



TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS ANALYSIS OF BATCH 1 COST OF LIVING RELIEF (COLR) BENEFICIARIES





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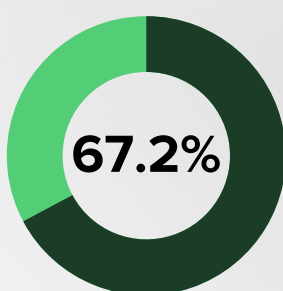
The **Cost of Living Relief (COLR) Programme** received **15,546 applications** by the closure of the portal on 22 July 2026, demonstrating substantial demand for financial support amid prevailing cost-of-living pressures. By 5 August 2026, **10,626 applicants (68.4%) had been processed and deemed eligible**, while 155 applications were identified as duplicates and 33 were declined for not meeting the eligibility criteria. Batch 1 beneficiaries were predominantly located in Providenciales (77.4%), broadly reflecting the geographical concentration of the population.

The gender distribution was relatively balanced, with **53% female** and **47% male**, while beneficiaries were largely concentrated within the working-age population. Notably, **77.5% were employed or self-employed**, indicating that cost-of-living pressures extend significantly to economically active residents and may be eroding the purchasing power of earned income.

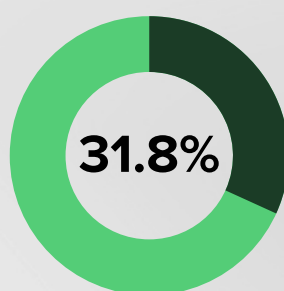
The intended use of the relief further highlights these pressures, with **67.2% allocated to essential living expenses** and **31.8% to utilities**. This suggests that the programme primarily supported basic household consumption and provided short-term relief from rising expenses.

Additionally, **70.6% of beneficiaries were status holders**, compared with **29.4% British Overseas Territories Citizens**. Overall, the programme provided targeted income support that helped preserve household purchasing power and alleviate immediate financial pressures.

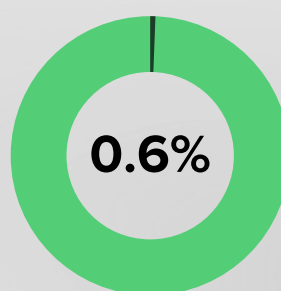
INTENDED USE OF COST OF LIVING RELIEF FUNDS BY BATCH 1 BENEFICIARIES (%)



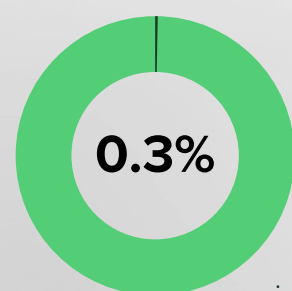
Living Expenses



Utilities



Other - School
Expenses



Other



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DISTRIBUTION OF BATCH 1 COLR BY ISLAND

- The total number of beneficiaries was 10,626.
- The major concentration was in Providenciales with 77.4% (8,228 beneficiaries).
- Other islands' beneficiaries include: Grand Turk (14.9%), North Caicos (3.9%), South Caicos and Ambergris Cay (3.0%), Middle Caicos (0.4%), and Salt Cay (0.3%).

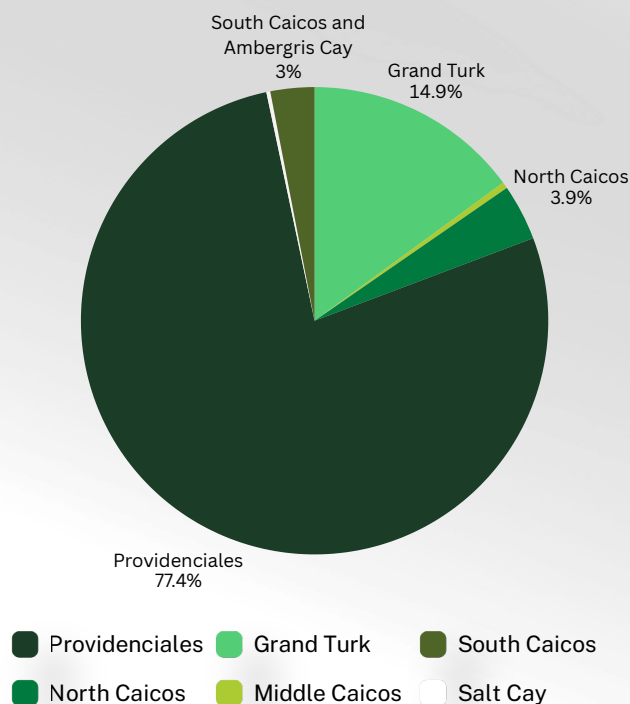


Table 1: Number and Percentage of Batch 1 Beneficiaries by Island

Island	Number	Percent
Grand Turk	1,587	14.9
Middle Caicos	47	0.4
North Caicos	412	3.9
Providenciales	8,228	77.4
Salt Cay	29	0.3
South Caicos and Ambergris Cay	323	3.0
Total	10,626	100.0

Gender distribution by island shows females slightly outnumbering males overall (53% female, 47% male), with similar proportions across islands.



