



Women and Men in Hong Kong - Key Statistics

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1. Summary of Key Statistics

		Female	Male
Demographics - Vital Events (Year 2022)	Year-end population	4 062 800	3 409 800
	Number of live births	15 663	16 838
	Expectation of life at birth (years)	87.2 p†	81.3 p†
	Number of deaths	27 563 p	34 493 p
	Number of marriages	30 012	
Population and Household Characteristics (Year 2021)	Number of single parents	56 249	16 030
	Persons living in subdivided units (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	114 034	100 170
Education and Training Characteristics (Year 2022)	Proportion of population aged 15 and over having attained upper secondary education and above (%)	65.8	69.5
	Number of students enrolled in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee	53 080	49 442
Labour Force Characteristics and Employment Earnings (Year 2022)	Labour force	1 890 300	1 886 000
	Labour force participation rate (%)	52.9	64.7
	Number of employed persons	1 823 700	1 789 500
	Underemployment rate (%)	1.9	2.8
	Unemployment rate (%)	3.5	5.1
	Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	15,300	21,000

Social Welfare (Year 2022)	Number of recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	155 734	132 204
	Number of persons receiving Social Security Allowance	642 901	543 514
Medical and Health (Year 2022)	Number of inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority hospitals	828 734 p	812 199 p
	Number of specialist outpatient attendances (Psychiatric Specialty) of Hospital Authority hospitals	566 314 p	374 026 p
Crime and Justice (Year 2022)	Number of persons arrested for crime	8 349	20 480
	Number of reported drug abusers	1 127	4 108
Pattern of Participation in Public Affairs (Year 2022)	Number of directorate officers in the civil service	572	820
	Number of non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies	1 844	3 942
Information Technology Usage (Year 2022)	Number of persons aged 10 and over having used the Internet (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 189 400	2 948 800
	Number of persons aged 10 and over having a smartphone (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 262 100	2 973 900

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† The expectation of life at birth in 2022 should be interpreted with care as the figures are affected by exceptionally high mortality rates in 2022 during the COVID-19 epidemic.

2. Demographics – Vital Events

- There were 4 062 800 females and 3 409 800 males in Hong Kong at end-2022, representing an increase of 1.0% and 0.9% respectively as compared with end-2021. Analysed by age group, the numbers of persons aged 0-14 decreased from end-2021 to end-2022 by 2.8% and 2.5% for females and males respectively. On the other hand, the numbers of persons aged 65 and over increased by 6.7% and 6.6% for females and males respectively during the same period.

Chart 2.1 : Population by sex

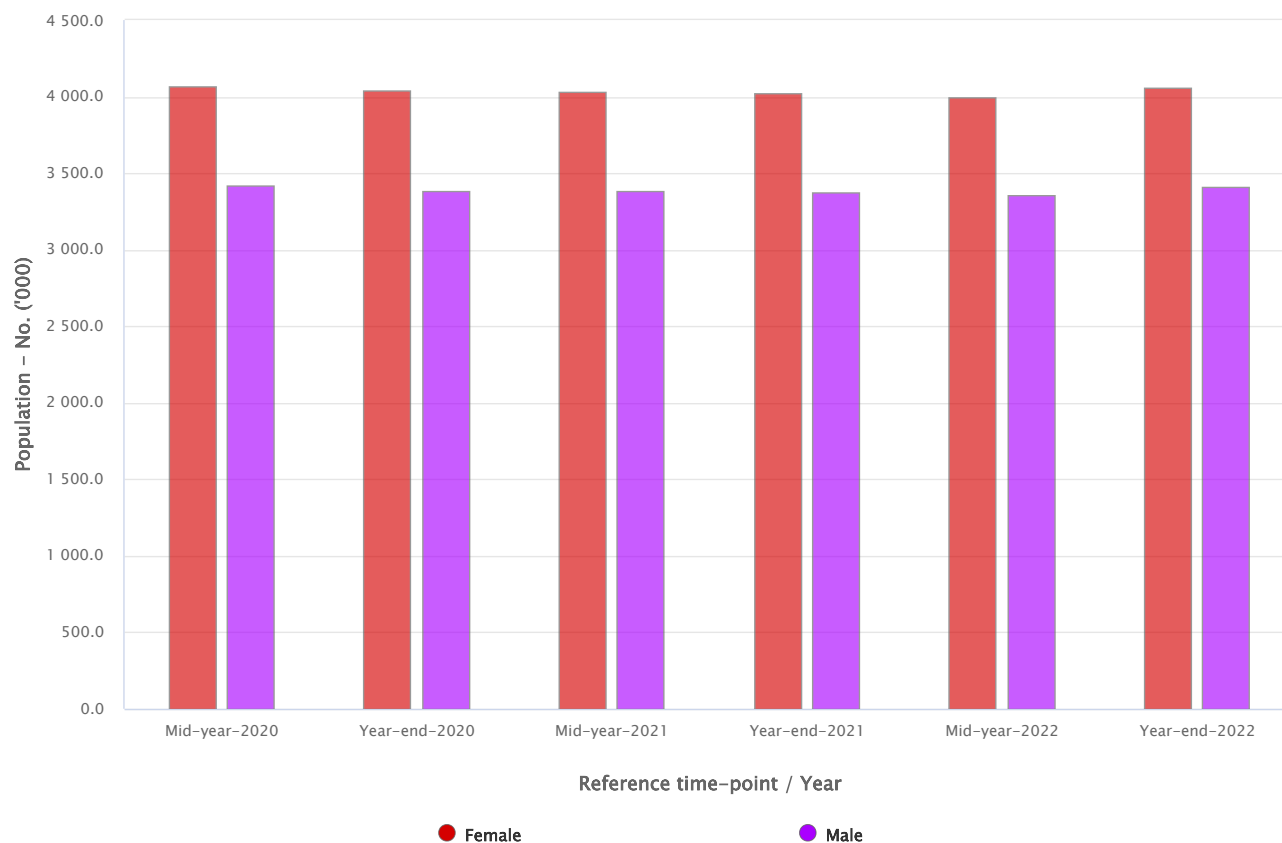


Table 2.1 : Population by sex and age group

		Population											
		No. ('000)						Year-on-year % change					
		2020		2021		2022		2020		2021		2022	
Year													
Reference time-point	Mid-year	Year-end	Mid-year	Year-end	Mid-year	Year-end	Mid-year	Year-end	Mid-year	Year-end	Mid-year	Year-end	
Sex	Age group												
Female	0 - 14	405.3	398.7	391.8	384.9	375.1	374.0	-1.6	-3.0	-3.3	-3.4	-4.3	-2.8
	15 - 24	316.2	301.5	291.5	298.6	281.4	291.6	-7.1	-8.9	-7.8	-1.0	-3.4	-2.3
	25 - 64	2 610.9	2 587.8	2 578.3	2 547.3	2 523.8	2 551.7	-0.5	-1.4	-1.2	-1.6	-2.1	+0.2
	65 and over	732.1	751.0	769.2	792.2	811.3	845.5	+3.6	+4.0	+5.1	+5.5	+5.5	+6.7
	All age groups	4 064.5	4 039.0	4 030.8	4 023.0	3 991.6	4 062.8	-0.5	-1.2	-0.8	-0.4	-1.0	+1.0
Male	0 - 14	430.6	422.9	416.0	408.8	399.0	398.6	-2.2	-3.5	-3.4	-3.4	-4.1	-2.5
	15 - 24	320.1	305.8	299.6	303.2	290.3	300.7	-5.6	-7.8	-6.4	-0.8	-3.1	-0.9
	25 - 64	2 016.5	1 992.7	1 984.4	1 963.6	1 947.6	1 961.3	-0.3	-1.6	-1.6	-1.5	-1.8	-0.1
	65 and over	649.3	666.3	682.3	702.9	717.6	749.2	+4.6	+4.5	+5.1	+5.5	+5.2	+6.6
	All age groups	3 416.5	3 387.7	3 382.3	3 378.5	3 354.5	3 409.8	-0.2	-1.3	-1.0	-0.3	-0.8	+0.9
Both sexes	0 - 14	835.9	821.6	807.8	793.7	774.1	772.6	-2.0	-3.3	-3.4	-3.4	-4.2	-2.6
	15 - 24	636.3	607.3	591.1	601.8	571.7	592.3	-6.3	-8.3	-7.1	-0.9	-3.3	-1.6
	25 - 64	4 627.4	4 580.5	4 562.7	4 510.9	4 471.4	4 513.0	-0.5	-1.5	-1.4	-1.5	-2.0	0.0
	65 and over	1 381.4	1 417.3	1 451.5	1 495.1	1 528.9	1 594.7	+4.1	+4.2	+5.1	+5.5	+5.3	+6.7
	All age groups	7 481.0	7 426.7	7 413.1	7 401.5	7 346.1	7 472.6	-0.4	-1.2	-0.9	-0.3	-0.9	+1.0

Source :
 Demographic Statistics Section (1),
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 3903 6943
 Enquiry e-mail : population@censtatd.gov.hk)

- In 2022, the sex ratio (i.e. number of males per 1 000 females) was 840. After excluding foreign domestic helpers who were mostly female, the sex ratio became 911. The overall sex ratios remained stable from 2020 to 2022.

Table 2.2 : Sex ratio by age group

		Sex ratio (1)	Sex ratio (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1)
		Rate	Rate
Year	Age group		
2020	0 - 14	1 062	1 062
	15 - 24	1 013	1 040
	25 - 64	772	878
	65 and over	887	887
	All age groups	841	913
2021	0 - 14	1 062	1 062
	15 - 24	1 028	1 049
	25 - 64	770	874
	65 and over	887	888
	All age groups	839	910
2022	0 - 14	1 063	1 063
	15 - 24	1 031	1 047
	25 - 64	772	878
	65 and over	884	886
	All age groups	840	911

1 The ratio of the number of males per 1 000 females.

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- The numbers of female and male live births in 2022 were 15 663 and 16 838 respectively, dropping from 17 993 and 18 960 in 2021.
- The expectations of life at birth for females and males in 2022 were 87.2 years and 81.3 years (provisional figures) respectively, decreasing from 87.9 years and 83.2 years in 2021.

Chart 2.3-A : Number of live births by sex

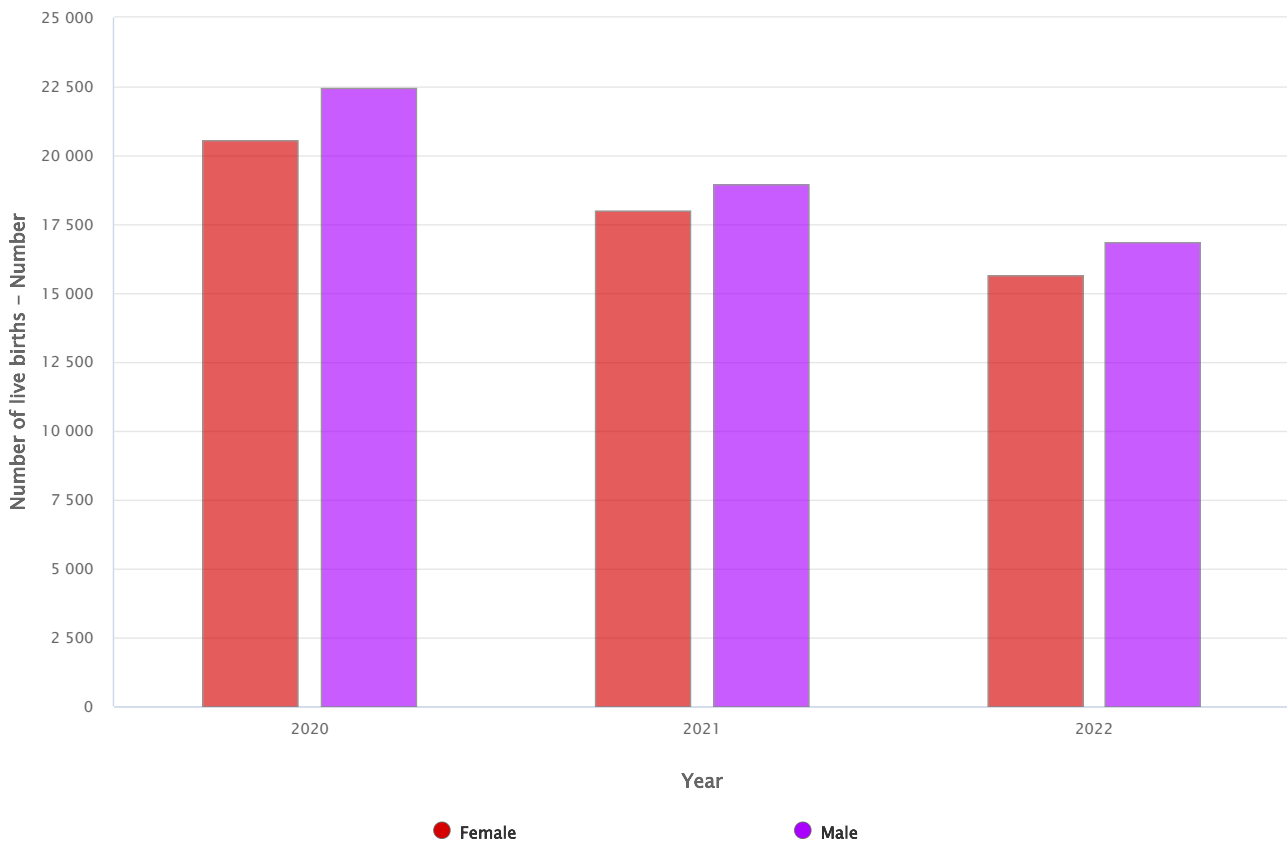


Chart 2.3-B : Expectation of life at birth by sex

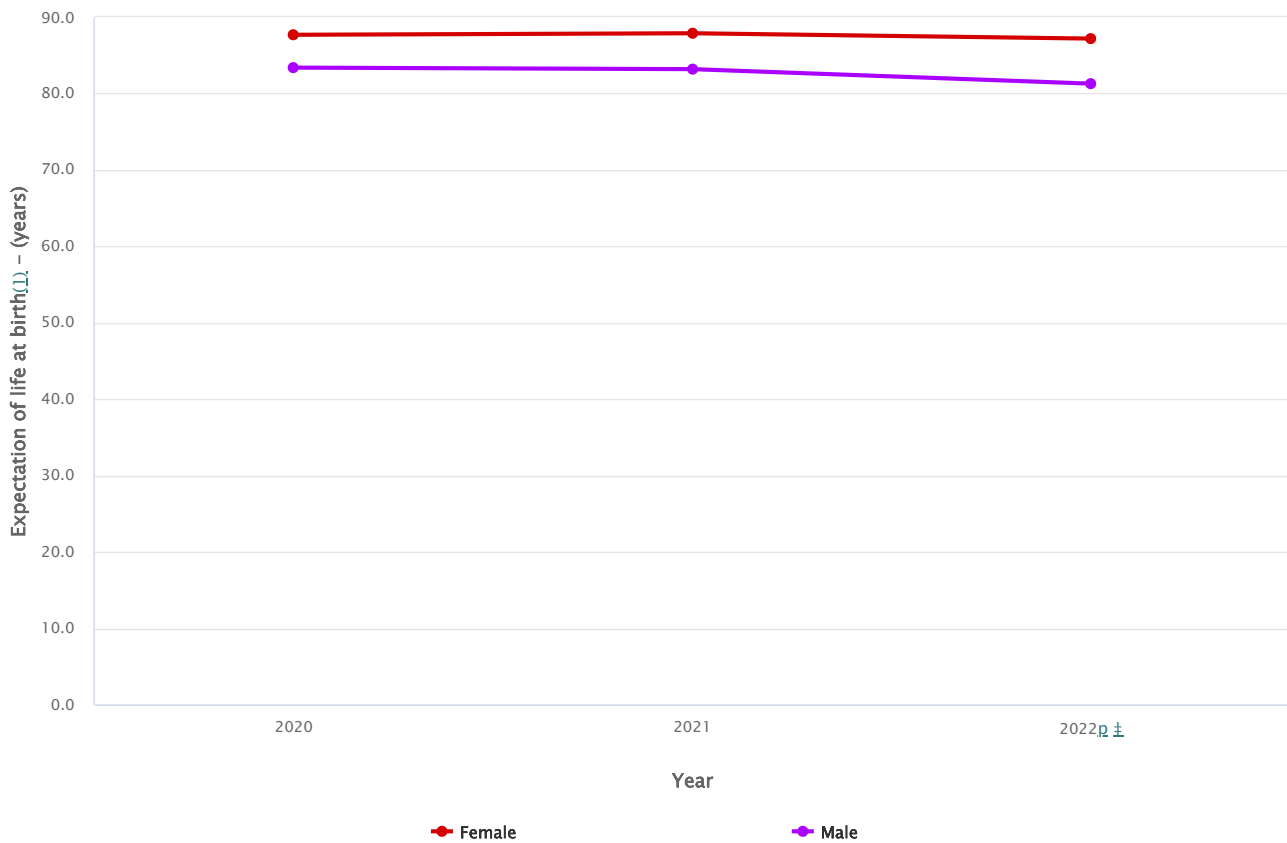


Table 2.3 : Number of live births and expectation of life at birth by sex

	Number of live births						Expectation of life at birth (1)	
	Number			Year-on-year % change			(years)	
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male
Year								
2020	20 568	22 463	43 031	-18.3	-18.9	-18.6	87.7	83.4
2021	17 993	18 960	36 953	-12.5	-15.6	-14.1	87.9	83.2
2022	15 663	16 838	32 501	-12.9	-11.2	-12.0	87.2 p‡	81.3 p‡

1 Expectation of life at birth refers to the number of years of life that a person born in a given year is expected to live if he/she were subject to the prevalent mortality conditions as reflected by the set of age-sex specific mortality rates for that year.

