



Report on Annual Survey of Companies in Hong Kong with Parent Companies Located outside Hong Kong

Presenting the snapshot of the regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices (RRLs) in Hong Kong with their parent companies located outside Hong Kong

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1. Key Figures

- In 2025, about 11 070 companies were enumerated as at 2 June to have operated in Hong Kong with parent companies located outside Hong Kong, of which 1 510 as regional headquarters (RHQs), 2 500 as regional offices (ROs) and 7 060 as local offices (LOs), engaging about 509 000 persons in total.

Chart 1.1 : Number of regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices, 2021 to 2025

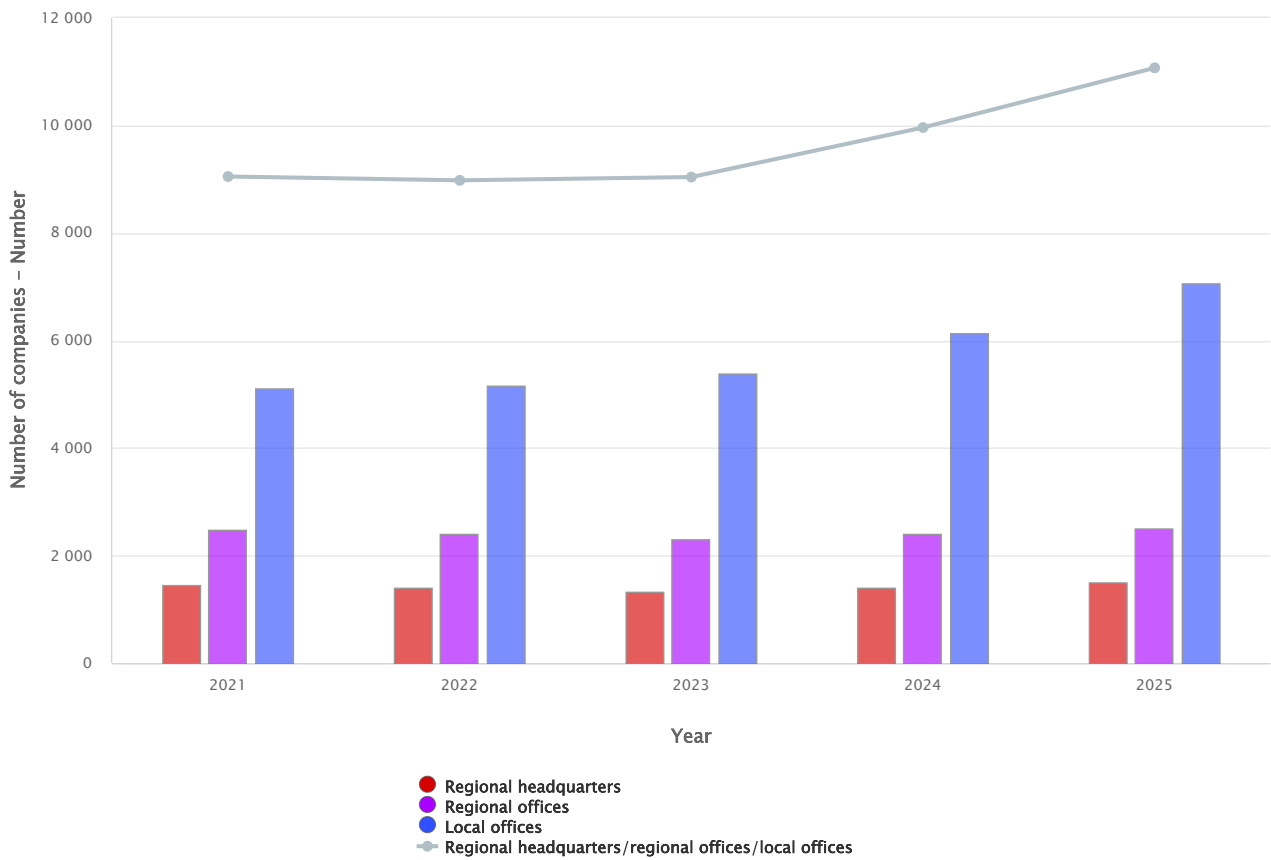


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Year	Number of companies				
	Number				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Operating status					
Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices	9 049	8 978	9 039	9 960	11 070
Regional headquarters	1 457	1 411	1 336	1 410	1 510
Regional offices	2 483	2 397	2 311	2 410	2 500
Local offices	5 109	5 170	5 392	6 140	7 060

Chart 1.2 : Number of persons engaged in regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices, 2021 to 2025

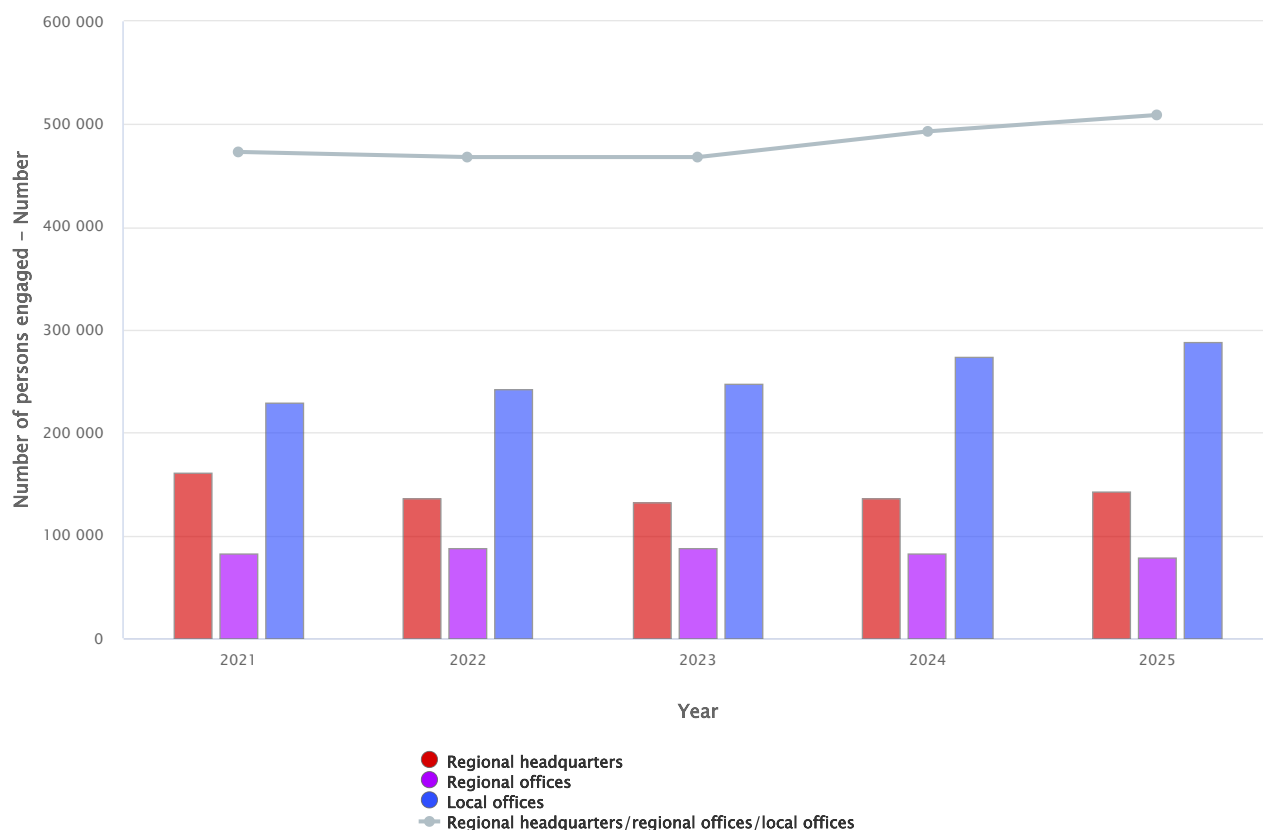


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Year	Number of persons engaged				
	Number				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Operating status					
Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices	473 000	468 000	468 000	493 000	509 000
Regional headquarters	161 000	136 000	132 000	136 000	143 000
Regional offices	83 000	88 000	88 000	83 000	78 000
Local offices	229 000	243 000	248 000	274 000	288 000

2. Location of Parent Company

- In 2025, **Chinese Mainland** had the largest number of RRLs in Hong Kong (3 090), followed by the **United States of America** (1 550), **Japan** (1 550), **the United Kingdom** (770) and **Singapore** (590).
- For RHQs in 2025, **Chinese Mainland** had the largest number in Hong Kong (350), followed by **Japan** (220) and the **United States of America** (200).
- For ROs in 2025, **the United States of America** had the largest number in Hong Kong (480), followed by **Chinese Mainland** (450) and **Japan** (420).
- For LOs in 2025, **Chinese Mainland** had the largest number in Hong Kong (2 290), followed by **Japan** (900) and **the United States of America** (860).

