

Table 3

Based on the results of the 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006 Population Census/By-census conducted by the Census and Statistics Department, the figures of the overall population, mobile residents and usual residents in Hong Kong

Year	Overall population	Average annual growth rate over the previous 5 years (%)	Mobile Residents ⁽³⁾	Usual Residents ⁽⁴⁾
1991	5 674 114 ⁽¹⁾	-	N.A.	N.A.
1996	6 412 937 ⁽²⁾	1.8 ⁽⁵⁾	N.A.	N.A.
2001	6 708 389 ⁽²⁾	0.9 ⁽²⁾	184 538	6 523 851
2006	6 864 346 ⁽²⁾	0.4 ⁽²⁾	219 126	6 645 220

Notes:

(1) The figure includes 151 833 residents temporarily away from Hong Kong at the time of the 1991 Census conducted in March 1991.

(2) The figures are compiled based on the "Resident Population" approach.

(3) "Mobile Residents" are Hong Kong Permanent Residents who have stayed in Hong Kong for at least 1 month but less than 3 months during the 6 months before or for at least 1 month but less than 3 months during the 6 months after the reference moment, regardless of whether they were in Hong Kong or not at the reference moment.

(4) "Usual Residents" refer to two categories of people: (a) Hong Kong Permanent Residents who have stayed in Hong Kong for at least 3 months during the 6 months before or for at least 3 months during the 6 months after the reference moment, regardless of whether they were in Hong Kong or not at the reference moment; and (b) Hong Kong Non-permanent Residents who were in Hong Kong at the reference moment.

(5) The figure refers to residents in Hong Kong at the census/by-census moment, including those who were temporarily away from Hong Kong. The population figure compiled on this basis at the 1996 Population By-census was 6 217 556.