In the twenty years between 1986 and 2006, fresh water consumption in Hong Kong grew at an average rate of 1.6% per annum.

The increase was mainly attributed to the growth of population, improvement of living standard and the booming of business activities in the service trade of Hong Kong.

In Hong Kong, fresh water is mainly for domestic, service trade and industrial uses. Of the various groups of users, the domestic sector constitutes the largest customer sector.

The domestic sector accounted for 53% of the total fresh water consumption in 2006. The service trade and industrial sectors as a whole accounted for 32% of the total fresh water consumption in the year.

The per capita fresh water consumption in Hong Kong for 2006 was about 141 cubic metres.

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