Chart 2.1 : Number of regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices by selected location of parent company, 2025

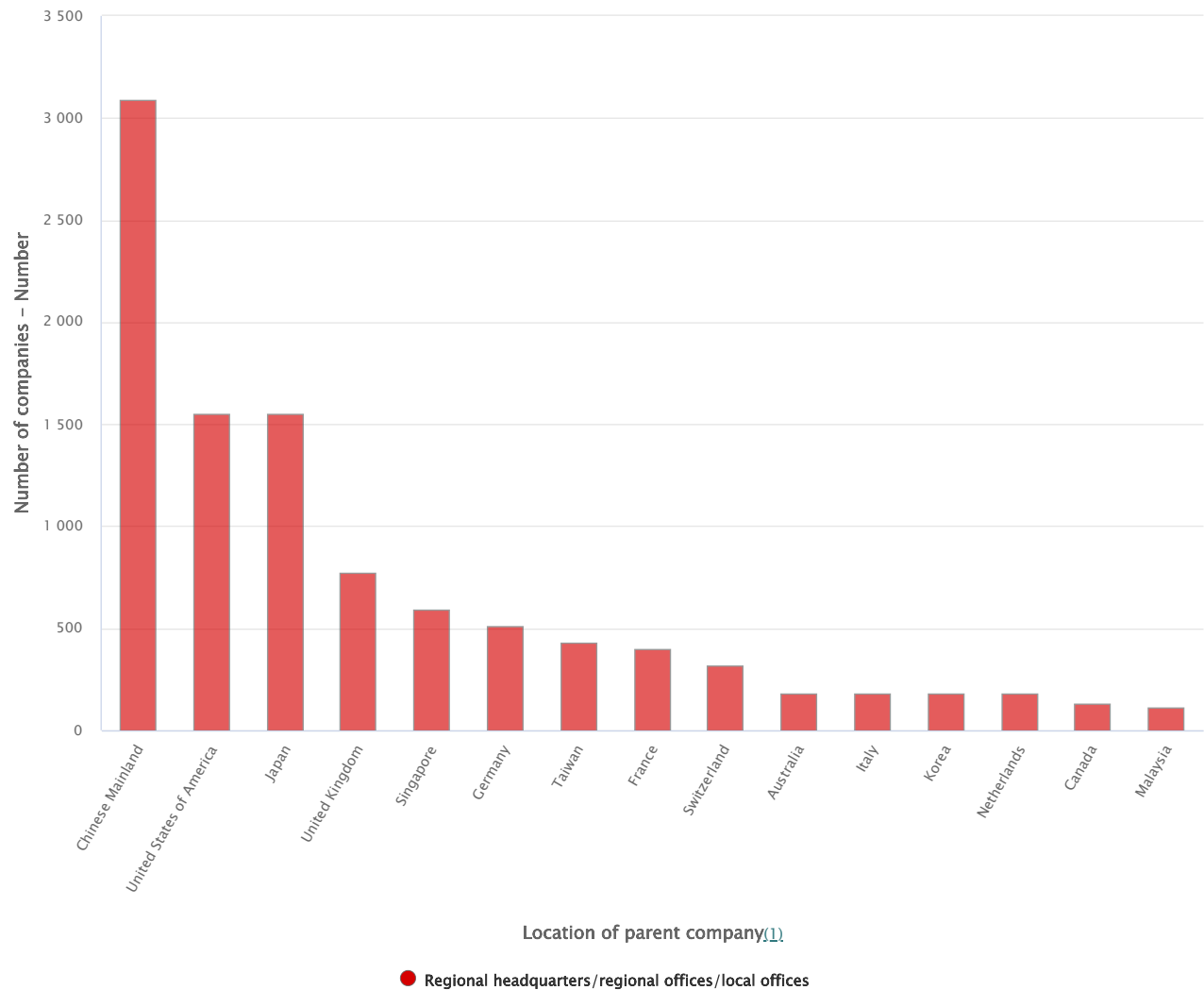


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Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Location of parent company (1)	
Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices	Chinese Mainland	3 090
	United States of America	1 550
	Japan	1 550
	United Kingdom	770
	Singapore	590
	Germany	510
	Taiwan	430
	France	400
	Switzerland	320
	Australia	180
	Italy	180
	Korea	180
	Netherlands	180
	Canada	130
	Malaysia	110

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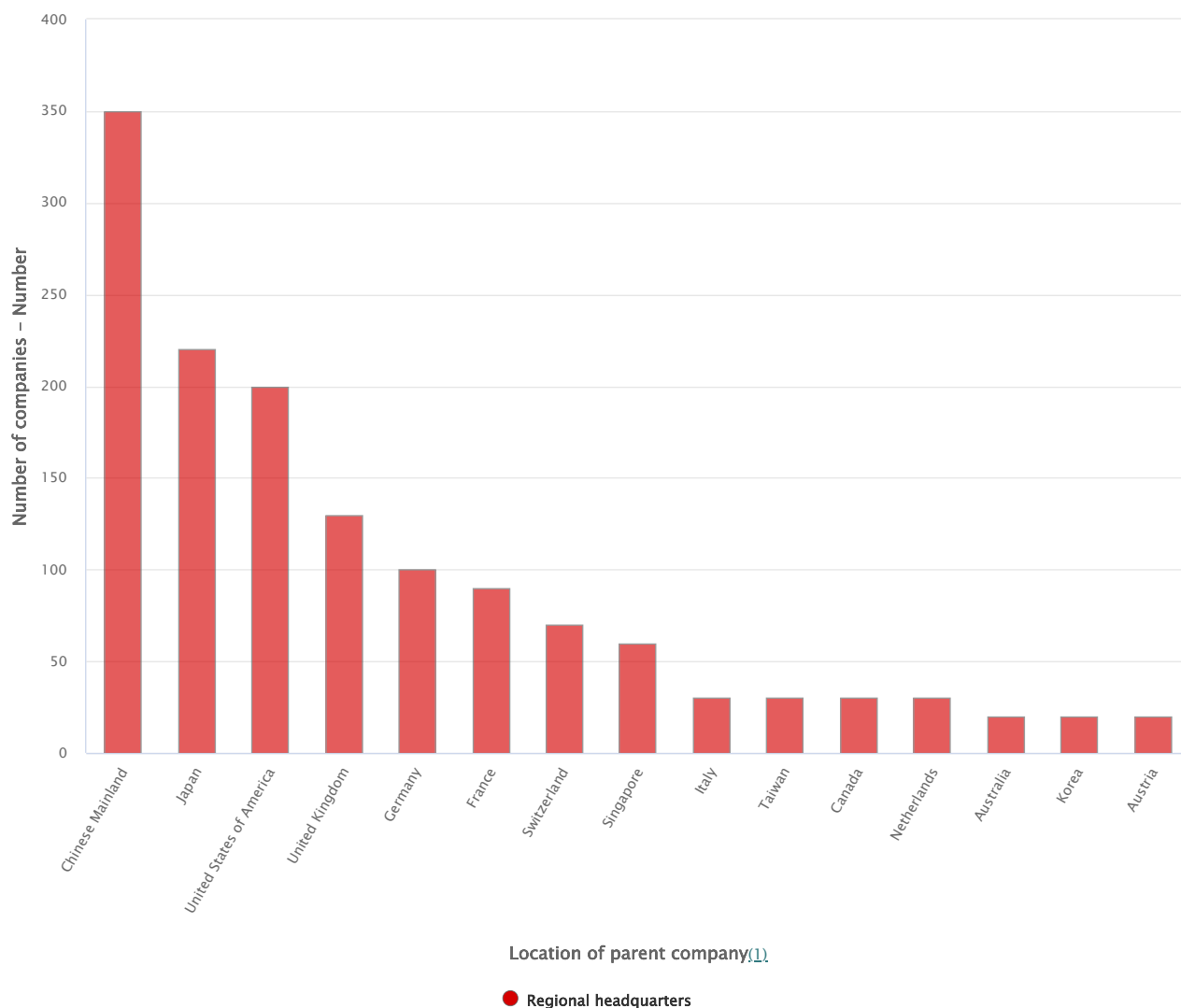


Table 2.2 : Number of regional headquarters by selected location of parent company, 2025

Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Location of parent company (1)	
Regional headquarters	Chinese Mainland	350
	Japan	220
	United States of America	200
	United Kingdom	130
	Germany	100
	France	90
	Switzerland	70
	Singapore	60
	Italy	30
	Taiwan	30
	Canada	30
	Netherlands	30
	Australia	20
	Korea	20
	Austria	20

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Chart 2.3 : Number of regional offices by selected location of parent company, 2025

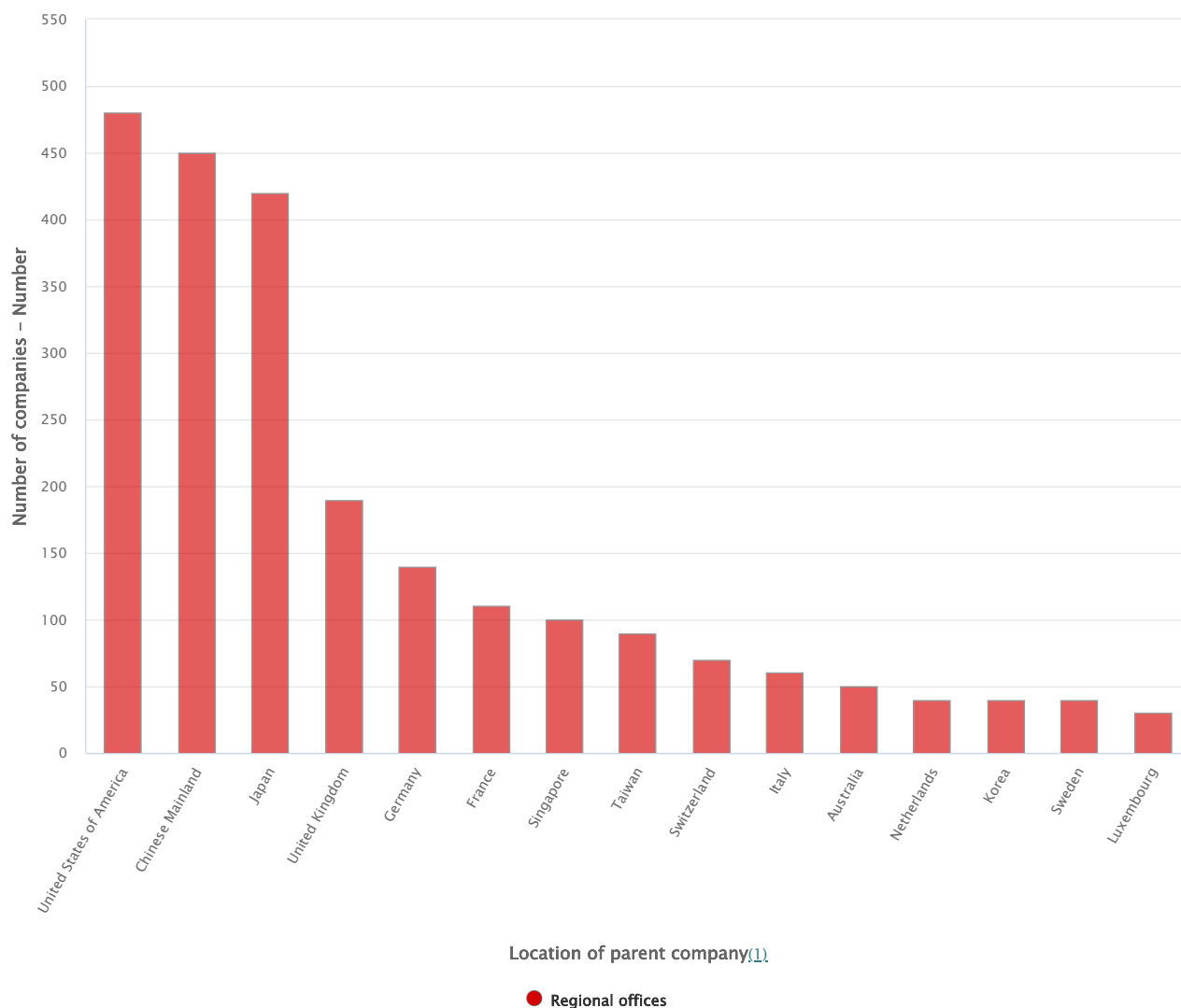


Table 2.3 : Number of regional offices by selected location of parent company, 2025

Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Location of parent company (1)	
Regional offices	United States of America	480
	Chinese Mainland	450
	Japan	420
	United Kingdom	190
	Germany	140
	France	110
	Singapore	100
	Taiwan	90
	Switzerland	70
	Italy	60
	Australia	50
	Netherlands	40
	Korea	40
	Sweden	40
	Luxembourg	30

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Chart 2.4 : Number of local offices by selected location of parent company, 2025

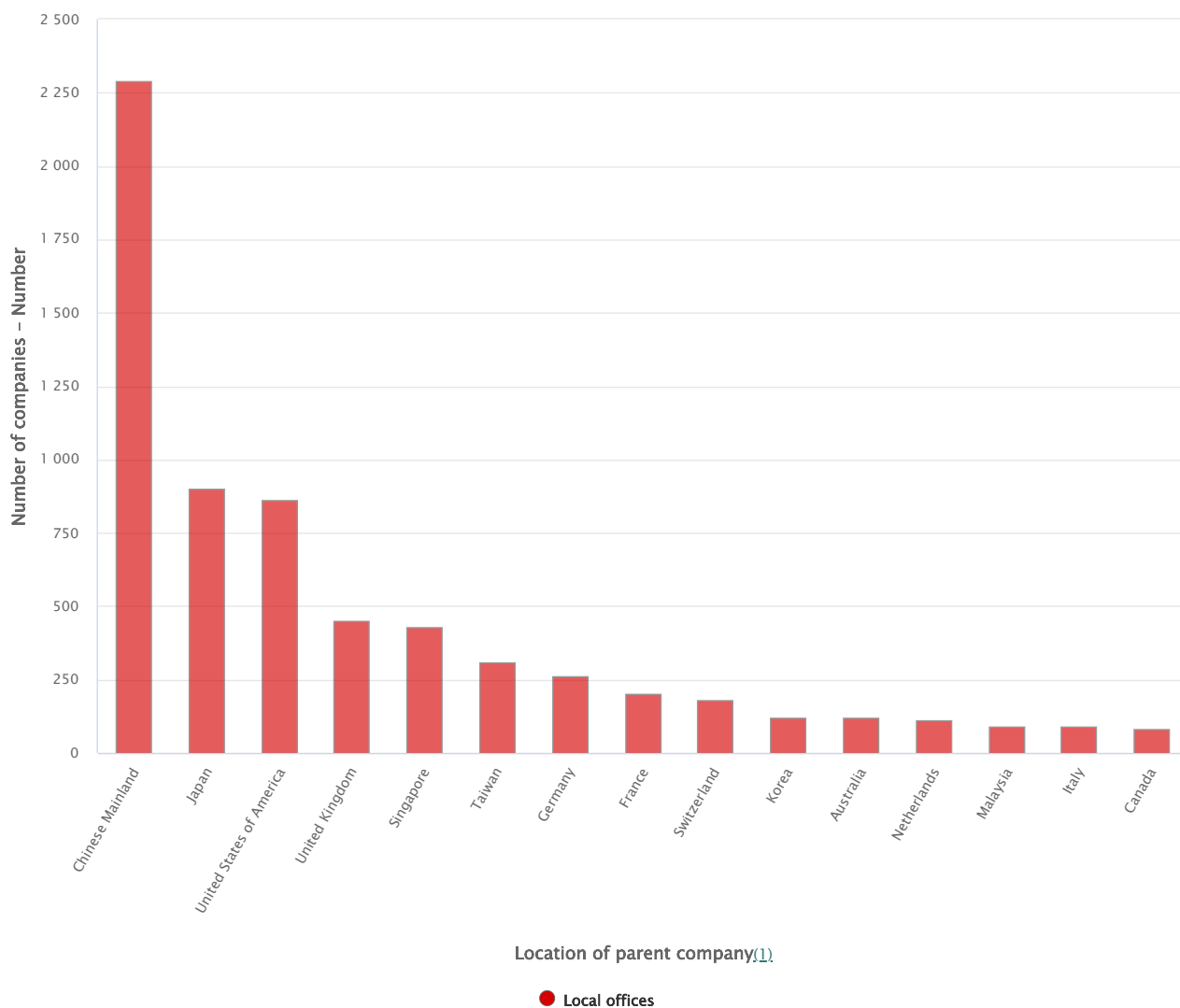


Table 2.4 : Number of local offices by selected location of parent company, 2025

Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Location of parent company ⁽¹⁾	
Local offices	Chinese Mainland	2 290
	Japan	900
	United States of America	860
	United Kingdom	450
	Singapore	430
	Taiwan	310
	Germany	260
	France	200
	Switzerland	180
	Korea	120
	Australia	120
	Netherlands	110
	Malaysia	90
	Italy	90
	Canada	80

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3. Major Line of Business

- In 2025, 5 100 RRLs were mainly engaged in the **import/export trade, wholesale and retail** sector in Hong Kong, followed by **financing and banking** (2 390); **professional, business and education services** (1 770); **transportation, storage and courier services** (790); and **information technology services** (560) sectors.
- In 2025, 4 910 RRLs reported that their parent companies were mainly engaged in the **import/export trade, wholesale and retail** sector, followed by **manufacturing** (3 330); **financing and banking** (2 180); **professional, business and education services** (1 110); and **transportation, storage and courier services** (790) sectors.
- While the major line of business of an RRL generally corresponds to that of its parent company, some of the RRLs with parent companies mainly engaged in the manufacturing sector were providing sales and related services in Hong Kong for goods manufactured by their parent companies and thus would be regarded as engaging in lines of business other than manufacturing in Hong Kong such as the import/export trade, wholesale and retail sector.