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‡ The expectation of life at birth in 2022 should be interpreted with care as the figures are affected by exceptionally high mortality rates in 2022 during the COVID-19 epidemic.

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- The number of deaths increased from 51 354 (females: 23 022; males: 28 331) in 2021 to 62 056 (females: 27 563; males: 34 493) (provisional figures) in 2022.

Chart 2.4 : Number of deaths by sex

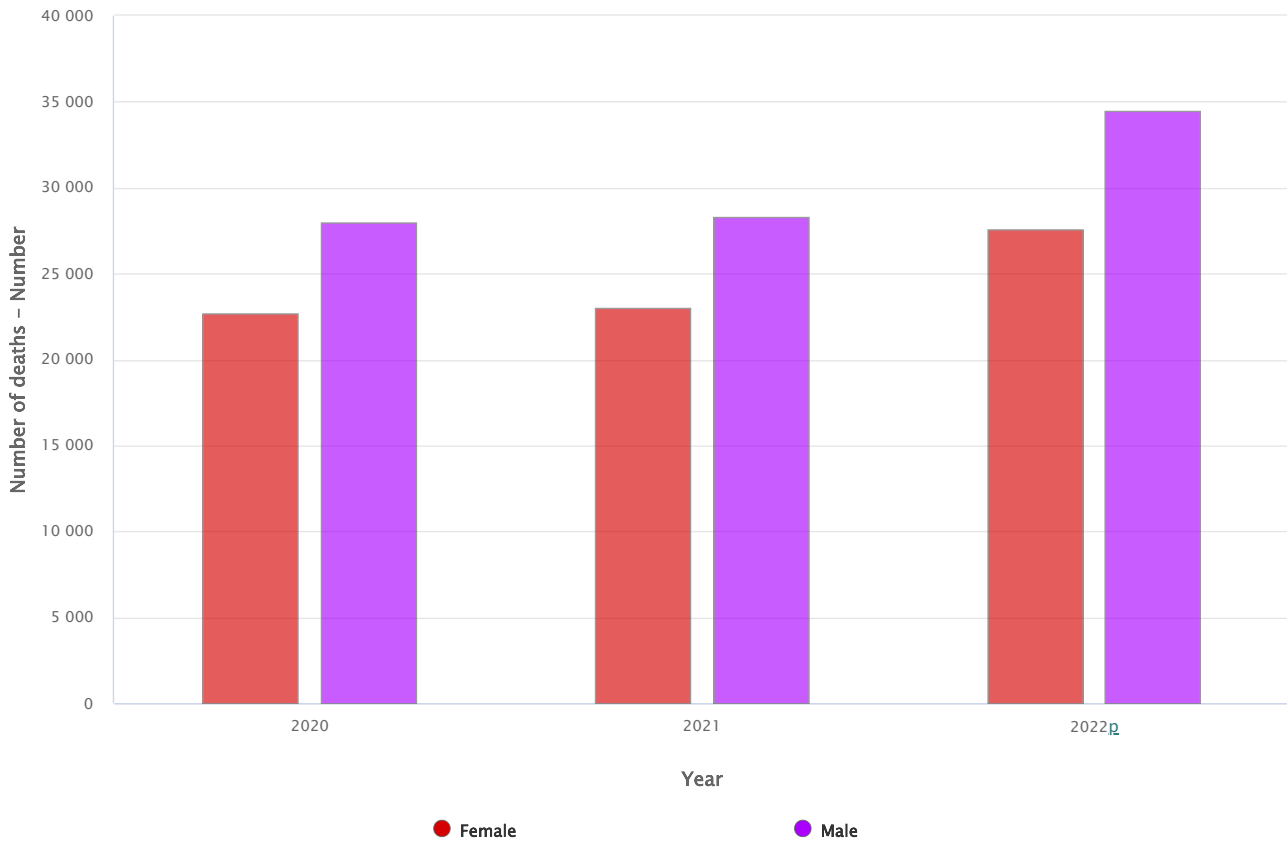


Table 2.4 : Deaths by age group and sex

		Number of deaths					
		Number			Year-on-year % change		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2020	0 - 14	69	91	160	+3.0	+18.2	+11.1
	15 - 24	50	86	136	-7.4	-4.4	-5.6
	25 - 64	3 288	5 684	8 972	-2.5	-1.8	-2.0
	65 and over	19 277	22 088	41 365	+5.9	+4.0	+4.8
	Unknown (1)	7	26	33	-56.3	-25.7	-40.0
	All age groups	22 691	27 975	50 666	+4.5	+2.7	+3.5
2021	0 - 14	61	70	131	-11.6	-23.1	-18.1
	15 - 24	40	89	129	-20.0	+3.5	-5.1
	25 - 64	3 362	5 456	8 818	+2.3	-4.0	-1.7
	65 and over	19 555	22 705	42 260	+1.4	+2.8	+2.2
	Unknown (1)	4	11	16	-42.9	-57.7	-51.5
	All age groups	23 022	28 331	51 354	+1.5	+1.3	+1.4
2022 p	0 - 14	60	69	129	-1.6	-1.4	-1.5
	15 - 24	42	93	135	+5.0	+4.5	+4.7
	25 - 64	3 541	5 878	9 419	+5.3	+7.7	+6.8
	65 and over	23 920	28 453	52 373	+22.3	+25.3	+23.9
	Unknown (1)	0	0	0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
	All age groups	27 563	34 493	62 056	+19.7	+21.8	+20.8

1 Refers to the number of deaths of unknown age or sex. Therefore, the sum of male and female death counts may not necessarily equal the total number of deaths among both sexes.

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- In 2022, the numbers of never married females and males aged 15 and over were 967 800 and 917 400, representing a decrease of 0.9% and 0.2% respectively from 2021.
- The numbers of married women and men were 1 979 900 and 1 797 900 in 2022, denoting a decrease of 1.2% and 0.6% respectively as compared with 2021.
- The numbers of widowed/divorced/separated females and males were 624 900 and 199 200 respectively in 2022, showing an increase of 1.8% and 1.5% as compared with 2021.

Table 2.5 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by marital status, age group and sex

			Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over						Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers)					
			No. ('000)			Year-on-year % change			No. ('000)			Year-on-year % change		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Marital status	Age group												
2020	Never married	15 - 24	308.2	316.8	625.0	-6.8	-5.4	-6.1	302.5	316.8	619.3	-6.3	-5.4	-5.8
		25 - 64	648.4	580.5	1 228.9	+2.3	+3.7	+2.9	574.0	580.2	1 154.3	+1.7	+3.7	+2.7
		65 and over	28.8	25.3	54.1	+18.7	+2.8	+10.7	28.6	25.3	53.8	+18.5	+2.8	+10.5
		15 and over	985.4	922.6	1 908.0	-0.4	+0.4	0.0	905.1	922.3	1 827.4	-0.7	+0.4	-0.2
	Married	15 - 24	6.3	1.9	8.2	-27.8	-34.2	-29.4	4.8	1.9	6.7	-18.1	-34.2	-23.3
		25 - 64	1 667.2	1 327.6	2 994.8	-2.1	-2.2	-2.1	1 462.7	1 326.0	2 788.7	-1.7	-2.2	-1.9
		65 and over	350.7	511.1	861.8	+7.0	+5.2	+5.9	350.5	511.1	861.5	+7.0	+5.2	+5.9
		15 and over	2 024.2	1 840.5	3 864.8	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5	1 818.0	1 838.9	3 656.9	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
	Widowed / Divorced / Separated	15 - 24	1.0	[*7]	1.1	+144.1	[*7]	+120.6	0.7	[*7]	0.7	+124.1	[*7]	+97.9
		25 - 64	287.9	95.3	383.2	+2.1	+2.3	+2.2	247.9	95.0	342.9	-1.4	+2.2	-0.5
		65 and over	316.3	88.9	405.2	-0.2	+3.1	+0.5	316.2	88.9	405.1	-0.2	+3.1	+0.5
		15 and over	605.2	184.3	789.5	+1.0	+2.7	+1.4	564.7	184.0	748.7	-0.7	+2.6	+0.1
	Total	15 - 24	315.5	318.7	634.3	-7.1	-5.6	-6.4	308.0	318.7	626.7	-6.4	-5.6	-6.0
		25 - 64	2 603.5	2 003.4	4 606.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	2 284.7	2 001.2	4 285.9	-0.8	-0.3	-0.6
		65 and over	695.8	625.3	1 321.1	+4.0	+4.8	+4.4	695.2	625.3	1 320.4	+4.0	+4.8	+4.4
		15 and over	3 614.8	2 947.4	6 562.2	-0.3	+0.1	-0.2	3 287.9	2 945.2	6 233.1	-0.4	+0.1	-0.2
2021	Never married	15 - 24	285.4	296.1	581.5	-7.4	-6.5	-7.0	281.3	296.1	577.3	-7.0	-6.5	-6.8
		25 - 64	658.1	595.8	1 253.9	+1.5	+2.6	+2.0	585.6	595.4	1 181.0	+2.0	+2.6	+2.3
		65 and over	33.4	27.3	60.7	+16.0	+8.1	+12.3	33.1	27.3	60.4	+15.8	+8.1	+12.2
		15 and over	976.9	919.2	1 896.1	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6	899.9	918.8	1 818.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5
	Married	15 - 24	4.6	1.3	5.9	-26.6	-29.5	-27.3	3.5	1.3	4.8	-27.9	-29.5	-28.4
		25 - 64	1 627.3	1 272.1	2 899.4	-2.4	-4.2	-3.2	1 420.8	1 269.7	2 690.5	-2.9	-4.2	-3.5
		65 and over	371.4	535.9	907.3	+5.9	+4.9	+5.3	370.7	535.9	906.6	+5.8	+4.9	+5.2
		15 and over	2 003.3	1 809.3	3 812.7	-1.0	-1.7	-1.3	1 795.1	1 806.9	3 601.9	-1.3	-1.7	-1.5
	Widowed / Divorced / Separated	15 - 24	0.4	[*7]	0.4	-64.3	[*7]	-59.4	[*7]	[*7]	0.3	[*7]	[*7]	-61.9
		25 - 64	285.1	100.6	385.8	-1.0	+5.6	+0.7	246.0	100.6	346.5	-0.8	+5.9	+1.1
		65 and over	328.0	95.6	423.6	+3.7	+7.5	+4.6	327.9	95.6	423.5	+3.7	+7.5	+4.6
		15 and over	613.5	196.3	809.9	+1.4	+6.6	+2.6	574.1	196.3	770.3	+1.7	+6.7	+2.9
	Total	15 - 24	290.4	297.4	587.8	-8.0	-6.7	-7.3	284.9	297.4	582.4	-7.5	-6.7	-7.1
		25 - 64	2 570.6	1 968.5	4 539.1	-1.3	-1.7	-1.5	2 252.4	1 965.6	4 218.1	-1.4	-1.8	-1.6
		65 and over	732.8	658.9	1 391.7	+5.3	+5.4	+5.3	731.7	658.9	1 390.6	+5.3	+5.4	+5.3
		15 and over	3 593.8	2 924.8	6 518.6	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7	3 269.1	2 921.9	6 191.0	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7

			Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over						Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers)					
			No. ('000)			Year-on-year % change			No. ('000)			Year-on-year % change		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Marital status	Age group												
2022	Never married	15 - 24	276.8	287.2	564.0	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	273.6	287.2	560.8	-2.7	-3.0	-2.9
		25 - 64	655.7	602.9	1 258.6	-0.4	+1.2	+0.4	585.0	602.6	1 187.7	-0.1	+1.2	+0.6
		65 and over	35.3	27.3	62.6	+5.6	-0.1	+3.1	34.6	27.3	61.9	+4.6	-0.1	+2.5
		15 and over	967.8	917.4	1 885.2	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6	893.2	917.2	1 810.4	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5
	Married	15 - 24	3.9	1.3	5.1	-16.4	-2.1	-13.3	2.9	1.3	4.2	-16.5	-2.1	-12.6
		25 - 64	1 580.7	1 229.4	2 810.1	-2.9	-3.4	-3.1	1 382.1	1 226.8	2 608.9	-2.7	-3.4	-3.0
		65 and over	395.3	567.2	962.5	+6.4	+5.8	+6.1	395.0	567.1	962.1	+6.5	+5.8	+6.1
		15 and over	1 979.9	1 797.9	3 777.7	-1.2	-0.6	-0.9	1 780.0	1 795.3	3 575.2	-0.8	-0.6	-0.7
	Widowed / Divorced / Separated	15 - 24	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
		25 - 64	278.7	100.3	379.0	-2.3	-0.3	-1.8	239.3	100.1	339.5	-2.7	-0.4	-2.0
		65 and over	346.0	98.9	444.9	+5.5	+3.4	+5.0	345.6	98.8	444.5	+5.4	+3.4	+4.9
		15 and over	624.9	199.2	824.1	+1.8	+1.5	+1.8	585.0	199.0	784.0	+1.9	+1.4	+1.8
	Total	15 - 24	280.8	288.6	569.4	-3.3	-3.0	-3.1	276.5	288.6	565.1	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0
		25 - 64	2 515.1	1 932.6	4 447.7	-2.2	-1.8	-2.0	2 206.4	1 929.6	4 136.0	-2.0	-1.8	-1.9
		65 and over	776.6	693.3	1 469.9	+6.0	+5.2	+5.6	775.3	693.3	1 468.5	+6.0	+5.2	+5.6
		15 and over	3 572.5	2 914.5	6 487.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	3 258.2	2 911.4	6 169.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3

For annual estimates less than 1 000, they should be interpreted with caution due to relatively large sampling error.

[*7] Figure is not released due to relatively large sampling error.

Source :

General Household Survey

Social Analysis and Research Section,

Census and Statistics Department

(Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5106

Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

- The number of marriages rose from 26 899 in 2021 to 30 012 in 2022. The crude marriage rates (i.e. the number of marriages per 1 000 population) for females and males were 7.5 and 8.9 respectively in 2022, higher than the corresponding rates (females: 6.7; males: 8.0) in 2021.

