

# Demand and Provision of Open Space

( Existing Population and Planned Population include usual residents, mobile residents, but exclude transients )

District Council district	Year 2008 Pop.	Area of Open Space Suggested under HKPSG (ha.)	Existing Open Space (ha.)			Surplus/ Shortfall of Open Space (ha.) ( + or - )	Planned Pop.	Area of Open Space Suggested under HKPSG (ha.)	Existing and Planned Open Space (ha.)		Surplus/ Shortfall of Open Space (ha.) ( + or - )
			Local Open Space (LO)	District Open Space (DO)	Provided by HA				LO	DO	
1. Central and Western	250,400	50.1 (LO: 25.0) (DO: 25.0)	14.9 (Pub.: 13.3) (Pri.: 1.6)	28.9 (Pub.: 28.9) (Pri.: 0.0)	0.2	-6.0 (LO: -9.9) (DO: 3.9)	265,900	53.2 (LO: 26.6) (DO: 26.6)	17.3 (Pub.: 15.4) (Pri.: 1.9)	39.8 (Pub.: 39.8) (Pri.: 0.0)	3.9 (LO: -9.3) (DO: 13.2)
2. Wan Chai	155,000	31.0 (LO: 15.5) (DO: 15.5)	13.6 (Pub.: 13.1) (Pri.: 0.5)	15.1 (Pub.: 15.1) (Pri.: 0.0)	0.0	-2.3 (LO: -1.9) (DO: -0.4)	159,200	31.8 (LO: 15.9) (DO: 15.9)	14.7 (Pub.: 13.8) (Pri.: 0.9)	19.4 (Pub.: 19.4) (Pri.: 0.0)	2.3 (LO: -1.2) (DO: 3.5)
3. Eastern	586,100	117.2 (LO: 58.6) (DO: 58.6)	39.9 (Pub.: 18.1) (Pri.: 21.8)	57.0 (Pub.: 57.0) (Pri.: 0.0)	36.0	15.7 (LO: 17.3) (DO: -1.6)	581,200	116.2 (LO: 58.1) (DO: 58.1)	83.4 (Pub.: 61.3) (Pri.: 22.1)	73.4 (Pub.: 73.4) (Pri.: 0.0)	40.6 (LO: 25.3) (DO: 15.3)
4. Southern	275,800	55.2 (LO: 27.6) (DO: 27.6)	22.7 (Pub.: 12.5) (Pri.: 10.2)	32.1 (Pub.: 32.1) (Pri.: 0)	21.4	21.0 (LO: 16.5) (DO: 4.5)	277,600	55.5 (LO: 27.8) (DO: 27.8)	59.1 (Pub.: 47.1) (Pri.: 12.0)	40.7 (Pub.: 40.7) (Pri.: 0.0)	44.2 (LO: 31.3) (DO: 12.9)
5. Yau Tsim Mong	294,300	58.9 (LO: 29.4) (DO: 29.4)	14.9 (Pub.: 10.7) (Pri.: 4.2)	47.2 (Pub.: 47.2) (Pri.: 0.0)	3.1	6.4 (LO: -11.4) (DO: 17.8)	339,900	68.0 (LO: 34.0) (DO: 34.0)	26.3 (Pub.: 15.8) (Pri.: 10.5)	79.1 (Pub.: 79.1) (Pri.: 0.0)	37.4 (LO: -7.7) (DO: 45.1)
6. Kowloon City	362,200	72.4 (LO: 36.2) (DO: 36.2)	26.2 (Pub.: 23.7) (Pri.: 2.5)	53.4 (Pub.: 53.4) (Pri.: 0.0)	8.3	15.5 (LO: -1.7) (DO: 17.2)	485,600	97.1 (LO: 48.6) (DO: 48.6)	60.6 (Pub.: 56.9) (Pri.: 3.7)	103.9 (Pub.: 103.9) (Pri.: 0.0)	67.3 (LO: 12.0) (DO: 55.3)

