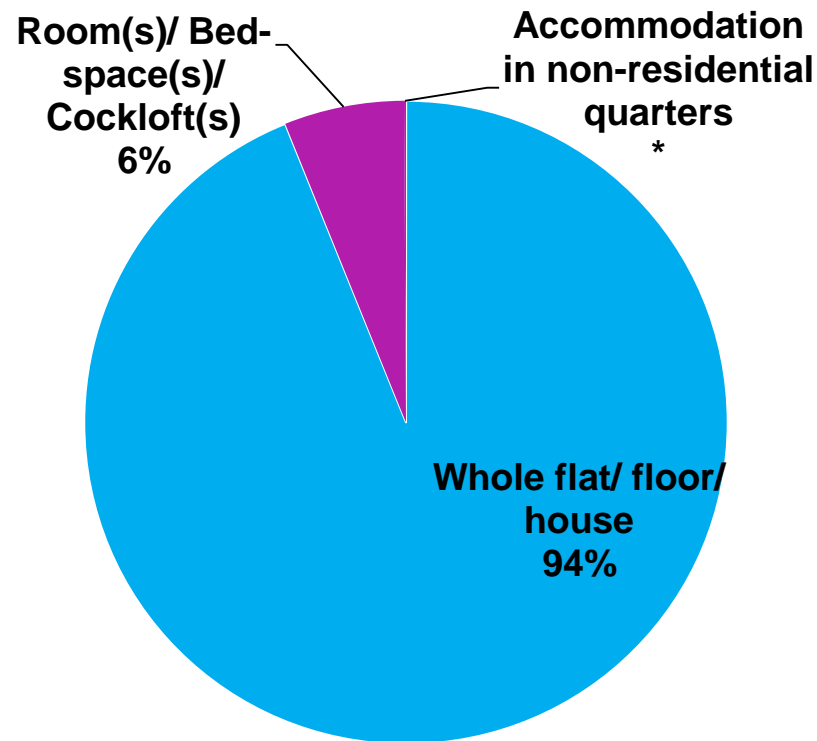


Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345, grossed up from the survey data of 5,351 enumerated households)

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Whether Occupied the Whole Quarters (at end Mar 2016)

- Almost all LIFA households (94%) occupy the whole flat/ floor/ house, while 6% live in room(s)/ bed-space(s)/ cockloft(s).



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

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Average Monthly Amount of Rent/ Mortgage/ Loan (incl. rates & government rent paid; at end Mar 2016) (by type of housing)

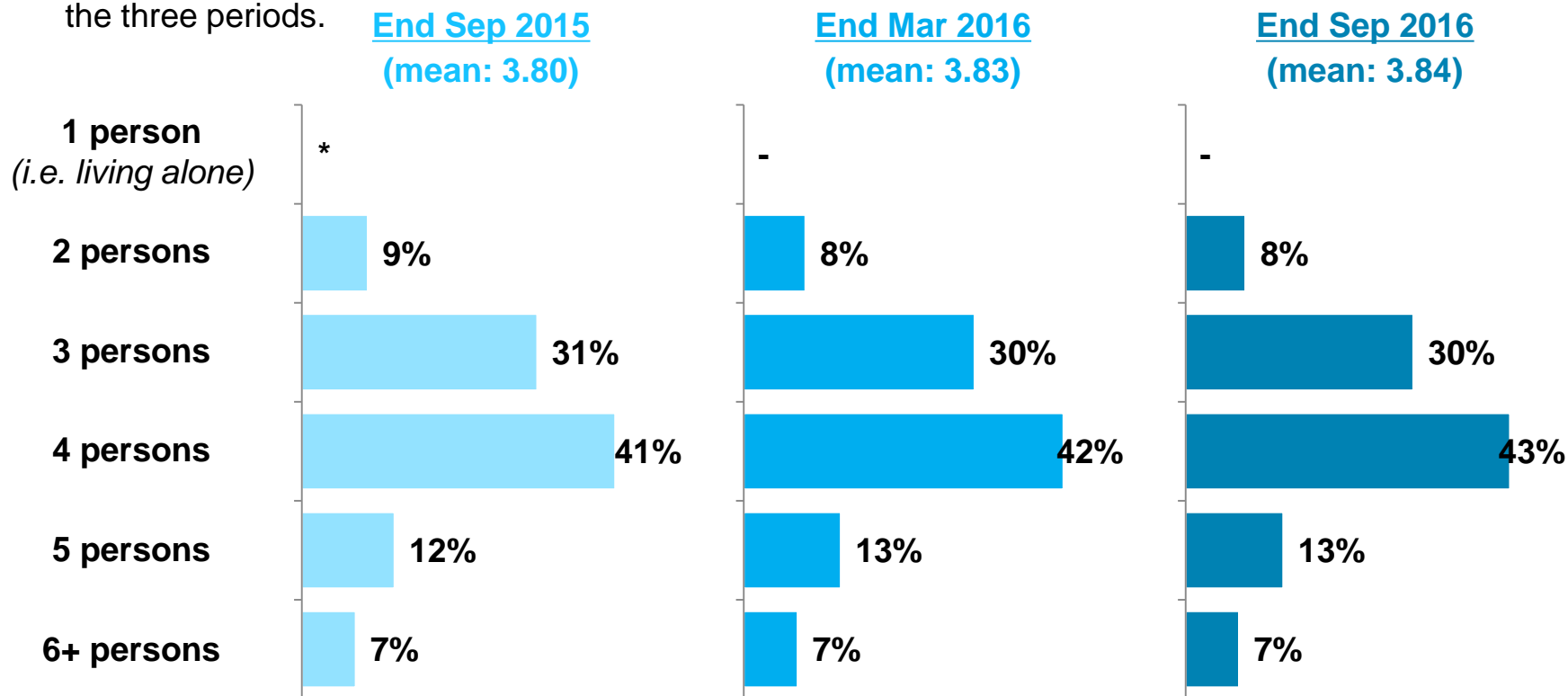
	Total	Housing Type			
		Public rental housing	Subsidised home ownership housing (without premium-paid)	Private housing (incl. subsidised home ownership housing (with premium-paid) and private permanent housing)	Temporary housing
	N=20,419	N=10,628	N=725	N=8,843	N=224#
Average monthly amount of rent/ mortgage/ loan (HK\$)	3,460	1,850	4,392	5,320	3,395

Base: All LIFA households with accommodation rented or owned with mortgage/ loan (N=20,419)

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No. of Household Member(s) Living in the Premises

- In general, the distributions of household size among all three periods (i.e. end Sep 2015, end Mar 2016 and end Sep 2016) are similar.
- The average household size of LIFA households ranges from 3.80 (end Sep 2015) to 3.84 (end Sep 2016). Household size with 3-4 persons shares the largest proportion, accounting for 72%-73% in the three periods.

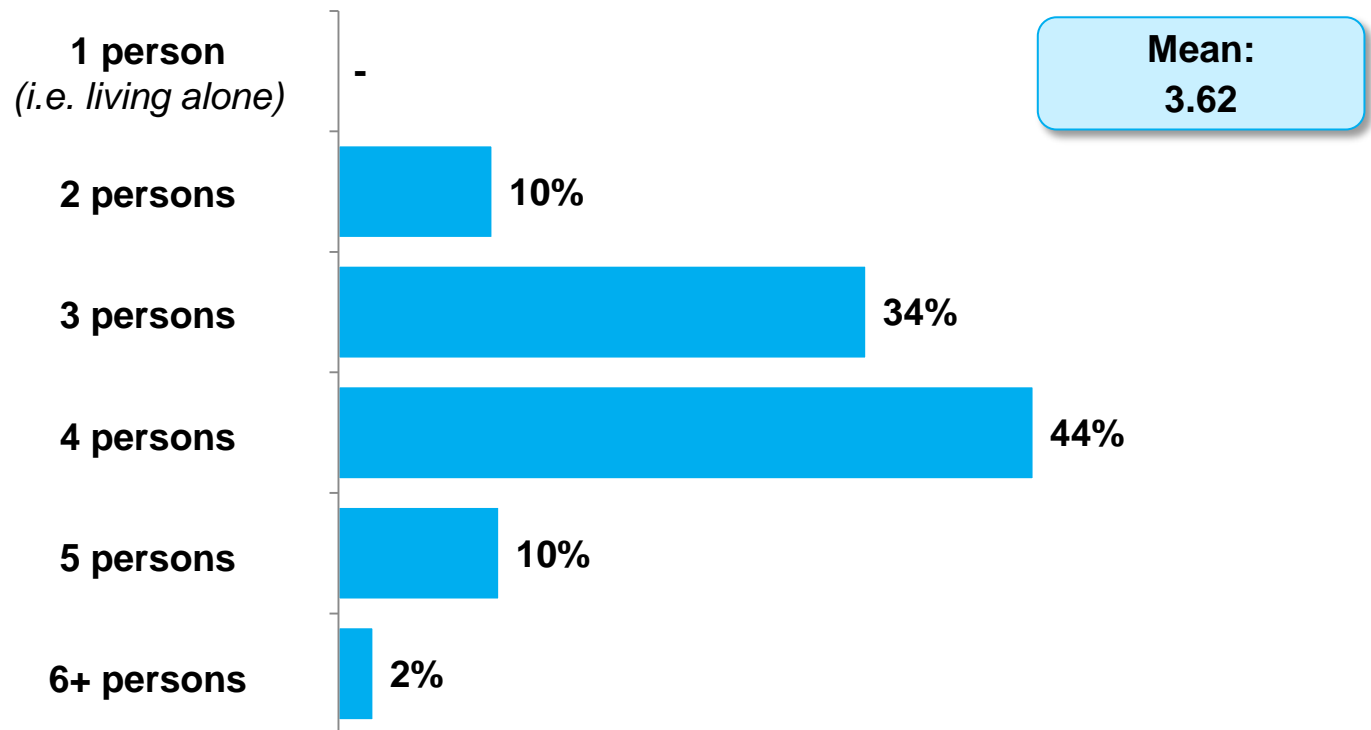


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No. of Household Member(s) included in the First-round LIFA Applications

- Similarly, around 78% households are with 3-4 members (34% of 3 persons and 44% of 4 persons) when they applied for LIFA in the first round.
- The average household size is 3.62.

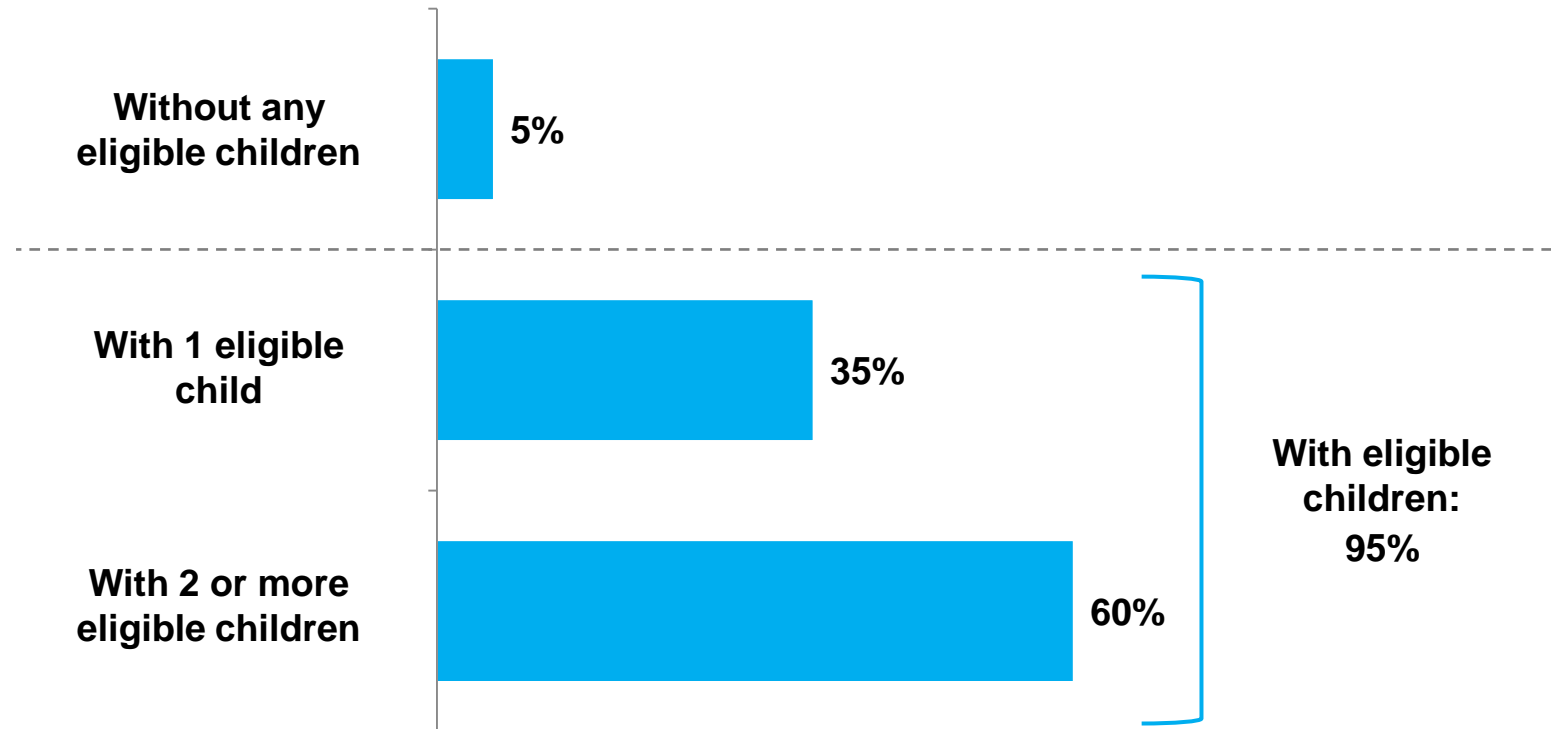


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No. of Eligible Children (at end Mar 2016)




















- 95% of LIFA households have at least 1 eligible child, specifically 35% have 1 eligible child and 60% have 2 or more children.



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Sources and Average Amount of Household Income

- “Employment-related income” is the major source of income of LIFA households, with highest percentage (97%-99%) and highest average amount (HK\$13,567-HK\$14,286) among all sources.

	Sep 2015		Mar 2016		Sep 2016	
	%	Mean (HK\$)	%	Mean (HK\$)	%	Mean (HK\$)
Employment-related income	 97%	13,567	 99%	13,737	 98%	14,286
Asset-related income	*	2,178 [#]	*	2,622 [#]	*	3,223 [#]
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	*	6,999 [#]	*	7,235 [#]	*	9,931 [#]
Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance	 9%	2,659	 9%	2,816	 10%	2,795
Disability Allowance	 3%	2,018	 3%	2,057	 3%	2,081
Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (household-based)	 6%	603	*	643 [#]	*	1,392 [#]
Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (individual-based)	 1%	599	*	562 [#]	*	541 [#]
Contribution from charities and other welfare funds	 1%	4,235	*	3,241 [#]	 1%	4,804 [#]
Grants for education (excluding loan)	 13%	4,196	 5%	664	 13%	4,234
Others	 1%	6,021	 1%	5,291 [#]	 1%	4,752

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

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Average Amount of Individual Employment-related Income

	<u>Sep 2015</u>		<u>Mar 2016</u>		<u>Sep 2016</u>
	Mean (HK\$)		Mean (HK\$)		Mean (HK\$)
Applicants (N=24,608)	12,525	(N=25,345)	12,699	(N=24,753)	12,980
Applicants' spouses (N=2,297)	6,089	(N=2,601)	5,724	(N=2,870)	6,712
3rd working members (N=1,069)	9,231	(N=1,149)	8,318	(N=1,342)	9,101
4th working members (N=197)	11,132	(N=202)	11,963	(N=236)	12,188

Base: All LIFA applicants, applicants' spouses, 3rd and 4th working members who have worked in the respective period. Even if the LIFA applicants do not have spouses, their spouses have not worked in the respective period or their spouses are not counted in the LIFA families, the next working member in the LIFA family will be named as the 3rd, instead of the 2nd, working member, followed by the fourth working member, so on and so forth. When the "3rd/4th working members" are mentioned in subsequent slides, it refers to the same definition of "3rd/4th working members" as set out here.

Whether the Employment-related Income changed before, during and after the First Claim Period of LIFA

Whether employment-related income changed?		Applicants	Applicants' spouses	3 rd working members	4 th working members
Comparing the income as of Sep 2015 and the income as of Mar 2016	Comparing the income as of Mar 2016 and the income as of Sep 2016	N=25,345	N=3,252	N=1,443	N=253
unchanged	unchanged	46%	34%	38%	34%
increase	increase	8%	6%	4%	9%
decrease	decrease	1%	2%	3%	4%
unchanged	increase	12%	23%	20%	17%
unchanged	decrease	4%	3%	4%	-
increase	unchanged	18%	10%	6%	13%
increase	decrease	5%	9%	10%	5%
decrease	unchanged	2%	6%	2%	2%
decrease	increase	5%	8%	13%	16%

Base: All LIFA applicants, applicants' spouses, 3rd and 4th working members who have worked in any of the "three periods" namely in (i) Sep 2015 (before the first claim period of LIFA); (ii) Mar 2016 [or the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period from Nov 2015 to Apr/May/Jun 2016 for applicants and their spouses]; and (iii) Sep 2016 (after the first claim period of LIFA). When the "three periods" are mentioned in subsequent slides, it refers to the same three time points as set out here.