Chart 2.6 : Number of marriages and crude marriage rate by sex

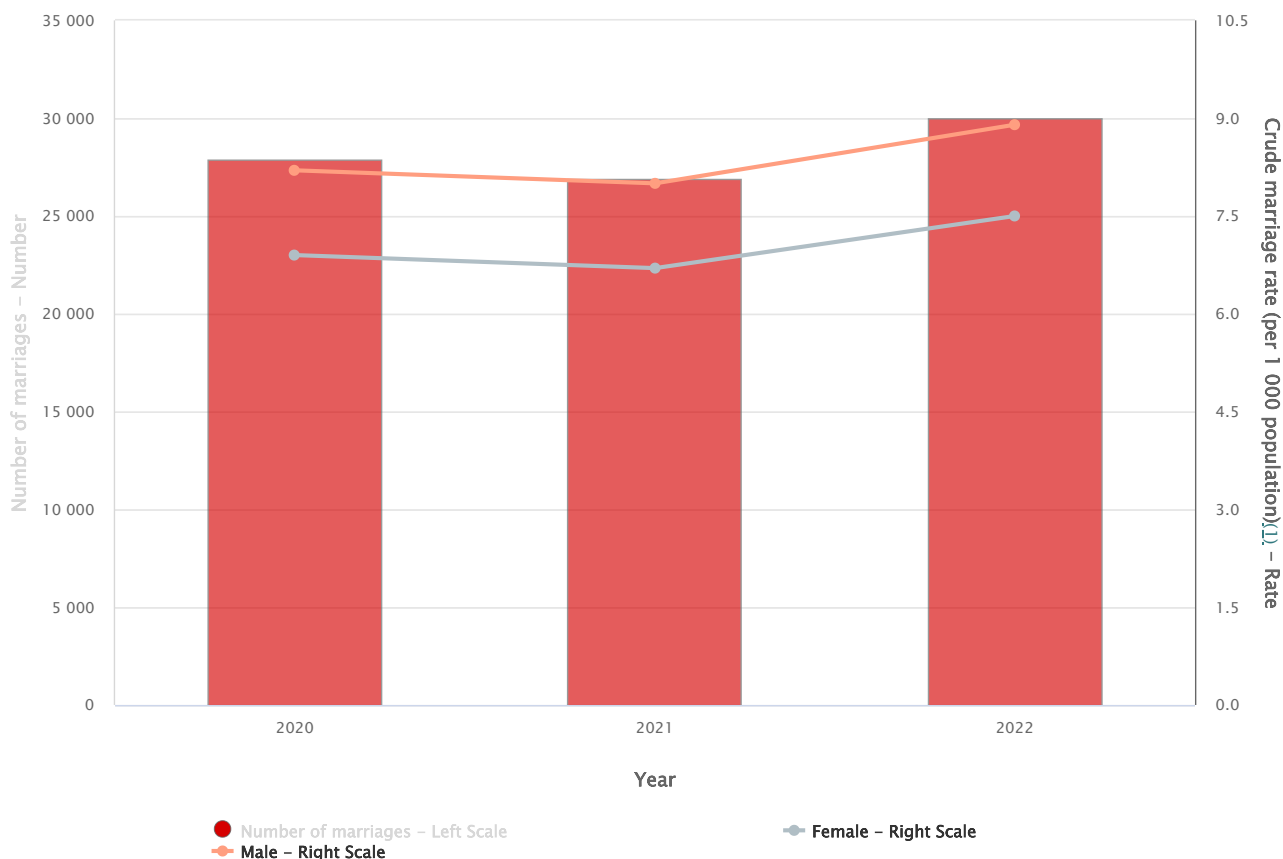


Table 2.6 : Marriage statistics by sex

	Number of marriages	Crude marriage rate (per 1 000 population) (1)			Median age at first marriage		Crude divorce rate (per 1 000 population) (2)
	Number	Rate		(years)		Rate	
Sex	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year							
2020	27 863	6.9	8.2	3.7	30.4	31.9	2.14
2021	26 899	6.7	8.0	3.6	30.6	32.2	2.25
2022	30 012	7.5	8.9	4.1	30.7	32.2	1.77

1 Refers to the number of marriages registered in a given year per 1 000 mid-year population of that year.

2 Refers to the number of divorce decrees granted in a given year per 1 000 mid-year population of that year.

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3. Population and Household Characteristics

- During 2011 to 2021, the number of single parents decreased from 81 705 to 72 279, with a 1.2% decrease per annum on average. Single mothers far outnumbered single fathers. In 2021, the number of single mothers was 56 249, which was about 3.5 times of the number of single fathers (16 030). Compared with 2011, both the number of single mothers and single fathers declined in 2021. The number of single mothers decreased by 7 791 (or -12.2%), from 64 040 in 2011, while that of single fathers dropped by 1 635 (or -9.3%), from 17 665 in 2011.

Chart 3.1 : Number of single parents by sex

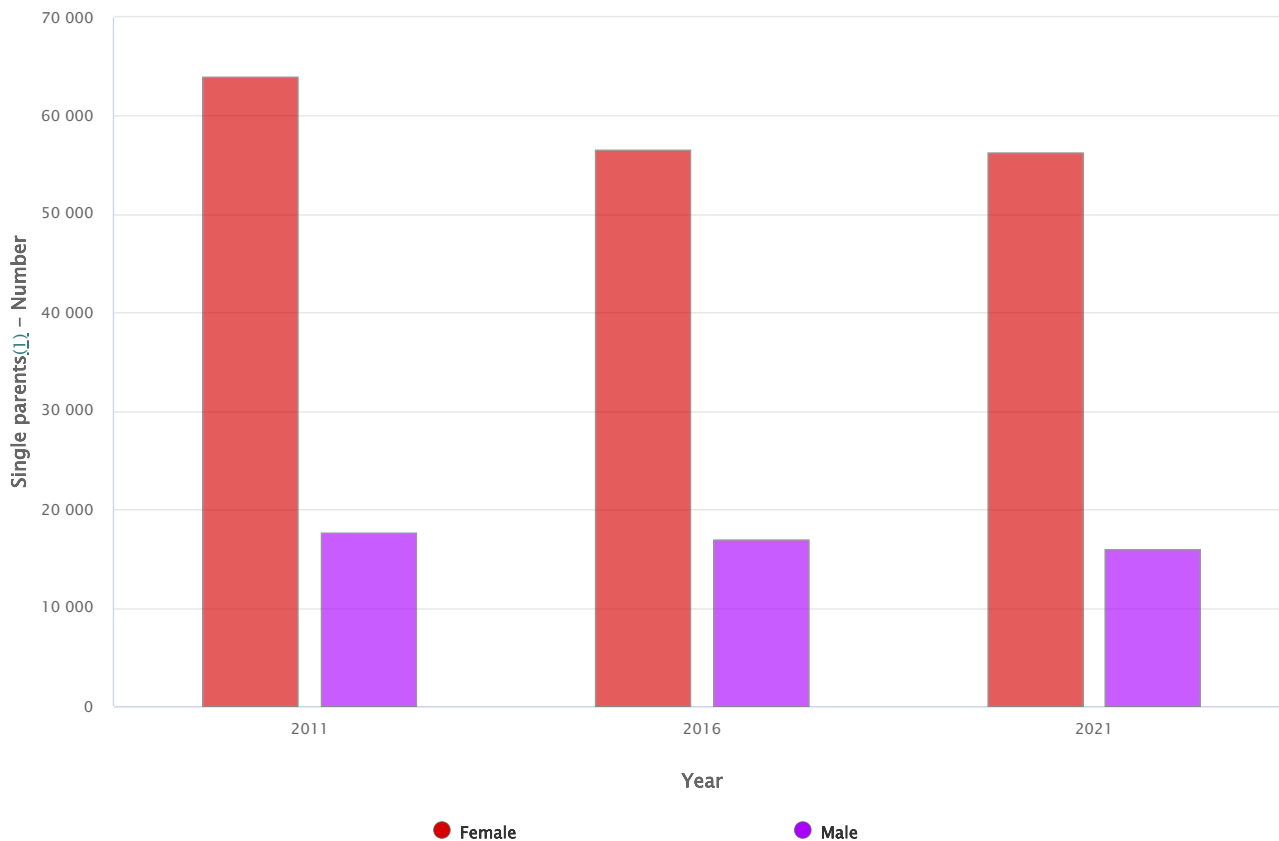


Table 3.1 : Single parents by age group and sex, 2011, 2016 and 2021

Sex		Single parents (1)					
		Number			Percentage share in respective sex (%)		
		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2011	0 - 29	3 174	537	3 711	5.0	3.0	4.5
	30 - 39	19 661	3 441	23 102	30.7	19.5	28.3
	40 - 49	32 984	7 077	40 061	51.5	40.1	49.0
	50 - 59	7 908	5 181	13 089	12.3	29.3	16.0
	60 and over	313	1 429	1 742	0.5	8.1	2.1
	Total	64 040	17 665	81 705	100.0	100.0	100.0
2016	0 - 29	3 097	598	3 695	5.5	3.5	5.0
	30 - 39	18 012	3 218	21 230	31.9	19.1	28.9
	40 - 49	27 691	5 903	33 594	49.0	35.0	45.8
	50 - 59	7 496	5 365	12 861	13.3	31.8	17.5
	60 and over	249	1 799	2 048	0.4	10.7	2.8
	Total	56 545	16 883	73 428	100.0	100.0	100.0
2021	0 - 29	2 075	558	2 633	3.7	3.5	3.6
	30 - 39	16 769	3 519	20 288	29.8	22.0	28.1
	40 - 49	29 044	6 100	35 144	51.6	38.1	48.6
	50 - 59	8 001	4 166	12 167	14.2	26.0	16.8
	60 and over	360	1 687	2 047	0.6	10.5	2.8
	Total	56 249	16 030	72 279	100.0	100.0	100.0

1 Single parents are defined as mothers or fathers who are never married, widowed, divorced or separated, and living with child(ren) aged under 18 in the same household. Figures for 2011-2021 are compiled based on the classification of single parents adopted in the 2011 Population Census, the 2016 Population By-census and the 2021 Population Census.

Source :
Demographic Statistics Section (2),
Census and Statistics Department
(Enquiry telephone no. : 3903 6944
Enquiry e-mail : census@censtatd.gov.hk)

- In 2021, the numbers of females and males (excluding foreign domestic helpers) living in subdivided units (SDUs) were 114 034 and 100 170 in 2021, rose from 107 609 and 99 624 in 2016. Analysed by sex, among persons living in SDUs, the proportion of females increased from 51.9% in 2016 to 53.2% in 2021, while that of males decreased from 48.1% in 2016 to 46.8% in 2021.

Chart 3.2 : Persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) living in subdivided units by age group and sex, 2021

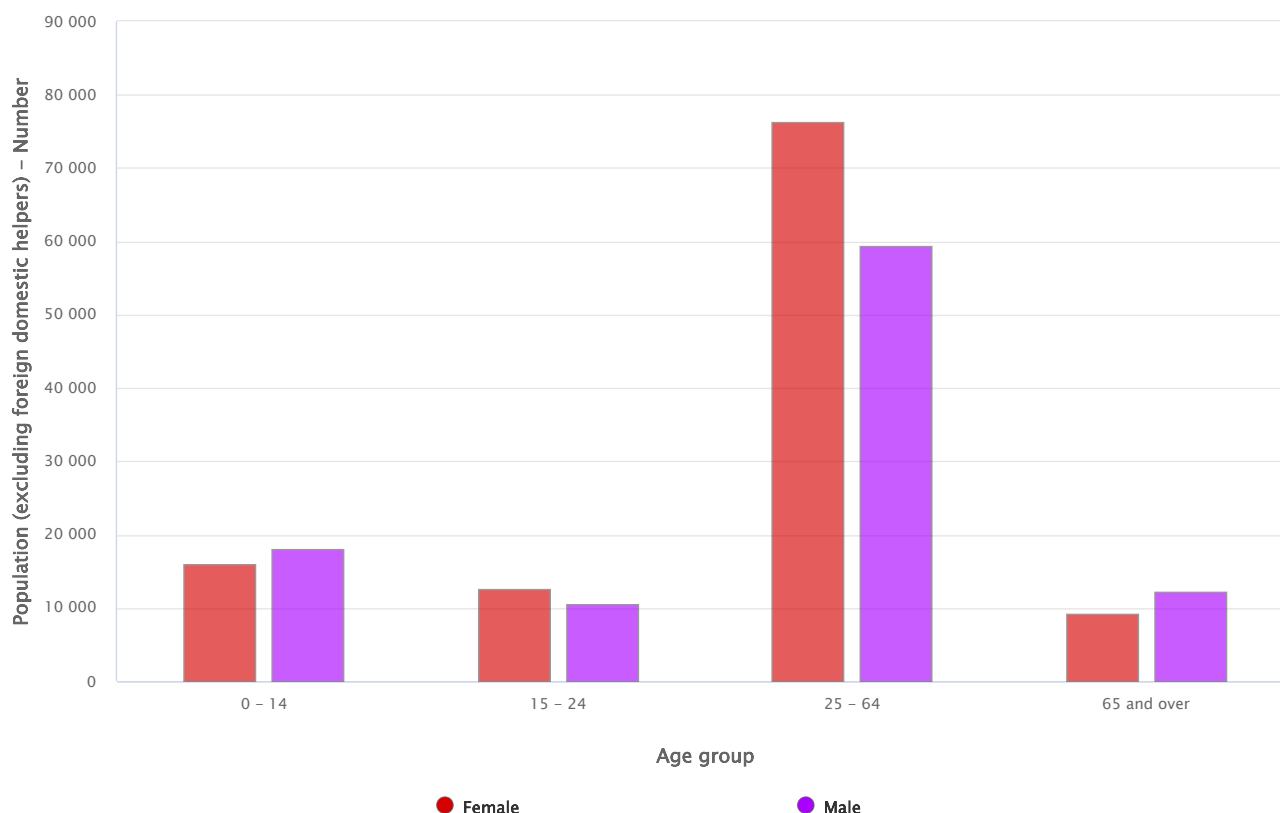


Table 3.2 : Persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) living in subdivided units by age group and sex, 2016 and 2021

		Population (excluding foreign domestic helpers)					
		Number			Percentage share in respective sex (%)		
Type of Quarters		Subdivided units (1)			Subdivided units (1)		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2016	0 - 14	16 969	20 518	37 487	15.8	20.6	18.1
	15 - 24	10 522	10 837	21 359	9.8	10.9	10.3
	25 - 64	72 988	58 313	131 301	67.8	58.5	63.4
	65 and over	7 130	9 956	17 086	6.6	10.0	8.2
	Total	107 609	99 624	207 233	100.0	100.0	100.0
2021	0 - 14	15 948	18 054	34 002	14.0	18.0	15.9
	15 - 24	12 594	10 496	23 090	11.0	10.5	10.8
	25 - 64	76 198	59 425	135 623	66.8	59.3	63.3
	65 and over	9 294	12 195	21 489	8.2	12.2	10.0
	Total	114 034	100 170	214 204	100.0	100.0	100.0

1 Subdivided units (SDUs) are formed by splitting a unit of quarters into two or more "internally connected" and "externally accessible" units commonly for rental purposes.

Source :
Demographic Statistics Section (2),
Census and Statistics Department
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Enquiry e-mail : census@censtatd.gov.hk)

- The vast majority of persons aged below 25 were living with their parent(s) only. In 2021, 94.6% of them (females: 93.6%; males: 95.4%) were living with their parent(s) only.
- For persons aged 25-64, the proportion of them living with spouse and/or child(ren) dropped from 66.8% (females: 66.4%; males: 67.3%) in 2011 to 60.7% (females: 59.8%; males: 61.7%) in 2021.
- For persons aged 65 and over, there were notably more females (116 607) than males (71 962) who were living alone. The proportion of persons aged 65 and over living alone was 13.6% (females: 16.0%; males: 11.0%) in 2021, broadly similar to 13.9% (females: 16.3%; males: 11.2%) in 2011.

Table 3.3 : Persons living in domestic households by living arrangement, age group and sex, 2011, 2016 and 2021

		Persons living in domestic households (1)								
		Number								
		0 - 24			25 - 64			65 and over		
Age group		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Living arrangement									
2011	Living alone	4 154	3 820	7 974	130 910	145 828	276 738	73 963	45 413	119 376
	Living with parent(s) only	772 246	821 305	1 593 551	355 581	411 387	766 968	730	940	1 670
	Living with spouse and/or child(ren) (2)	8 574	3 535	12 109	1 591 825	1 316 923	2 908 748	352 168	351 290	703 458
	Others (3)	39 662	23 334	62 996	320 018	81 874	401 892	27 247	8 932	36 179
	Total	824 636	851 994	1 676 630	2 398 334	1 956 012	4 354 346	454 108	406 575	860 683
2016	Living alone	4 668	6 026	10 694	144 576	151 209	295 785	94 231	58 305	152 536
	Living with parent(s) only	727 891	771 883	1 499 774	386 908	442 564	829 472	3 740	2 921	6 661
	Living with spouse and/or child(ren) (2)	8 030	3 554	11 584	1 581 694	1 283 887	2 865 581	430 748	426 984	857 732
	Others (3)	33 780	22 790	56 570	394 603	81 148	475 751	37 097	14 899	51 996
	Total	774 369	804 253	1 578 622	2 507 781	1 958 808	4 466 589	565 816	503 109	1 068 925
2021	Living alone	7 242	5 628	12 870	182 422	157 291	339 713	116 607	71 962	188 569
	Living with parent(s) only	633 056	675 190	1 308 246	426 951	501 262	928 213	4 838	3 523	8 361
	Living with spouse and/or child(ren) (2)	5 229	2 352	7 581	1 529 342	1 206 212	2 735 554	563 096	556 950	1 120 046
	Others (3)	30 556	24 303	54 859	416 780	90 040	506 820	44 471	21 029	65 500
	Total	676 083	707 473	1 383 556	2 555 495	1 954 805	4 510 300	729 012	653 464	1 382 476

1 Figures exclude persons living in non-domestic households. There were 179 917, 222 449 and 136 738 persons living in non-domestic households in 2011, 2016 and 2021 respectively.

