

Table 1 : Summary Statistics

	1996		2001		2005		2006	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Demographic characteristics								
Population	3 215 500	3 220 000	3 432 300	3 282 000	3 549 200	3 264 000	3 587 000	3 270 100
Sex ratio	1 001		956		920		912	
Live births	30 627	32 664	23 059	25 160	27 218	29 880	31 031	34 595
Sex specific mortality rate	4.4	5.7	4.2	5.8	4.9	6.6	+	+
Marriage, fertility and family conditions								
Marital status								
<i>Now married (%)</i>	58.7	62.1	57.5	61.5	56.1	61.1	56.0	61.8
<i>Never married (%)</i>	29.1	34.4	29.5	34.4	29.9	34.5	30.5	34.1
<i>Widowed and divorced/ separated (%)</i>	12.2	3.5	13.0	4.1	14.0	4.4	13.5	4.1
Crude marriage rate	11.0	11.0	9.5	9.9	12.1	13.1	14.0	15.4
Persons living alone	103 938	172 968	127 001	162 031	-	-	182 648	185 005
Single parents	30 402	11 907	45 072	13 388	-	-	57 613	14 713
Education characteristics								
Proportion of population having aged 15 and over attended secondary education and above (%)	62.9	70.6	67.7	75.0	70.8	78.4	71.9	79.3
Students in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (% by sex) [#]	50.1	49.9	54.4	45.6	54.6	45.4	54.1	45.9
Teachers [#]	37 795	20 794	43 273	21 643	46 993	21 710	46 988	22 456
Graduates of retraining programmes [#]	44 188	11 180	67 111	25 359	73 663	23 335	65 462	18 318
Graduates of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education [#]	7 170	15 201	6 937	13 543	7 234	13 204	+	+
Labour force characteristics								
Labour force	1 236 100	1 924 700	1 461 000	1 964 900	1 587 400	1 950 700	1 626 500	1 956 000
Labour force participation rate (%)	47.8	75.7	50.7	73.0	51.9	71.1	52.6	71.0
Employed persons								
<i>Employers</i>	21 400	148 200	27 500	138 300	27 600	125 000	28 400	123 100
<i>Employees</i>	1 147 200	1 594 300	1 323 400	1 539 400	1 415 300	1 515 400	1 463 800	1 531 300
<i>Self-employed</i>	22 000	121 500	36 800	166 500	53 600	179 500	54 900	188 600
<i>Unpaid family workers</i>	16 700	2 000	16 900	2 500	20 700	3 600	18 700	2 800
Underemployed persons	10 500	41 500	24 600	60 200	31 700	64 600	26 300	60 300
Underemployment rate (%)	0.8	2.2	1.7	3.1	2.0	3.3	1.6	3.1
Unemployed persons	28 700	58 700	56 400	118 200	70 200	127 100	60 700	110 200
Unemployment rate (%)	2.3	3.1	3.9	6.0	4.4	6.5	3.7	5.6
Median duration of unemployment (days)	71	73	74	76	78	85	71	77
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)								
Including foreign domestic helpers	8,000	10,000	8,600	12,000	8,000	11,000	8,000	11,500
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Social welfare								
Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	110 244	113 140	206 791	190 677	282 498	257 465	272 999	248 612
Persons receiving Social Security Allowance	282 426	224 411	307 834	251 565	314 393	258 378	318 106	262 734

Medical and health

Patients discharged from Hospital Authority Hospitals (In-patient services)	-	-	329 621	277 337	305 752	262 472	308 725	266 023
Specialist Out-patient Attendance (Psychiatric Specialty) of Hospital Authority Hospitals	-	-	282 792	217 563	348 447	249 497	355 567	254 021

Law and order

Persons arrested for crime	8 293	38 864	9 052	29 777	10 353	30 451	10 582	31 646
Reported drug abusers	2 433	17 240	2 873	15 640	2 665	11 448	2 534	10 670

Pattern of participation in public affairs

Directorate officers in the civil service	208	1 147	297	992	314	873	330	853
Non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies	-	-	1 147	4 792	935	3 180	967	3 176

Living Arrangement[§]

Living alone	100 865	168 971	127 001	162 031	-	-	182 648	185 005
Living with parent(s) only	1 096 116	1 293 771	1 158 127	1 340 354	-	-	1 134 573	1 254 388
Living with spouse and/or child(ren) *	1 615 532	1 440 964	1 751 295	1 574 050	-	-	1 843 188	1 589 196
Others [^]	258 837	163 372	302 665	123 674	-	-	327 935	119 976
Total	3 071 350	3 067 078	3 339 088	3 200 109	-	-	3 488 344	3 148 565

Geographical Distribution

Population by area

Hong Kong Island	677 223	635 414	703 615	631 854	-	-	684 110	584 002
Kowloon	984 639	1 003 357	1 025 225	998 754	-	-	1 058 915	960 618
New Territories	1 443 763	1 462 970	1 692 388	1 650 658	-	-	1 847 036	1 726 599
Marine	3 824	6 366	1 817	4 078	-	-	1 329	1 737

Notes : + Figures for 2006 are not yet available.

- Not available.

Figures are for the corresponding school year. For example, figures for 2006 represent the figures for the school year 2006/07.

§ All figures excluded persons living in non-domestic households and student dormitories. There were 78 649, 79 128, 169 192 and 277 437 persons living in non-domestic households and student dormitories in 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006 respectively.

* Figures include persons living with spouse and/or child(ren), regardless of whether they were living with parent(s) or not.

^ Figures include persons living with person(s) other than parent(s), spouse and child(ren).