Remarks: "-" means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Households receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size, no. of members receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Sep 2015) and no. of children eligible for Child Allowance)

No. of Children Eligible for Child Allowance	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household															
		2 persons		3 persons			4 persons			5 persons				6+ persons			
		No. of members receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Sep 2015)															
		1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+
	N=2,266	N=69#	N=21#	N=494	N=35#	N=0	N=469	N=71#	N=0	N=570	N=89#	N=0	N=0	N=284	N=160	N=3#	N=0
0	386	69	21	213	32	-	47	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	880	-	-	281	3	-	327	68	-	115	53	-	-	23	10	-	-
2	836	-	-	-	-	-	95	3	-	446	32	-	-	123	134	3	-
3	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	122	13	-	-
4 or more	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	3	-	-
Mean (no. of children)	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.10	-	1.10	1.04	-	1.82	1.32	-	-	2.46	2.06	2.00	-

Base: All households receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance – Sep 2015 (N=2,266)

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Households receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Mar 2016, i.e. during application for LIFA) (by household size, no. of members receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Mar 2016) and no. of children eligible for Child Allowance)

No. of Children Eligible for Child Allowance	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household															
		2 persons		3 persons			4 persons			5 persons				6+ persons			
		No. of members receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Mar 2016)															
		1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+
	N=2,384	N=91#	N=21#	N=506	N=47#	N=0	N=479	N=71#	N=0	N=588	N=97#	N=0	N=0	N=296	N=184	N=3#	N=0
0	418	91	21	204	43	-	51	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	913	-	-	298	3	-	330	68	-	119	62	-	-	23	10	-	-
2	872	-	-	3	-	-	99	3	-	453	32	-	-	121	158	3	-
3	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	137	13	-	-
4 or more	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	3	-	-
Mean (no. of children)	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.07	-	1.10	1.04	-	1.81	1.29	-	-	2.49	2.05	2.00	-

Base: All households receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance – Mar 2016 (N=2,384)

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Households receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size, no. of members receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Sep 2016) and no. of children eligible for Child Allowance)

No. of Children Eligible for Child Allowance	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household															
		2 persons		3 persons			4 persons			5 persons				6+ persons			
		No. of members receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance (Sep 2016)															
		1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+
	N=2,502	N=121#	N=21#	N=515	N=55#	N=0	N=498	N=74#	N=0	N=606	N=101#	N=0	N=0	N=324	N=184	N=3#	N=0
0	449	121	21	196	52	-	51	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	952	-	-	316	3	-	339	71	-	129	62	-	-	20	13	-	-
2	920	-	-	3	-	-	108	3	-	461	35	-	-	152	154	3	-
3	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	137	13	-	-
4 or more	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	3	-	-
Mean (no. of children)	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.06	-	1.12	1.04	-	1.80	1.31	-	-	2.46	2.03	2.00	-

Base: All households receiving Old Age Allowance/ Old Age Living Allowance – Sep 2016 (N=2,502)

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Households receiving Disability Allowance (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA)

(by household size, no. of members receiving Disability Allowance (Sep 2015) and no. of children eligible for Child Allowance)

No. of Children Eligible for Child Allowance	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household															
		2 persons		3 persons			4 persons			5 persons				6+ persons			
		No. of members receiving Disability Allowance (Sep 2015)															
		1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+
	N=796	N=37#	N=0	N=236	N=11#	N=3#	N=290	N=11#	N=0	N=92#	N=11#	N=0	N=3#	N=90#	N=11#	N=0	N=0
0	105	22	-	58	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
1	275	15	-	137	3	-	76	8	-	25	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
2	357	-	-	41	-	3	203	3	-	49	3	-	-	46	8	-	-
3	46	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	18	8	-	3	10	3	-	-
4 or more	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
Mean (no. of children)	1.50	0.41	-	0.93	0.30	2.00	1.70	1.29	-	1.93	2.71	-	3.00	2.25	2.29	-	-

Base: All households receiving Disability Allowance – Sep 2015 (N=796)

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Households receiving Disability Allowance (Mar 2016, i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by household size, no. of members receiving Disability Allowance (Mar 2016) and no. of children eligible for Child Allowance)

No. of Children Eligible for Child Allowance	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household															
		2 persons		3 persons			4 persons			5 persons				6+ persons			
		No. of members receiving Disability Allowance (Mar 2016)															
		1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+
	N=862	N=40#	N=0	N=238	N=19#	N=3#	N=310	N=11#	N=0	N=112#	N=11#	N=0	N=3#	N=103#	N=11#	N=0	N=0
0	108	22	-	54	16	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
1	285	19	-	144	3	-	76	8	-	25	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
2	395	-	-	41	-	3	223	3	-	55	3	-	-	58	8	-	-
3	60	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	31	8	-	3	11	3	-	-
4 or more	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
Mean (no. of children)	1.54	0.47	-	0.95	0.18	2.00	1.71	1.29	-	2.05	2.71	-	3.00	2.23	2.29	-	-

Base: All households receiving Disability Allowance – Mar 2016 (N=862)

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Households receiving Disability Allowance (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA)

(by household size, no. of members receiving Disability Allowance (Sep 2016) and no. of children eligible for Child Allowance)

No. of Children Eligible for Child Allowance	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household															
		2 persons		3 persons			4 persons			5 persons				6+ persons			
		No. of members receiving Disability Allowance (Sep 2016)															
		1	2	1	2	3	1	2	3+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+
	N=875	N=40#	N=0	N=250	N=11#	N=3#	N=310	N=11#	N=0	N=113#	N=7#	N=8#	N=3#	N=108#	N=11#	N=0	N=0
0	111	22	-	65	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
1	277	19	-	144	3	-	68	8	-	25	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
2	413	-	-	41	-	3	231	3	-	65	7	-	-	54	8	-	-
3	60	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	23	-	8	3	19	3	-	-
4 or more	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-
Mean (no. of children)	1.55	0.47	-	0.91	0.30	2.00	1.74	1.29	-	1.98	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.30	2.29	-	-

Base: All households receiving Disability Allowance – Sep 2016 (N=875)

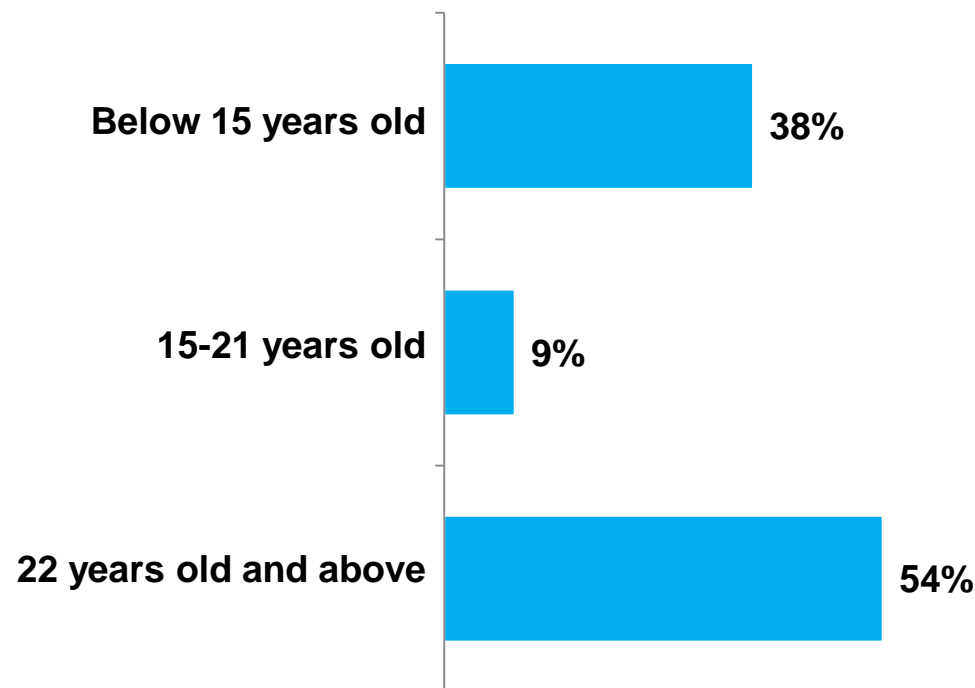
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Profile of Enumerated Household Members

Survey Findings

Age (at end Mar 2016)

- About half of the LIFA applicants and their household members (54%) are 22 years old or above.
- The proportion of those aged below 15 is recorded at 38%, which is much higher than that of the general population (11%).



Hong Kong Population (End 2016)

(Source: Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics, April 2017)

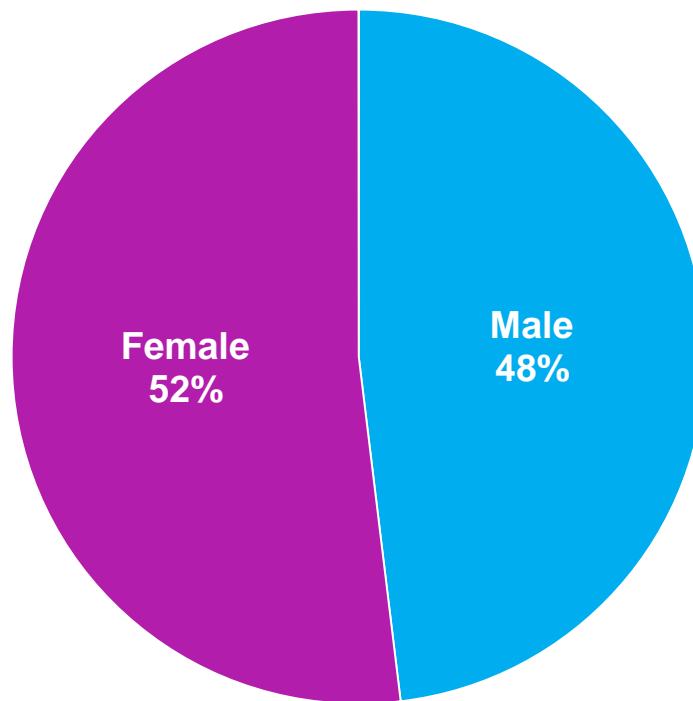
- **Below 15 years old** 11%
- **15-19 years old** 4%
- **20 years old and above** 84%

Base: All members (N=96,402, grossed up from the number of members of 5,351 enumerated households which include LIFA and non-LIFA members)

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Gender (at end Mar 2016)

- The male to female ratio of LIFA applicants and their household members is about half-and-half (48% to 52%). It is similar to that of the general population (46% to 54%).



Hong Kong Population (End 2016)

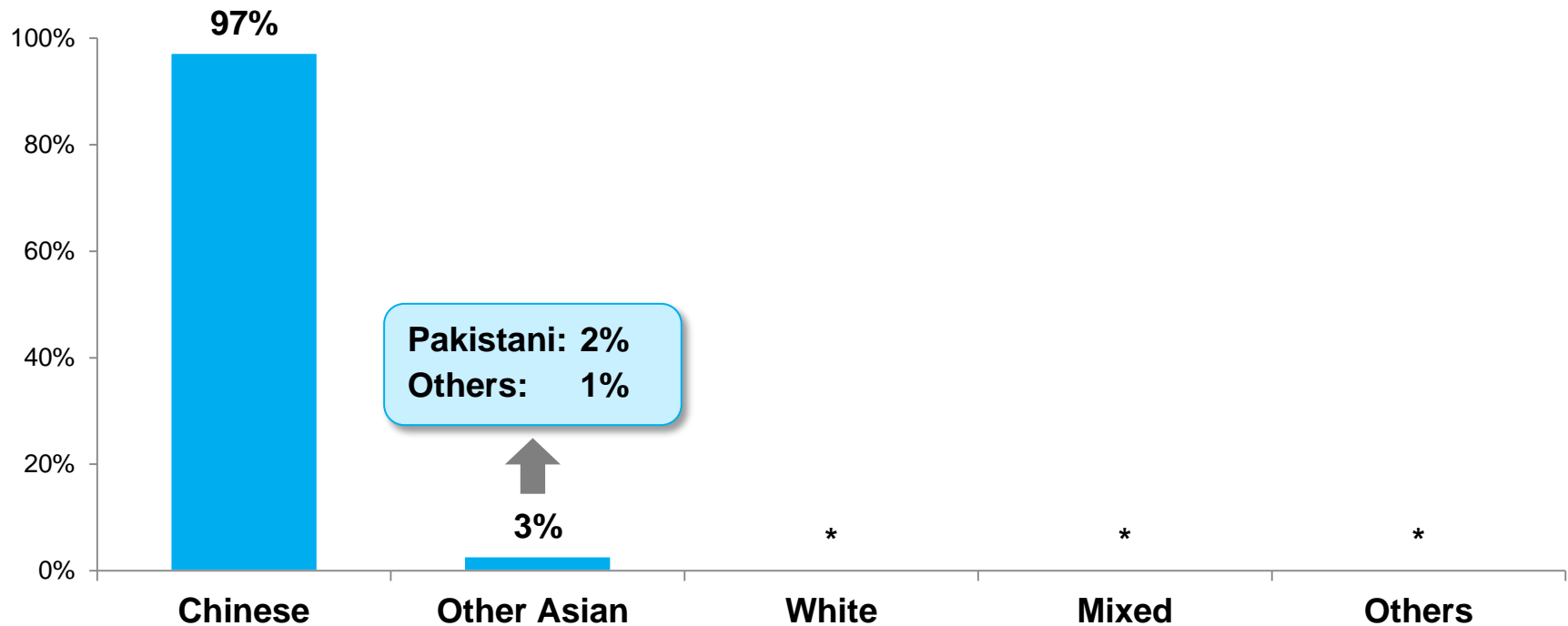
(Source: Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics, April 2017)

- Male** 46%
- Female** 54%

Base: All members (N=96,402)

Ethnicity

- Nearly all LIFA applicants and their household members (97%) are Chinese.
- Just a small proportion (3%) are non-Chinese.

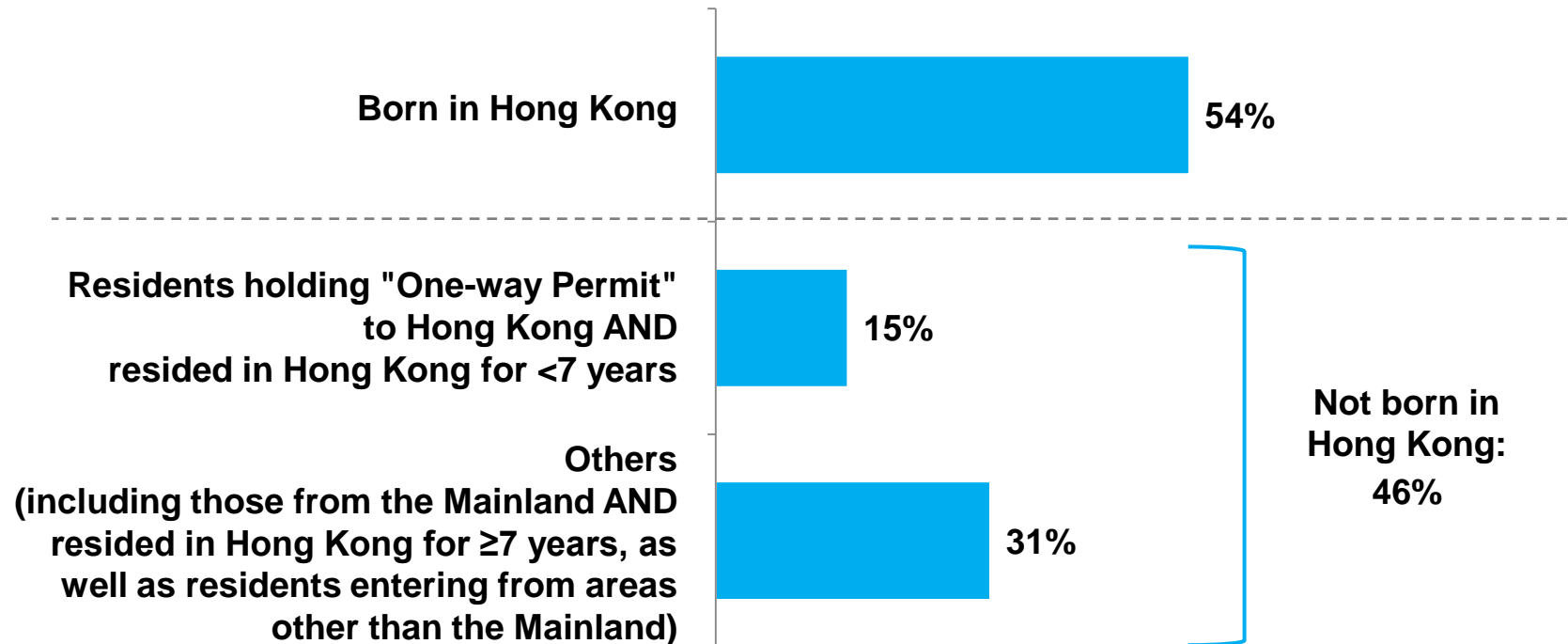


Base: All members (N=96,402)

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Whether Born in Hong Kong or Not (at end Mar 2016)

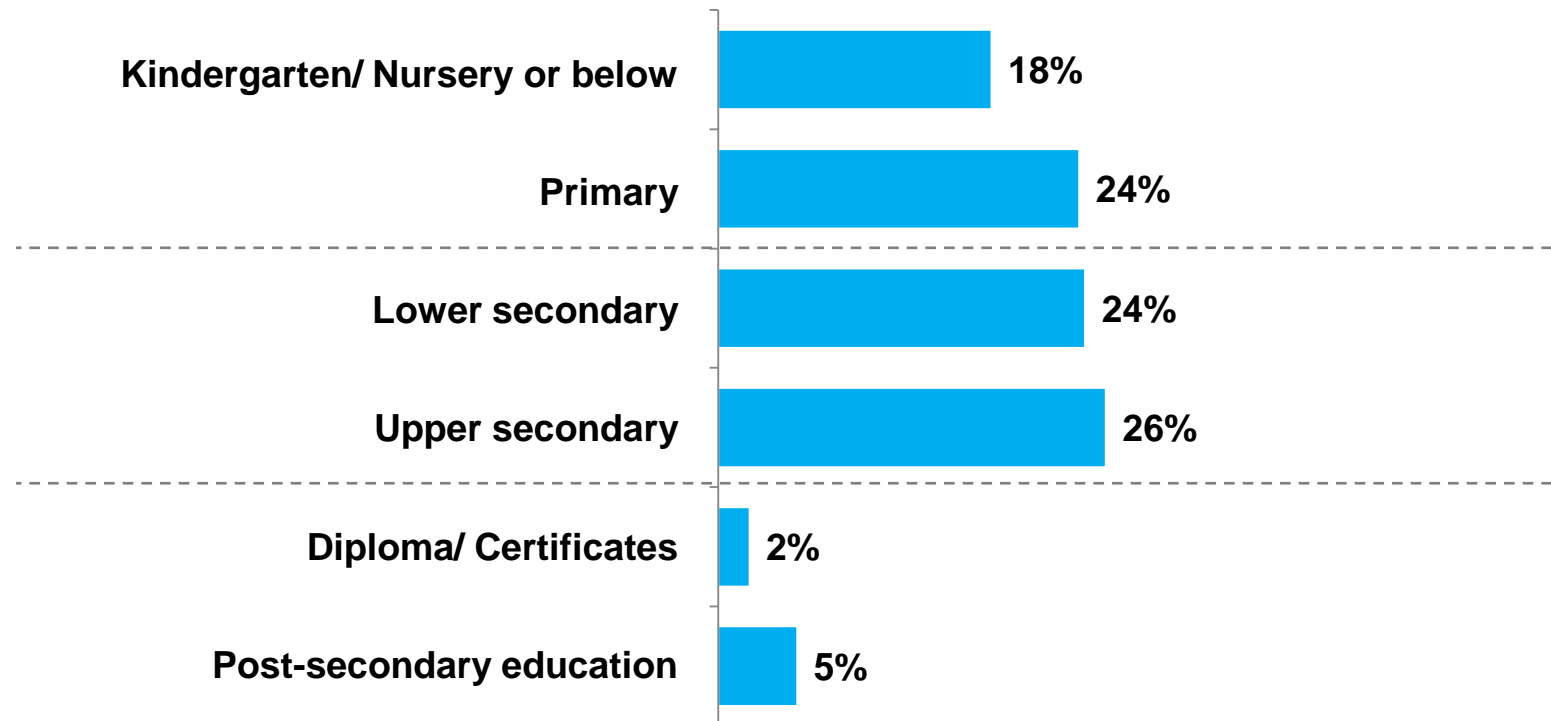
- In total, 46% of all LIFA applicants and their household members are not born in Hong Kong. In particular, 15% are holding "One-way Permit".



Base: All members (N=96,402)

Highest Education Attainment of All Members (at end Mar 2016)

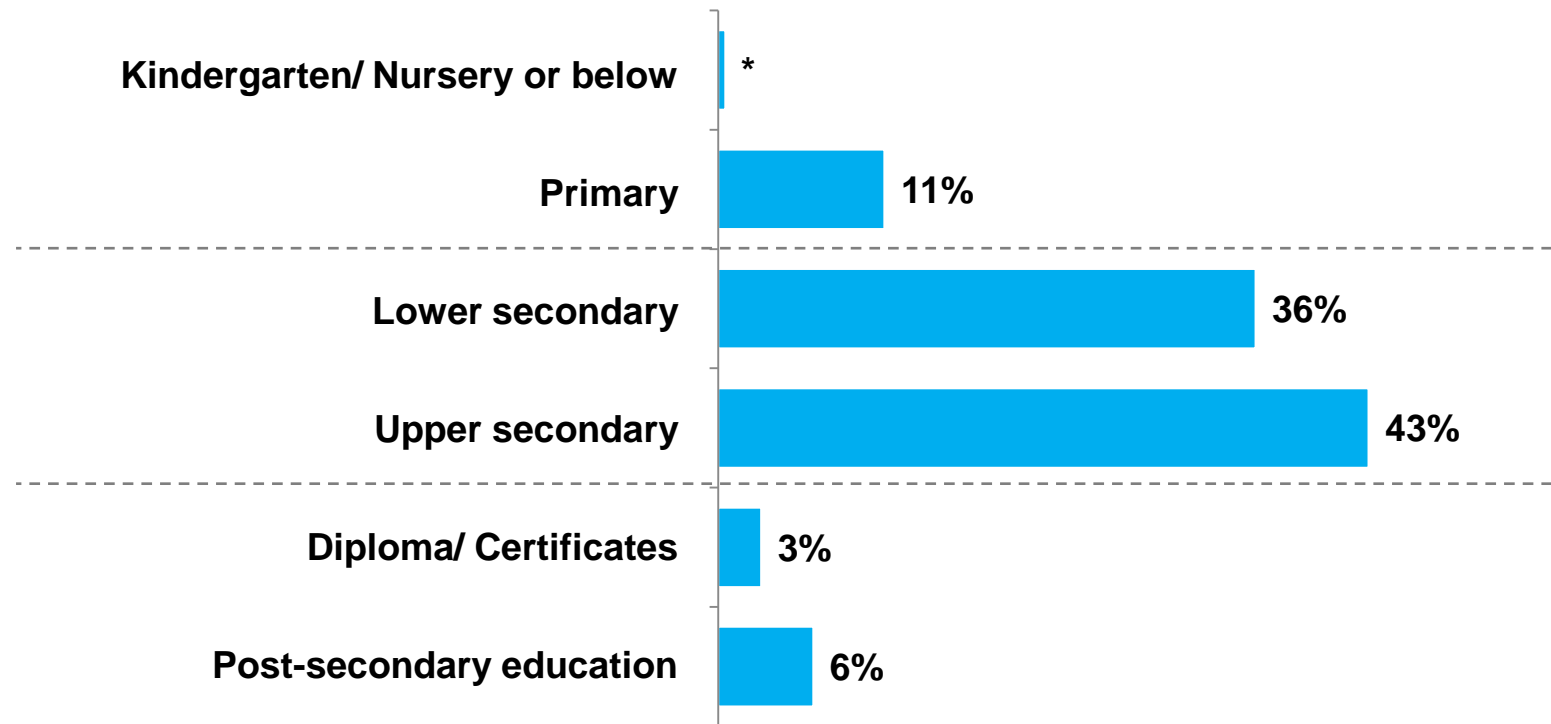
- 18% attained kindergarten/ nursery or below level of education.
- About one-fourth attained primary (24%), one-fourth lower secondary (24%) and one-fourth upper secondary (26%) levels of education respectively.