Chart 3.1 : Number of companies in Hong Kong with parent companies located outside Hong Kong by major line of business in Hong Kong, 2025

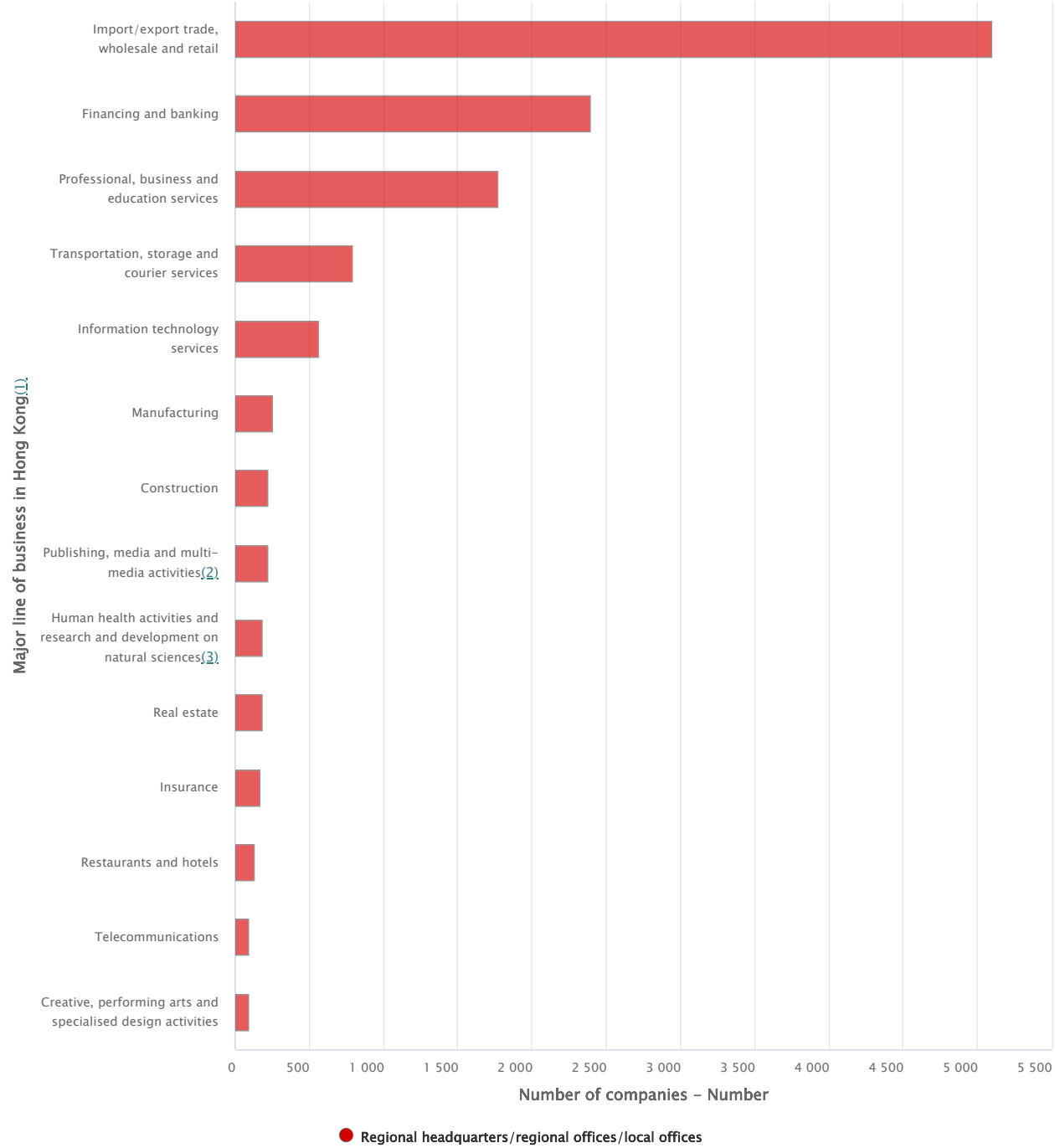


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Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Major line of business in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	
Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices	Import/export trade, wholesale and retail	5 100
	Financing and banking	2 390
	Professional, business and education services	1 770
	Transportation, storage and courier services	790
	Information technology services	560
	Manufacturing	250
	Construction	220
	Publishing, media and multi-media activities ⁽²⁾	220
	Human health activities and research and development on natural sciences ⁽³⁾	180
	Real estate	180
	Insurance	170
	Restaurants and hotels	130
	Telecommunications	90
	Creative, performing arts and specialised design activities	90

1 A regional headquarters/regional office/local office may be engaged in more than one major line of business.

2 Including publishing activities; motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities; and programming and broadcasting activities.

3 Including healthcare and medical services.

Chart 3.2 : Number of regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices by major line of business in Hong Kong, 2025

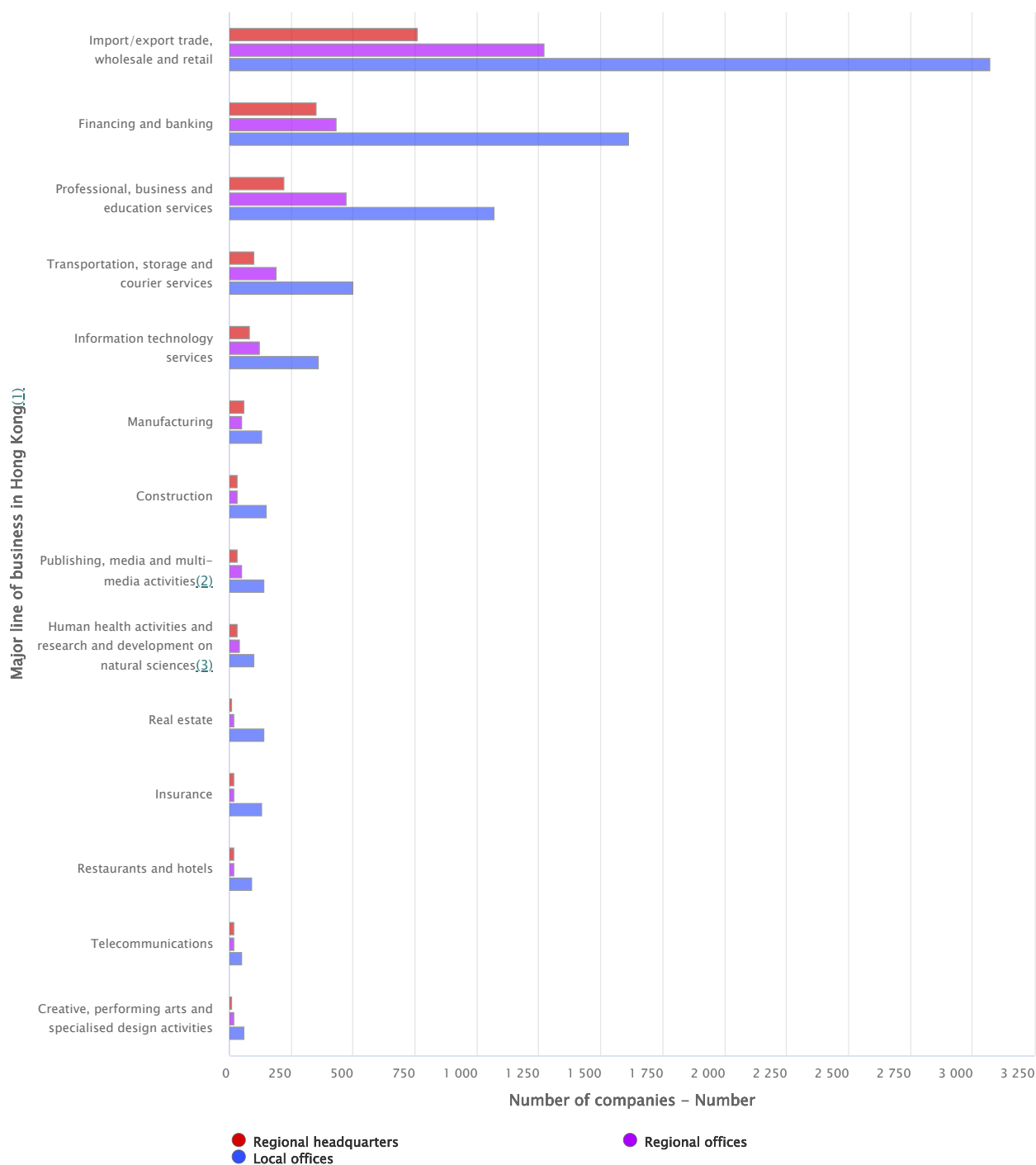


Table 3.2 : Number of regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices by major line of business in Hong Kong, 2025