2 Figures include persons living with spouse and/or child(ren), regardless of whether they were living with parent(s) or not.

3 Figures include persons living with person(s) other than parent(s), spouse and child(ren).

Source :

Demographic Statistics Section (2),

Census and Statistics Department

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4. Education and Training Characteristics

- In 2022, among the land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over, 65.8% females had attended upper secondary education and above; the corresponding figure for males was 69.5%. On the other hand, there were 32.0% females and 37.5% males who had attended post-secondary education.

Chart 4.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by educational attainment and sex, 2022

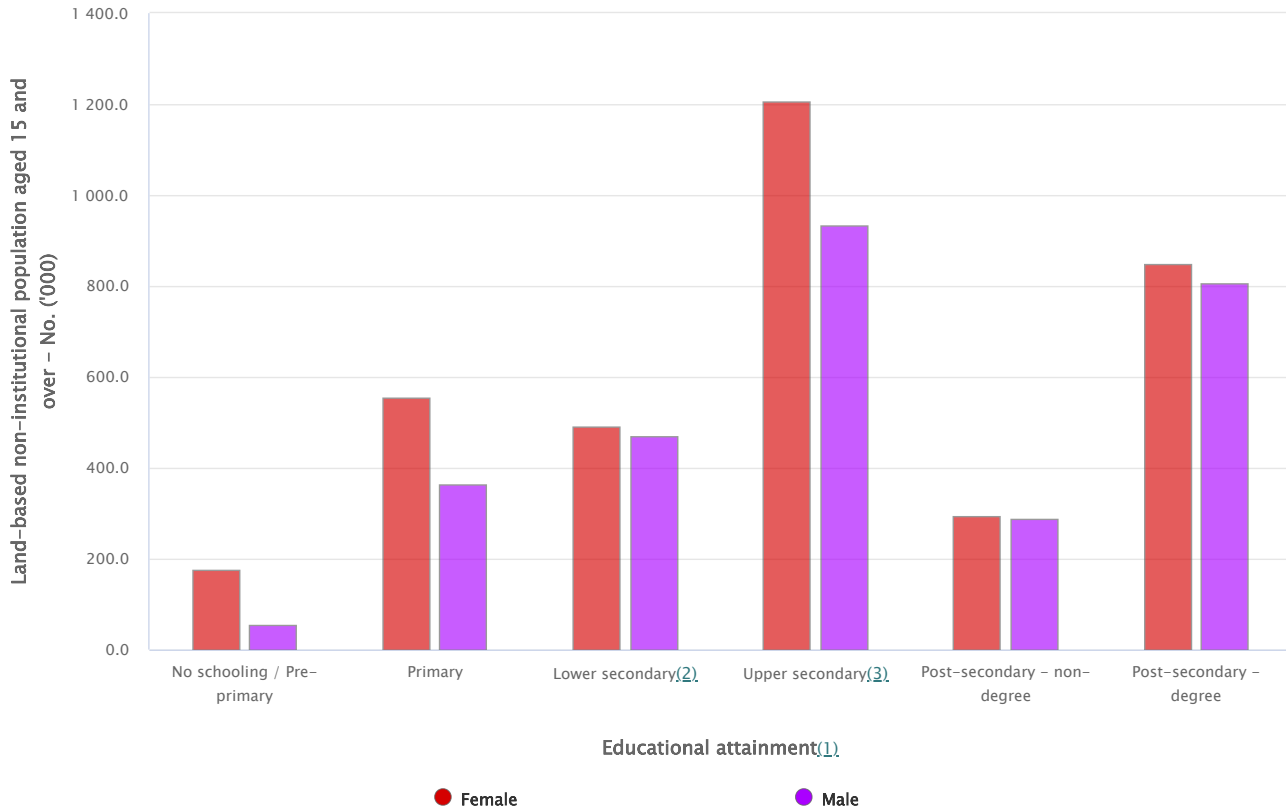


Table 4.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by educational attainment and sex

		Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over			Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers)		
		No. ('000)			No. ('000)		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Educational attainment (1)						
2020	No schooling / Pre-primary	191.2	60.2	251.4	183.3	59.9	243.2
	Primary	556.1	373.1	929.2	526.5	373.0	899.5
	Lower secondary (2)	488.5	459.9	948.4	454.7	459.8	914.5
	Upper secondary (3)	1 233.4	949.6	2 183.0	1 026.4	948.4	1 974.9
	Post-secondary - non-degree	301.0	285.6	586.6	283.2	285.4	568.6
	Post-secondary - degree	844.6	819.1	1 663.7	813.8	818.7	1 632.5
	Total	3 614.8	2 947.4	6 562.2	3 287.9	2 945.2	6 233.1
2021	No schooling / Pre-primary	187.7	61.4	249.1	180.9	61.3	242.2
	Primary	552.5	365.6	918.1	523.9	365.6	889.4
	Lower secondary (2)	483.9	470.4	954.3	451.7	470.1	921.9
	Upper secondary (3)	1 245.0	949.4	2 194.4	1 035.1	947.5	1 982.7
	Post-secondary - non-degree	286.2	283.1	569.3	269.0	282.8	551.8
	Post-secondary - degree	838.5	795.0	1 633.5	808.4	794.6	1 603.0
	Total	3 593.8	2 924.8	6 518.6	3 269.1	2 921.9	6 191.0
2022	No schooling / Pre-primary	175.5	55.9	231.4	170.3	55.9	226.2
	Primary	554.4	362.6	917.1	524.4	362.5	886.9
	Lower secondary (2)	492.4	469.7	962.1	461.0	469.6	930.7
	Upper secondary (3)	1 206.7	932.0	2 138.7	1 004.5	929.6	1 934.2
	Post-secondary - non-degree	295.3	287.6	582.9	278.0	287.4	565.4
	Post-secondary - degree	848.2	806.7	1 654.8	819.9	806.4	1 626.3
	Total	3 572.5	2 914.5	6 487.0	3 258.2	2 911.4	6 169.7

1 Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education ever attained by a person in school or other educational institution, regardless of whether he/she had completed the course. Only formal courses are counted as educational attainment.

2 Persons with educational attainment at lower secondary level refer to those with Secondary 1-3 education or equivalent level.

3 Persons with educational attainment at upper secondary level refer to those with Secondary 4-7 of old academic structure (1985-2011), Secondary 4-6 of new academic structure (2012 onwards) or equivalent, Project Yi Jin/Yi Jin Diploma and craft level.

Source :

General Household Survey
Social Analysis and Research Section,
Census and Statistics Department
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5106
Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

- For students enrolled in the higher education programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in the 2022/23 academic year, 53 080 were females and 49 442 were males. The numbers were slightly higher than those in the 2021/22 academic year (females: 52 808; males: 48 659).
- Analysed by the level of study, except for the research postgraduate programme, the number of female students was higher than that of male students for each level in recent years.

Chart 4.2 : Percentage share of students enrolled in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) by level of study and sex, 2022/23

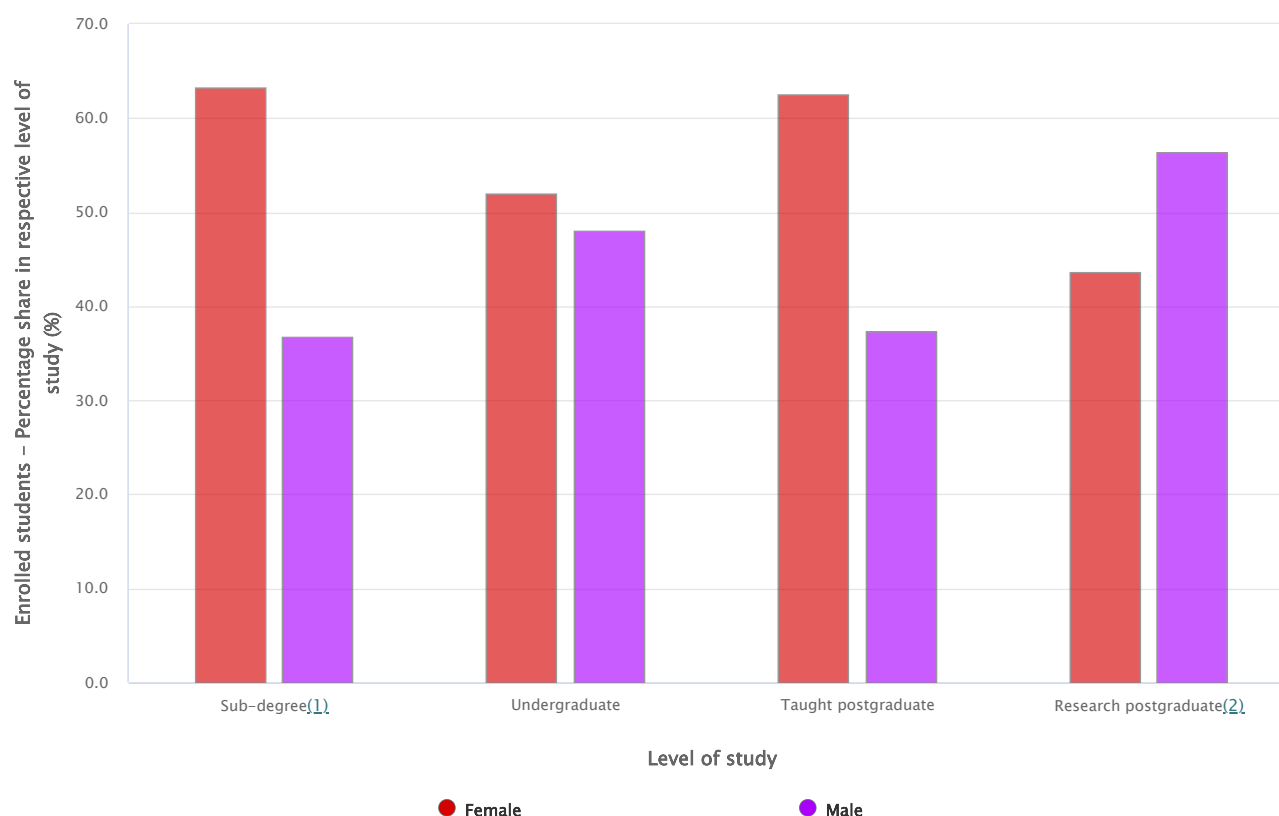


Table 4.2 : Students enrolled in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) by level of study and sex

		Enrolled students					
		Number			Percentage share in respective level of study (%)		
Programme funding category		UGC-funded			UGC-funded		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Academic year	Level of study						
2020/21	Sub-degree (1)	1 814	1 443	3 257	55.7	44.3	100.0
	Undergraduate	45 994	41 300	87 294	52.7	47.3	100.0
	Taught postgraduate	1 757	1 088	2 845	61.8	38.2	100.0
	Research postgraduate (2)	3 664	4 737	8 401	43.6	56.4	100.0
	Total	53 229	48 568	101 797	52.3	47.7	100.0
2021/22	Sub-degree (1)	1 570 r	1 372 r	2 942 r	53.4 r	46.6 r	100.0
	Undergraduate	45 809	41 462	87 271	52.5	47.5	100.0
	Taught postgraduate	1 687	1 053	2 740	61.6	38.4	100.0
	Research postgraduate (2)	3 742 r	4 772 r	8 514 r	43.9	56.1	100.0
	Total	52 808 r	48 659 r	101 467 r	52.0	48.0	100.0
2022/23	Sub-degree (1)	1 532	890	2 442	63.3	36.7	100.0
	Undergraduate	46 034	42 565	88 599	52.0	48.0	100.0
	Taught postgraduate	1 652	987	2 639	62.6	37.4	100.0
	Research postgraduate (2)	3 862	5 000	8 862	43.6	56.4	100.0
	Total	53 080	49 442	102 522	51.8	48.2	100.0

1 Since the Education University of Hong Kong will provide the final figure of UGC-funded sub-degree short programmes upon completion of an academic year, figures for 2022/23 are subject to revision.

2 Figures of UGC-funded research postgraduate students refer to students funded by UGC within their normal study periods. If research postgraduate students are financed by universities using both UGC and external funds, they will be counted towards different sources on a pro-rata basis.

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5. Labour Force Characteristics and Employment Earnings

- In 2022, the numbers of economically active females and males aged 15 and over (or the labour force) were 1 890 300 and 1 886 000 respectively. As compared with 2021, the female and male labour force in 2022 decreased by 2.9% and 1.9% respectively.
- On the other hand, the numbers of economically inactive females and males aged 15 and over were 1 682 300 and 1 028 500 in 2022. Retirement/old age was the most common reason for being economically inactive persons (45.3% of all economically inactive females and 63.9% for their male counterparts). While the second most common reason for females was the engagement in household duties (35.2%), that for males was attending educational institutions (19.2%).

Chart 5.1 : Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by reason for being economically inactive and sex, 2022

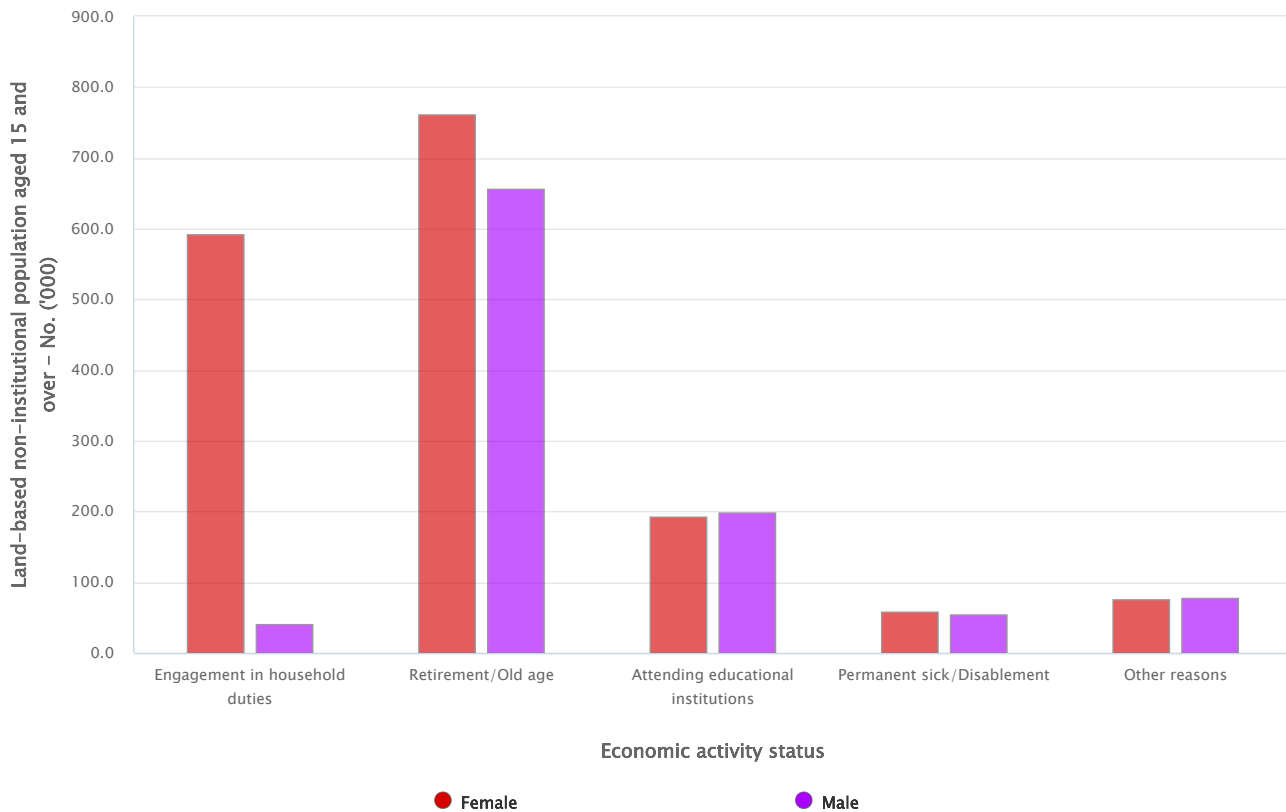


Table 5.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by economic activity status and sex

		Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over			Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers)			
		No. ('000)			No. ('000)			
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	
Year	Economic activity status							
2020	Economically active	1 963.8	1 954.6	3 918.5	1 636.9	1 952.4	3 589.3	
	Economically inactive (1)	Engagement in household duties	614.9	38.5	653.5	614.9	38.5	653.5
		Retirement/Old age	705.4	619.5	1 324.9	705.4	619.5	1 324.9
		Attending educational institutions	195.7	201.8	397.5	195.7	201.8	397.5
		Permanent sick/Disablement	53.5	52.9	106.4	53.5	52.9	106.4
		Other reasons	81.5	80.1	161.6	81.5	80.1	161.6
		Sub-total	1 651.0	992.8	2 643.8	1 651.0	992.8	2 643.8
	Total	3 614.8	2 947.4	6 562.2	3 287.9	2 945.2	6 233.1	
2021	Economically active	1 947.3	1 923.1	3 870.4	1 622.6	1 920.2	3 542.8	
	Economically inactive (1)	Engagement in household duties	605.8	34.1	639.9	605.8	34.1	639.9
		Retirement/Old age	732.7	649.1	1 381.8	732.7	649.1	1 381.8
		Attending educational institutions	188.4	193.8	382.2	188.4	193.8	382.2
		Permanent sick/Disablement	51.3	55.6	106.9	51.3	55.6	106.9
		Other reasons	68.2	69.1	137.4	68.2	69.1	137.4
		Sub-total	1 646.5	1 001.7	2 648.2	1 646.5	1 001.7	2 648.2
	Total	3 593.8	2 924.8	6 518.6	3 269.1	2 921.9	6 191.0	
2022	Economically active	1 890.3	1 886.0	3 776.3	1 576.0	1 883.0	3 458.9	
	Economically inactive (1)	Engagement in household duties	592.7	40.7	633.4	592.7	40.7	633.4
		Retirement/Old age	762.3	656.8	1 419.1	762.3	656.8	1 419.1
		Attending educational institutions	191.9	197.9	389.8	191.9	197.9	389.8
		Permanent sick/Disablement	58.6	54.9	113.5	58.6	54.9	113.5
		Other reasons	76.7	78.2	155.0	76.7	78.2	155.0
		Sub-total	1 682.3	1 028.5	2 710.7	1 682.3	1 028.5	2 710.7
	Total	3 572.5	2 914.5	6 487.0	3 258.2	2 911.4	6 169.7	

1 Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over refers to those persons aged 15 and over who have not had a job and have not been at work during the 7 days before enumeration, excluding persons who have been on leave/holiday during the 7-day period and persons who are unemployed. Persons such as home-makers and retired persons not available for work or not seeking work are included.

Source :
 General Household Survey Section (3),
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5508
 Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

- The overall labour force participation rate decreased from 59.4% in 2021 (females: 54.2%; males: 65.8%) to 58.2% in 2022 (females: 52.9%; males: 64.7%). Analysed by age group, in 2022, the labour force participation rate was lower for females than for males in each age category, except for persons aged 15-24.

Chart 5.2-A : Labour force participation rate by sex

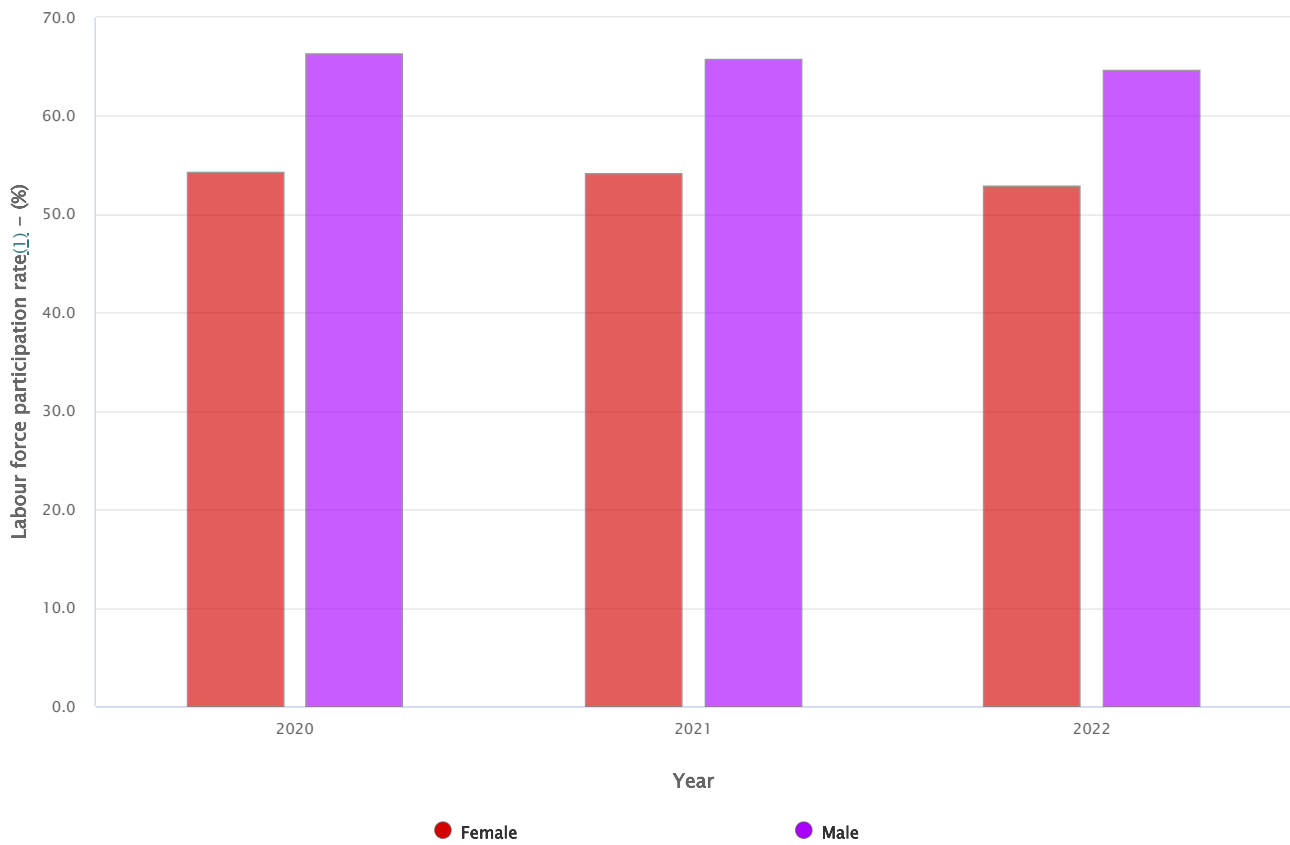


Chart 5.2-B : Labour force participation rate by age group and sex, 2022

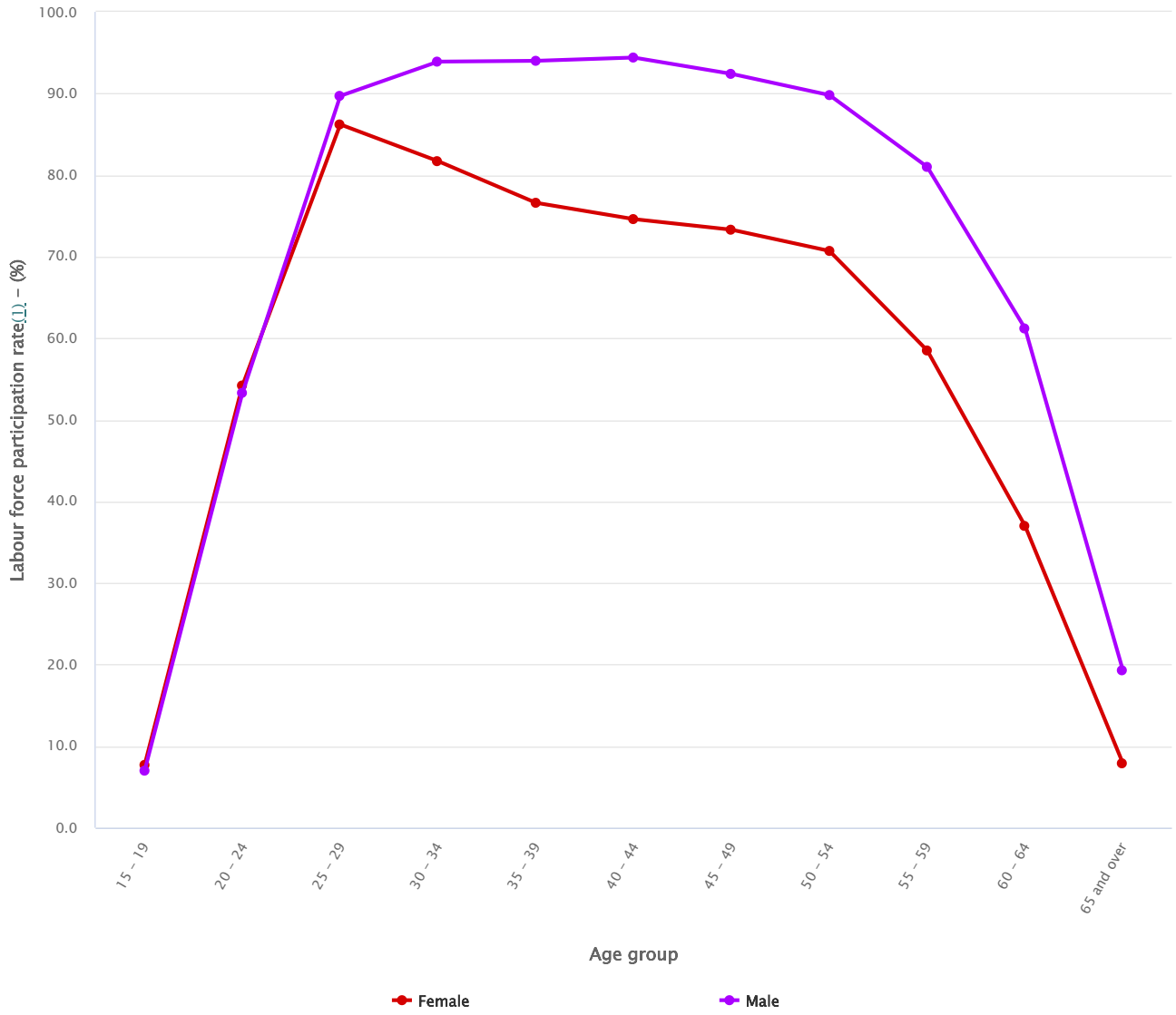


Table 5.2 : Labour force participation rate by age group and sex

		Labour force participation rate (1)			Labour force participation rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1)		
		(%)			(%)		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2020	15 - 19	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.3
	20 - 24	57.8	56.5	57.2	56.0	56.5	56.3
	25 - 29	87.5	90.8	89.0	85.4	90.8	88.1
	30 - 34	81.6	95.0	87.2	76.4	95.0	85.4
	35 - 39	77.0	95.1	84.2	70.2	95.1	81.6
	40 - 44	74.5	94.3	82.5	68.8	94.3	80.3
	45 - 49	72.7	92.8	81.1	69.5	92.8	79.8
	50 - 54	69.6	88.9	77.9	67.5	88.9	77.1
	55 - 59	56.6	81.4	68.0	55.7	81.3	67.6
	60 - 64	35.1	60.1	47.4	34.3	60.1	47.0
	65 and over	7.0	18.1	12.3	6.9	18.1	12.2
	15 and over	54.3	66.3	59.7	49.8	66.3	57.6
2021	15 - 19	7.8	6.6	7.2	7.8	6.6	7.2
	20 - 24	57.5	57.2	57.4	56.0	57.2	56.6
	25 - 29	88.2	91.7	89.8	86.6	91.7	89.1
	30 - 34	81.9	94.9	87.5	77.8	94.9	86.1
	35 - 39	77.1	95.4	84.4	69.8	95.4	81.7
	40 - 44	75.1	94.6	82.9	68.8	94.6	80.5
	45 - 49	73.4	92.5	81.3	69.7	92.5	79.8
	50 - 54	69.0	90.4	78.1	66.7	90.4	77.2
	55 - 59	59.3	81.1	69.1	58.1	81.1	68.6
	60 - 64	36.7	59.9	48.0	35.7	59.9	47.6
	65 and over	7.6	18.0	12.5	7.4	18.0	12.4
	15 and over	54.2	65.8	59.4	49.6	65.7	57.2
2022	15 - 19	7.7	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.0	7.3
	20 - 24	54.2	53.3	53.8	52.8	53.3	53.1
	25 - 29	86.2	89.7	87.9	84.6	89.7	87.2
	30 - 34	81.7	93.9	87.0	77.7	93.9	85.6
	35 - 39	76.6	94.0	83.6	69.8	94.0	81.1
	40 - 44	74.6	94.4	82.5	68.1	94.4	80.1
	45 - 49	73.3	92.4	81.2	68.9	92.4	79.5
	50 - 54	70.7	89.8	78.7	68.0	89.7	77.6
	55 - 59	58.5	81.0	68.6	57.3	81.0	68.0
	60 - 64	37.0	61.2	48.7	36.1	61.2	48.3
	65 and over	7.9	19.3	13.3	7.8	19.3	13.2
	15 and over	52.9	64.7	58.2	48.4	64.7	56.1

1 Labour force participation rate refers to the proportion of labour force in the total land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over.

Source :
 General Household Survey Section (3),
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5508
 Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

- In 2022, the numbers of female and male employed persons were 1 823 700 and 1 789 500 respectively, representing a decrease of 2.2% and 0.9% from 2021.
- As the labour market gradually improved in 2022 over 2021, both unemployment rate and underemployment rate continued to decrease. Analysed by sex, the unemployment rates for females and males decreased from 4.2% and 6.1% in 2021 to 3.5% and 5.1% in 2022 respectively. On the other hand, the underemployment rates for females and males decreased from 2.1% and 3.0% in 2021 to 1.9% and 2.8% in 2022 respectively.