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7. Kwun Tong	592,600	118.5 (LO: 59.3) (DO: 59.3)	34.9 (Pub.: 26.5) (Pri.: 8.4)	43.6 (Pub.: 43.6) (Pri.: 0.0)	71.9	31.8 (LO: 47.5) (DO: -15.7)	669,800	134.0 (LO: 67.0) (DO: 67.0)	129.3 (Pub.: 118.1) (Pri.: 11.2)	102.3 (Pub.: 102.3) (Pri.: 0.0)	97.6 (LO: 62.3) (DO: 35.3)
8. Wong Tai Sin	425,900	85.2 (LO: 42.6) (DO: 42.6)	13.3 (Pub.: 12.5) (Pri.: 0.8)	34.2 (Pub.: 34.2) (Pri.: 0.0)	69.2	31.5 (LO: 39.9) (DO: -8.4)	421,000	84.2 (LO: 42.1) (DO: 42.1)	86.9 (Pub.: 85.7) (Pri.: 1.2)	53.5 (Pub.: 53.5) (Pri.: 0.0)	56.2 (LO: 44.8) (DO: 11.4)
9. Sham Shui Po	373,400	74.7 (LO: 37.3) (DO: 37.3)	19.4 (Pub.: 12.2) (Pri.: 7.2)	51.1 (Pub.: 51.1) (Pri.: 0.0)	31.2	27.1 (LO: 13.3) (DO: 13.8)	471,500	94.3 (LO: 47.2) (DO: 47.2)	58.3 (Pub.: 48.9) (Pri.: 9.4)	60.9 (Pub.: 60.9) (Pri.: 0.0)	24.8 (LO: 11.1) (DO: 13.7)
10. Kwai Tsing	524,300	104.9 (LO: 52.4) (DO: 52.4)	37.4 (Pub.: 28.8) (Pri.: 8.6)	19.0 (Pub.: 19.0) (Pri.: 0.0)	67.4	19.0 (LO: 52.4) (DO: -33.4)	503,300	100.7 (LO: 50.3) (DO: 50.3)	117.4 (Pub.: 108.2) (Pri.: 9.2)	41.3 (Pub.: 41.3) (Pri.: 0.0)	58.1 (LO: 67.1) (DO: -9.0)
11. Tsuen Wan	295,200	59.0 (LO: 29.5) (DO: 29.5)	29.4 (Pub.: 12.7) (Pri.: 16.7)	29.7 (Pub.: 29.7) (Pri.: 0.0)	11.1	11.2 (LO: 11.0) (DO: 0.2)	293,000	58.6 (LO: 29.3) (DO: 29.3)	46.4 (Pub.: 28.1) (Pri.: 18.3)	51.6 (Pub.: 51.6) (Pri.: 0.0)	39.4 (LO: 17.1) (DO: 22.3)
12. Sha Tin	619,800	124.0 (LO: 62.0) (DO: 62.0)	32.1 (Pub.: 24.3) (Pri.: 7.8)	70.5 (Pub.: 70.5) (Pri.: 0.0)	89.4	68.0 (LO: 59.5) (DO: 8.5)	673,500	134.7 (LO: 67.4) (DO: 67.4)	140.7 (Pub.: 127.8) (Pri.: 12.9)	99.3 (Pub.: 99.3) (Pri.: 0.0)	105.2 (LO: 73.3) (DO: 31.9)