Year	2025			
Operating status	Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices			
	Total	Regional headquarters	Regional offices	Local offices
	Number of companies	Number of companies	Number of companies	Number of companies
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Major line of business in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾				
Import/export trade, wholesale and retail	5 100	760	1 270	3 070
Financing and banking	2 390	350	430	1 610
Professional, business and education services	1 770	220	470	1 070
Transportation, storage and courier services	790	100	190	500
Information technology services	560	80	120	360
Manufacturing	250	60	50	130
Construction	220	30	30	150
Publishing, media and multi-media activities ⁽²⁾	220	30	50	140
Human health activities and research and development on natural sciences ⁽³⁾	180	30	40	100
Real estate	180	10	20	140
Insurance	170	20	20	130
Restaurants and hotels	130	20	20	90
Telecommunications	90	20	20	50
Creative, performing arts and specialised design activities	90	10	20	60

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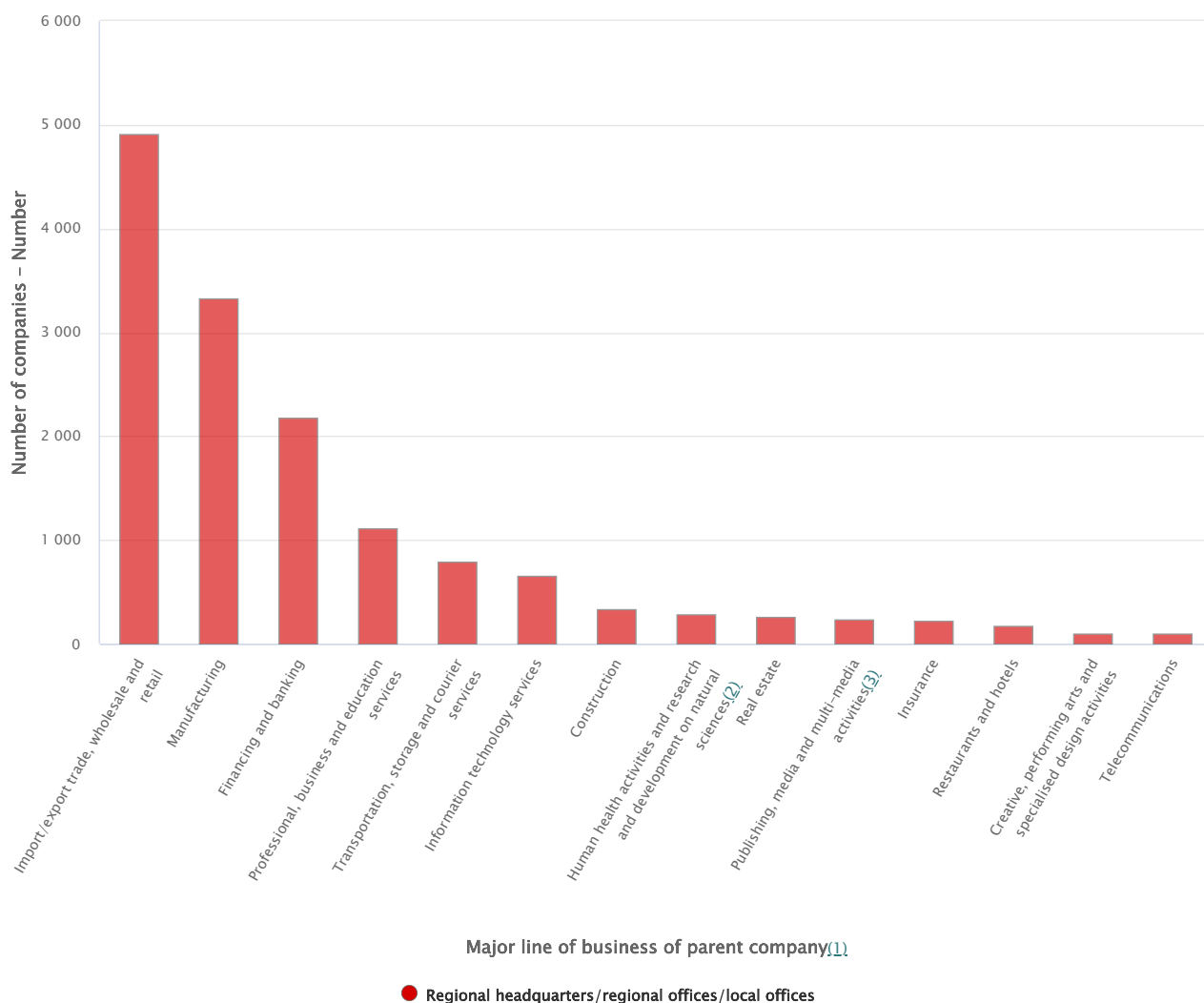


Table 3.3 : Number of companies in Hong Kong with parent companies located outside Hong Kong by major line of business of parent company, 2025

Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Major line of business of parent company (1)	
Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices	Import/export trade, wholesale and retail	4 910
	Manufacturing	3 330
	Financing and banking	2 180
	Professional, business and education services	1 110
	Transportation, storage and courier services	790
	Information technology services	660
	Construction	330
	Human health activities and research and development on natural sciences (2)	280
	Real estate	260
	Publishing, media and multi-media activities (3)	240
	Insurance	220
	Restaurants and hotels	170
	Creative, performing arts and specialised design activities	100
	Telecommunications	100

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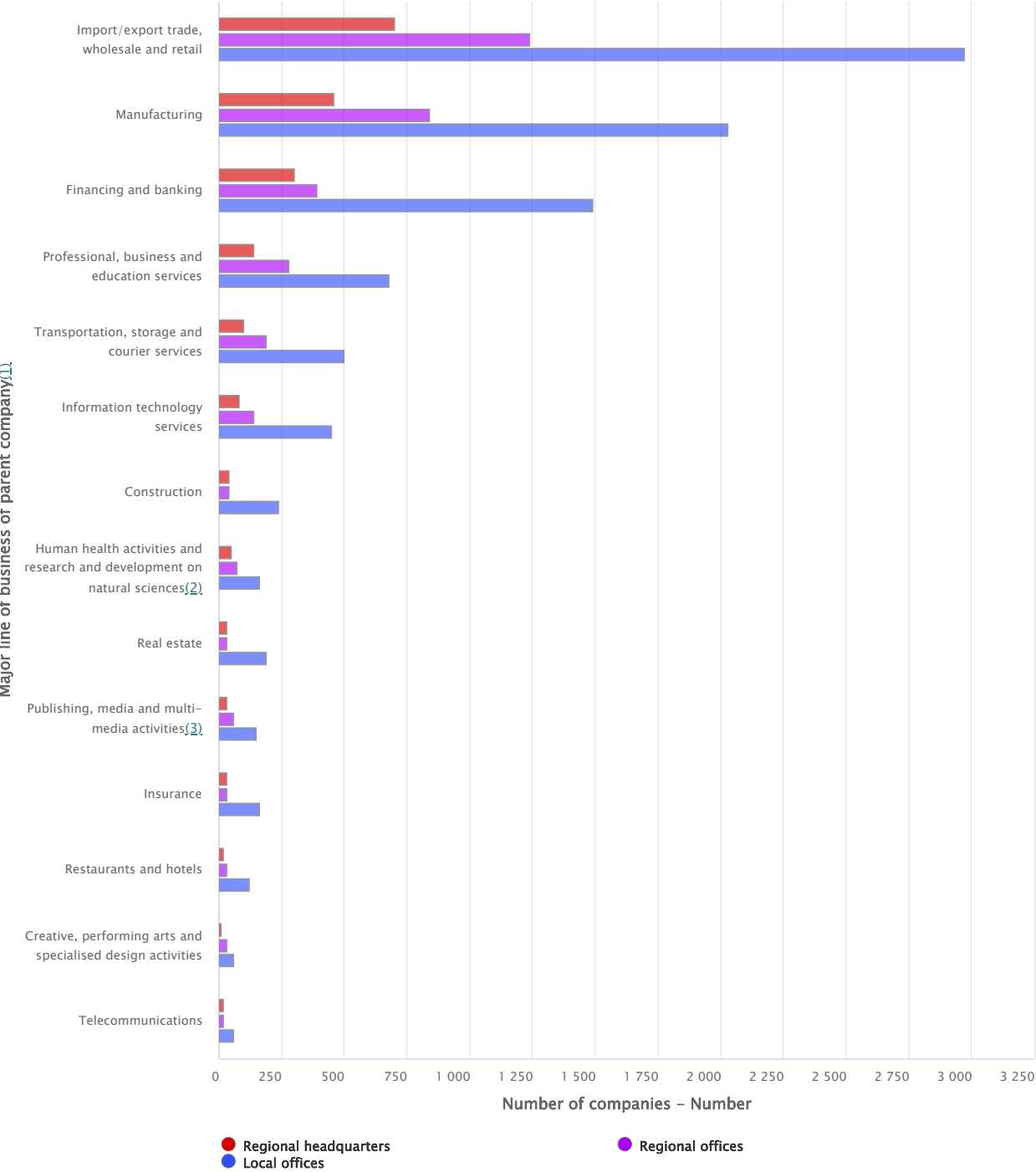