Table 5.3 : Employment, underemployment and unemployment by sex and age group

			Employed persons (1)	Employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1)	Underemployed persons (2)	Underemployment rate (3)	Underemployment rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (3)	Unemployed persons (4)	Unemployment rate (5)	Unemployment rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (5)
			No. ('000)	No. ('000)	No. ('000)	(%)	(%)	No. ('000)	(%)	(%)
Year	Sex	Age group								
2020	Female	15 - 24	99.6	92.0	5.2	4.5	4.8	15.8	13.7	14.7
		25 - 59	1 621.9	1 306.8	44.1	2.6	3.2	70.7	4.2	5.1
		60 and over	149.3	145.0	5.6	3.6	3.7	6.6	4.2	4.3
		15 and over	1 870.8	1 543.8	54.8	2.8	3.3	93.1	4.7	5.7
	Male	15 - 24	93.1	93.1	5.1	4.6	4.6	19.7	17.5	17.5
		25 - 59	1 452.5	1 450.4	58.2	3.8	3.8	98.5	6.4	6.4
		60 and over	274.5	274.4	11.8	4.0	4.1	16.3	5.6	5.6
		15 and over	1 820.1	1 817.9	75.1	3.8	3.8	134.5	6.9	6.9
	Both sexes	15 - 24	192.7	185.1	10.3	4.5	4.7	35.5	15.6	16.1
		25 - 59	3 074.4	2 757.2	102.2	3.2	3.5	169.2	5.2	5.8
		60 and over	423.9	419.4	17.3	3.9	3.9	22.8	5.1	5.2
		15 and over	3 690.9	3 361.7	129.9	3.3	3.6	227.6	5.8	6.3
2021	Female	15 - 24	91.9	86.5	2.9	2.9	3.0	10.7	10.4	11.0
		25 - 59	1 609.5	1 296.0	33.6	2.0	2.5	65.3	3.9	4.8
		60 and over	163.7	157.9	4.5	2.6	2.7	6.2	3.7	3.8
		15 and over	1 865.1	1 540.4	41.0	2.1	2.5	82.2	4.2	5.1
	Male	15 - 24	86.8	86.8	4.3	4.2	4.2	15.6	15.2	15.2
		25 - 59	1 436.7	1 434.0	45.2	3.0	3.0	87.2	5.7	5.7
		60 and over	281.6	281.4	8.5	2.9	2.9	15.3	5.1	5.1
		15 and over	1 805.1	1 802.2	57.9	3.0	3.0	118.0	6.1	6.1

			Employed persons (1)	Employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1)	Underemployed persons (2)	Underemployment rate (3)	Underemployment rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (3)	Unemployed persons (4)	Unemployment rate (5)	Unemployment rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (5)
			No. ('000)	No. ('000)	No. ('000)	(%)	(%)	No. ('000)	(%)	(%)
Year	Sex	Age group								
2022	Both sexes	15 - 24	178.7	173.2	7.2	3.5	3.6	26.3	12.8	13.2
		25 - 59	3 046.1	2 730.0	78.7	2.5	2.7	152.5	4.8	5.3
		60 and over	445.3	439.4	13.0	2.8	2.8	21.5	4.6	4.7
		15 and over	3 670.2	3 342.6	98.9	2.6	2.8	200.3	5.2	5.7
	Female	15 - 24	81.9	77.6	2.6	2.9	3.0	9.2	10.1	10.6
		25 - 59	1 566.1	1 262.0	27.9	1.7	2.1	51.9	3.2	4.0
		60 and over	175.6	169.8	4.8	2.7	2.8	5.5	3.0	3.1
		15 and over	1 823.7	1 509.4	35.3	1.9	2.2	66.6	3.5	4.2
	Male	15 - 24	79.8	79.8	2.9	3.2	3.2	10.9	12.0	12.0
		25 - 59	1 405.5	1 402.7	41.0	2.8	2.8	71.5	4.8	4.8
		60 and over	304.2	304.0	8.9	2.8	2.8	14.1	4.4	4.4
		15 and over	1 789.5	1 786.5	52.8	2.8	2.8	96.5	5.1	5.1
	Both sexes	15 - 24	161.8	157.4	5.5	3.0	3.1	20.1	11.0	11.3
		25 - 59	2 971.6	2 664.6	68.9	2.2	2.5	123.4	4.0	4.4
		60 and over	479.9	473.8	13.7	2.7	2.8	19.6	3.9	4.0
		15 and over	3 613.2	3 295.9	88.1	2.3	2.5	163.1	4.3	4.7

1 Employed persons refer to those persons aged 15 and over who have been engaged in performing work for pay or profit during the 7 days before enumeration or who have had formal job attachment. Unpaid family workers and persons who were on leave/holiday during the 7 days before enumeration are included.

2 Underemployed persons refer to those who have involuntarily worked less than 35 hours during the 7 days before enumeration and have sought additional work during the 30 days before enumeration, or have not sought additional work but have been available for additional work during the 7 days before enumeration. Following this definition, employed persons taking no-pay leave due to slack work during the 7 days before enumeration are also classified as underemployed if they worked less than 35 hours during the 7-day period or were on leave for the whole 7-day period.

3 Underemployment rate refers to the proportion of underemployed persons in the labour force.

4 Unemployed persons refer to those persons aged 15 and over who fulfil the following conditions :

- (a) have not had a job and should not have performed any work for pay or profit during the 7 days before enumeration;
- (b) have been available for work during the 7 days before enumeration; and
- (c) have sought work during the 30 days before enumeration.

However, if a person aged 15 or over fulfils the conditions (a) and (b) above but has not sought work during the 30 days before enumeration because he/she believes that work is not available, he/she is still classified as unemployed, being regarded as a so-called "discouraged worker".

Notwithstanding the above, the following types of persons are also classified as unemployed :

- (a) persons without a job, have sought work but have not been available for work because of temporary sickness; and
- (b) persons without a job, have been available for work but have not sought work because they :

- (i) have made arrangements to take up a new job or to start business on a subsequent date; or
- (ii) were expecting to return to their original jobs.

Unemployed persons with a previous job by previous industry/occupation do not include first-time job-seekers and re-entrants into the labour force who were unemployed as information on previous industry/occupation of these persons is not available.

5 Unemployment rate refers to the proportion of unemployed persons in the labour force.

Source :
 General Household Survey Section (3),
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5508
 Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

- In 2022, the median duration of unemployment for unemployed persons was 79 days (females: 77 days; males: 80 days), significantly lower than 132 days (females: 128 days; males: 136 days) in 2021.

Table 5.4 : Median duration of unemployment by age group and sex

		Median duration of unemployment (1)		
		Days		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group			
2020	15 - 24	76	88	83
	25 - 59	96	103	100
	60 and over	107	108	108
	15 and over	91	101	97
2021	15 - 24	81	90	86
	25 - 59	148	145	146
	60 and over	162	161	161
	15 and over	128	136	132
2022	15 - 24	56	63	60
	25 - 59	79	81	80
	60 and over	81	85	84
	15 and over	77	80	79

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 - (i) have made arrangements to take up a new job or to start business on a subsequent date; or
 - (ii) were expecting to return to their original jobs.

Source :
 General Household Survey Section (3),
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5508
 Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

- Among employed persons, the median monthly employment earnings of females increased from \$15,000 in 2021 to \$15,300 in 2022, while that of males increased from \$20,000 in 2021 to \$21,000 in 2022. Analysed by occupation, the yearly growth in the median monthly employment earnings of plant and machine operators and assemblers was the highest for both sexes, increased by 15.4% and 9.4% for females and males respectively.

Chart 5.5 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by occupation of main employment and sex, 2022

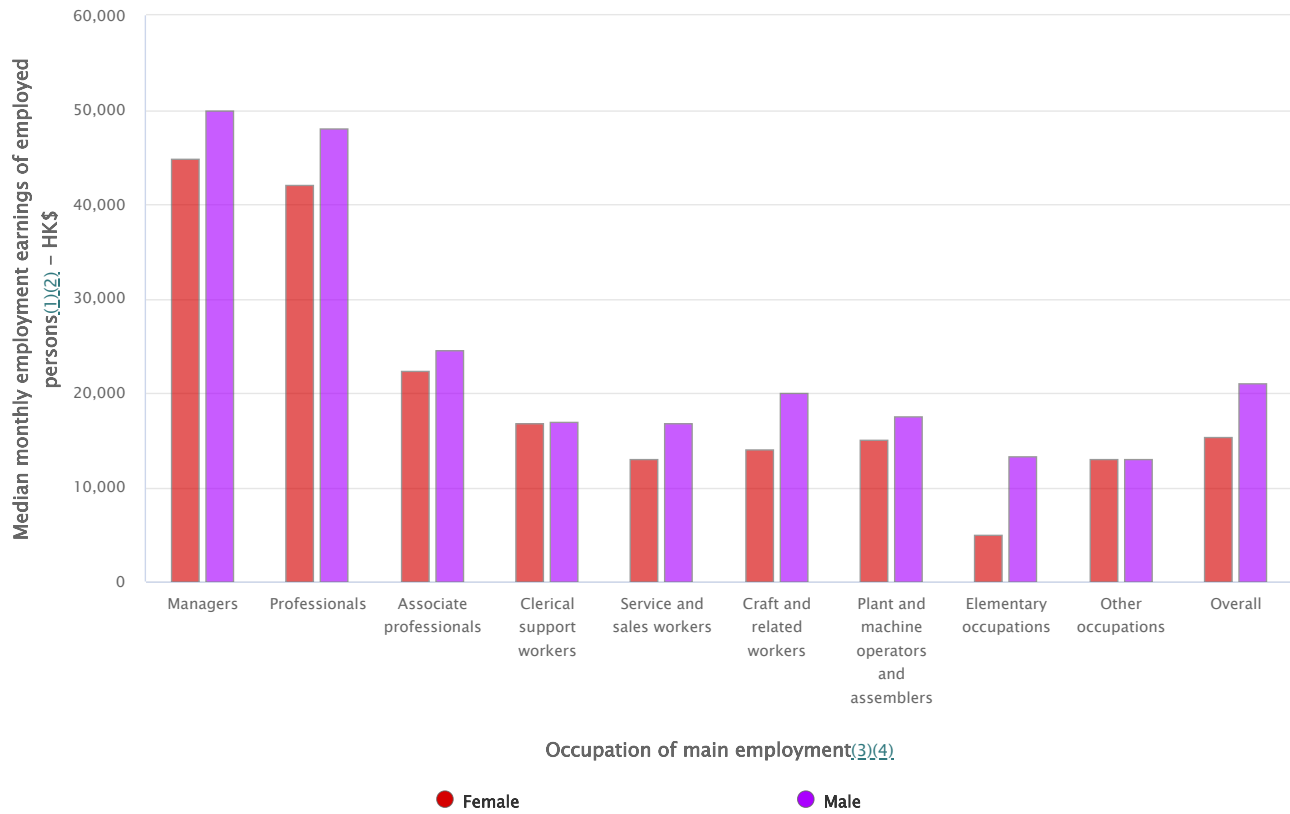


Table 5.5 : Median monthly employment earnings by occupation of main employment and sex

		Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons (1) (2)			Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1) (2)		
		HK\$			HK\$		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Occupation of main employment (3) (4)						
2020	Managers	42,000	45,000	44,700	42,000	45,000	44,700
	Professionals	40,000	47,800	45,000	40,000	47,800	45,000
	Associate professionals	21,700	23,000	22,000	21,700	23,000	22,000
	Clerical support workers	15,500	16,000	15,800	15,500	16,000	15,800
	Service and sales workers	12,000	15,000	13,400	12,000	15,000	13,500
	Craft and related workers	12,000	18,000	18,000	12,000	18,000	18,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	13,000	15,200	15,000	13,500	15,300	15,000
	Elementary occupations	4,600	13,000	5,000	10,000	13,000	11,000
	Other occupations	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
	Overall	15,000	20,000	17,800	17,000	20,000	19,000
2021	Managers	42,000	47,000	45,000	42,000	47,000	45,000
	Professionals	41,700	46,000	45,000	41,700	46,000	45,000
	Associate professionals	21,900	23,500	22,700	21,900	23,500	22,700
	Clerical support workers	16,000	17,000	16,100	16,000	17,000	16,100
	Service and sales workers	12,200	16,000	14,000	12,500	16,000	14,000
	Craft and related workers	13,000	19,000	18,200	13,000	19,000	18,200
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	13,000	16,000	16,000	13,000	16,000	16,000
	Elementary occupations	4,700	13,000	5,500	11,000	13,000	12,000
	Other occupations	13,000	12,500	12,500	13,000	12,500	13,000
	Overall	15,000	20,000	18,000	17,500	20,000	20,000
2022	Managers	44,800	50,000	47,200	44,800	50,000	47,200
	Professionals	42,000	48,000	45,000	42,000	48,000	45,000
	Associate professionals	22,400	24,500	23,700	22,400	24,500	23,700
	Clerical support workers	16,800	17,000	17,000	16,800	17,000	17,000
	Service and sales workers	13,000	16,800	14,700	13,000	16,900	15,000
	Craft and related workers	14,000	20,000	20,000	14,000	20,000	20,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	15,000	17,500	17,000	15,000	17,500	17,200
	Elementary occupations	5,000	13,300	5,900	11,100	13,500	12,000
	Other occupations	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,100	13,000	13,000
	Overall	15,300	21,000	19,000	18,000	21,000	20,000

- 1 Monthly employment earnings (before deduction of Mandatory Provident Fund contributions) refer to earnings from all jobs during the month before enumeration. For employees, they include wage and salary, bonus, commission, tips, housing allowance, overtime allowance, attendance allowance and other cash allowances. However, back pays are excluded. For employers and self-employed, they refer to amounts drawn from the self-owned enterprise for personal and household use. If information on the amounts drawn for personal and household use is not available, data on net earnings from business would be collected instead.
- 2 Employed persons refer to those persons aged 15 and over who have been engaged in performing work for pay or profit during the 7 days before enumeration or who have had formal job attachment. Unpaid family workers and persons who were on leave/holiday during the 7 days before enumeration are included.
- 3 Main employment refers to the job on which a person spent most of his/her time if he/she had more than one job at the time of enumeration. All other jobs were regarded as secondary employment.
- 4 Occupation refers to the kind of work, nature of duties and main task performed by a person in his/her main job during the 7 days before enumeration. The General Household Survey follows the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) to classify the occupation of an employed person or the previous occupation of an unemployed person. It has been enhanced since January to March 2022 to follow the International Standard Classification of Occupations 2008 (ISCO-08) more closely. The above statistics are compiled based on the revised classification scheme. Figures under this classification are not directly comparable to figures under other classifications.

Source :
 General Household Survey Section (3),
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5508
 Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

6. Social Welfare

- The number of female CSSA recipients was in general more than that of male recipients. The total number of female CSSA recipients was 155 734 in 2022, higher than their male counterparts of 132 204. Both recorded a decrease as compared with 2021 (females: 165 022; males: 141 355).
- Analysed by type of case, the numbers of female CSSA recipients in the “old age” and “single parent” categories were obviously higher than those of males, mainly due to more elderly females (Table 2.1) and female single parents (Table 3.1) than males. In 2022, there were 71 964 and 35 141 female CSSA recipients in “old age” and “single parent” categories respectively, with the corresponding figures of 62 654 and 19 087 for male CSSA recipients.

Chart 6.1 : Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of case and sex, 2022

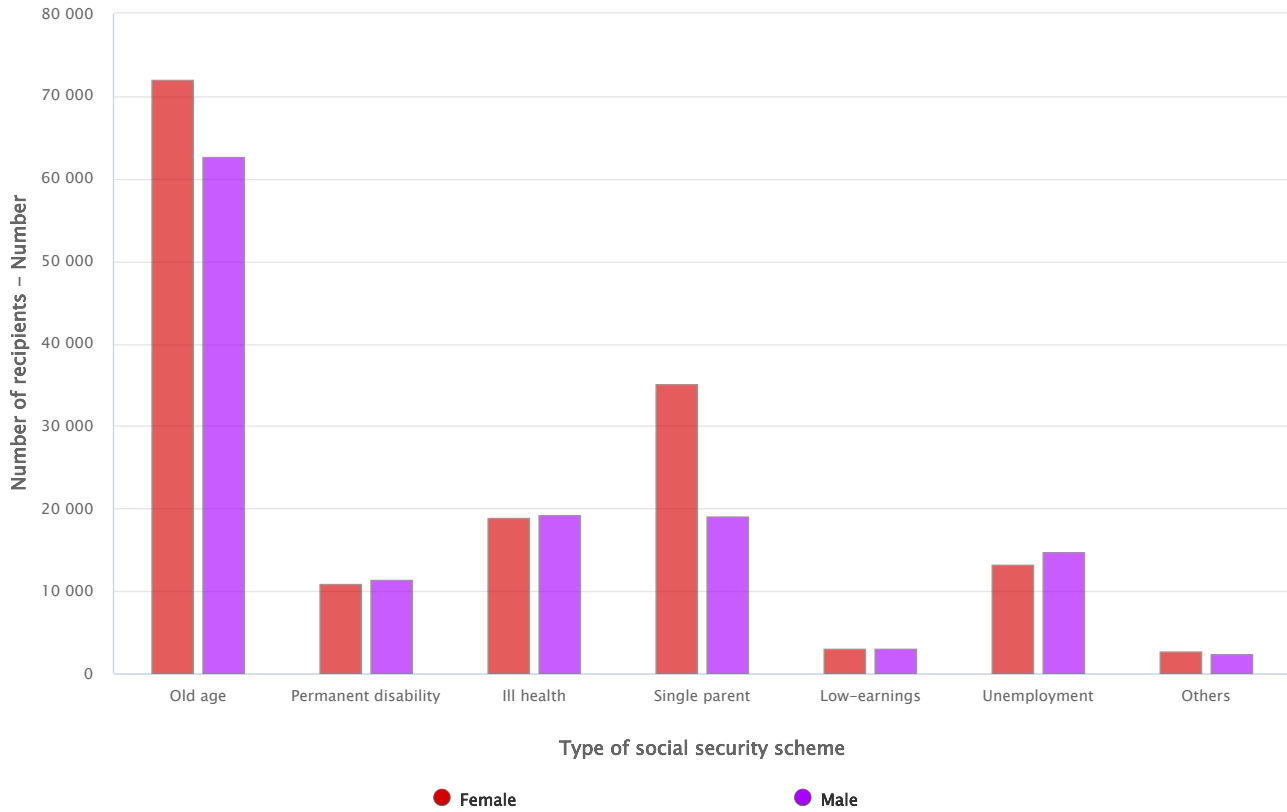


Table 6.1 : Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of case and sex

			Number of recipients		
			Number		
		Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Type of social security scheme				
2020	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (1)	Old age	81 587	72 266	153 853
		Permanent disability	11 152	11 771	22 923
		Ill health	18 685	19 200	37 885
		Single parent	38 722	21 384	60 106
		Low-earnings	4 137	4 027	8 164
		Unemployment	14 244	16 399	30 643
		Others	3 031	2 595	5 626
		Total	171 558	147 642	319 200
2021	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (1)	Old age	77 096	68 005	145 101
		Permanent disability	11 115	11 686	22 801
		Ill health	18 985	19 501	38 486
		Single parent	37 567	20 591	58 158
		Low-earnings	3 632	3 582	7 214
		Unemployment	13 784	15 477	29 261
		Others	2 843	2 513	5 356
		Total	165 022	141 355	306 377
2022	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (1)	Old age	71 964	62 654	134 618
		Permanent disability	10 892	11 296	22 188
		Ill health	18 854	19 140	37 994
		Single parent	35 141	19 087	54 228
		Low-earnings	2 985	2 969	5 954
		Unemployment	13 203	14 669	27 872
		Others	2 695	2 389	5 084
		Total	155 734	132 204	287 938

1 Figures are as at end of the year. It should be noted that CSSA is assessed on a household basis and cases are categorised according to the principal reason of receiving CSSA. As such, recipients under a specific category could not be entirely treated as having the same characteristics as indicated by the nature of the case. For example, some recipients under the old age category may be non-elderly members in the household.