Base: All members (N=96,402)

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

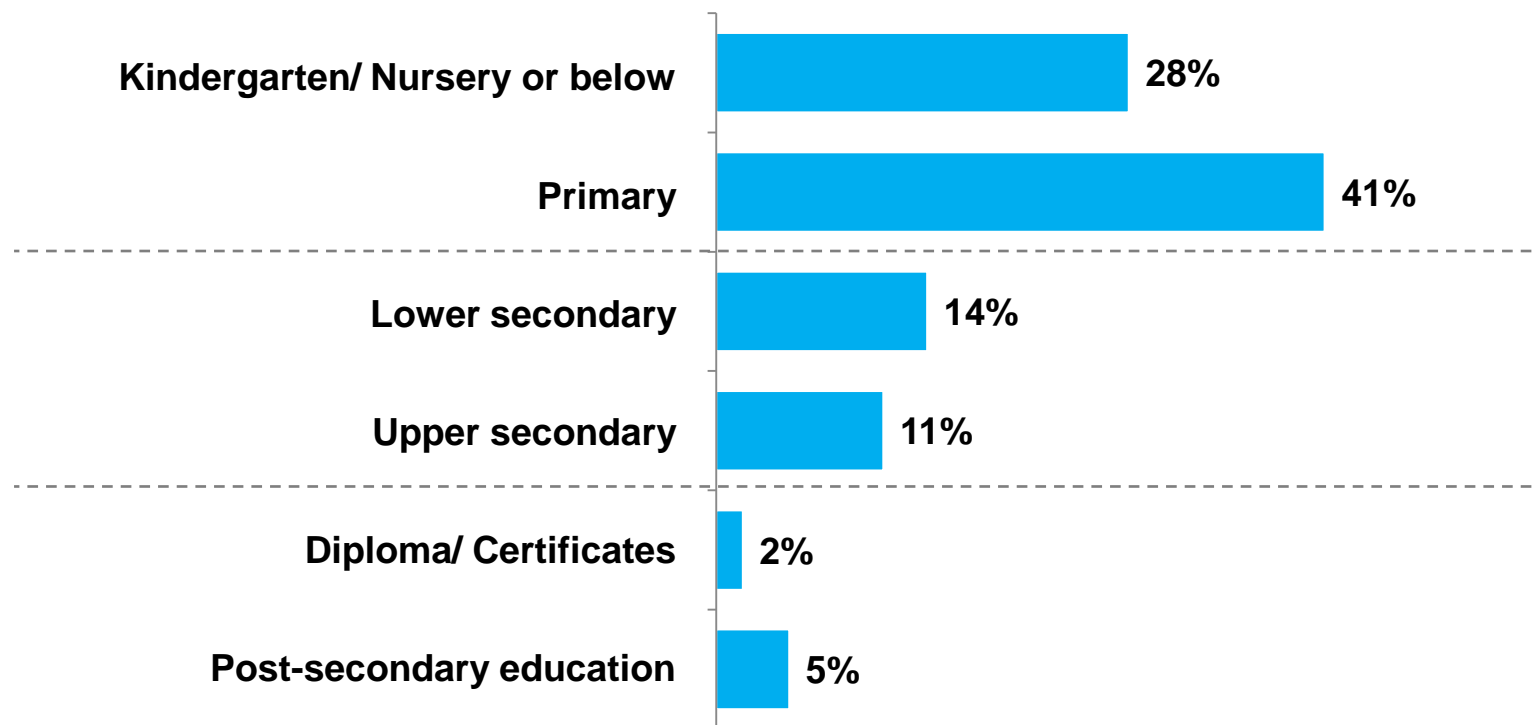
Highest Education Attainment of Working Members (at end Mar 2016)



Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016 (i.e. not limited to the 3rd and 4th working members) (N=29,360)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Highest Education Attainment of Children/ Youths Receiving Full-time Education (at end Mar 2016)



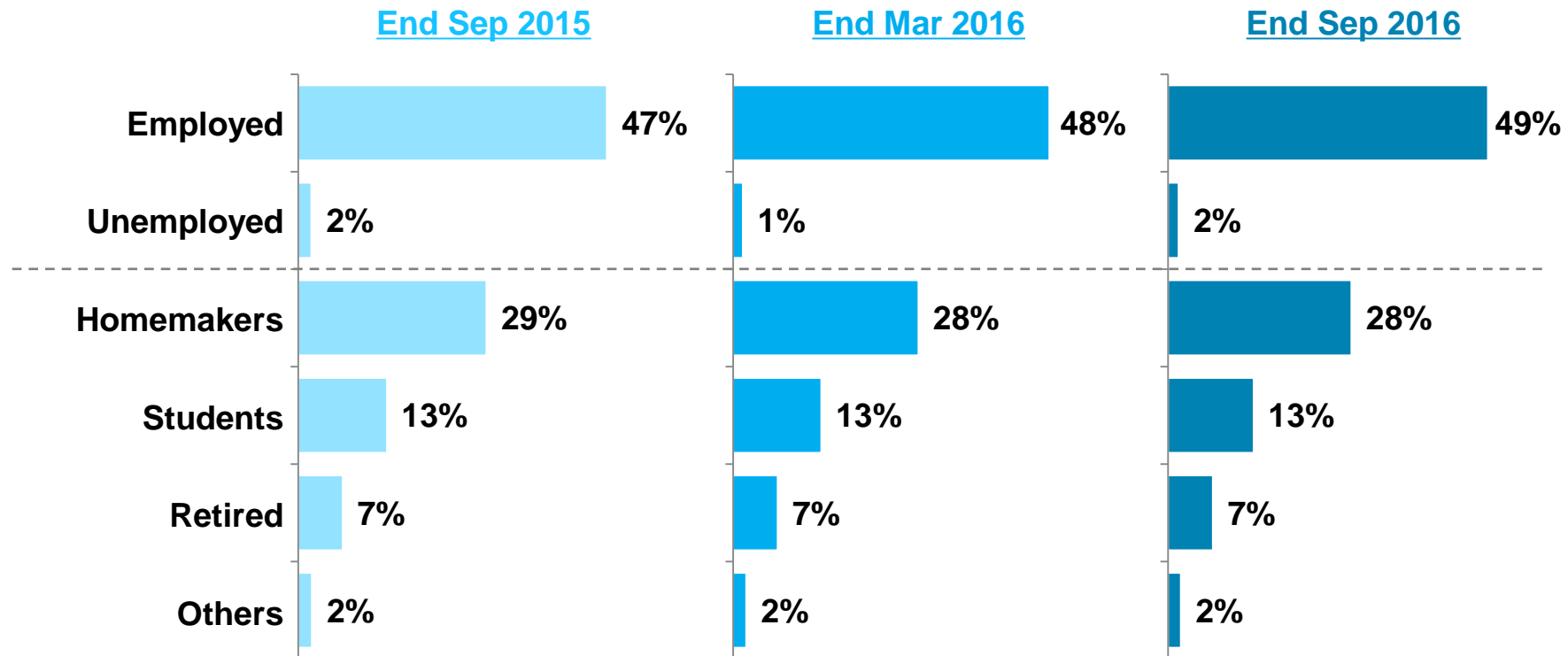
Base: All children/ youths receiving full-time education, including those receiving full-time post-secondary education as at end Mar 2016[^] (N=38,394)

[^]All youths who are aged 15-21 and claimed to be attending school/ educational institution, including those who could not remember or refused to answer the question of their paid working hours, are treated as receiving full-time education, except those who have a full-time job concurrently. To be in line with the General Household Survey, a person working 151.67 [35 x (52/12)] hours or more in Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period is classified as having a full-time job.

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Economic Activity Status

- No big differences are noted across the three periods in terms of economic activity status of all LIFA applicants and their household members who are aged 15 and above.
- Less than half of the LIFA applicants and their household members (47%-49%) are employed.
- This is followed by homemakers (28%-29%) and students (13%).



Base: All members aged 15 and above (N=60,003)

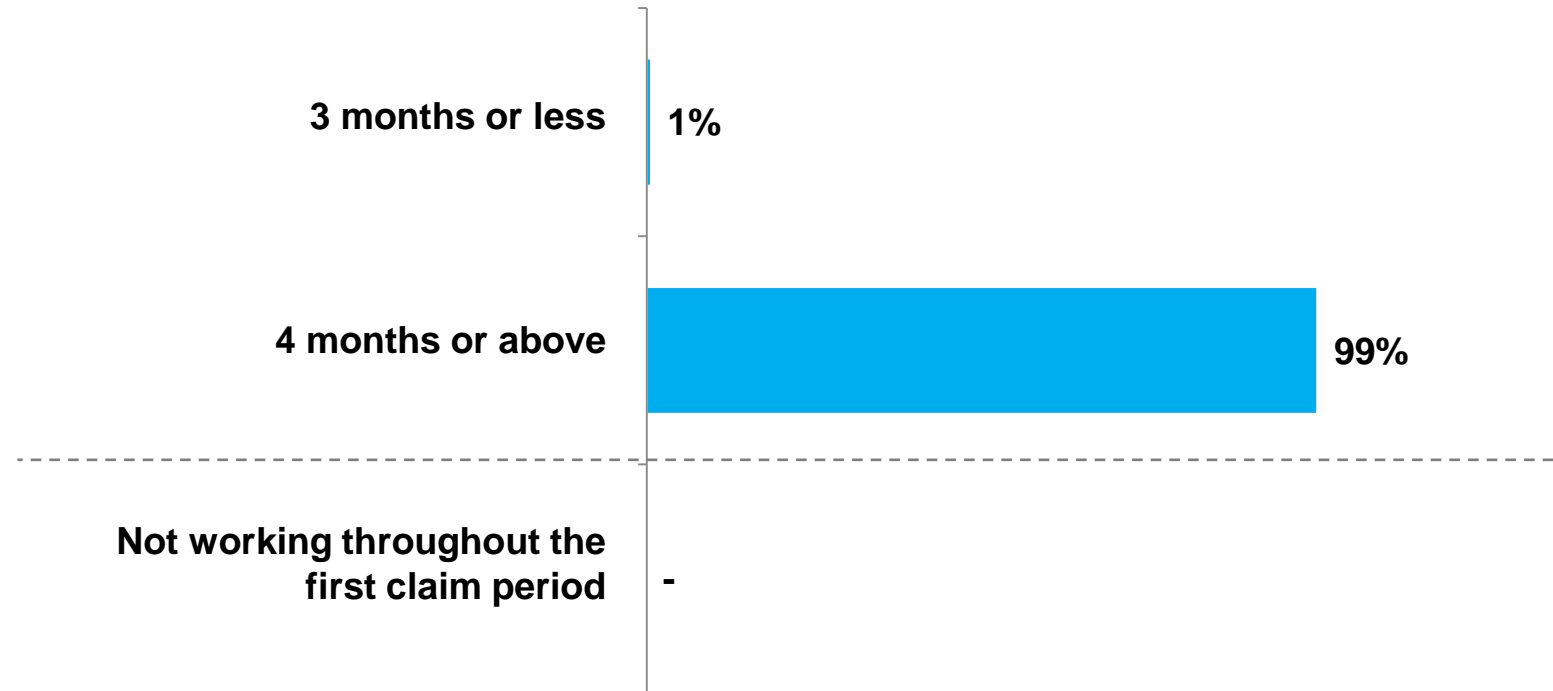
Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Employment-related Information

Survey Findings

No. of Months Applicants Worked during the First Claim Period of LIFA

- Almost all LIFA applicants (99%) have worked for 4 months or above during the first claim period.

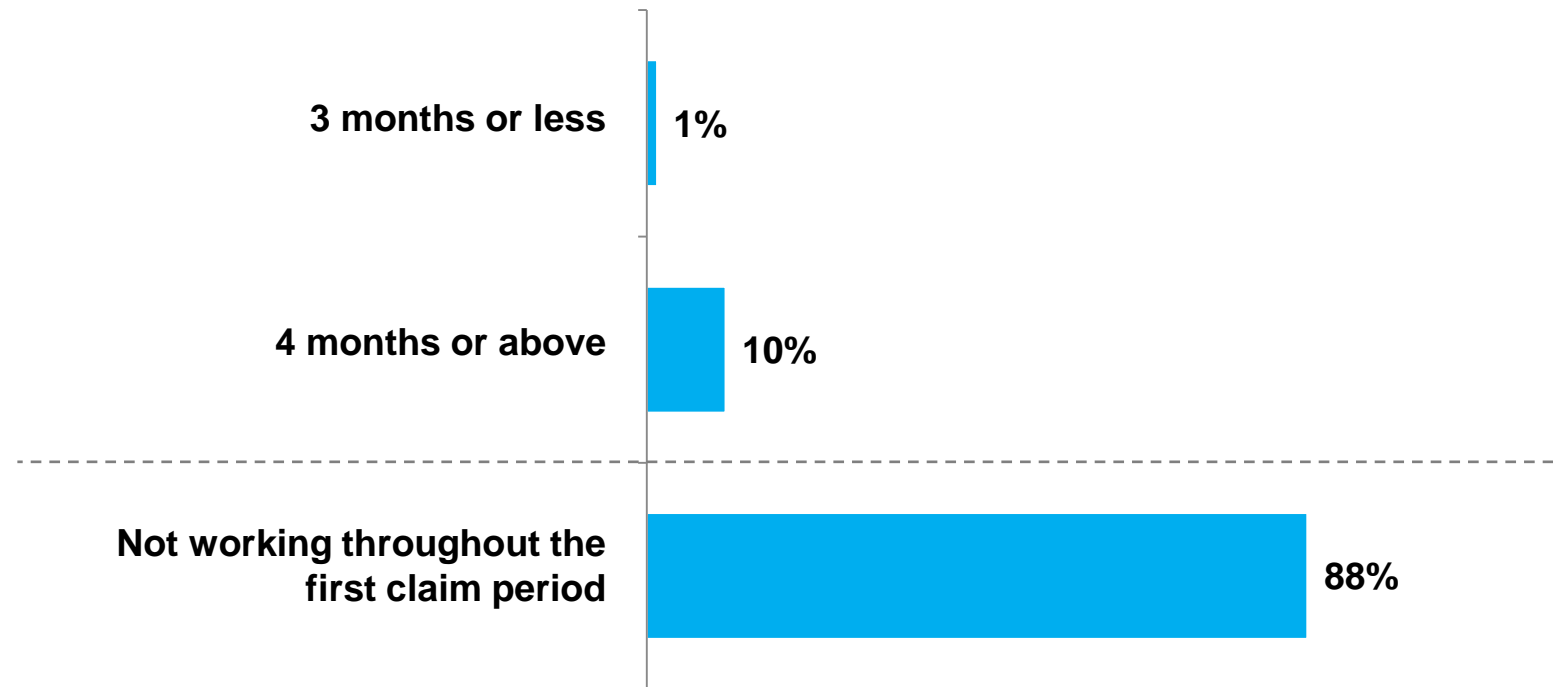


Base: All LIFA applicants (N=25,345)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category.

Work Situation of Household Members Aged 15 and Above excluding the LIFA Applicants during the First Claim Period of LIFA

- 88% of household members aged 15 and above excluding the LIFA applicants have not worked throughout the first claim period. Another 10% have worked for 4 months or above.



Base: All members aged 15 and above excluding the LIFA applicants (N=34,658)

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Months Applicants Worked during the First Claim Period of LIFA

(by household size)

	Total N=25,345	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=1,963	3 persons N=7,413	4 persons N=10,864	5 persons N=3,273	6+ persons N=1,832
3 months or less	1%	1%	1%	*	*	*
4 months or above	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Not working throughout the first claim period	-	-	-	-	-	-

Base: All LIFA applicants (N=25,345)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Duration of Work Undertaken by Household Members Aged 15 and Above excluding the LIFA Applicants during the First Claim Period of LIFA (by household size)

- By household size, 2-person households have the highest tendency of family members other than the LIFA applicants who have not worked throughout the first claim period (97%). In addition, the percentage of 6+person households with members other than the LIFA applicants working for 4 months or above is higher than the percentage of all LIFA households with members other than the LIFA applicants working for 4 months or above (19% vs. 10% of total).

	Total N=34,658	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=914	3 persons N=8,322	4 persons N=14,975	5 persons N=5,808	6+ persons N=4,639
3 months or less	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
4 months or above	10%	2%	7%	10%	10%	19%
Not working throughout the first claim period	88%	97%	91%	88%	89%	80%

Base: All members aged 15 and above excluding the LIFA applicants (N=34,658)

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Duration of Work Undertaken by Household Members Aged 15 and Above excluding the LIFA Applicants and Those Receiving Full-time Education as at end Mar 2016 during the First Claim Period of LIFA (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=26,495	N=372	N=5,929	N=11,410	N=4,734	N=4,050
3 months or less	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
4 months or above	13%	4%	9%	13%	12%	21%
Not working throughout the first claim period	86%	95%	90%	85%	87%	78%

Base: All members aged 15 and above excluding the LIFA applicants and those receiving full-time education as at end Mar 2016^ (N=26,495)

^All members who are aged 15 and above and claimed to be attending school/ educational institution are treated as receiving full-time education except those who have a full-time job concurrently. To be in line with the General Household Survey, a person working for 151.67 [35 x (52/12)] hours or more in Mar 2016 / the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period is classified as having a full-time job. Those aged 15 and above who claimed to be attending school/ educational institution and could not remember or refused to answer the question of their paid working hours are classified as receiving full-time education.

No. of Working Members during the First Claim Period of LIFA (by household size)

- Overall, 86% of all LIFA households have 1 working member (i.e. the applicant). Another 13% have 2 working members.
- The percentages of households having only 1 working member range from 99% of 2-person households to 66% of 6+ -person households. As household size increases, the percentages of households having more than 1 working member increase.

No. of Working Members in the household	Total N=25,345	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=1,963	3 persons N=7,413	4 persons N=10,864	5 persons N=3,273	6+ persons N=1,832
1	86%	99%	91%	84%	82%	66%
2	13%	1%	9%	15%	17%	23%
3	1%	-	*	*	1%	8%
4	*	-	-	*	-	3%
5	*	-	-	-	-	1%

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding; “Working Members” refer to all LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016.

No. of Months Applicants Worked during the First Claim Period of LIFA

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=25,345	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,347	With 1 child N=8,917	With 2 or more children N=15,081
3 months or less	1%	1%	1%	*
4 months or above	99%	99%	99%	100%

Base: All LIFA applicants (N=25,345)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Households Having Children Eligible for Child Allowance during the First Claim Period of LIFA

(by household size)

- Most of the LIFA households have 1-2 children eligible for child allowance during the first claim period (35% with 1 eligible child and 49% with 2 eligible children). The average number of children is 1.66.
- On average, households with more than 1 working member have fewer children than those families with 1 working member.