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Year	2025			
Operating status	Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices			
	Total	Regional headquarters	Regional offices	Local offices
	Number of companies	Number of companies	Number of companies	Number of companies
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Major line of business of parent company (1)				
Import/export trade, wholesale and retail	4 910	700	1 240	2 970
Manufacturing	3 330	460	840	2 030
Financing and banking	2 180	300	390	1 490
Professional, business and education services	1 110	140	280	680
Transportation, storage and courier services	790	100	190	500
Information technology services	660	80	140	450
Construction	330	40	40	240
Human health activities and research and development on natural sciences (2)	280	50	70	160
Real estate	260	30	30	190
Publishing, media and multi-media activities (3)	240	30	60	150
Insurance	220	30	30	160
Restaurants and hotels	170	20	30	120
Creative, performing arts and specialised design activities	100	10	30	60
Telecommunications	100	20	20	60

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4. Geographical Responsibility in the Region

- Other than Hong Kong, 1 110 RHQs were responsible for managing businesses/operations in **Chinese Mainland** in 2025, followed by **Singapore** (420), **Taiwan** (330), **Japan** (260) and **Malaysia** (260).
- Other than Hong Kong, 1 680 ROs were responsible for coordinating businesses/operations in **Chinese Mainland** in 2025, followed by **Singapore** (620), **Taiwan** (460), **Japan** (410) and **Korea** (360).

Chart 4.1 : Number of regional headquarters by selected geographical responsibility in the region (other than Hong Kong), 2025

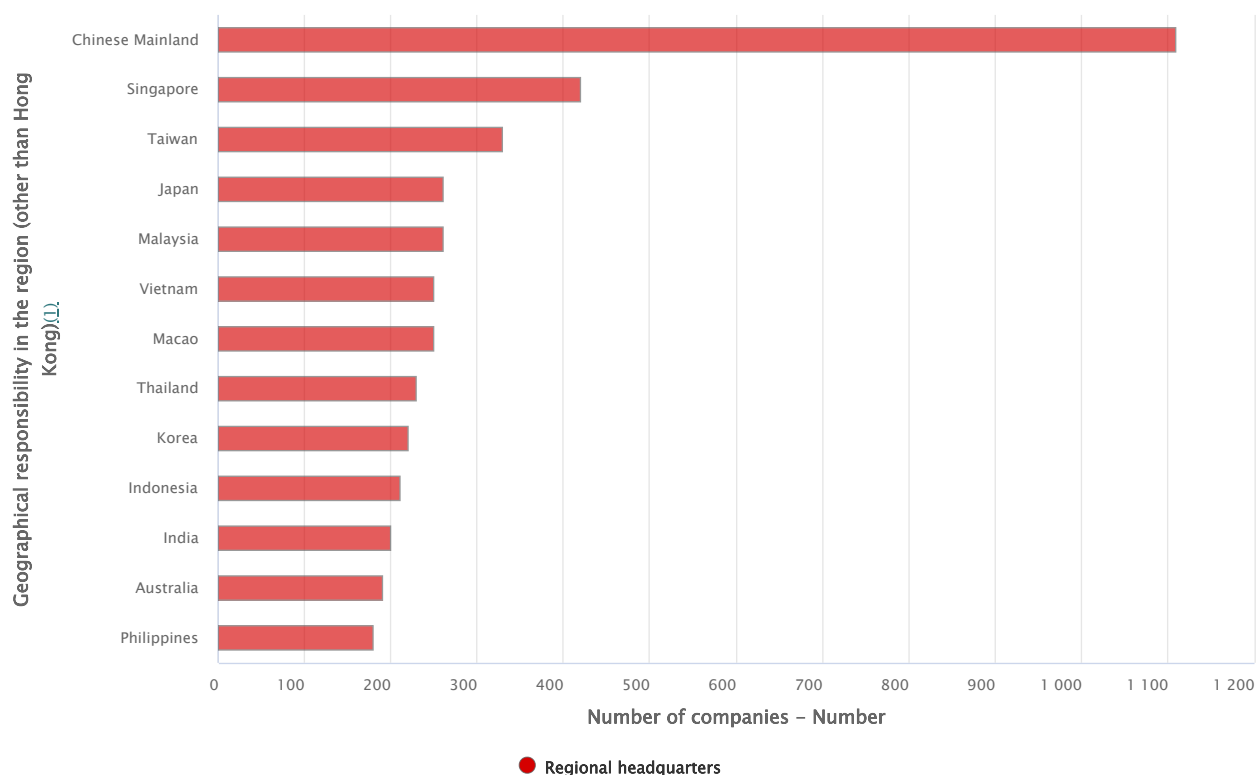


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Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Geographical responsibility in the region (other than Hong Kong) ⁽¹⁾	
Regional headquarters	Chinese Mainland	1 110
	Guangdong Province only	370
	Places other than Guangdong Province only	360
	Guangdong Province and other places	380
	Singapore	420
	Taiwan	330
	Japan	260
	Malaysia	260
	Vietnam	250
	Macao	250
	Thailand	230
	Korea	220
	Indonesia	210
	India	200
	Australia	190
	Philippines	180

1 A regional headquarters may be responsible for businesses/operations in more than one place.

Chart 4.2 : Number of regional offices by selected geographical responsibility in the region (other than Hong Kong), 2025

