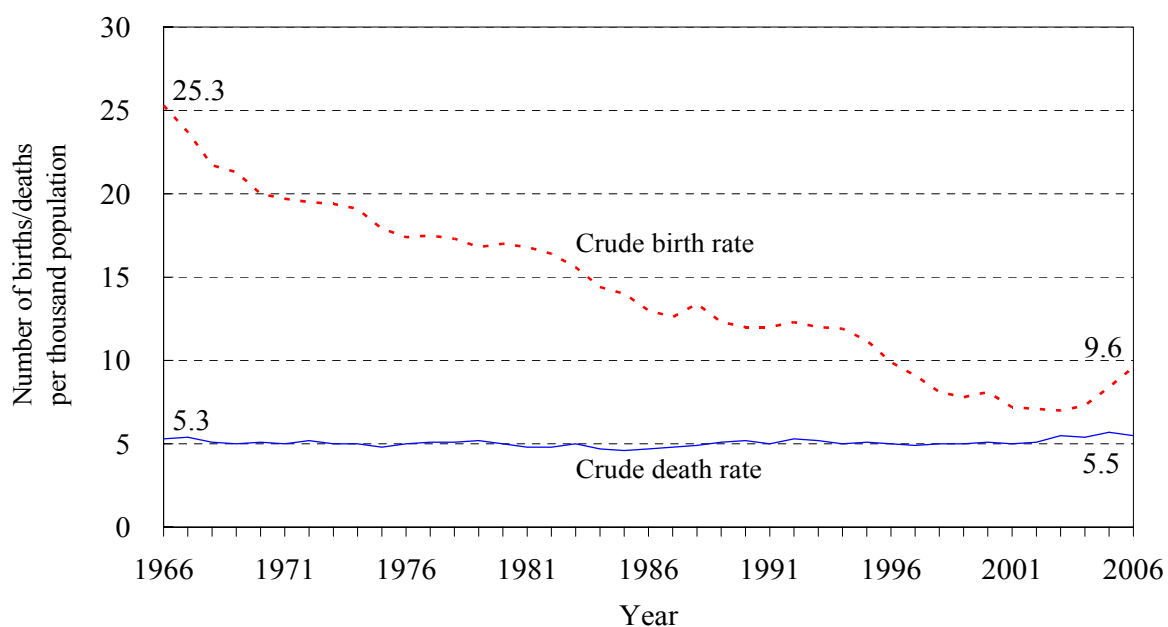


## Birth Rate Declining and Death Rate Remaining Stable

- The birth rate of Hong Kong experienced a marked and continuous decline in the past 40 years. There had been a moderate rebound recently.
- Over the same period, the death rate remained stable at about 5 deaths per 1 000 population in a year.
- The birth rate (or statistically the “crude birth rate”) is derived by dividing the number of live births in a year by the mid-year population in the corresponding year.
- Similarly, the death rate (or statistically the “crude death rate”) can be calculated by applying the same method.
- Decline in the birth rate is the main reason contributing to the ageing of the Hong Kong Population.
- Because of the increase in the number of older persons, the crude death rate remained stable even though the age-sex specific mortality rates declined continuously.

### Crude Birth Rate and Crude Death Rate



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