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13. Tai Po	297,800	59.6 (LO: 29.8) (DO: 29.8)	20.7 (Pub.: 12.4) (Pri.: 8.3)	45.4 (Pub.: 45.4) (Pri.: 0.0)	32.0	38.5 (LO: 22.9) (DO: 15.6)	325,000	65.0 (LO: 32.5) (DO: 32.5)	64.4 (Pub.: 51.1) (Pri.: 13.3)	70.9 (Pub.: 70.9) (Pri.: 0.0)	70.3 (LO: 31.9) (DO: 38.4)
14. North	294,200	58.8 (LO: 29.4) (DO: 29.4)	25.2 (Pub.: 20.7) (Pri.: 4.5)	21.8 (Pub.: 21.8) (Pri.: 0.0)	29.8	18.0 (LO: 25.6) (DO: -7.6)	323,200	64.6 (LO: 32.3) (DO: 32.3)	75.6 (Pub.: 63.7) (Pri.: 11.9)	44.3 (Pub.: 44.3) (Pri.: 0.0)	55.3 (LO: 43.3) (DO: 12.0)
15. Tuen Mun	508,600	101.7 (LO: 50.9) (DO: 50.9)	22.6 (Pub.: 15.4) (Pri.: 7.2)	62.3 (Pub.: 62.3) (Pri.: 0.0)	78.9	62.0 (LO: 50.6) (DO: 11.4)	588,200	117.6 (LO: 58.8) (DO: 58.8)	118.3 (Pub.: 110.8) (Pri.: 7.5)	103.2 (Pub.: 103.2) (Pri.: 0.0)	103.9 (LO: 59.5) (DO: 44.4)
16. Yuen Long	554,200	110.8 (LO: 55.4) (DO: 55.4)	48.1 (Pub.: 36.2) (Pri.: 11.9)	23.0 (Pub.: 23.0) (Pri.: 0.0)	45.3	5.6 (LO: 38.0) (DO: -32.4)	666,200	133.2 (LO: 66.6) (DO: 66.6)	140.9 (Pub.: 111.1) (Pri.: 29.8)	104.4 (Pub.: 104.4) (Pri.: 0.0)	112.1 (LO: 74.3) (DO: 37.8)
17. Sai Kung	416,200	83.2 (LO: 41.6) (DO: 41.6)	24.2 (Pub.: 9.6) (Pri.: 14.6)	19.4 (Pub.: 19.4) (Pri.: 0.0)	41.7	2.1 (LO: 24.3) (DO: -22.2)	510,800	102.2 (LO: 51.1) (DO: 51.1)	81.0 (Pub.: 57.4) (Pri.: 23.6)	71.9 (Pub.: 71.9) (Pri.: 0.0)	50.7 (LO: 29.9) (DO: 20.8)
18. Islands	146,800	29.4 (LO: 14.7) (DO: 14.7)	27.1 (Pub.: 19.9) (Pri.: 7.2)	34.8 (Pub.: 25.0) (Pri.: 9.8)	18.0	50.5 (LO: 30.4) (DO: 20.1)	226,500	45.3 (LO: 22.7) (DO: 22.7)	62.4 (Pub.: 52.7) (Pri.: 9.7)	92.6 (Pub.: 81.3) (Pri.: 11.3)	109.6 (LO: 39.7) (DO: 69.9)

Notes :

- (1) The above data figures are compiled by Planning Department from the planning point of view.
- (2) According to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), a minimum of 10 ha. of local open space (LO) and 10 ha. of district open space (DO) should be provided for every 100,000 persons, which means that a minimum of 20 ha. of open space for every 100,000 persons.
- (3) The HKPSG provides a set of standards and guidelines for concerned Government departments to assess the scale, location and necessity of various public facilities. However, the standards and guidelines should be applied in a flexible manner and other considerations, such as provision and usage of existing facilities, population growth of the district and the availability of resources, should also be taken into account in the planning process.
- (4) According to HKPSG, slope area, which is not suitable for development, has been deducted from open space area, and the sports grounds, water body of beaches, water sports centres, camp sites and holiday villages managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are not counted as open space. However, open space within private developments has been included.
- (5) “Year 2008 Population (Pop.)” is based on the mid-year population projection for Year 2008 prepared by the “Working Group on Population Distribution Projections”, which includes the usual residents and mobile residents but excludes the transient population.
- (6) For “Existing Open Space”, “Public (Pub.)” represents public open space on Government land and those provided within large private developments for public use, while “Private (Pri.)” includes private open space within large private developments.
- (7) Figures of open space “Provided by Housing Authority (HA)” were provided by Housing Department in June 2008.
- (8) “Planned Pop.” is the projected population within a future time horizon having regard to its existing population and future population change as a result of known and planned residential developments.
- (9) In the column of “Existing and Planned Open Space”, “Pub.” represents public open space on Government land and those provided within large private developments for public use, open spaces managed by the Housing Authority, areas zoned “O” on the Outline Zoning Plans and Development Permission Area Plans, areas zoned “LO” and “DO” on the Outline Development Plans and Layout Plans, while “Pri.” includes private open space within large private developments.
- (10) Although there are shortfalls of open space provision in some districts, due to scarce land resource in HK, it is not uncommon that the open space provision cannot meet the minimum requirement, especially in some old built-up districts. However, the Government will gradually improve the situation for meeting the requirement through various measures including urban renewal. Planning Department will continue to review the situation regularly, and liaise with concerned departments to enable the open space provision to meet the public needs.
- (11) Due to rounding error, the summation of “Pub.” and “Pri” may be different from the total area.