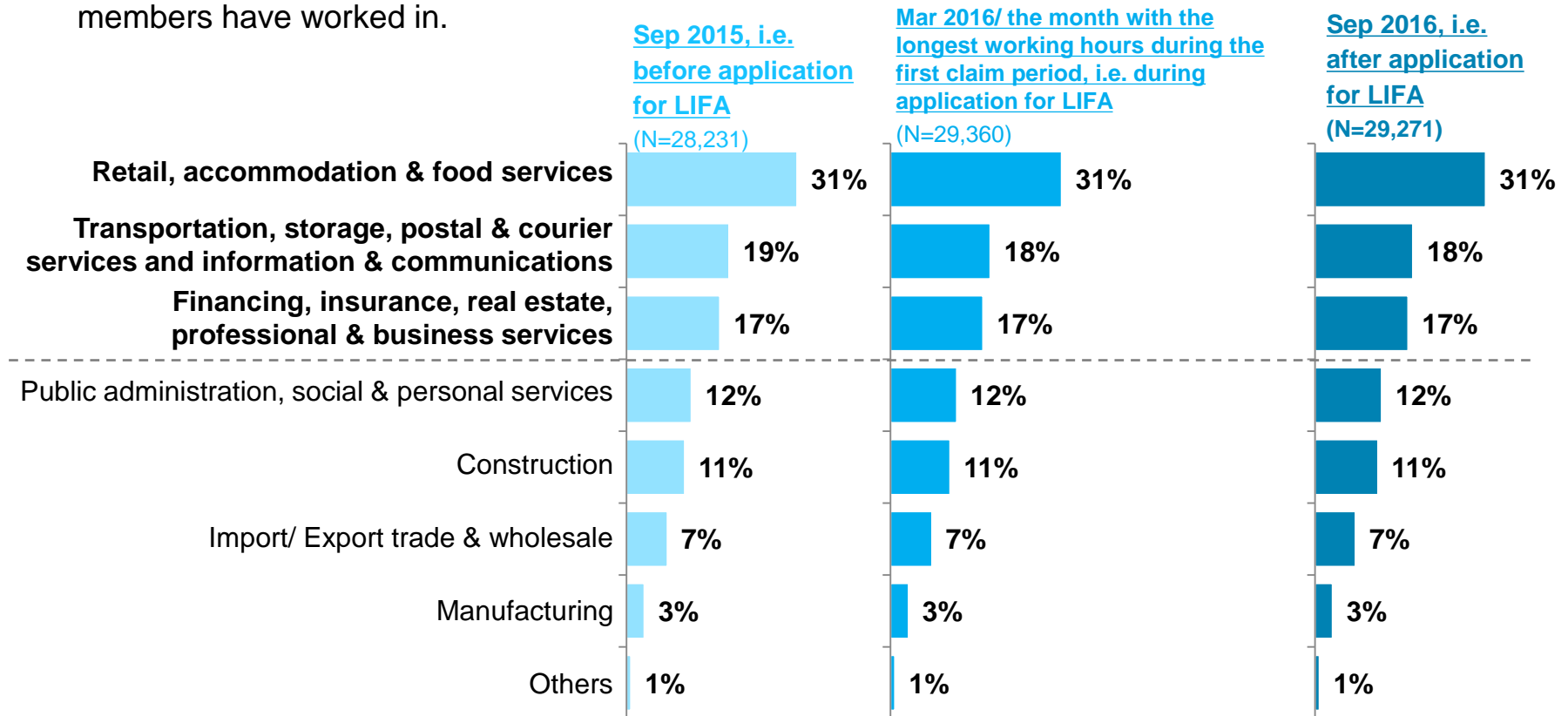
No. of children eligible for Child Allowance	Total N=25,345	Household size in the Entire Household									
		2 persons		3 persons		4 persons		5 persons		6+ persons	
		1 Working Member	> 1 Working Member N=24#	1 Working Member	> 1 Working Member	1 Working Member	> 1 Working Member	1 Working Member	> 1 Working Member	1 Working Member	> 1 Working Member
0	5%	24%	100%	8%	10%	2%	4%	*	1%	-	1%
1	35%	76%	-	72%	88%	12%	24%	11%	19%	7%	7%
2	49%	-	-	20%	1%	85%	71%	33%	43%	47%	56%
3	9%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	55%	36%	21%	26%
4 or more	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	25%	10%
Mean (no. of children)	1.66	0.76	0.00	1.12	0.91	1.88	1.67	2.44	2.14	2.67	2.37

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

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Industry Engaged

- No big differences are noted across the three periods in respect of the industry engaged by LIFA applicants and their household members who have worked in the three periods.
- “Retail, accommodation & food services” (31%), “transportation, storage, postal & courier services and information & communications” (18%-19%) and “financing, insurance, real estate, professional & business services” (17%) are the top three common industries LIFA applicants and their household members have worked in.



Base: All members who have worked in the respective month

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Industry Engaged (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total N=28,231	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=1,837	3 persons N=7,791	4 persons N=12,159	5 persons N=3,782	6+ persons N=2,662
Retail, accommodation & food services	31%	39%	29%	31%	30%	32%
Transportation, storage, postal & courier services and information & communications	19%	6%	18%	21%	19%	19%
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional & business services	17%	25%	21%	15%	12%	13%
Public administration, social & personal services	12%	16%	13%	11%	9%	12%
Construction	11%	3%	7%	11%	17%	13%
Import/ Export trade & wholesale	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	6%
Manufacturing	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%
Others	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	2%

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=28,231)

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Industry Engaged (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=28,231	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,506	With 1 child N=9,691	With 2 or more children N=17,034
Retail, accommodation & food services	31%	28%	30%	31%
Transportation, storage, postal & courier services and information & communications	19%	11%	18%	20%
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional & business services	17%	36%	21%	13%
Public administration, social & personal services	12%	14%	13%	11%
Construction	11%	3%	8%	13%
Import/ Export trade & wholesale	7%	6%	7%	8%
Manufacturing	3%	2%	3%	4%
Others	1%	1%	1%	1%

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=28,231)

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Industry Engaged

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period,
i.e. during application for LIFA)
(by household size)

	Total N=29,360	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=1,988	3 persons N=8,099	4 persons N=12,614	5 persons N=3,909	6+ persons N=2,751
Retail, accommodation & food services	31%	39%	30%	30%	30%	32%
Transportation, storage, postal & courier services and information & communications	18%	6%	17%	20%	18%	19%
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional & business services	17%	24%	21%	15%	13%	14%
Public administration, social & personal services	12%	16%	14%	11%	10%	13%
Construction	11%	2%	8%	12%	17%	13%
Import/ Export trade & wholesale	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	6%
Manufacturing	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%
Others	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%

Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016 (N=29,360)

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Industry Engaged

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period,
i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=29,360	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,569	With 1 child N=10,151	With 2 or more children N=17,640
Retail, accommodation & food services	31%	26%	31%	31%
Transportation, storage, postal & courier services and information & communications	18%	11%	17%	19%
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional & business services	17%	35%	20%	13%
Public administration, social & personal services	12%	16%	13%	11%
Construction	11%	4%	8%	13%
Import/ Export trade & wholesale	7%	6%	8%	7%
Manufacturing	3%	2%	3%	4%
Others	1%	1%	1%	1%

Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016 (N=29,360)

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Industry Engaged (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total N=29,271	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=1,913	3 persons N=8,077	4 persons N=12,622	5 persons N=3,882	6+ persons N=2,777
Retail, accommodation & food services	31%	41%	29%	30%	30%	32%
Transportation, storage, postal & courier services and information & communications	18%	6%	17%	20%	18%	18%
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional & business services	17%	23%	20%	16%	13%	13%
Public administration, social & personal services	12%	15%	14%	11%	10%	12%
Construction	11%	3%	8%	12%	18%	14%
Import/ Export trade & wholesale	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%
Manufacturing	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Others	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	2%

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=29,271)

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Industry Engaged (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

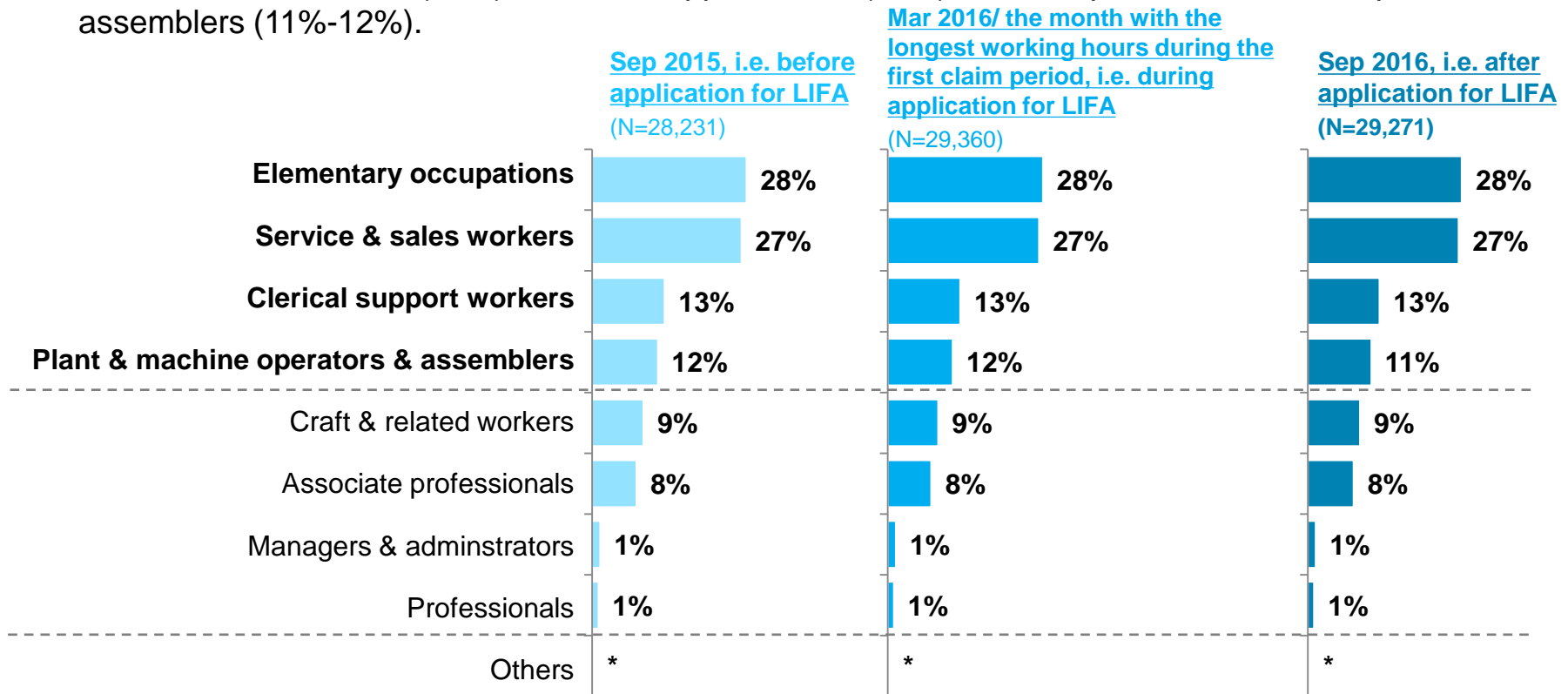
	Total N=29,271	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,572	With 1 child N=10,133	With 2 or more children N=17,566
Retail, accommodation & food services	31%	28%	31%	31%
Transportation, storage, postal & courier services and information & communications	18%	9%	17%	19%
Financing, insurance, real estate, professional & business services	17%	35%	20%	14%
Public administration, social & personal services	12%	14%	13%	11%
Construction	11%	5%	8%	14%
Import/ Export trade & wholesale	7%	6%	7%	7%
Manufacturing	3%	2%	3%	4%
Others	1%	1%	1%	1%

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=29,271)

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Occupation Engaged

- Not much variation across the three periods regarding the occupation of the working LIFA applicants and their household members.
- Most of the LIFA applicants and their household members work in elementary occupations (28%), service & sales work (27%), clerical support work (13%) and as plant & machine operators & assemblers (11%-12%).



Base: All members who have worked in the respective month

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Occupation Engaged (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total N=28,231	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=1,837	3 persons N=7,791	4 persons N=12,159	5 persons N=3,782	6+ persons N=2,662
Elementary occupations	28%	41%	31%	25%	24%	27%
Service & sales workers	27%	35%	26%	26%	27%	26%
Clerical support workers	13%	14%	16%	12%	12%	11%
Plant & machine operators & assemblers	12%	5%	11%	13%	14%	11%
Craft & related workers	9%	1%	7%	11%	13%	9%
Associate professionals	8%	3%	7%	9%	8%	12%
Managers & administrators	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	1%
Professionals	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	2%
Others	*	*	*	*	*	1%

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=28,231)

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Occupation Engaged (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=28,231	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,506	With 1 child N=9,691	With 2 or more children N=17,034
Elementary occupations	28%	47%	32%	24%
Service & sales workers	27%	24%	27%	27%
Clerical support workers	13%	16%	15%	12%
Plant & machine operators & assemblers	12%	7%	12%	12%
Craft & related workers	9%	2%	7%	11%
Associate professionals	8%	4%	7%	9%
Managers & administrators	1%	-	1%	2%
Professionals	1%	*	1%	1%
Others	*	*	*	*

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=28,231)

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Occupation Engaged

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period, i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=29,360	N=1,988	N=8,099	N=12,614	N=3,909	N=2,751
Elementary occupations	28%	39%	31%	26%	24%	27%
Service & sales workers	27%	36%	27%	26%	27%	26%
Clerical support workers	13%	15%	16%	12%	11%	11%
Plant & machine operators & assemblers	12%	5%	10%	13%	13%	11%
Craft & related workers	9%	1%	6%	11%	13%	9%
Associate professionals	8%	3%	6%	9%	8%	11%
Managers & administrators	1%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%
Professionals	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	2%
Others	*	*	*	*	*	1%

Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016 (N=29,360)

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Occupation Engaged

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period,
i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

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Plant & machine operators & assemblers	12%	6%	11%	13%
Craft & related workers	9%	2%	7%	11%
Associate professionals	8%	4%	6%	9%
Managers & administrators	1%	-	1%	2%
Professionals	1%	*	1%	1%
Others	*	*	*	*

Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016 (N=29,360)

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Occupation Engaged (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total N=29,271	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons N=1,913	3 persons N=8,077	4 persons N=12,622	5 persons N=3,882	6+ persons N=2,777
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Clerical support workers	13%	14%	16%	12%	11%	11%
Plant & machine operators & assemblers	11%	5%	10%	13%	13%	11%
Craft & related workers	9%	1%	7%	11%	13%	9%
Associate professionals	8%	3%	7%	9%	8%	12%
Managers & administrators	1%	-	1%	2%	2%	1%
Professionals	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	3%
Others	*	*	*	*	*	1%

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=29,271)

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Occupation Engaged (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

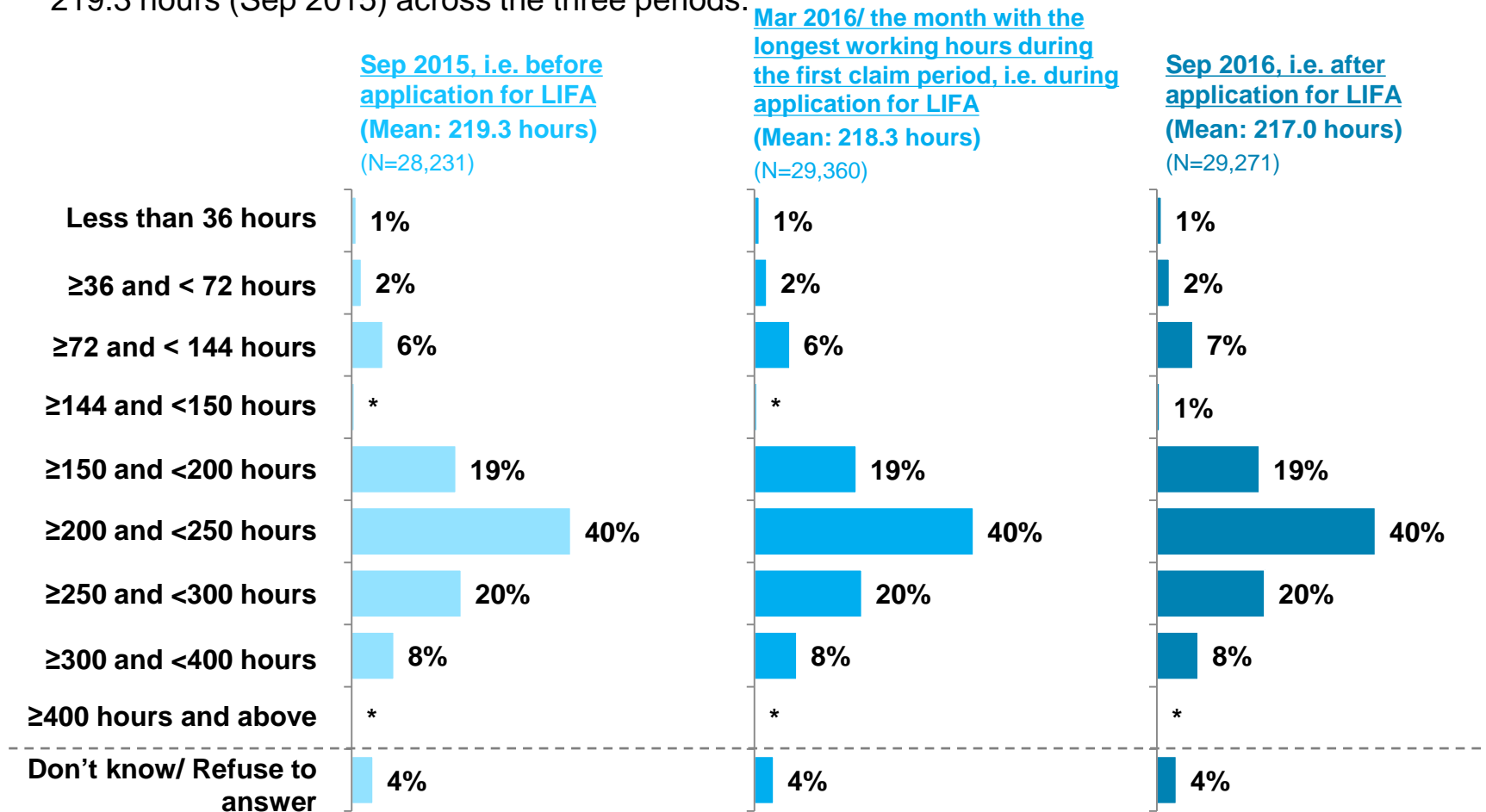
	Total N=29,271	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,572	With 1 child N=10,133	With 2 or more children N=17,566
Elementary occupations	28%	46%	32%	24%
Service & sales workers	27%	24%	28%	27%
Clerical support workers	13%	15%	15%	12%
Plant & machine operators & assemblers	11%	6%	11%	12%
Craft & related workers	9%	3%	7%	12%
Associate professionals	8%	5%	6%	10%
Managers & administrators	1%	*	1%	2%
Professionals	1%	1%	1%	1%
Others	*	*	*	*

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=29,271)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of all Working Members

- The average monthly paid working hours per working member range from 217.0 hours (Sep 2016) to 219.3 hours (Sep 2015) across the three periods.

