

Terms and Definitions

Living Arrangement and Household Characteristics

Domestic household	A domestic household consists of a group of persons who live together and make common provision for essentials for living. These persons need not be related. If a person makes provision for essentials for living without sharing with other persons, he/she is also regarded as a household. In this case, the household is a one-person household. (In the 2006 Population By-census and 2011 Population Census, households comprising of Mobile Residents only are not included as domestic households.)
Hong Kong Resident Population	<p>The Hong Kong Resident Population at the reference moment covers “Usual Residents” and “Mobile Residents”. “Usual Residents” refer to two categories of people:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Hong Kong Permanent Residents who had 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(2) Hong Kong Non-permanent Residents who were in Hong Kong at the reference moment. <p>As for “Mobile Residents”, they are Hong Kong Permanent Residents who had 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.</p>
Household composition	<p>Household composition is derived from the information on relationship to the head of household of each person and the identification of spouse and parent-child relationships among members of the household. The different categories of household composition are as follows:</p> <p>Nuclear family households</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(i) Composed of couple: A household comprising a married couple without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons (e.g. domestic helpers).

	<p>(ii) Composed of couple and unmarried children: A household comprising a couple and their unmarried child(ren) without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons (e.g. domestic helpers).</p> <p>(iii) Composed of lone parent and unmarried children: A household comprising a father or mother and his/her unmarried child(ren) without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons e.g. domestic helpers).</p> <p>Relative households</p> <p>(iv) Composed of couple and at least one of their parents: A household comprising a couple and at least one of their parents (including the parent(s) of the wife and/or husband) without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons (e.g. domestic helpers).</p> <p>(v) Composed of couple, at least one of their parents and their unmarried children: A household comprising a couple, at least one of their parents (including the parent(s) of the wife and/or husband) and their unmarried children without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons (e.g. domestic helpers).</p> <p>(vi) Composed of other relationship combinations: A household comprising a group of related persons but not being unclassified in the above categories. It may or may not include other unrelated persons (e.g. domestic helpers).</p> <p>Other households</p> <p>(vii) One-person households: A household with only one person.</p> <p>(viii) Non-relative households: A household comprising unrelated person(s).</p>
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