47%

Male



53%

Female



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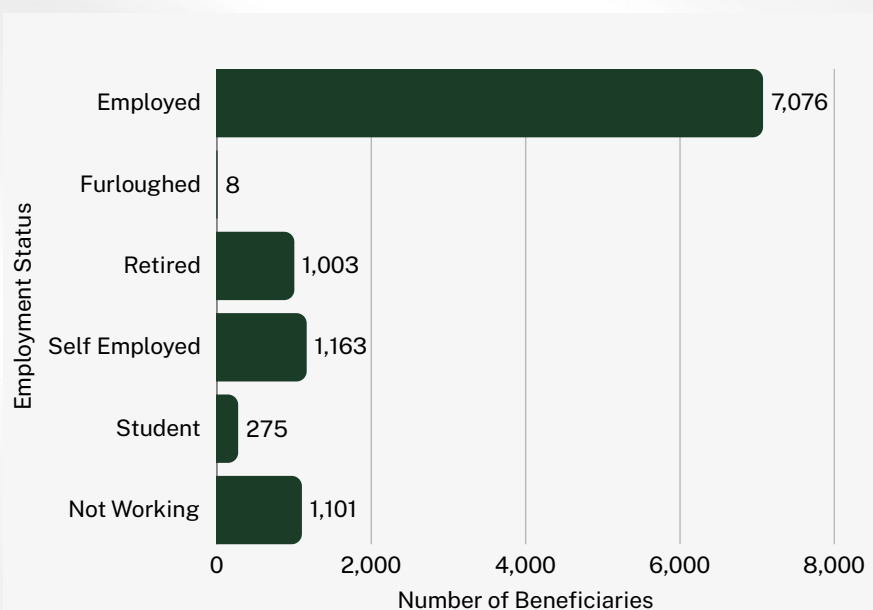
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EMPLOYMENT & LEGAL STATUS PROFILE OF BATCH 1 COLR BENEFICIARIES

The majority of beneficiaries were employed, accounting for 66.6% of the total.

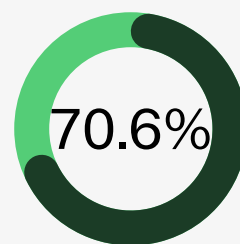
Other beneficiaries included self-employed individuals (10.9%), retired persons (9.4%), those not working (10.4%), students (2.6%), and furloughed workers (0.1%).

These figures indicate that a large proportion of beneficiaries were actively engaged in the workforce.



Status Card Holder

Turks and Caicos Islands Status Card holders made up 70.6% of the total beneficiaries.



BOTC

British Overseas Territories Citizens (BOTC) made up 29.4% of the total beneficiaries.

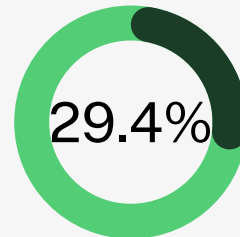


Table 2: Number and Percentage of Batch 1 Beneficiaries by Employment Status

Employment Status	Number	Percent
Employed	7,076	66.6
Furloughed	8	0.1
Retired	1,003	9.4
Self Employed	1,163	10.9
Student	275	2.6
Not Working	1,101	10.4
Total	10,626	100.0



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AGE DISTRIBUTION OF BATCH 1 COLR BENEFICIARIES

The age distribution of beneficiaries was relatively well-balanced, with the majority falling within the 18–64 age range.

The largest age cohorts included those aged 18–24 years, accounting for 11.9%, while individuals aged 30–59 years collectively accounted for approximately 48–50% of beneficiaries.

The proportion of beneficiaries declined among the older age groups, particularly those aged 60 years and over.

Table 3: Number and Percentage of Batch 1 Beneficiaries by Age Group

Age Group	Number	Percent
18-24	1,265	11.9
25-29	1,027	9.7
30-34	1,072	10.1
35-39	1,091	10.3
40-44	1,033	9.7
45-49	1,037	9.8
50-54	1,033	9.7
55-59	982	9.2
60-64	800	7.5
65-69	530	5.0
70-74	351	3.3
75-79	206	1.9
80-84	101	1.0
85+	82	0.8
Not Stated	16	0.1
Total	10,626	100.0



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PROPOSED USE OF THE COST OF LIVING RELIEF FUND

The main proposed use of the COLR funds were living expenses, accounting for 67.2% of beneficiaries, and utilities, accounting for 31.8%.

Smaller proportions were reported for childcare (0.1%), transportation (0.0%), school expenses (0.6%), and other uses (0.3%).

These figures underscore the essential nature of the COLF funds, with the majority being used to meet daily living and household expenses.

Table 4: Number of Batch 1 Beneficiaries by Cost of Living Relief Use and Gender

COLR Use	Gender				Total	% Breakdown
	Female	% Breakdown	Male	% Breakdown		
Child Care	8	0.1	2	0.0	10	0.1
Living Expenses	3,808	67.6	3,336	66.8	7,144	67.2
Transportation	0	0.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
Utilities	1,752	31.1	1629	32.6	3,381	31.8
School expenses	51	0.9	11	0.2	62	0.6
Other	11	0.2	17	0.3	28	0.3
Total	5,630	100.0	4,996	100.0	10,626	100.0