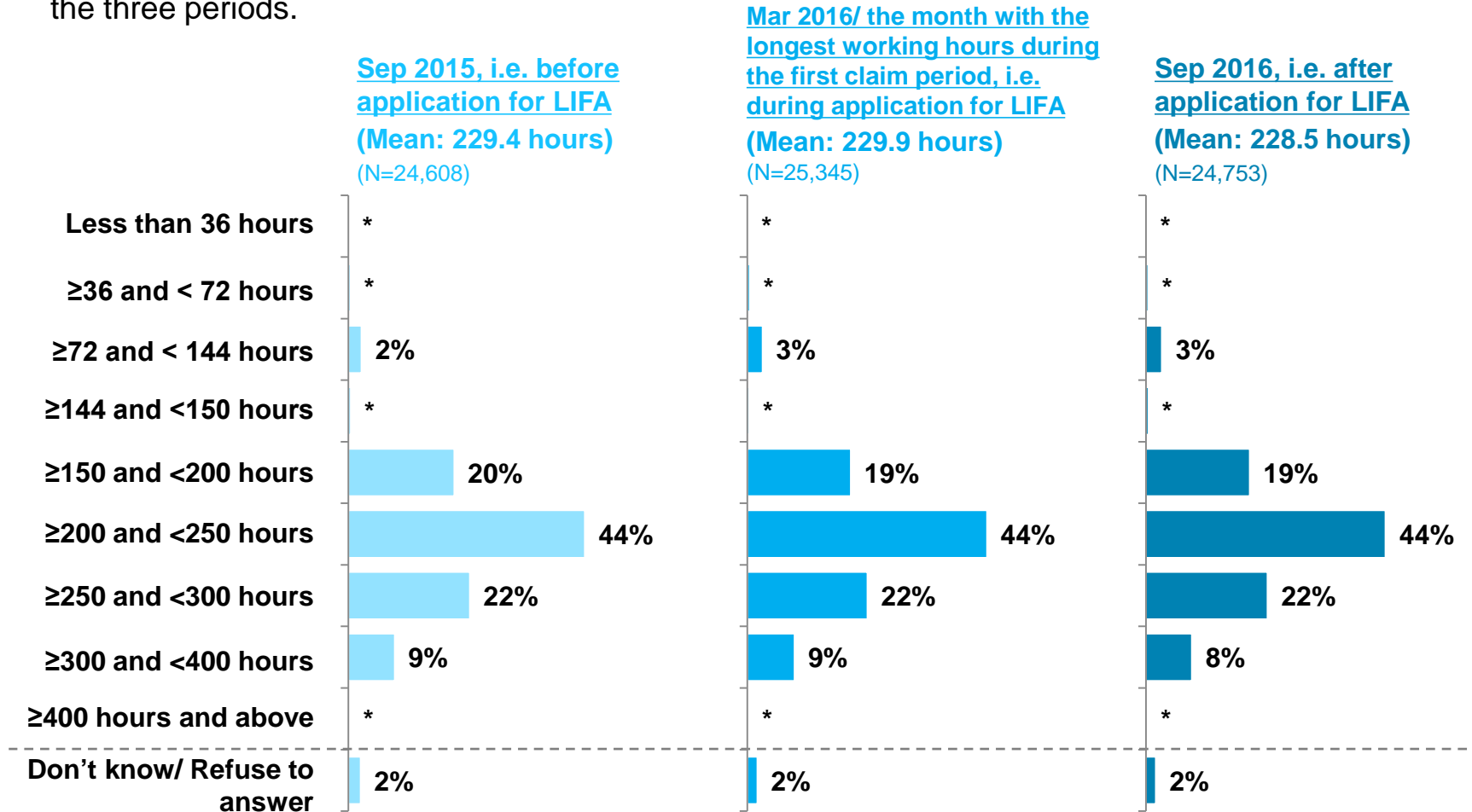


Base: All members who have worked in the respective month

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No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants

- The average monthly paid working hours of the LIFA applicants range from 228.5 hours (Sep 2016) to 229.9 hours (Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period) across the three periods.

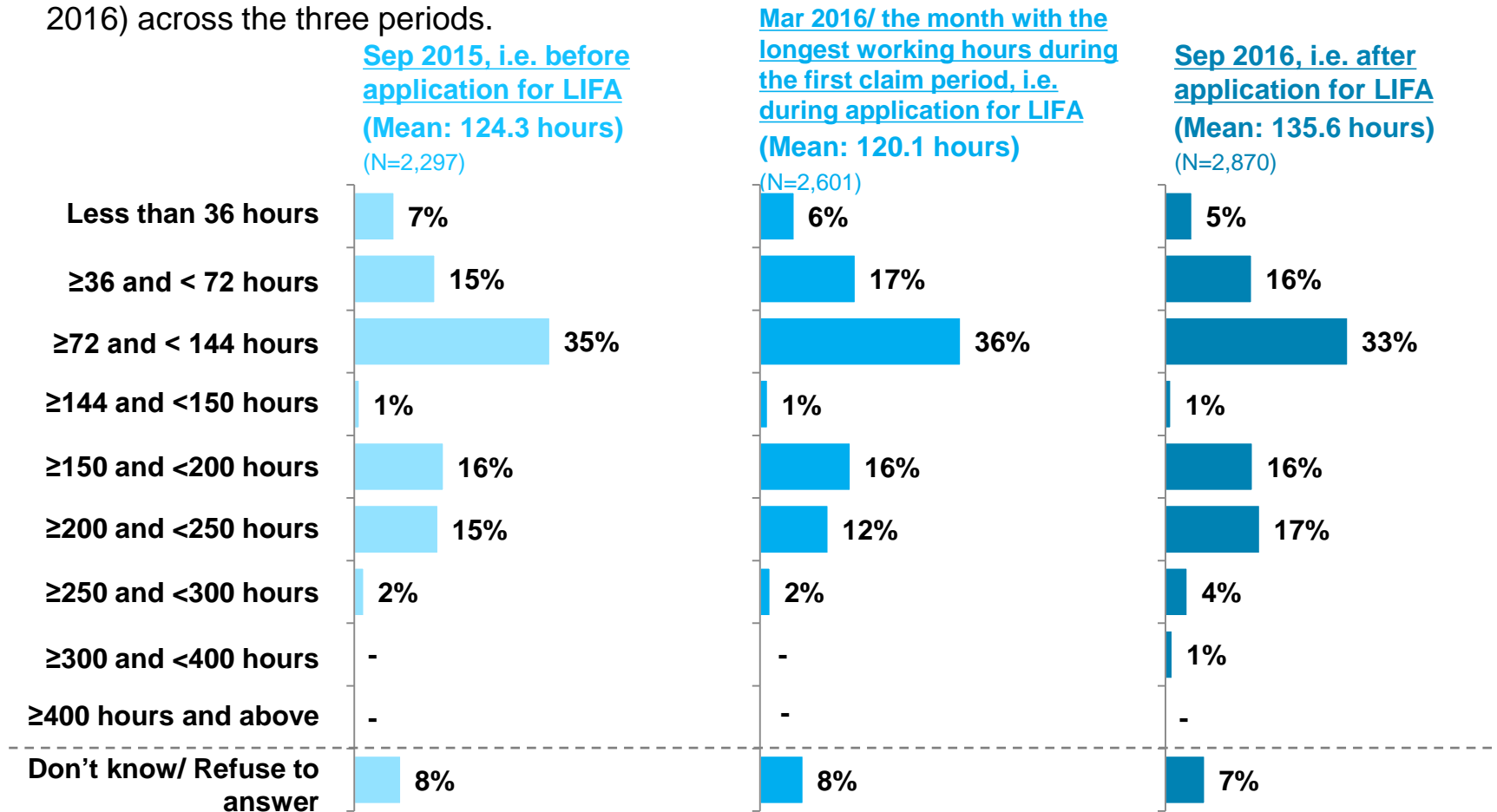


Base: All LIFA applicants who have worked in the respective month

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No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants' Spouses

- The average monthly paid working hours of the applicants' spouses range from 120.1 hours (Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period) to 135.6 hours (Sep 2016) across the three periods.

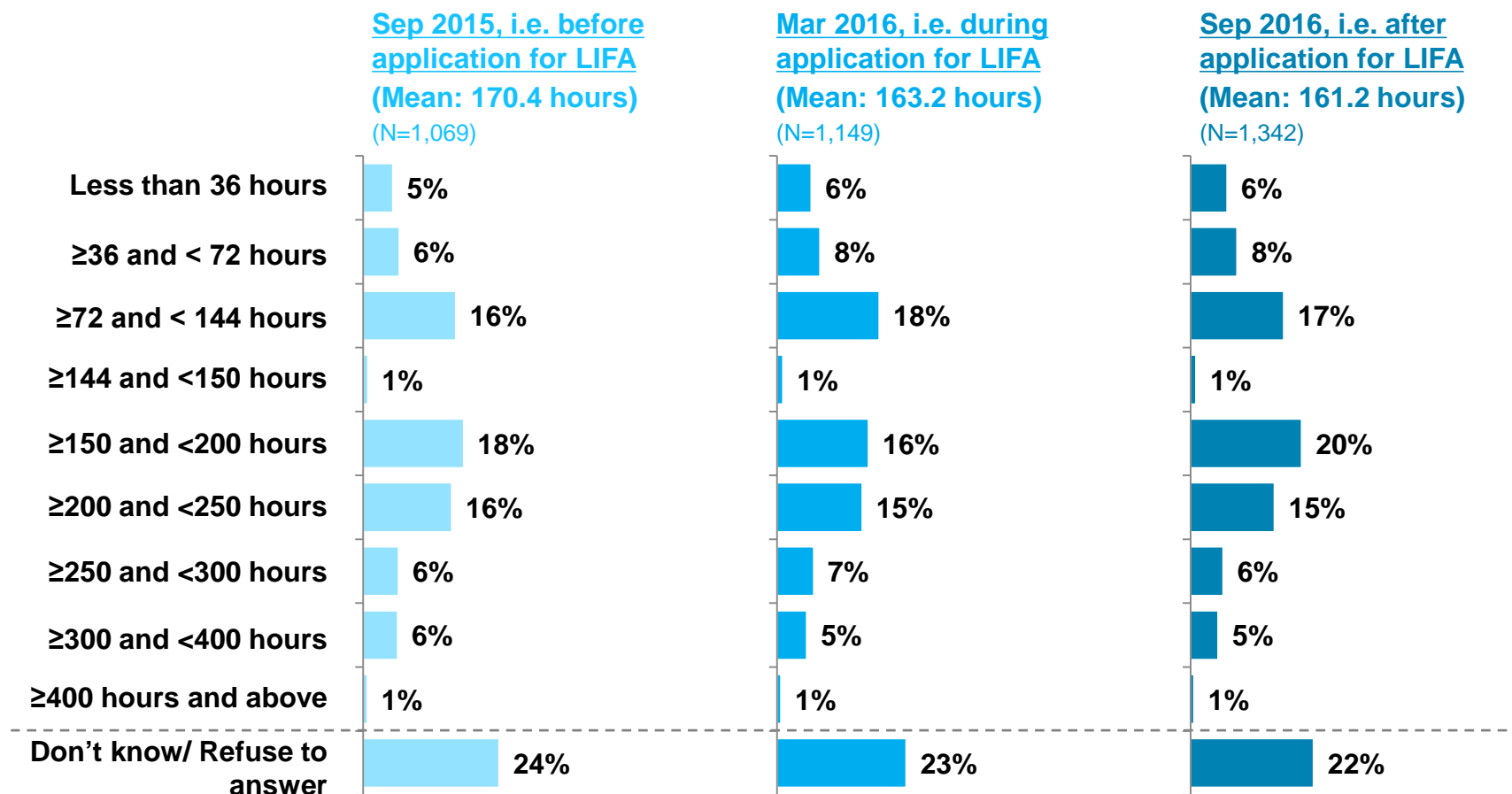


Base: All LIFA applicants' spouses who have worked in the respective month

Remarks: "-" means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of 3rd Working Members

- The average monthly paid working hours of the 3rd working members in the LIFA households range from 161.2 hours (Sep 2016) to 170.4 hours (Sep 2015) across the three periods.

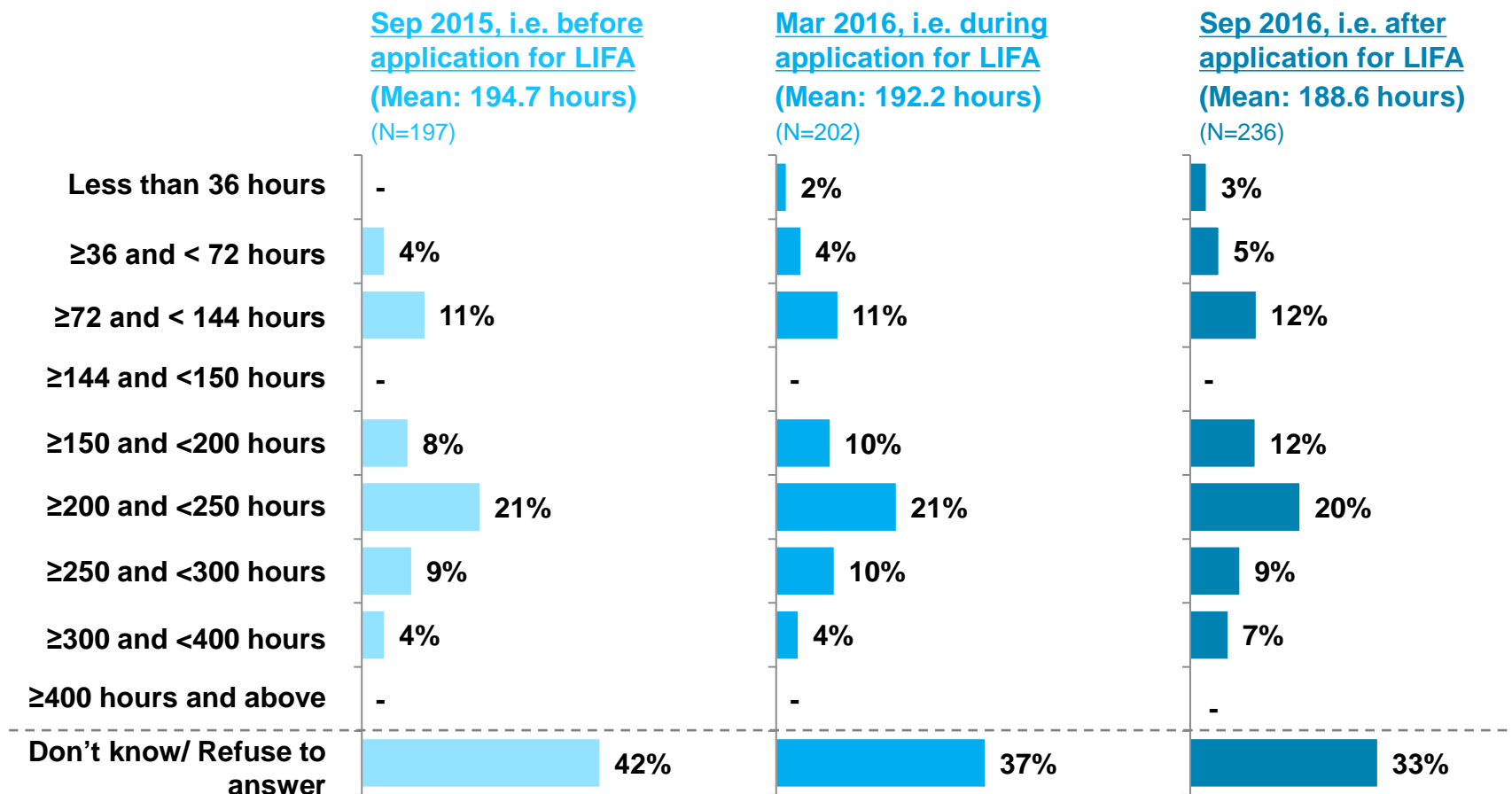


Base: All 3rd working members who have worked in the respective month

Remarks: The slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of 4th Working Members

- The average monthly paid working hours of the 4th working members of the LIFA households range from 188.6 hours (Sep 2016) to 194.7 hours (Sep 2015) across the three periods.



Base: All 4th working members who have worked in the respective month

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=28,231	N=1,837	N=7,791	N=12,159	N=3,782	N=2,662
Less than 36 hours	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
≥36 and < 72 hours	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
≥72 and < 144 hours	6%	13%	5%	5%	5%	8%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	1%	1%	*	*	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	26%	21%	17%	21%	17%
≥200 and <250 hours	40%	44%	42%	41%	37%	33%
≥250 and <300 hours	20%	10%	18%	22%	22%	22%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	1%	8%	8%	10%	7%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*	1%	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	10%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	219.34	193.65	219.21	221.81	223.79	220.01

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=28,231)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=24,608	N=1,817	N=7,182	N=10,610	N=3,211	N=1,787
Less than 36 hours	*	*	*	*	*	-
≥36 and < 72 hours	*	2%	1%	*	*	-
≥72 and < 144 hours	2%	13%	3%	1%	1%	1%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	1%	1%	*	*	-
≥150 and <200 hours	20%	26%	21%	17%	21%	19%
≥200 and <250 hours	44%	44%	45%	45%	40%	40%
≥250 and <300 hours	22%	10%	19%	25%	25%	28%
≥300 and <400 hours	9%	1%	9%	9%	11%	8%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*	1%	1%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Mean (hours)	229.43	194.86	226.38	234.65	234.85	235.75

Base: All LIFA applicants who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=24,608)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants' Spouses (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=2,297	N=7#	N=426	N=1,274	N=363	N=228
Less than 36 hours	7%	49%	8%	8%	5%	6%
≥36 and < 72 hours	15%	-	19%	14%	14%	11%
≥72 and < 144 hours	35%	-	30%	35%	39%	44%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	2%	*	-	4%
≥150 and <200 hours	16%	51%	11%	18%	14%	17%
≥200 and <250 hours	15%	-	13%	16%	16%	16%
≥250 and <300 hours	2%	-	6%	*	3%	1%
≥300 and <400 hours	-	-	-	-	-	-
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	8%	-	9%	9%	9%	1%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>124.25</i>	<i>101.44</i>	<i>123.28</i>	<i>123.31</i>	<i>126.11</i>	<i>128.78</i>

Base: All LIFA applicants' spouses who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=2,297)

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No. of Paid Working Hours of 3rd Working Members (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=1,069	N=13#	N=175	N=262	N=199	N=420
Less than 36 hours	5%	51%	16%	6%	2%	1%
≥36 and < 72 hours	6%	-	13%	14%	3%	1%
≥72 and < 144 hours	16%	24%	24%	28%	4%	12%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	-	3%	-	-
≥150 and <200 hours	18%	25%	14%	13%	24%	19%
≥200 and <250 hours	16%	-	11%	12%	20%	19%
≥250 and <300 hours	6%	-	-	1%	7%	12%
≥300 and <400 hours	6%	-	-	4%	13%	7%
≥400 hours and above	1%	-	5%	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	24%	-	18%	19%	27%	29%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>170.41</i>	<i>78.85</i>	<i>125.69</i>	<i>131.35</i>	<i>206.38</i>	<i>206.32</i>

Base: All 3rd working members – Sep 2015 (N=1,069)

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No. of Paid Working Hours of 4th Working Members (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=197	N=0	N=8#	N=13#	N=8#	N=168
Less than 36 hours	-	-	-	-	-	-
≥36 and < 72 hours	4%	-	-	-	-	5%
≥72 and < 144 hours	11%	-	-	-	-	13%
≥144 and <150 hours	-	-	-	-	-	-
≥150 and <200 hours	8%	-	-	-	100%	5%
≥200 and <250 hours	21%	-	-	28%	-	23%
≥250 and <300 hours	9%	-	-	-	-	10%
≥300 and <400 hours	4%	-	-	-	-	5%
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	42%	-	100%	72%	-	39%
Mean (hours)	194.73	-	0.00	240.00	176.00	194.70

Base: All 4th working members – Sep 2015 (N=197)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=28,231	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,506	With 1 child N=9,691	With 2 or more children N=17,034
Less than 36 hours	1%	1%	1%	1%
≥36 and < 72 hours	2%	2%	2%	2%
≥72 and < 144 hours	6%	5%	7%	5%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	1%	1%	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	22%	20%	18%
≥200 and <250 hours	40%	45%	41%	39%
≥250 and <300 hours	20%	13%	17%	22%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	7%	8%	8%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	4%	6%	4%	4%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	219.34	212.72	215.69	222.00

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=28,231)

