

# Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	1996		2001		2004		2005	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
<b>Demographic characteristics</b>								
Population	3 215 500	3 220 000	3 437 900	3 287 000	3 567 100	3 315 500	3 610 800	3 325 100
Sex ratio	1 001		956		929		921	
Live births	30 627	32 664	23 059	25 160	23 969	25 827	27 218	29 880
Sex specific mortality rate	4.4	5.7	4.2	5.8	4.5	6.3	+	+
<b>Marriage, fertility and family conditions</b>								
Marital status								
<i>Now Married (%)</i>	58.7	62.1	57.4	61.9	57.4	61.9	56.7	61.7
<i>Never married (%)</i>	29.1	34.4	29.8	34.2	29.3	33.9	29.5	34.0
<i>Widowed and divorced/     separated (%)</i>	12.2	3.5	12.8	4.0	13.3	4.2	13.8	4.3
Crude marriage rate	11.0	11.0	9.5	9.9	11.6	12.4	11.9	12.9
Persons living alone	103 938	172 968	127 001	162 031	-	-	-	-
Single parents	30 402	11 907	45 072	13 388	-	-	-	-
<b>Education characteristics</b>								
Proportion of population having aged 15 and over attended secondary education and above (%)	62.9	70.6	67.5	74.9	69.9	77.6	70.5	78.2
Students in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (% by sex) <sup>@</sup>	50.1	49.9	54.4	45.6	55.2	44.8	54.7	45.3
Teachers <sup>@</sup>	37 795	20 794	43 273	21 643	43 727	21 380	46 993	21 710
Graduates of retraining programmes <sup>@</sup>	44 188	11 180	67 111	25 359	75 345	25 156	73 653	23 244
Graduates of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education <sup>@</sup>	7 170	15 201	6 937	13 543	7 657	13 863	+	+
<b>Labour force characteristics</b>								
Labour force	1 236 100	1 924 700	1 461 900	1 965 200	1 576 200	1 974 800	1 607 900	1 978 300
Labour force participation rate (%)	47.8	75.7	50.7	72.9	51.8	71.7	51.8	71.1
Employed persons								
<i>Employers</i>	21 400	148 200	26 900	137 500	28 700	129 100	27 500	125 600
<i>Employees</i>	1 147 200	1 594 300	1 325 400	1 540 300	1 383 200	1 512 400	1 433 900	1 537 800
<i>Self-employed</i>	22 000	121 500	36 300	166 400	54 200	176 100	53 900	181 800
<i>Unpaid family workers</i>	16 700	2 000	16 800	2 600	21 500	3 400	21 400	3 700
Underemployed persons	10 500	41 500	24 500	60 900	41 100	75 600	32 500	66 100
Underemployment rate (%)	0.8	2.2	1.7	3.1	2.6	3.8	2.0	3.3
Unemployed persons	28 700	58 700	56 500	118 300	88 600	153 900	71 200	129 500
Unemployment rate (%)	2.3	3.1	3.9	6.0	5.6	7.8	4.4	6.5
Median duration of unemployment (days)	71	73	74	76	93	99	79	85
<b>Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)</b>								
Including foreign domestic helpers	8,000	10,000	8,500	12,000	8,000	11,000	8,000	11,000
Excluding foreign domestic helpers	-	-	10,000	12,000	9,000	11,000	9,000	11,000

**Social welfare**

Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	110 244	113 140	206 791	190 677	282 909	259 108	282 498	257 465
Persons receiving Social Security Allowance	282 426	224 411	307 834	251 565	311 302	255 144	314 393	258 378

**Medical and health**

Patients discharged from Hospital Authority Hospitals (In-patient services)	-	-	329 621	277 337	301 186	259 371	305 826	262 558
Specialist Out-patient Attendance (Psychiatric Specialty) of Hospital Authority Hospitals	-	-	282 792	217 563	329 939	242 903	348 429	249 493

**Law and order**

Persons arrested for crime	8 293	38 864	9 052	29 777	9 951	33 040	10 353	30 451
Reported drug abusers	2 433	17 240	2 873	15 640	2 654	12 198	2 660	11 427

**Pattern of participation in public affairs**

Directorate officers in the civil service	208	1 147	297	992	305	899	314	873
Non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies	-	-	1 147	4 792	1 310	4 436	935	3 180

**Time use pattern and pattern of participation in various activities**

Average time spent on the following activities per day for persons aged 15 and over (hours)

<i>Activities related to personal basic necessities</i>	-	-	12.1	11.9	-	-	-	-
<i>Paid work</i>	-	-	3.6	5.3	-	-	-	-
<i>Education and training</i>	-	-	0.6	0.6	-	-	-	-
<i>Unpaid activities</i>	-	-	3.3	1.1	-	-	-	-
<i>Free-time/leisure activities</i>	-	-	4.1	4.4	-	-	-	-
<i>Activities outside Hong Kong</i>	-	-	0.3	0.6	-	-	-	-
Percentage of persons aged 15 and over who had participated in voluntary work during the twelve months before enumeration	-	-	9.5	6.0	-	-	-	-
Percentage of persons aged 15 and over who had participated in social activities during the three months before enumeration	-	-	83.5	84.3	-	-	-	-

Notes : + Figures for 2005 are not yet available.

- Not applicable.

@ Figures are for the corresponding school year. For example, figures for 2005 represent the figures for the school year 2005/06.