Source :
 Research and Statistics Section,
 Social Welfare Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2892 5242
 Enquiry e-mail : rsenq@swd.gov.hk)

- The number of females receiving SSA rose from 609 217 in 2021 to 642 901 in 2022, while that of their male counterparts also increased from 515 543 to 543 514 during the same period.

Chart 6.2 : Persons receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) by type of scheme and sex, 2022

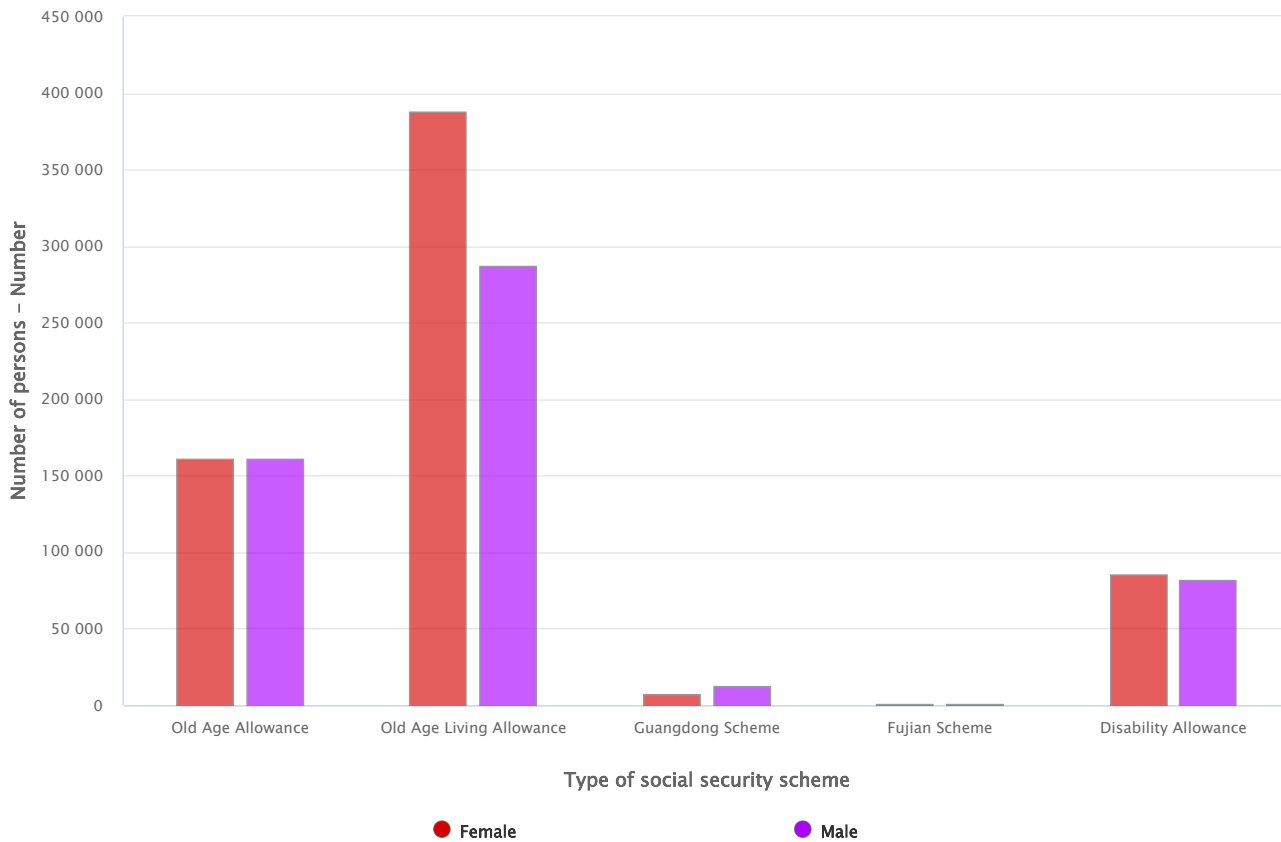


Table 6.2 : Persons receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) by type of scheme and sex

		Number of persons			
		Number			
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	
Year	Type of social security scheme				
2020	Social Security Allowance (SSA) (1)	Old Age Allowance	143 322	143 207	286 529
		Old Age Living Allowance	343 946	253 937	597 883
		Guangdong Scheme	7 200	12 085	19 285
		Fujian Scheme	972	974	1 946
		Disability Allowance	80 726	76 852	157 578
		Total	576 166	487 055	1 063 221
2021	Social Security Allowance (SSA) (1)	Old Age Allowance	153 833	154 263	308 096
		Old Age Living Allowance	363 113	267 848	630 961
		Guangdong Scheme	7 266	12 264	19 530
		Fujian Scheme	1 001	958	1 959
		Disability Allowance	84 004	80 210	164 214
		Total	609 217	515 543	1 124 760
2022	Social Security Allowance (SSA) (1)	Old Age Allowance	161 028	161 402	322 430
		Old Age Living Allowance	387 990	286 745	674 735
		Guangdong Scheme	7 624	12 801	20 425
		Fujian Scheme	1 031	1 003	2 034
		Disability Allowance	85 228	81 563	166 791
		Total	642 901	543 514	1 186 415

1 Figures are as at end of the year. Figures include persons whose cases are under processing and payments have not been made.

Source :
 Research and Statistics Section,
 Social Welfare Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2892 5242
 Enquiry e-mail : rsenq@swd.gov.hk)

7. Medical and Health

- The numbers of inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority (HA) hospitals for females and males were 828 734 and 812 199 (provisional figures) in 2022, representing a decrease of 10.2% and 8.3% from 2021 respectively.
- Besides, the specialist outpatient attendances (Psychiatric Specialty) of HA hospitals for females reduced by 3.2% from 585 323 in 2021 to 566 314 (provisional figure) in 2022, whereas that for males fell by 4.6% from 392 036 in 2021 to 374 026 (provisional figure) in 2022.

Chart 7.1-A : Inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority (HA) hospitals by sex

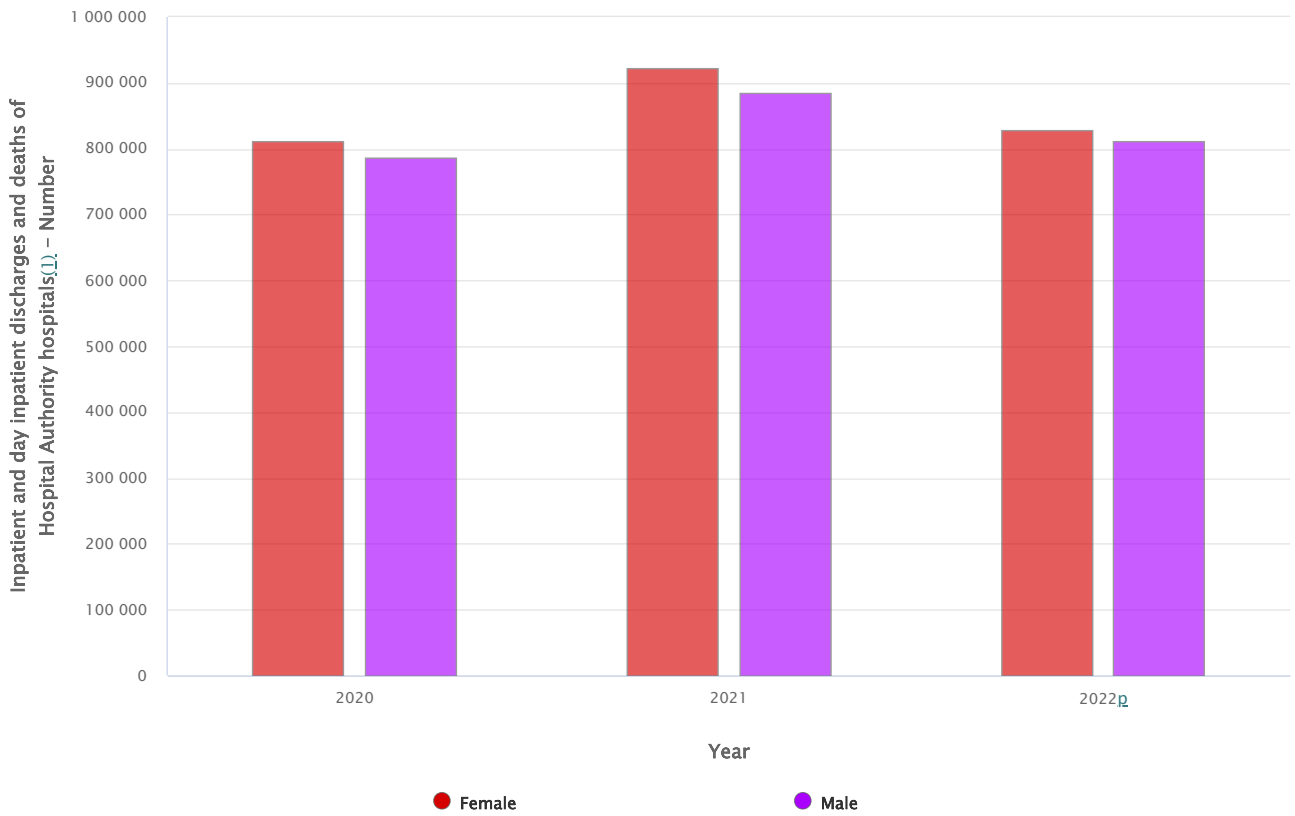


Chart 7.1-B : Specialist outpatient attendances (Psychiatric Specialty) of Hospital Authority (HA) hospitals by sex

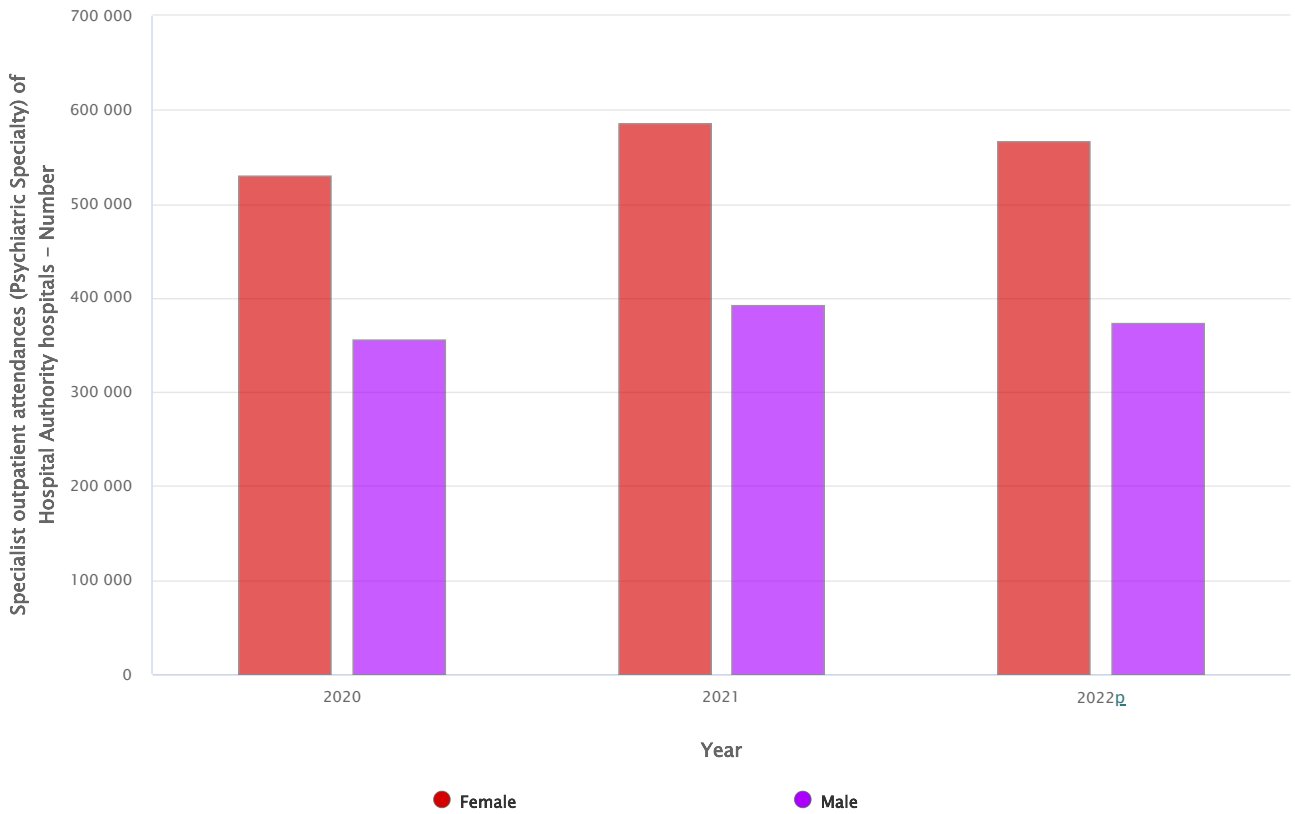


Table 7.1 : Discharges and deaths and attendances of Hospital Authority (HA) hospitals by age group and sex

		Inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority hospitals (1)			Specialist outpatient attendances (Psychiatric Specialty) of Hospital Authority hospitals		
		Number			Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2020	0 - 14	44 777	56 327	101 104	17 211	50 718	67 929
	15 - 24	21 725	18 295	40 020	34 552	31 681	66 233
	25 - 64	392 121	320 294	712 415	339 497	203 643	543 140
	65 and over	352 458	391 423	743 881	138 505	69 936	208 441
	Unknown (2)	-	-	85	-	-	1
	Total	811 081	786 339	1 597 505	529 765	355 978	885 744
2021	0 - 14	46 086	58 348	104 434	23 823	66 102	89 925
	15 - 24	23 527	20 386	43 913	43 722	37 326	81 048
	25 - 64	440 200	355 644	795 844	362 297	211 638	573 935
	65 and over	413 490	451 523	865 013	155 481	76 970	232 451
	Unknown (2)	-	-	56	-	-	1
	Total	923 303	885 901	1 809 260	585 323	392 036	977 360
2022 ^p	0 - 14	41 889	53 157	95 046	22 478	59 543	82 021
	15 - 24	19 124	16 486	35 610	42 624	35 784	78 408
	25 - 64	375 147	308 112	683 259	344 470	202 028	546 498
	65 and over	392 574	434 444	827 018	156 742	76 671	233 413
	Unknown (2)	-	-	69	-	-	2
	Total	828 734	812 199	1 641 002	566 314	374 026	940 342

In view of the emergence of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic in Hong Kong since early 2020, Hospital Authority (HA) has adjusted its services in response to the epidemic. This should be taken into account when comparing the throughput of services provided by HA across the years.