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No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants (Sep 2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=24,608	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,287	With 1 child N=8,601	With 2 or more children N=14,720
Less than 36 hours	*	-	*	*
≥36 and < 72 hours	*	*	*	*
≥72 and < 144 hours	2%	2%	4%	2%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	*	1%	*
≥150 and <200 hours	20%	23%	21%	18%
≥200 and <250 hours	44%	50%	44%	43%
≥250 and <300 hours	22%	15%	19%	25%
≥300 and <400 hours	9%	8%	8%	9%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	2%	1%	3%	2%
Mean (hours)	229.43	222.06	225.02	232.64

Base: All LIFA applicants who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=24,608)

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No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants' Spouses (Sep_2015, i.e. before application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=2,297	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=48#	With 1 child N=701	With 2 or more children N=1,548
Less than 36 hours	7%	7%	6%	8%
≥36 and < 72 hours	15%	-	17%	14%
≥72 and < 144 hours	35%	25%	35%	36%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	1%	1%
≥150 and <200 hours	16%	8%	16%	17%
≥200 and <250 hours	15%	39%	13%	16%
≥250 and <300 hours	2%	-	4%	1%
≥300 and <400 hours	-	-	-	-
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	8%	22%	9%	8%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>124.25</i>	<i>157.71</i>	<i>123.15</i>	<i>123.88</i>

Base: All LIFA applicants' spouses who have worked – Sep 2015 (N=2,297)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period,
i.e. during application for LIFA)
(by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=29,360	N=1,988	N=8,099	N=12,614	N=3,909	N=2,751
Less than 36 hours	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
≥36 and < 72 hours	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
≥72 and < 144 hours	6%	15%	6%	6%	5%	8%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	24%	20%	17%	20%	18%
≥200 and <250 hours	40%	45%	42%	41%	36%	33%
≥250 and <300 hours	20%	9%	18%	22%	21%	22%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	1%	8%	8%	10%	7%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*	1%	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	10%
Mean (hours)	218.33	192.70	218.79	220.26	223.60	219.42

Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016 (N=29,360)

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No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period,
i.e. during application for LIFA)
(by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=25,345	N=1,963	N=7,413	N=10,864	N=3,273	N=1,832
Less than 36 hours	*	*	*	*	-	-
≥36 and < 72 hours	*	2%	1%	*	*	*
≥72 and < 144 hours	3%	15%	3%	1%	2%	1%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	1%	*	*	*	-
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	24%	20%	17%	20%	20%
≥200 and <250 hours	44%	46%	45%	45%	40%	40%
≥250 and <300 hours	22%	9%	19%	25%	24%	27%
≥300 and <400 hours	9%	1%	9%	9%	11%	8%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*	1%	1%
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>229.91</i>	<i>194.02</i>	<i>227.20</i>	<i>235.14</i>	<i>236.63</i>	<i>236.13</i>

Base: All LIFA applicants who have worked – Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period (N=25,345)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants' Spouses

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period, i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=2,601	N=7#	N=487	N=1,442	N=413	N=252
Less than 36 hours	6%	-	7%	7%	6%	4%
≥36 and < 72 hours	17%	49%	21%	16%	19%	12%
≥72 and < 144 hours	36%	-	34%	37%	34%	46%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	2%	1%	*	3%
≥150 and <200 hours	16%	51%	15%	18%	12%	15%
≥200 and <250 hours	12%	-	10%	12%	15%	13%
≥250 and <300 hours	2%	-	4%	1%	2%	4%
≥300 and <400 hours	-	-	-	-	-	-
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	8%	-	8%	8%	11%	3%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>120.14</i>	<i>116.17</i>	<i>116.88</i>	<i>119.42</i>	<i>120.64</i>	<i>129.32</i>

Base: All LIFA applicants' spouses who have worked – Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period (N=2,601)

Remarks: “**” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of 3rd Working Members (Mar 2016, i.e. during application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=1,149	N=17#	N=199	N=295	N=213	N=425
Less than 36 hours	6%	21%	12%	12%	-	2%
≥36 and < 72 hours	8%	21%	15%	12%	8%	1%
≥72 and < 144 hours	18%	39%	30%	29%	5%	11%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	-	3%	-	1%
≥150 and <200 hours	16%	19%	12%	13%	22%	17%
≥200 and <250 hours	15%	-	8%	10%	21%	20%
≥250 and <300 hours	7%	-	-	1%	7%	14%
≥300 and <400 hours	5%	-	-	3%	12%	6%
≥400 hours and above	1%	-	4%	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	23%	-	19%	17%	25%	29%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>163.15</i>	<i>75.33</i>	<i>122.24</i>	<i>120.54</i>	<i>199.15</i>	<i>205.82</i>

Base: All 3rd working members – Mar 2016 (N=1,149)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of 4th Working Members (Mar 2016, i.e. during application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=202	N=0	N=0	N=13#	N=9#	N=179
Less than 36 hours	2%	-	-	-	-	2%
≥36 and < 72 hours	4%	-	-	7%	-	4%
≥72 and < 144 hours	11%	-	-	-	-	12%
≥144 and <150 hours	-	-	-	-	-	-
≥150 and <200 hours	10%	-	-	-	91%	6%
≥200 and <250 hours	21%	-	-	26%	9%	22%
≥250 and <300 hours	10%	-	-	-	-	12%
≥300 and <400 hours	4%	-	-	-	-	4%
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	37%	-	-	67%	-	37%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>192.16</i>	-	-	<i>198.93</i>	<i>179.46</i>	<i>192.93</i>

Base: All 4th working members – Mar 2016 (N=202)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period, i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=29,360	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,569	With 1 child N=10,151	With 2 or more children N=17,640
Less than 36 hours	1%	*	1%	1%
≥36 and < 72 hours	2%	2%	2%	2%
≥72 and < 144 hours	6%	5%	8%	6%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	1%	1%	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	21%	20%	18%
≥200 and <250 hours	40%	45%	41%	39%
≥250 and <300 hours	20%	13%	17%	22%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	8%	8%	8%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	4%	5%	3%	4%
Mean (hours)	218.33	213.67	214.48	220.97

Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who have worked during the first claim period and all other family members who have worked at end Mar 2016 (N=29,360)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period, i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=25,345	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,347	With 1 child N=8,917	With 2 or more children N=15,081
Less than 36 hours	*	-	*	*
≥36 and < 72 hours	*	1%	1%	*
≥72 and < 144 hours	3%	2%	4%	2%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	-	1%	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	23%	20%	18%
≥200 and <250 hours	44%	50%	45%	43%
≥250 and <300 hours	22%	15%	19%	25%
≥300 and <400 hours	9%	9%	9%	9%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	2%	1%	2%	2%
Mean (hours)	229.91	223.40	225.39	233.17

Base: All LIFA applicants who have worked – Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period (N=25,345)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants' Spouses

(Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period, i.e. during application for LIFA)

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=2,601	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=48#	With 1 child N=805	With 2 or more children N=1,748
Less than 36 hours	6%	-	5%	7%
≥36 and < 72 hours	17%	7%	19%	17%
≥72 and < 144 hours	36%	32%	37%	37%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	1%	2%
≥150 and <200 hours	16%	8%	19%	15%
≥200 and <250 hours	12%	32%	11%	12%
≥250 and <300 hours	2%	-	2%	2%
≥300 and <400 hours	-	-	-	-
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	8%	22%	5%	9%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>120.14</i>	<i>149.39</i>	<i>119.50</i>	<i>119.76</i>

Base: All LIFA applicants' spouses who have worked – Mar 2016/ the month with the longest working hours during the first claim period (N=2,601)
Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=29,271	N=1,913	N=8,077	N=12,622	N=3,882	N=2,777
Less than 36 hours	1%	*	1%	1%	*	2%
≥36 and < 72 hours	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
≥72 and < 144 hours	7%	14%	6%	6%	5%	6%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	27%	20%	17%	20%	17%
≥200 and <250 hours	40%	44%	41%	41%	36%	35%
≥250 and <300 hours	20%	9%	18%	21%	22%	20%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	1%	8%	8%	9%	7%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	10%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	216.96	192.60	218.07	218.44	222.30	216.55

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=29,271)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=24,753	N=1,892	N=7,194	N=10,648	N=3,200	N=1,819
Less than 36 hours	*	*	*	*	-	*
≥36 and < 72 hours	*	2%	*	*	*	*
≥72 and < 144 hours	3%	13%	4%	2%	1%	1%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	1%	*	*	*	-
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	27%	20%	17%	20%	19%
≥200 and <250 hours	44%	44%	45%	45%	40%	43%
≥250 and <300 hours	22%	9%	19%	25%	26%	26%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	1%	9%	9%	11%	8%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Mean (hours)	228.49	193.75	226.19	233.51	234.95	232.82

Base: All LIFA applicants who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=24,753)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants' Spouses (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=2,870	N=7#	N=592	N=1,567	N=440	N=264
Less than 36 hours	5%	-	3%	6%	1%	8%
≥36 and < 72 hours	16%	49%	17%	15%	17%	13%
≥72 and < 144 hours	33%	-	28%	34%	37%	33%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	1%	1%	-	3%
≥150 and <200 hours	16%	51%	16%	16%	16%	15%
≥200 and <250 hours	17%	-	15%	17%	17%	23%
≥250 and <300 hours	4%	-	8%	3%	4%	2%
≥300 and <400 hours	1%	-	4%	1%	-	-
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	7%	-	8%	7%	8%	2%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	135.62	111.26	146.60	131.66	135.37	135.79

Base: All LIFA applicants' spouses who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=2,870)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of 3rd Working Members (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=1,342	N=14#	N=277	N=386	N=230	N=435
Less than 36 hours	6%	-	8%	10%	3%	5%
≥36 and < 72 hours	8%	-	11%	17%	6%	1%
≥72 and < 144 hours	17%	100%	28%	22%	5%	8%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	-	3%	-	-
≥150 and <200 hours	20%	-	21%	20%	20%	19%
≥200 and <250 hours	15%	-	8%	12%	20%	20%
≥250 and <300 hours	6%	-	4%	*	6%	12%
≥300 and <400 hours	5%	-	-	3%	11%	7%
≥400 hours and above	1%	-	3%	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	22%	-	18%	13%	28%	29%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>161.18</i>	<i>80.52</i>	<i>140.84</i>	<i>125.44</i>	<i>195.36</i>	<i>200.52</i>

Base: All 3rd working members – Sep 2016 (N=1,342)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of 4th Working Members (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by household size)

	Total	Household Size in the Entire Household				
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6+ persons
	N=236	N=0	N=14#	N=20#	N=13#	N=189
Less than 36 hours	3%	-	-	-	-	4%
≥36 and < 72 hours	5%	-	-	20%	-	4%
≥72 and < 144 hours	12%	-	42%	-	-	12%
≥144 and <150 hours	-	-	-	-	-	-
≥150 and <200 hours	12%	-	58%	-	65%	6%
≥200 and <250 hours	20%	-	-	17%	35%	20%
≥250 and <300 hours	9%	-	-	-	-	11%
≥300 and <400 hours	7%	-	-	-	-	8%
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	33%	-	-	63%	-	35%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>188.57</i>	-	<i>159.13</i>	<i>141.93</i>	<i>188.04</i>	<i>194.77</i>

Base: All 4th working members – Sep 2016 (N=236)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; “#” shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=29,271	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,572	With 1 child N=10,133	With 2 or more children N=17,566
Less than 36 hours	1%	*	1%	1%
≥36 and < 72 hours	2%	1%	3%	2%
≥72 and < 144 hours	7%	6%	8%	6%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	1%	1%	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	24%	20%	18%
≥200 and <250 hours	40%	43%	40%	40%
≥250 and <300 hours	20%	13%	17%	22%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	7%	8%	7%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	4%	6%	3%	4%
Mean (hours)	216.96	212.45	213.41	219.42

Base: All members who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=29,271)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA)

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=24,753	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,290	With 1 child N=8,693	With 2 or more children N=14,770
Less than 36 hours	*	-	*	*
≥36 and < 72 hours	*	*	*	*
≥72 and < 144 hours	3%	2%	4%	2%
≥144 and <150 hours	*	-	1%	*
≥150 and <200 hours	19%	25%	20%	18%
≥200 and <250 hours	44%	49%	44%	44%
≥250 and <300 hours	22%	15%	19%	25%
≥300 and <400 hours	8%	8%	8%	9%
≥400 hours and above	*	-	*	*
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	2%	1%	2%	2%
Mean (hours)	228.49	222.33	224.11	231.60

Base: All LIFA applicants who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=24,753)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

No. of Paid Working Hours of Applicants' Spouses (Sep 2016, i.e. after application for LIFA) (by no. of eligible children in the household)

	Total N=2,870	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=51#	With 1 child N=915	With 2 or more children N=1,904
Less than 36 hours	5%	-	2%	6%
≥36 and < 72 hours	16%	7%	17%	15%
≥72 and < 144 hours	33%	30%	32%	34%
≥144 and <150 hours	1%	-	1%	1%
≥150 and <200 hours	16%	7%	16%	16%
≥200 and <250 hours	17%	36%	17%	17%
≥250 and <300 hours	4%	-	5%	3%
≥300 and <400 hours	1%	-	4%	*
≥400 hours and above	-	-	-	-
Don't know/ Refuse to answer	7%	20%	6%	8%
<i>Mean (hours)</i>	<i>135.62</i>	<i>159.63</i>	<i>141.08</i>	<i>132.38</i>

Base: All LIFA applicants' spouses who have worked – Sep 2016 (N=2,870)

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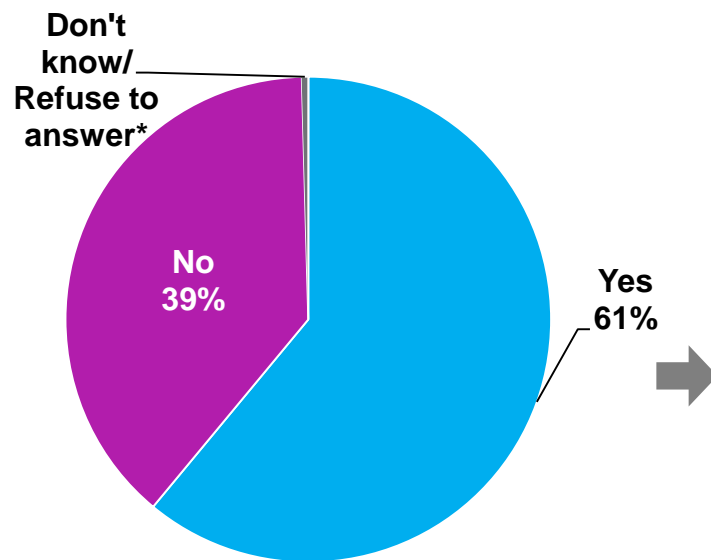
Behavioural Changes Related to LIFA

Survey Findings

Type of Government Welfare Benefit(s) Given up for Applying for LIFA during Jan 2015 to Apr/May/Jun 2016

- More than half of the LIFA members (61%) have given up other Government welfare benefit(s) for applying for LIFA.
- Among them, 81% have given up the “Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme (household-based)”.

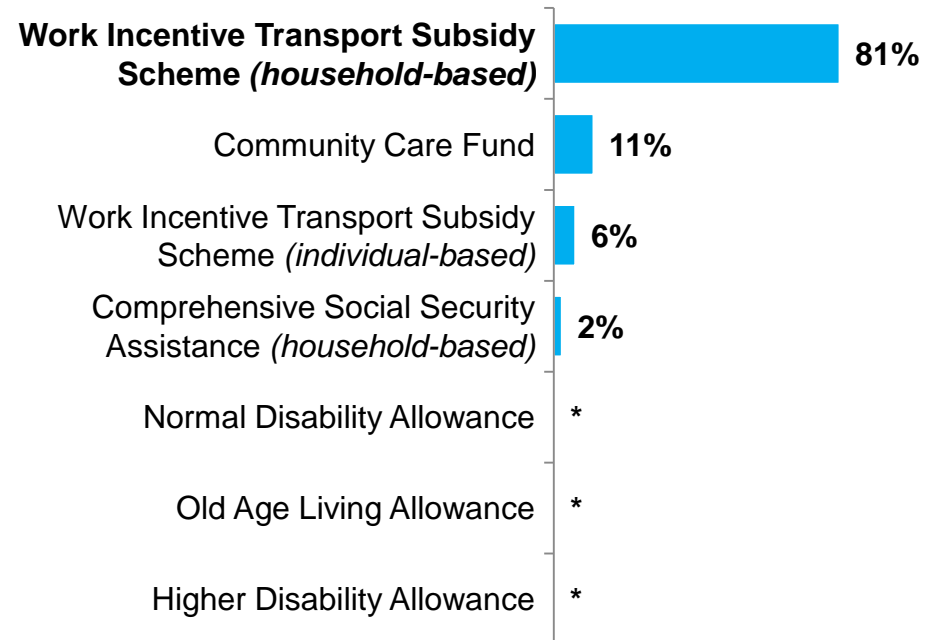
Whether Given up any Government Welfare Benefit(s)



Base: All LIFA members who have received Government welfare benefit(s) during Jan to Oct 2015 (N=30,120)

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Type of Government Welfare Benefit(s) Given up

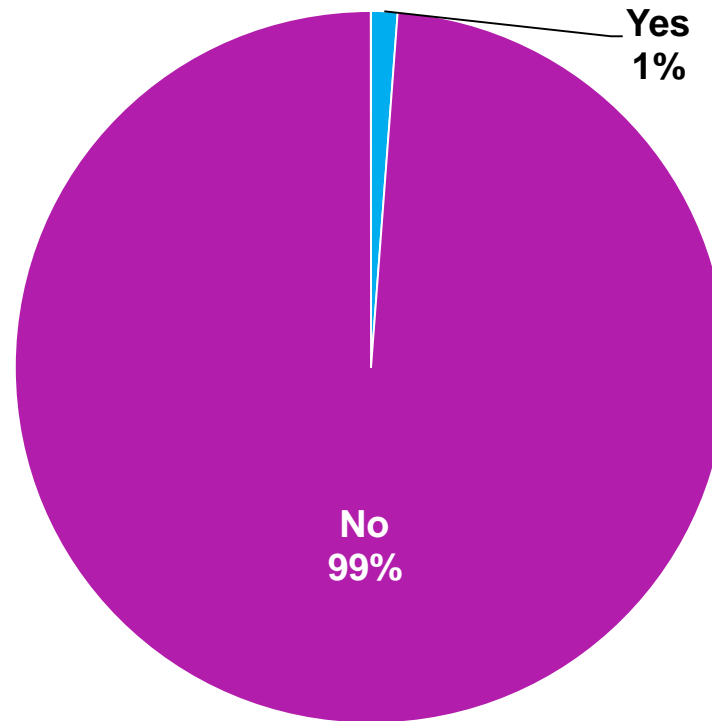


Base: All LIFA members who have received Government welfare benefit(s) during Jan to Oct 2015 AND given up Government welfare benefits to apply for LIFA (N=18,377)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Whether Switched to **Apply for the Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy** throughout the period from Jan 2015 to Apr/May/Jun 2016

- 99% of the LIFA members excluding the LIFA applicants claim that they have not switched to apply for the “Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy” throughout the period from Jan 2015 to Apr/May/Jun 2016.

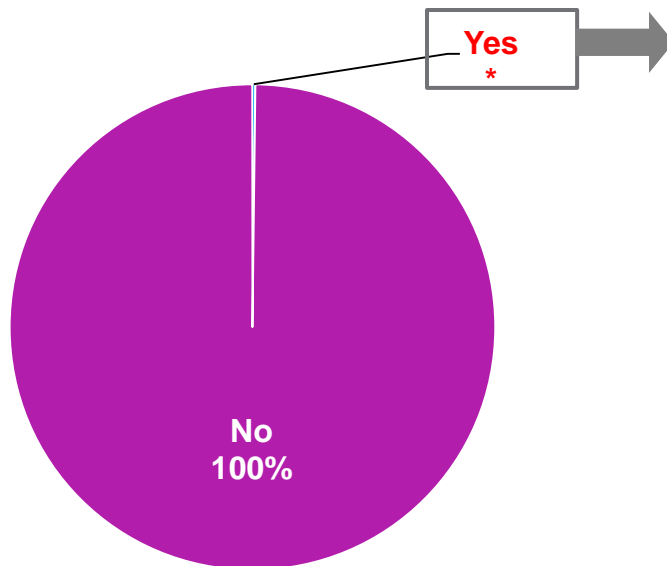


Base: All LIFA members who have given up the Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme (household-based) throughout the period from Jan 2015 to Apr/May/Jun 2016 excluding the LIFA applicants (N=10,826)

Whether & When the Work Pattern Has Changed because of the First-round LIFA Applications

- Only 22 respondents (less than 0.5% of total) have changed their work pattern because of the first-round LIFA applications.

