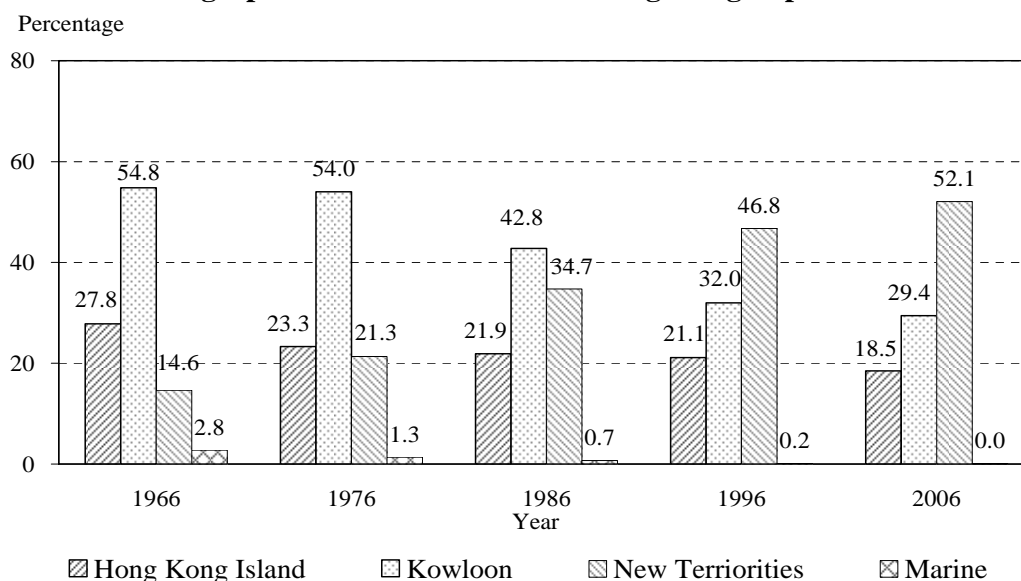


## People Are Moving Homes from Urban Areas to New Towns

- There had been a significant change in the geographical distribution of the Hong Kong population over the past 40 years.
- The proportion of people residing on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon was on an incessant down-trend. From more than 80% in 1966, people living in these areas accounted for less than 50% of the population in 2006.
- On the contrary, the proportion of people living in the New Territories increased drastically from some 15% to over 50% in the same period.
- The continuous re-distribution of the population from developed urban areas to the New Territories reflects the effectiveness of the government's policy in regard to the development of new towns and renewal of older urban areas.
- Meanwhile, the marine population continued to shrink in size. From 2.8% some 40 years ago, they accounted for less than 0.1% of the whole population in 2006.

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