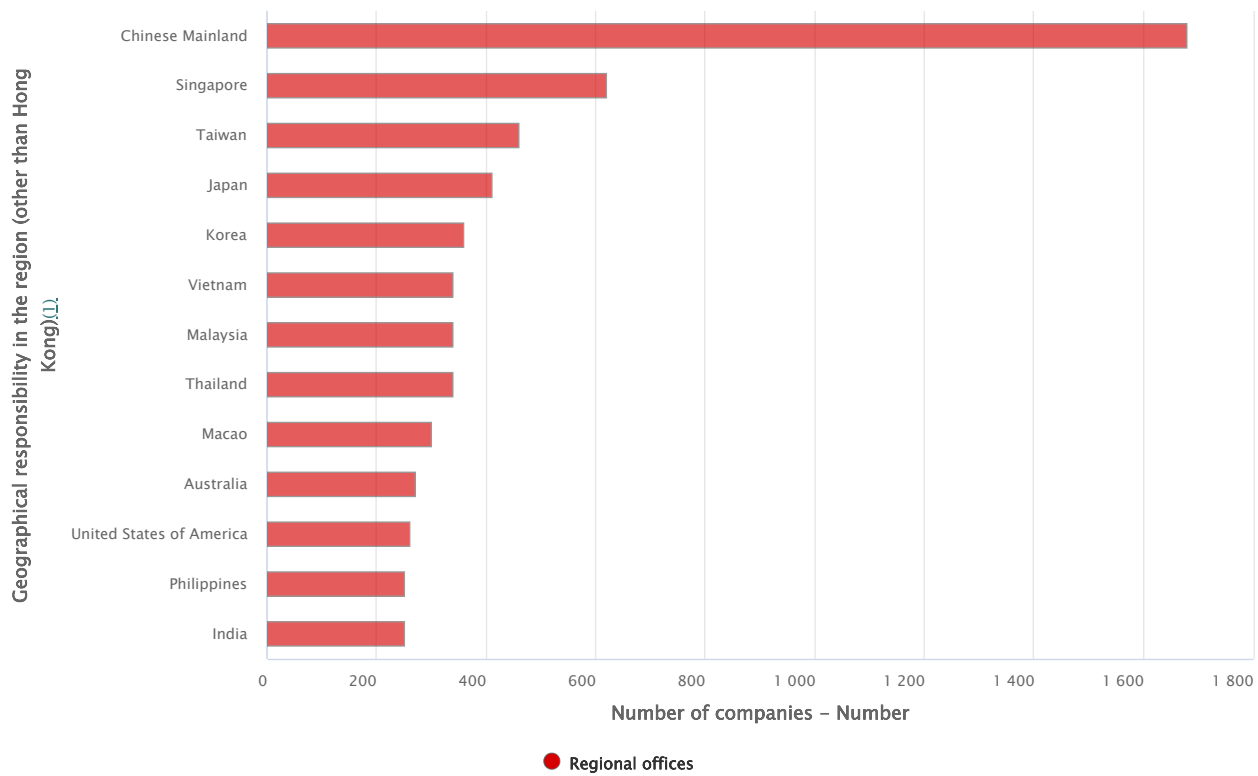


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Year		2025
		Number of companies
		Number
Operating status	Geographical responsibility in the region (other than Hong Kong) ⁽¹⁾	
Regional offices	Chinese Mainland	1 680
	Guangdong Province only	580
	Places other than Guangdong Province only	560
	Guangdong Province and other places	550
	Singapore	620
	Taiwan	460
	Japan	410
	Korea	360
	Vietnam	340
	Malaysia	340
	Thailand	340
	Macao	300
	Australia	270
	United States of America	260
	Philippines	250
	India	250

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5. Views of Regional Headquarters/Regional Offices/Local Offices

Factors in choosing a location to set up an RRL

- Among the 14 selected factors, **simple tax system and low tax rate** was considered by the surveyed RRLs in 2025 as the most important, followed by **corruption-free government**, **free flow of information**, **rule of law and independent judiciary**, and **political stability and security**.

Favourableness of Hong Kong as a location to set up an RRL

- 72% of the surveyed RRLs in 2025 considered **simple tax system and low tax rate** in Hong Kong as favourable, followed by **geographical location** (64%), **access to Chinese Mainland or international/regional market** (62%) and **free port status** (62%).
- While a respective 35% and 31% of the surveyed RRLs in 2025 considered the **availability and cost of residential accommodation** and **that of business accommodation** in Hong Kong as unfavourable, a corresponding 16% and 20% considered otherwise.

Table 5.1 : Views on the importance of selected factors in choosing a location to set up regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices and Hong Kong's favourableness as a location to set up regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices in respect of these factors, 2025

Year		2025			
Operating status		Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices			
Hong Kong's favourableness		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	No comment
		Percentage of companies	Percentage of companies	Percentage of companies	Percentage of companies
		(%) (1)	(%) (1)	(%) (1)	(%) (1)
Ranking of importance (2)	Factor				
1	Simple tax system and low tax rate	72	20	1	8
2	Corruption-free government	60	30	2	8
3	Free flow of information	61	30	2	8
4	Rule of law and independent judiciary	52	36	4	8
5	Political stability and security	48	39	5	8
6	Productivity of staff	50	37	6	8
7	Free port status	62	28	2	8
8	Availability and cost of staff	29	45	19	8
9	Geographical location	64	26	2	8
10	Access to Chinese Mainland or international/regional market	62	28	3	8
11	Communication, transport and other infrastructure	55	32	4	8
12	Availability and cost of business accommodation	20	42	31	8
13	Availability and cost of residential accommodation	16	41	35	8
14	Availability of international school places	32	56	4	8

1 Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
2 The overall ranking ("1" being the most important) is based on the level of importance rated by respondents on each of the selected 14 factors.

Business plans in Hong Kong in the coming three years

- In 2025, 64% of the surveyed RRLs indicated that their business plans in Hong Kong would remain unchanged in the coming three years and 13% planned to expand their business in Hong Kong. While 17% were uncertain about their business plans, 3% planned to phase out their business in Hong Kong or relocate their business outside of Hong Kong.
- Among those which planned to expand their business in Hong Kong, 68% indicated that they would recruit more staff, whereas 62% would develop new business functions or expand their scope of existing business functions.
- RRLs which planned to expand their business in Hong Kong engaged 79 persons per company on average in 2025, whereas those which planned to phase out their business in Hong Kong or relocate their business outside of Hong Kong engaged 7 persons per company on average.

Chart 5.2 : Percentage share of views of regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices on business plans in Hong Kong in the coming three years⁽¹⁾, 2025

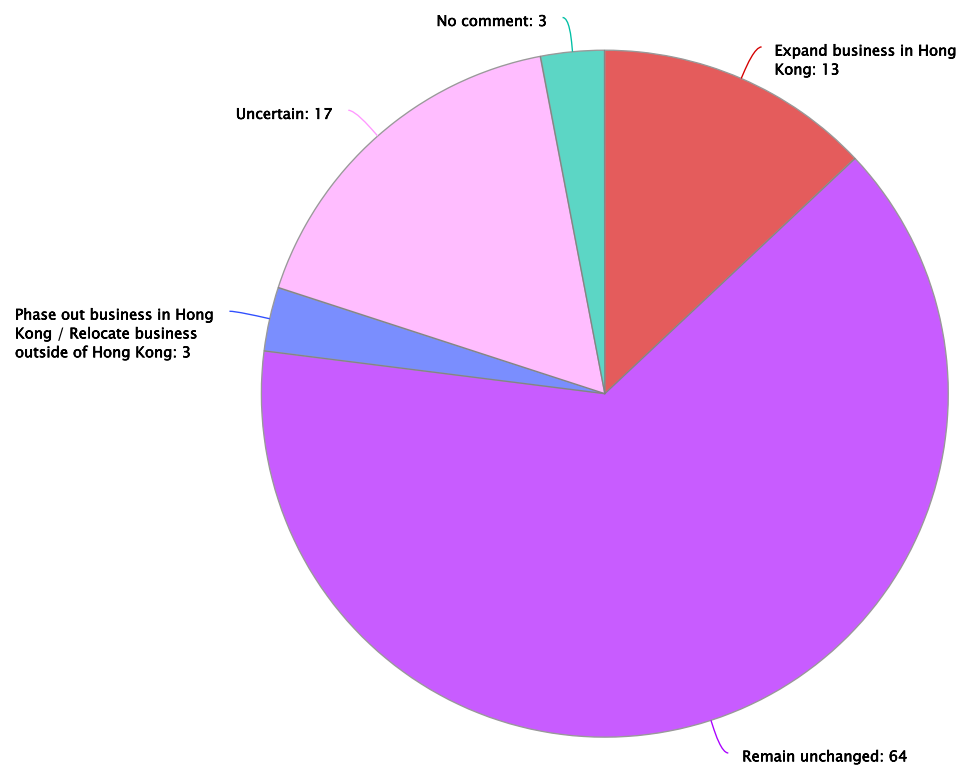


Table 5.2 : Views of regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices on business plans in Hong Kong in the coming three years, 2025

		Percentage of companies
		(%) ⁽¹⁾
Year		2025
Operating status	Business plans in Hong Kong in the coming three years	
Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices	Expand business in Hong Kong	13
	Remain unchanged	64
	Phase out business in Hong Kong / Relocate business outside of Hong Kong	3
	Uncertain	17
	No comment	3
	Total	100

1 Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Specific issues raised for the attention of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

- In 2025, among the surveyed RRLs which had raised specific issues relating to foreign investment in Hong Kong, 39%, 39%, 38% and 34% mentioned **rental cost, tax system, economic conditions and government support** respectively.

Table 5.3 : Views of regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices on specific issues raised for the attention of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, 2025

Year	2025
Operating status	Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices
	Percentage of companies (1)
	(%)
Major specific issues raised (2) (3)	
Rental cost	39
Tax system	39
Economic conditions	38
Government support	34

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The figures denote the percentages in respect of those having raised specific issues.

2

A regional headquarters/regional office/local office may raise more than one specific issue.

3

In 2025, there is a change in the questioning approach used to collect the relevant information. Hence, figures in this table are not directly comparable with those of the previous years.