Whether the Work Pattern Has Changed because of the first-round LIFA Applications



Base: All LIFA members aged 15 and above (N=56,257)

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When the Work Pattern Has Changed because of the first-round LIFA Applications

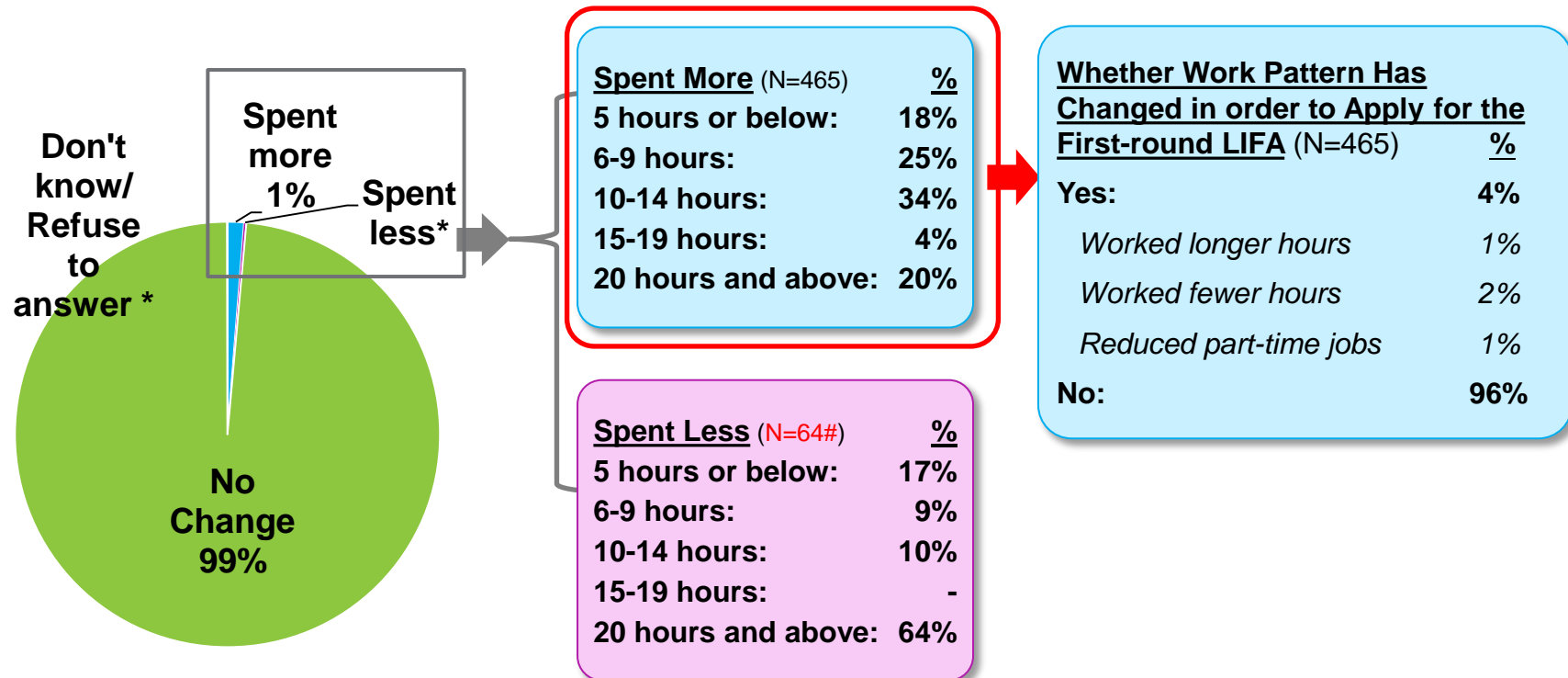
	%
Jul 2015	3%
Oct 2015	6%
Nov 2015	17%
Dec 2015	3%
Jan 2016	3%
Feb 2016	10%
Mar 2016	18%
May 2016	11%
June 2016	27%

Base: All LIFA members aged 15 and above and have changed the work pattern in order to apply for the first-round LIFA (N=100#)

Remarks: "#" (base "N" highlighted in red) shows small unweighted sample base (n<30) and figures shown are for reference only; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Whether Time Spent with Children Has Changed due to the Changes in Work Pattern (before and during the first claim period)

- Nearly all (99%) LIFA applicants and their spouses have not changed their time spent with their children before and during the first claim period.
- 1% spent more time with their children.



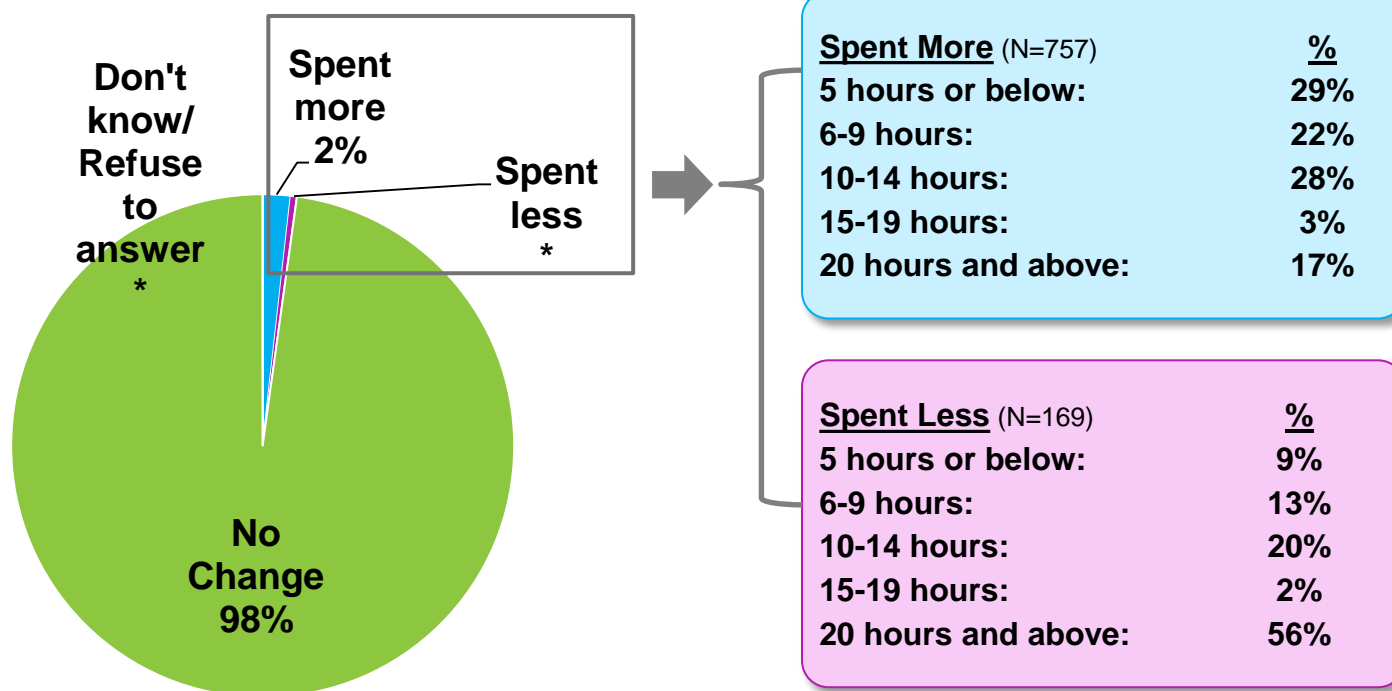
Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses with children aged below 15 OR children aged between 15-21 who were receiving full-time education (but not post-secondary education) (N=42,573)

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Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses who spent more time with children aged below 15 OR children aged between 15-21 who were receiving full-time education (but not post-secondary education) (N=465)

Whether Time Spent with Children Has Changed due to the Changes in Work Pattern (before and after the first claim period)

- During the period before and after the first claim period, 98% of the LIFA applicants and their spouses have not changed their time spent with their children (cf. 99% before and during the first claim period).
- 2% spent more time with their children (cf. 1% before and during the first claim period).



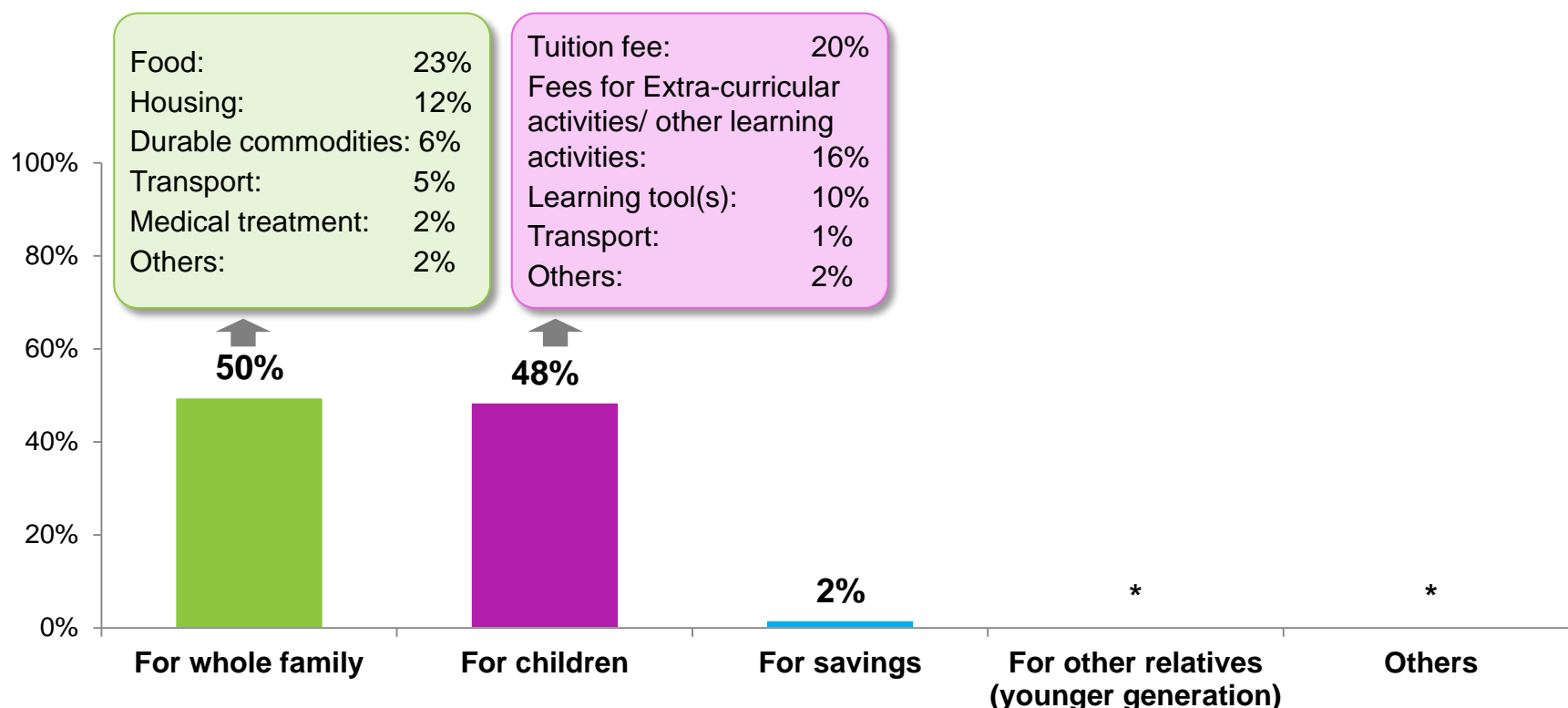
Base: All LIFA applicants and their spouses with children aged below 15 OR children aged between 15-21 who were receiving full-time education (but not post-secondary education) (N=42,573)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Ways to Spend/ Plan to Spend the Allowance from LIFA

(mean % of allowance from LIFA)

- LIFA households spend/ plan to spend 48% and 50% of the allowance from LIFA on their children and whole family respectively.
- Food (23%) and housing (12%) are the top 2 spending items for the whole family, whereas tuition fee (20%), fees for extra-curricular activities/ other learning activities (16%) and learning tool(s) (10%) are the common items spent for children.



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: "*" indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; items with mean % less than 1% are grouped as "Others"; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Ways to Spend/ Plan to Spend the Allowance from LIFA

(mean % of allowance from LIFA)

(by no. of eligible children in the household)

- For households without any child, they would spend/ plan to spend their allowance from LIFA largely on the whole family (87%).

	Total N=25,345	With/ Without Eligible Children		
		Without any child N=1,347	With 1 child N=8,917	With 2 or more children N=15,081
For whole family	50%	87%	54%	44%
<i>Food</i>	23%	38%	24%	21%
<i>Housing</i>	12%	18%	14%	10%
<i>Durable commodities</i>	6%	13%	6%	5%
<i>Transport</i>	5%	11%	6%	4%
<i>Medical treatment</i>	2%	4%	1%	2%
<i>Others</i>	2%	3%	2%	1%
For children[@]	48%	12%	44%	55%
<i>Tuition fee</i>	20%	3%	16%	24%
<i>Fees for extra-curricular activities/ other learning activities</i>	16%	2%	15%	17%
<i>Learning tool(s)</i>	10%	4%	9%	11%
<i>Transport</i>	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>Others</i>	2%	2%	2%	2%
For savings	2%	*	2%	1%
For other relatives (younger generation)	*	*	*	*
Others	*	1%	*	*

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; items with mean % less than 1% are grouped as “Others”; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding; “@” refers to all children of the LIFA applicants, including those receiving full-time post-secondary education.

Ways to Spend/ Plan to Spend the Allowance from LIFA

(mean % of allowance from LIFA)
(by ethnicity)

- South Asian LIFA households spend/ plan to spend more on the whole family (67% vs. 50% of total).

	Total N=25,345	Ethnicity		
		Chinese N=24,534	South Asians N=504	Other Ethnic Minorities N=307
For whole family	50%	49%	67%	64%
<i>Food</i>	23%	23%	30%	30%
<i>Housing</i>	12%	12%	17%	16%
<i>Durable commodities</i>	6%	6%	7%	7%
<i>Transport</i>	5%	5%	8%	8%
<i>Medical treatment</i>	2%	2%	3%	2%
<i>Others</i>	2%	2%	3%	1%
For children	48%	49%	28%	32%
<i>Tuition fee</i>	20%	21%	9%	13%
<i>Fees for extra-curricular activities/ other learning activities</i>	16%	16%	6%	6%
<i>Learning tool(s)</i>	10%	10%	8%	9%
<i>Transport</i>	1%	1%	3%	1%
<i>Others</i>	2%	2%	2%	3%
For savings	2%	2%	5%	4%
For other relatives (younger generation)	*	*	-	-
Others	*	*	*	-

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; items with mean % less than 1% are grouped as “Others”; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Ways to Spend/ Plan to Spend the Allowance from LIFA

(mean % of allowance from LIFA)

(by housing type)

- For households living in private housing, they spend/ plan to spend higher percentage of their allowance for the whole family (54% vs. 50% of total), specifically on housing (17% vs. 12% of total).

	Total N=25,345	Housing Type			
		Public rental housing N=10,931	Subsidised home ownership housing (without premium-paid) N=2,742	Private housing (incl. subsidised home ownership housing (with premium-paid) and private permanent housing) N=11,331	Temporary housing N=341
For whole family	50%	47%	43%	54%	56%
<i>Food</i>	23%	22%	25%	23%	27%
<i>Housing</i>	12%	9%	5%	17%	15%
<i>Durable commodities</i>	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%
<i>Transport</i>	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%
<i>Medical treatment</i>	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
<i>Others</i>	2%	2%	2%	1%	*
For children	48%	52%	55%	44%	43%
<i>Tuition fee</i>	20%	23%	22%	18%	15%
<i>Fees for extra-curricular activities/ other learning activities</i>	16%	14%	19%	16%	16%
<i>Learning tool(s)</i>	10%	11%	11%	8%	8%
<i>Transport</i>	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Others</i>	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
For savings	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
For other relatives (younger generation)	*	*	-	*	-
Others	*	*	*	*	-

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

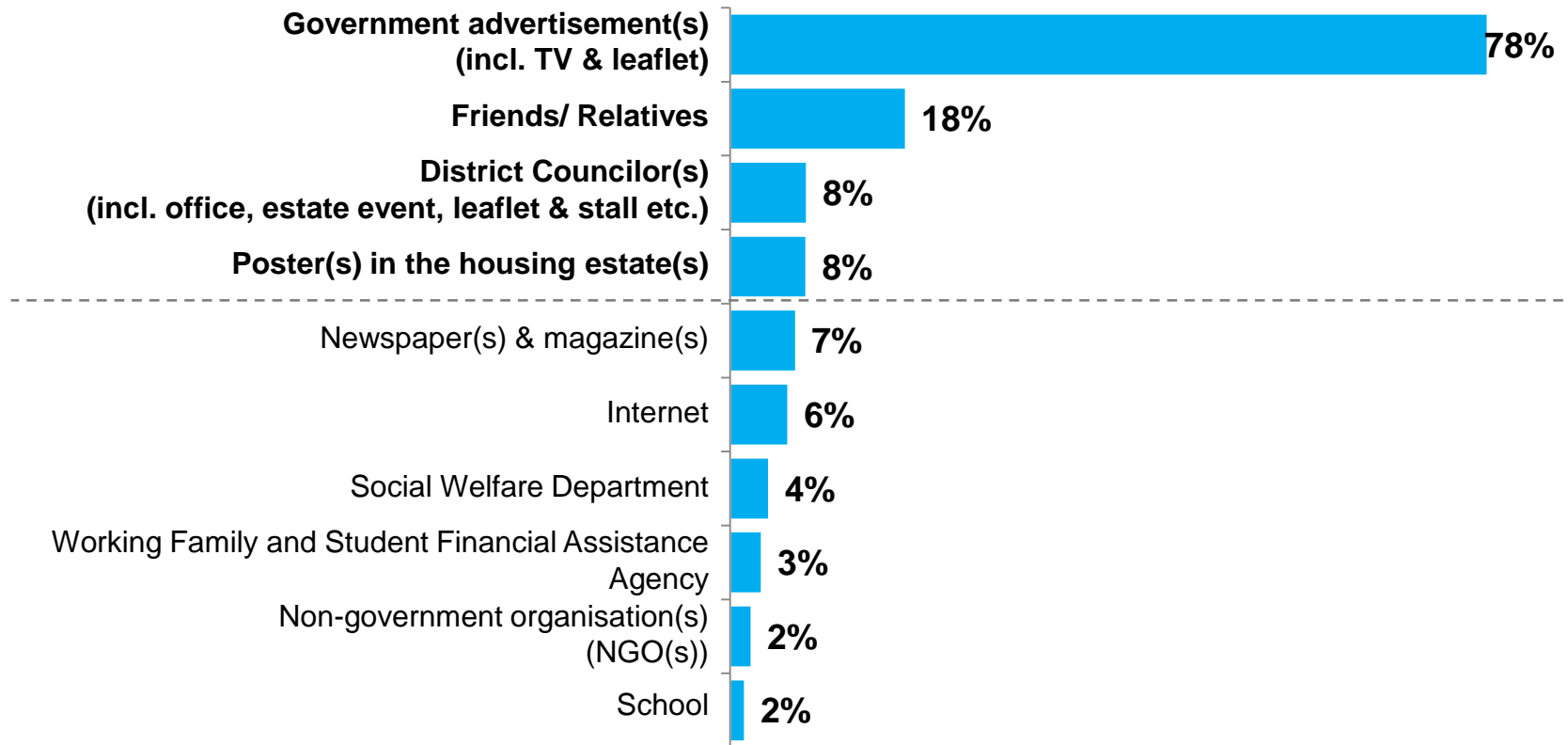
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Difficulties Related to LIFA Applications

Survey Findings

Channel(s) to Learn about LIFA – Top 10 Mentions

- Government advertisement (78%) is the key channel of LIFA applicants' learning about the allowance, followed by friends/ relatives (18%), district councilor(s) (8%) and poster(s) in the housing estate(s) (8%).