6. Detailed Statistics

Table 6.1 : Total number of regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices and number of persons engaged by size of company, 2025

Year	2025			
Operating status	Regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices			
	Number of companies		Number of persons engaged	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
Size of company (in terms of number of persons engaged)				
< 20	8 540	77.1	39 000	7.7
20 - 49	1 210	10.9	37 000	7.3
50 - 99	630	5.7	43 000	8.5
100 - 199	330	3.0	46 000	9.0
200 - 499	220	2.0	67 000	13.1
500 - 999	70	0.7	51 000	9.9
1 000+	70	0.6	226 000	44.4
Total	11 070	100.0	509 000	100.0

Table 6.2 : Number of regional headquarters and number of persons engaged by size of company, 2025

Year	2025			
Operating status	Regional headquarters			
	Number of companies		Number of persons engaged	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
Size of company (in terms of number of persons engaged)				
< 20	950	62.9	6 000	3.9
20 - 49	280	18.5	9 000	6.1
50 - 99	140	9.5	10 000	7.1
100 - 199	60	3.9	9 000	6.0
200 - 499	40	2.6	12 000	8.6
500 - 999	20	1.1	12 000	8.2
1 000+	20	1.5	86 000	60.1
Total	1 510	100.0	143 000	100.0

Table 6.3 : Number of regional offices and number of persons engaged by size of company, 2025

Year	2025			
Operating status	Regional offices			
	Number of companies		Number of persons engaged	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
Size of company (in terms of number of persons engaged)				
< 20	1 930	77.2	10 000	12.6
20 - 49	280	11.2	8 000	10.8
50 - 99	130	5.3	9 000	11.5
100 - 199	90	3.7	12 000	16.0
200 - 499	50	2.0	16 000	20.8
500 - 999	10	0.4	6 000	8.2
1 000+	10	0.3	16 000	20.1
Total	2 500	100.0	78 000	100.0

Table 6.4 : Number of local offices and number of persons engaged by size of company, 2025

Year	2025			
Operating status	Local offices			
	Number of companies		Number of persons engaged	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
Size of company (in terms of number of persons engaged)				
< 20	5 660	80.1	24 000	8.3
20 - 49	650	9.3	20 000	7.0
50 - 99	350	5.0	24 000	8.4
100 - 199	180	2.6	25 000	8.6
200 - 499	130	1.8	38 000	13.2
500 - 999	50	0.7	32 000	11.3
1 000+	40	0.6	124 000	43.2
Total	7 060	100.0	288 000	100.0

7. Further Information

For the latest and more detailed statistics on RRLs, please refer to the [Foreign-affiliated Companies in Hong Kong](#) subject page where you may customise the following tables to fit your needs:

- [Table 325-43001 : Number of regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices](#)
- [Table 325-43002 : Number of persons engaged in regional headquarters, regional offices and local offices](#)
- [Table 325-43011 : Number of regional headquarters/regional offices/local offices by selected location of parent company](#)
- [Table 325-43011A : Number of regional headquarters by selected location of parent company](#)
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8. Explanatory Notes

Survey Methodology

Survey objectives

The Annual Survey of Companies in Hong Kong with Parent Companies Located outside Hong Kong aims to:

- enumerate RRLs in Hong Kong with parent companies located outside Hong Kong;
- obtain basic information (e.g. number of persons engaged, major line of business, location of parent company) of these companies; and
- seek views from these companies on considerations of setting up RRLs and future business plans in Hong Kong.

Legislation

This survey is conducted under Part IIIA of the Census and Statistics Ordinance (Chapter 316) and notified in the Government Notice No. 2816 in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette of 27 April 2018 as a voluntary statistical survey.

Survey coverage

This survey only covers companies in Hong Kong which have parent companies located outside Hong Kong and does not cover the followings:

- companies of which parent companies are also in Hong Kong; or
- companies of which holding companies, though located outside Hong Kong, are actually non-operating companies; or
- companies which are funded by investment from places outside Hong Kong yet actually originated from Hong Kong.

Sampling frame

In Hong Kong, there is no statutory requirement for a company to notify the Government whether it is an RHQ/RO/LO. Thus, an up-to-date, complete and accurate sampling frame of all targeted units of enquiry (i.e. companies to be covered in this survey) is not readily available.

The sampling frame containing companies covered by this survey is derived and enhanced from the following sources:

- RRLs enumerated in last year's survey;
- consulates, overseas trade commissions and chambers of commerce in Hong Kong;
- business directories, media reports and working contacts of the Invest Hong Kong;
- up-to-date information from the Companies Registry; and
- other sources (e.g. relevant information available from the Census and Statistics Department).

Survey reference date

Data collected in each survey round refers to the position as at the first working day of June that year.

Data collection

Questionnaires of each survey round are sent out by post/email in early June of the survey year to all companies selected for this survey. An online questionnaire is also available to facilitate the provision of information. Selected companies could submit their questionnaires online, by email or by post. University students and qualified agency workers are employed during the summer vacation to conduct telephone interviews and face-to-face interviews to assist the companies concerned in completing the questionnaires, verify the information in the returned questionnaires and follow up with those non-responding companies. This helps improve the survey response rate, leading to more accurate survey results and facilitating the enhancement of the sampling frame for the survey next year.

Data processing

Returned completed questionnaires are subject to validation before tabulation. Such checking covers completeness of entries, consistency among data items and credibility of reported data. For dubious entries or inconsistent data, clarifications are made with the companies concerned by phone or by field visits.

Classification of major line of business

The Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification Version 2.0 (HSIC V2.0) has been adopted for classifying the major line of business in this survey. The HSIC V2.0 is devised by using the United Nations' International Standard Industrial Classification as the framework, with local adaptation to reflect the structure of the Hong Kong economy.

Points to note in interpreting the survey results

The survey results should be interpreted with caution given the following limitations:

- Owing to the lack of a complete sampling frame of the relevant companies, the RHQs, ROs and LOs covered in each survey round represent only those captured at the time of enumeration. Coupled with the voluntary nature of this survey, changes in the survey results across different years

are thus subject to various factors at play, such as the continuous improvement in the sampling frame of companies and the response rate.

- The views of the surveyed RRLs on the business environment of Hong Kong as collected from the survey may be affected by the events in the community occurring around the time of enumeration (i.e. June - September of the survey year).
- Figures of number of persons engaged are rounded to the nearest thousand. Also, since 2024, figures of number of companies are rounded to the nearest ten. These figures may not add up to the total due to rounding. Yet, percentages are derived from unrounded figures.

Terms and definitions

Regional headquarters (RHQ)

An office with parent company located outside Hong Kong which has managerial control over offices and/or operations in the region (i.e. Hong Kong plus one other place or more).

Regional office (RO)

An office with parent company located outside Hong Kong which coordinates offices and/or operations in the region (i.e. Hong Kong plus one other place or more).

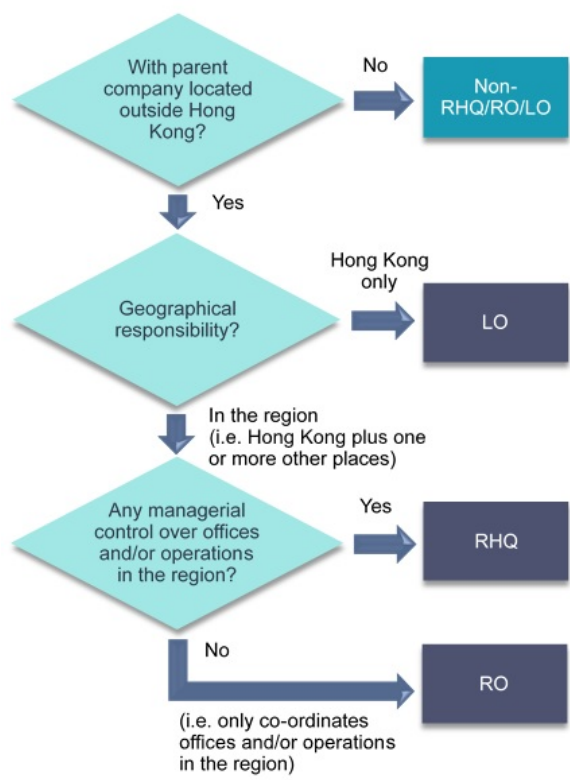
Local office (LO)

An office with parent company located outside Hong Kong which only takes charge of the business in Hong Kong (and nowhere else).

Parent company located outside Hong Kong

A company or an organisation operating outside Hong Kong which has final management control over that office in Hong Kong.

A schematic diagram illustrating the classification of a company as an RHQ, RO or LO



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