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: Multiple answers are allowed in this question.

Channel(s) to Learn about LIFA – Top 10 Mentions (by ethnicity)

- By ethnicity, South Asian LIFA households tend to rely more on friends/ relatives (52% vs. 18% of total) and non-government organisations(s) (28% vs. 2% of total) for information about LIFA. Relatively, more of them learn about LIFA from the WFSFAA (11% vs. 3% of the total) while fewer of them learn about LIFA from the government advertisement(s) (18% vs. 78% of total) .

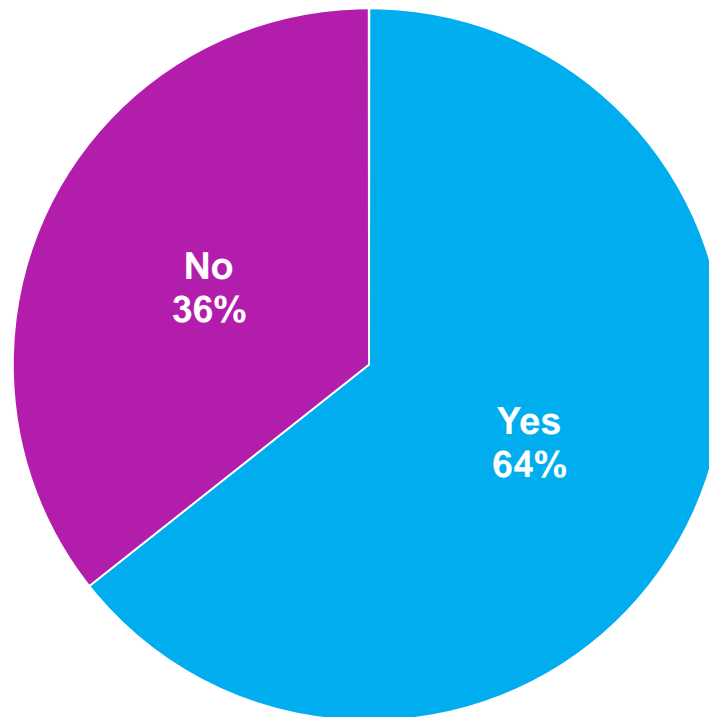
	Total N=25,345	Ethnicity		
		Chinese N=24,534	South Asians N=504	Other Ethnic Minorities N=307
Government advertisement(s) (incl. TV & leaflet)	78%	80%	18%	69%
Friends/ Relatives	18%	18%	52%	15%
District Councilor(s) (incl. office, estate event, leaflet & stall etc.)	8%	8%	1%	3%
Poster(s) in the housing estate(s)	8%	8%	6%	11%
Newspaper(s) & magazine(s)	7%	7%	3%	9%
Internet	6%	6%	10%	14%
Social Welfare Department	4%	4%	3%	-
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency	3%	3%	11%	3%
Non-government organisation(s) (NGO(s))	2%	2%	28%	1%
School	2%	1%	6%	1%

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; multiple answers are allowed in this question.

Whether Encountered Any Difficulty(ies) when Filling in the LIFA Application Form

- 64% have encountered difficulties when filling in the LIFA application form.



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Whether Encountered Any Difficulty(ies) when Filling in the LIFA Application Form (by ethnicity)

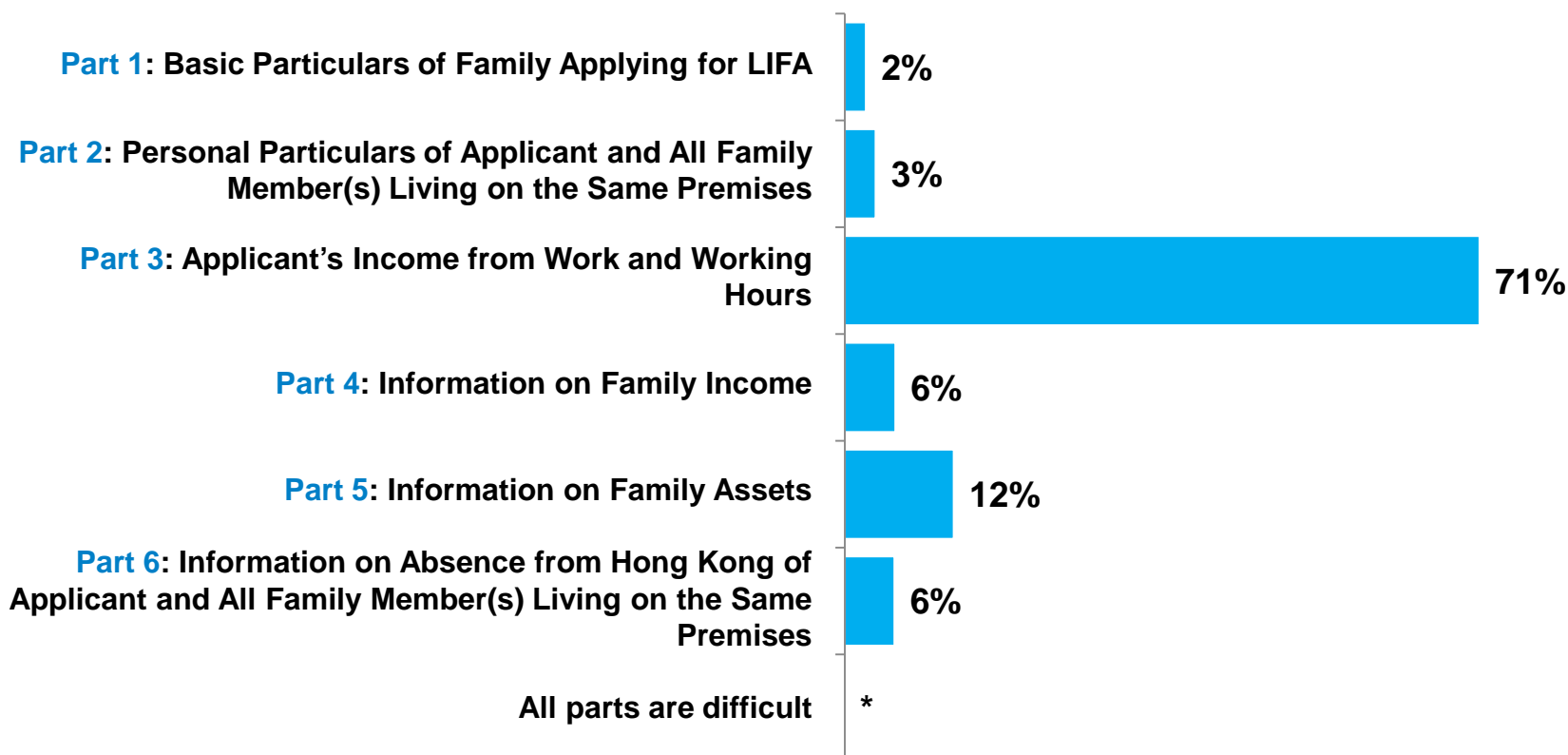
- Fewer South Asians have encountered difficulty(ies) when filling in the LIFA application form, accounting for 36% vs. 64% of total.

	Total N=25,345	Ethnicity		
		Chinese N=24,534	South Asians N=504	Other Ethnic Minorities N=307
Yes	64%	65%	36%	57%
No	36%	35%	64%	43%

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Most Difficult Part when Filling in the LIFA Application Form

- Part 3 seems to be the most difficult part of the LIFA application form, with 71% of mentions.



Base: All LIFA households who have encountered difficulties when filling in the LIFA application form (N=16,326)

Remarks: "*" indicated figures <0.5% but >0.0%; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Most Difficult Part when Filling in the LIFA Application Form (by ethnicity)

- Instead of Part 3, relatively more South Asians consider Part 6 as the most difficult part (12% vs. 6% of total). In contrast, fewer South Asians find Part 5 difficult to fill in (5% vs. 12% of total).

	Total N=16,326	Ethnicity		
		Chinese N=15,969	South Asians N=183	Other Ethnic Minorities N=173
Part 1: Basic Particulars of Family Applying for LIFA	2%	2%	2%	5%
Part 2: Personal Particulars of Applicant and All Family Member(s) Living on the Same Premises	3%	3%	3%	-
Part 3: Applicant's Income from Work and Working Hours	71%	71%	72%	75%
Part 4: Information on Family Income	6%	6%	4%	6%
Part 5: Information on Family Assets	12%	12%	5%	13%
Part 6: Information on Absence from Hong Kong of Applicant and All Family Member(s) Living on the Same Premises	6%	6%	12%	2%
All parts are difficult	*	*	2%	-

Base: All LIFA households who have encountered difficulties when filling in the LIFA application form (N=16,326)

Remarks: “*” indicates figures <0.5% but >0.0%; “-” means that no respondent/household selects that option/belongs to that category; the slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total is owing to rounding.

Most Difficult Part when Filling in the LIFA Application Form (by occupation)

	Total	Occupation – end Sep 2016								
		Elementary occupations	Service & sales workers	Plant & machine operators & assemblers	Clerical support workers	Craft & related workers	Professionals & associate professionals	Managers & administrators	Others	Not working
	N=16,326	N=4,257	N=4,242	N=2,082	N=1,947	N=1,672	N=1,520	N=224	N=9#	N=372
Part 1: Basic Particulars of Family Applying for LIFA	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	-	2%
Part 2: Personal Particulars of Applicant and All Family Member(s) Living on the Same Premises	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	9%	-	3%
Part 3: Applicant's Income from Work and Working Hours	71%	75%	70%	70%	69%	68%	66%	68%	100%	81%
Part 4: Information on Family Income	6%	6%	5%	7%	4%	9%	4%	7%	-	4%
Part 5: Information on Family Assets	12%	8%	13%	11%	17%	12%	19%	12%	-	4%
Part 6: Information on Absence from Hong Kong of Applicant and All Family Member(s) Living on the Same Premises	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%	3%	-	7%
All parts are difficult	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

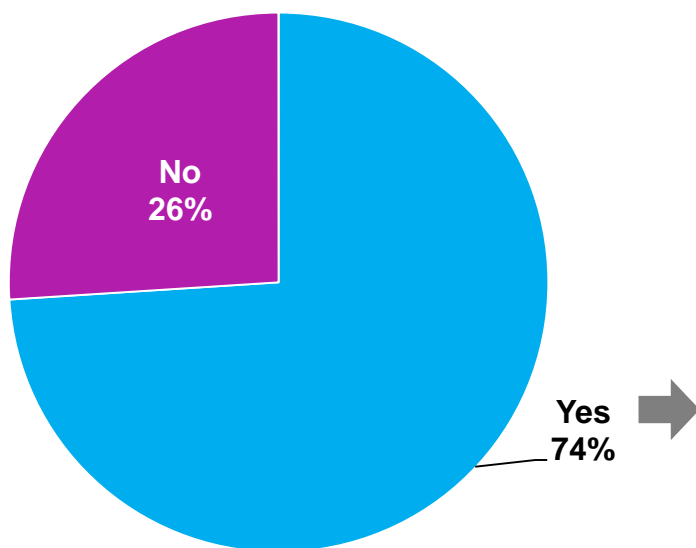
Base: All LIFA households who have encountered difficulties when filling in the LIFA application form (N=16,326)

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Whether Encountered Any Difficulty(ies) during the LIFA Application

- 74% claim that they have encountered difficulty(ies) when applying for LIFA. In particular, 83% have to submit supplementary document(s) more than once and 51% are unable to submit documentary proof/ supplementary information.

Whether Encountered Any Difficulty(ies)



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Difficulty(ies) Encountered – Top 5 Mentions

- **Need to submit supplementary document(s) multiple times** 83%
- **Unable to submit documentary proof/ supplementary information** 51%
- Question(s) in the application form is/are not clear/ difficult to understand 23%
- Do not understand what documentary proof needs to be provided 15%
- Provision of some of the documentary proof/ supplementary information is troublesome/ trivial/ unreasonable 5%

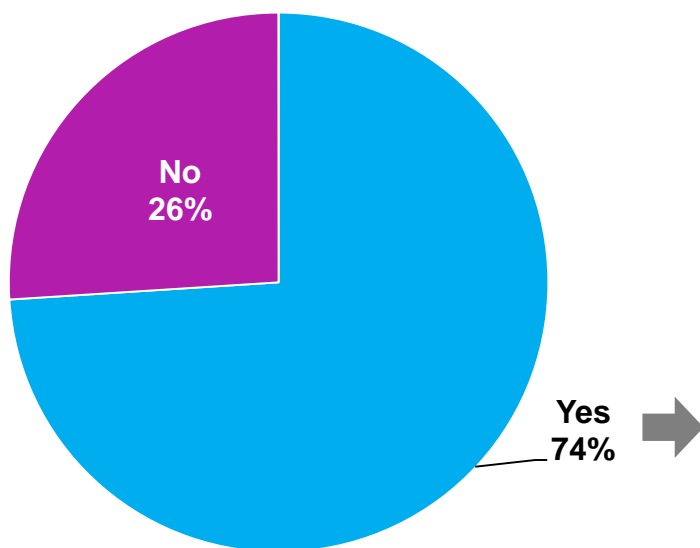
Base: All LIFA households with difficulty(ies) encountered during the LIFA application (N=18,750)

Remarks: Multiple answers are allowed in this question.

Whether Encountered Any Difficulty(ies) during the LIFA Application

- 74% claim that they have encountered difficulty(ies) during the LIFA application.
- Among them, 28% and 26% work in “elementary occupations” and as “service & sales workers” respectively. This is followed by “plant & machine operators/ assemblers” (13%), “clerical support workers” (13%) and “craft & related workers” (10%).

Whether Encountered Any Difficulty(ies)



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

By occupation (Mar 2016)

• Elementary occupations	28%
• Service & sales workers	26%
• Plant & machine operators/ assemblers	13%
• Clerical support workers	13%
• Craft & related workers	10%
• Professionals & associate professionals	9%
• Managers & administrators	1%
• Others	*

Base: All LIFA households with difficulty(ies) encountered during the LIFA application (N=18,750)

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Whether Encountered Any Difficulty(ies) during the LIFA Application (by ethnicity)

- Similar to filling in the LIFA application form, fewer South Asians come across difficulty(ies) during the LIFA application (36% vs. 74% of total).

	Total N=25,345	Ethnicity		
		Chinese N=24,534	South Asians N=504	Other Ethnic Minorities N=307
Yes	74%	75%	36%	77%
<u>Top 5 Difficulty(ies)</u> [Base: All LIFA households with difficulty(ies) encountered during the LIFA application]				
	N=18,750	N=18,330	N=184	N=236
<i>Need to submit supplementary document(s) multiple times</i>	83%	83%	69%	85%
<i>Unable to submit documentary proof/ supplementary information</i>	51%	51%	25%	54%
<i>Question(s) in the application form is/are not clear/ difficult to understand</i>	23%	23%	22%	22%
<i>Do not understand what documentary proof needs to be provided</i>	15%	15%	9%	18%
<i>Provision of some of the documentary proof/ supplementary information is troublesome/ trivial/ unreasonable</i>	5%	5%	3%	3%
No	26%	25%	64%	23%

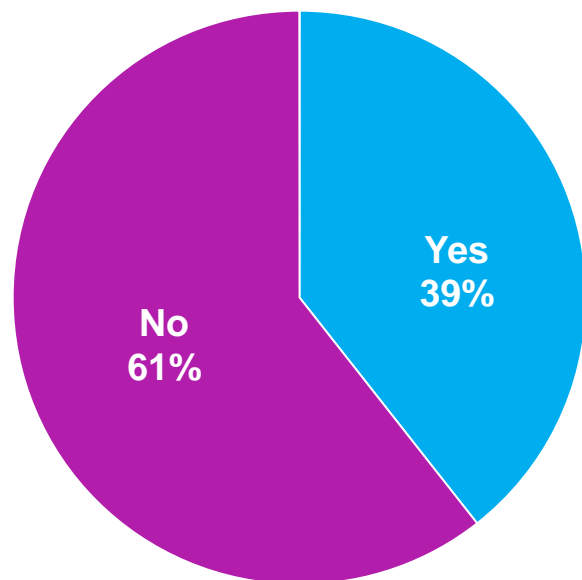
Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: Multiple answers are allowed in this question.

Whether Any Assistance Has Been Sought from NGO(s), District Councilor(s) or Staff of Working Family Allowance Office when Filling in the LIFA Application Form

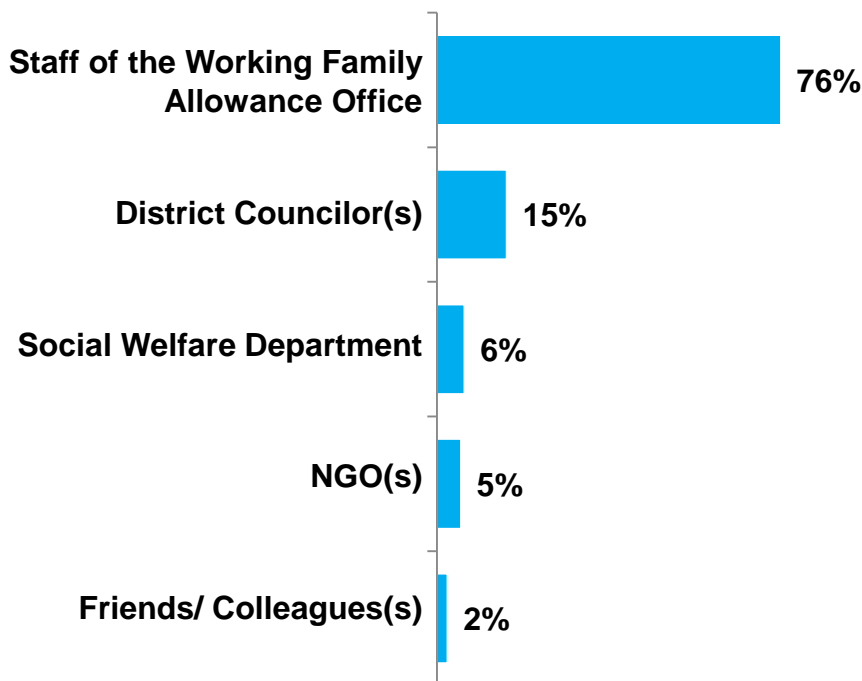
- Among all LIFA households, only 39% have sought assistance when filling in the LIFA application form.
- Most of them (76%) has come to the Working Family Allowance Office to seek assistance.

Whether Any Assistance Has Been Sought



Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Party(ies) from which Assistance Has Been Sought (Top 5 Mentions)



Base: All LIFA households who have sought assistance (N=9,982)
Remarks: Multiple answers are allowed in this question.

Whether Any Assistance Has Been Sought from NGO(s), District Councilor(s) or Staff of Working Family Allowance Office when Filling in the LIFA Application Form (by ethnicity)

- Instead of seeking help from the staff of the Working Family Allowance Office, relatively more South Asian LIFA households have sought assistance from NGO(s)(39%) and their friend(s)/ colleague(s) (19%) but not the WFAO staff (40% vs. 76% of total).

	Total N=25,345	Ethnicity		
		Chinese N=24,534	South Asians N=504	Other Ethnic Minorities N=307
Yes	39%	40%	33%	33%
<u>Top 5 Difficulty(ies)</u> [Base: All LIFA households who have sought assistance]				
	N=9,982	N=9,712	N=168	N=102
<i>Staff of the Working Family Allowance Office</i>	76%	77%	40%	55%
<i>District Councilor(s)</i>	15%	16%	6%	13%
<i>Social Welfare Department</i>	6%	6%	3%	18%
<i>NGO(s)</i>	5%	5%	39%	14%
<i>Friend(s)/ Colleague(s)</i>	2%	2%	19%	4%
No	61%	60%	67%	67%

Base: All LIFA households (N=25,345)

Remarks: Multiple answers are allowed in this question.

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