- 1 Referring to discharges on an episode basis and deaths. In HA, day inpatients refer to those who are admitted into hospitals for non-emergency treatment and who are discharged within the same day. Inpatients are those who are admitted into hospitals via Accident & Emergency Department or those who have stayed for more than one day.
- 2 Referring to the number of discharges and deaths and specialist outpatient cases with unknown age or sex.
- Not applicable
- p Provisional figure

Source :

Hospital Authority

(Enquiry telephone no. : 2300 6555

Enquiry e-mail : enquiry@ha.org.hk)

- The major cause of death for both females and males was malignant neoplasms (cancers). In 2021, the standardised mortality rates (i.e. number of registered deaths per 100 000 standard population) of malignant neoplasms for females and males were 70.4 and 113.4 respectively.

Chart 7.2 : Standardised cause-specific mortality rate by major cause of death and sex, 2021

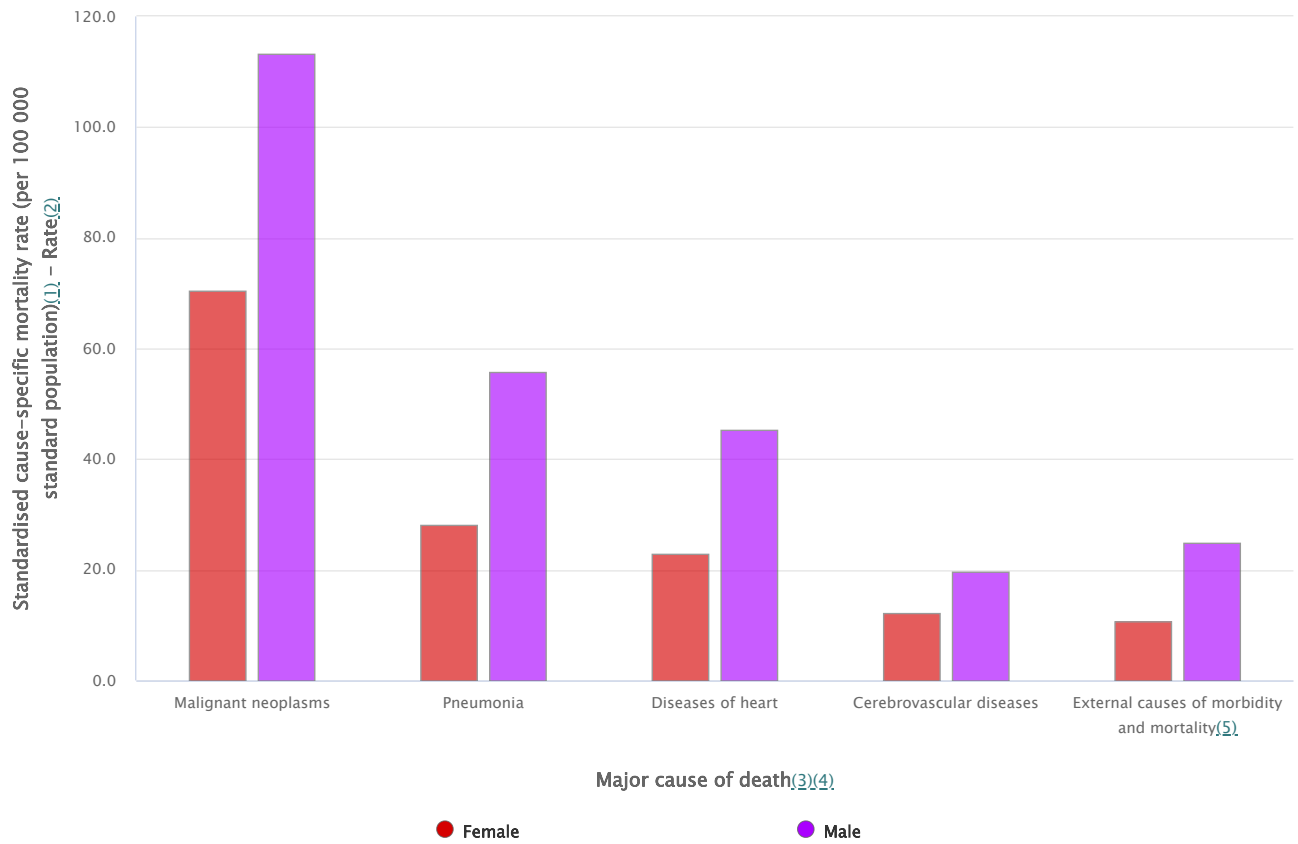


Table 7.2 : Standardised cause-specific mortality rate by major cause of death and sex

		Standardised cause-specific mortality rate (per 100 000 standard population) (1)	
		Rate (2)	
Sex		Female	Male
Year	Major cause of death (3) (4)		
2019	Malignant neoplasms	72.2	119.1
	Pneumonia	29.3	57.1
	Diseases of heart	22.0	45.2
	Cerebrovascular diseases	12.1	19.9
	External causes of morbidity and mortality (5)	9.7	24.2
	All causes	198.7	358.9
2020	Malignant neoplasms	70.3	115.4
	Pneumonia	29.1	54.6
	Diseases of heart	23.6	45.9
	Cerebrovascular diseases	13.0	20.7
	External causes of morbidity and mortality (5)	11.4	25.2
	All causes	205.0	357.2
2021	Malignant neoplasms	70.4	113.4
	Pneumonia	28.2	55.7
	Diseases of heart	22.8	45.2
	Cerebrovascular diseases	12.2	19.7
	External causes of morbidity and mortality (5)	10.6	24.9
	All causes	202.1	350.2

- 1 Standardised mortality rates are compiled based on the world standard population specified in GPE Discussion Paper Series: No.31, EIP/GPE/EBD, World Health Organization, 2001.
- 2 Standardised mortality rate refers to the number of registered deaths per 100 000 standard population.
- 3 Ranking according to the number of total registered deaths in 2021.
- 4 Classification of diseases and causes of death is based on the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) 10th Revision.
- 5 According to the ICD 10th Revision, when the morbid condition is classifiable under Chapter XIX as "injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes", the codes under Chapter XX for "external causes of morbidity and mortality" should be used as the primary cause of death.

Source :
 Health Statistics Division,
 Department of Health
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2961 8569
 Enquiry e-mail : enquiries@dh.gov.hk)

- Among the top ten most common cancers in 2020, the three leading cancers for females were breast cancer (4 956 new cases), colorectal cancer (2 182 new cases) and lung cancer (2 170 new cases), together accounting for 53.3% of all female new cancer cases. The total number of new cancer cases in females was 17 476 in 2020, a slight increase of 0.5% as compared with 2019.

Chart 7.3 : Top ten new cancer cases in females, 2020

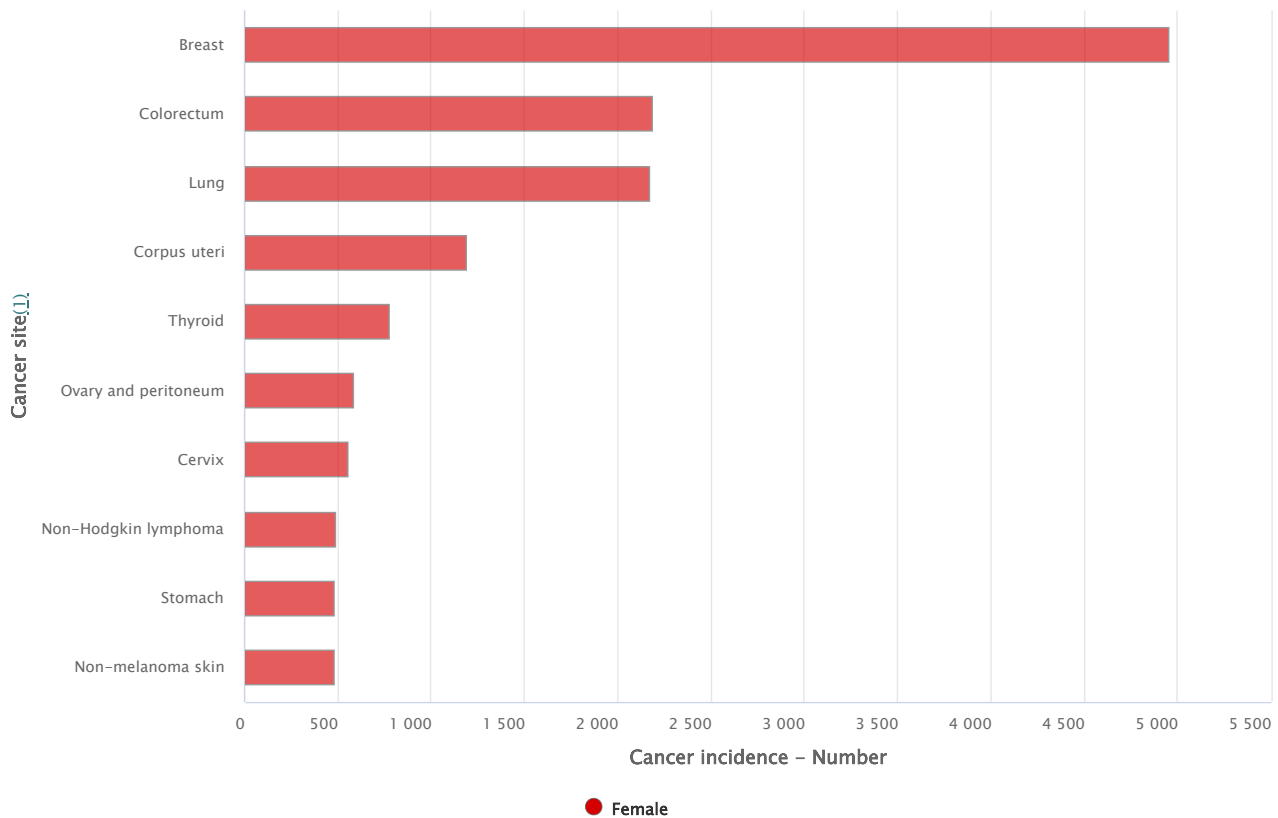


Table 7.3 : Cancer incidence in females by selected major cancer sites

		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2018	2019	2020
Sex	Cancer site (1)			
Female	All cancer sites	16 988	17 397	17 476
	Breast	4 618	4 761	4 956
	Colorectum	2 375	2 320	2 182
	Lung	2 007	2 151	2 170
	Corpus uteri	1 165	1 198	1 186
	Thyroid	806	823	775
	Ovary and peritoneum	664	732	585
	Cervix	582	520	556
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	441	431	486
	Stomach	538	544	482
	Non-melanoma skin	531	517	481

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in 2020.

Source :
Hong Kong Cancer Registry,
Hospital Authority
(URL: www3.ha.org.hk/cancereg)

- As for males, the three leading cancers were lung cancer (3 252 new cases), colorectal cancer (2 905 new cases) and prostate cancer (2 315 new cases), together accounting for 50.7% of all male new cancer cases. The total number of new cancer cases in males was 16 703 in 2020, a decrease of 5.6% as compared with 2019.

Chart 7.4 : Top ten new cancer cases in males, 2020

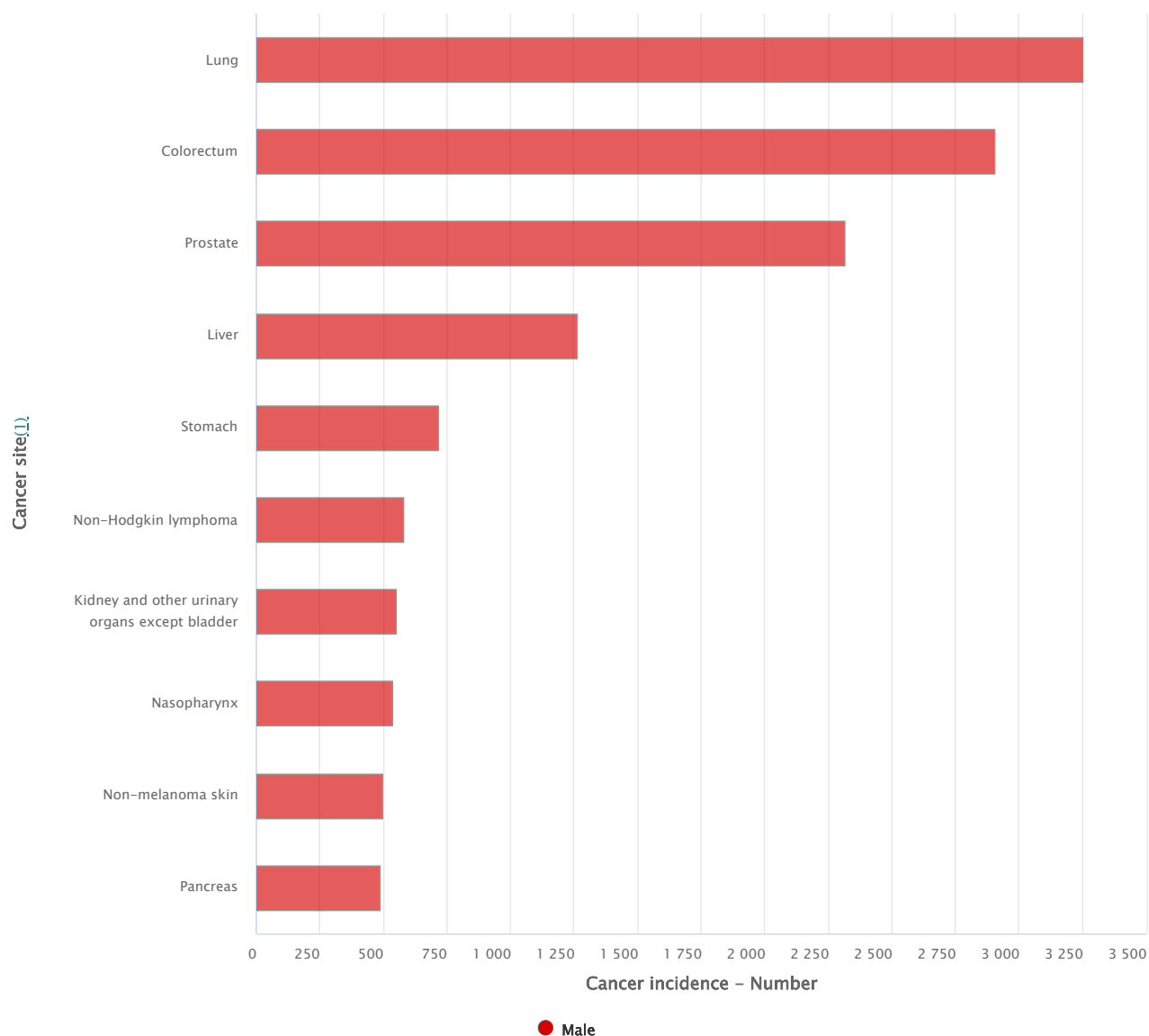


Table 7.4 : Cancer incidence in males by selected major cancer sites

		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2018	2019	2020
Sex	Cancer site (1)			
Male	All cancer sites	17 040	17 685	16 703
	Lung	3 245	3 424	3 252
	Colorectum	3 259	3 236	2 905
	Prostate	2 204	2 532	2 315
	Liver	1 359	1 448	1 261
	Stomach	739	759	715
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	567	589	582
	Kidney and other urinary organs except bladder	513	564	550
	Nasopharynx	634	588	535
	Non-melanoma skin	576	564	499
	Pancreas	475	530	487

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in 2020.

Source :
 Hong Kong Cancer Registry,
 Hospital Authority
 (URL: www3.ha.org.hk/cancereg)

8. Crime and Justice

- In 2022, the number of males arrested for crime was 20 480, which was about 2.5 times that of females (8 349). The numbers of males and females arrested for crime in 2022 were both lowered as compared with 2021 (males: 20 858; females: 8 360).

Chart 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

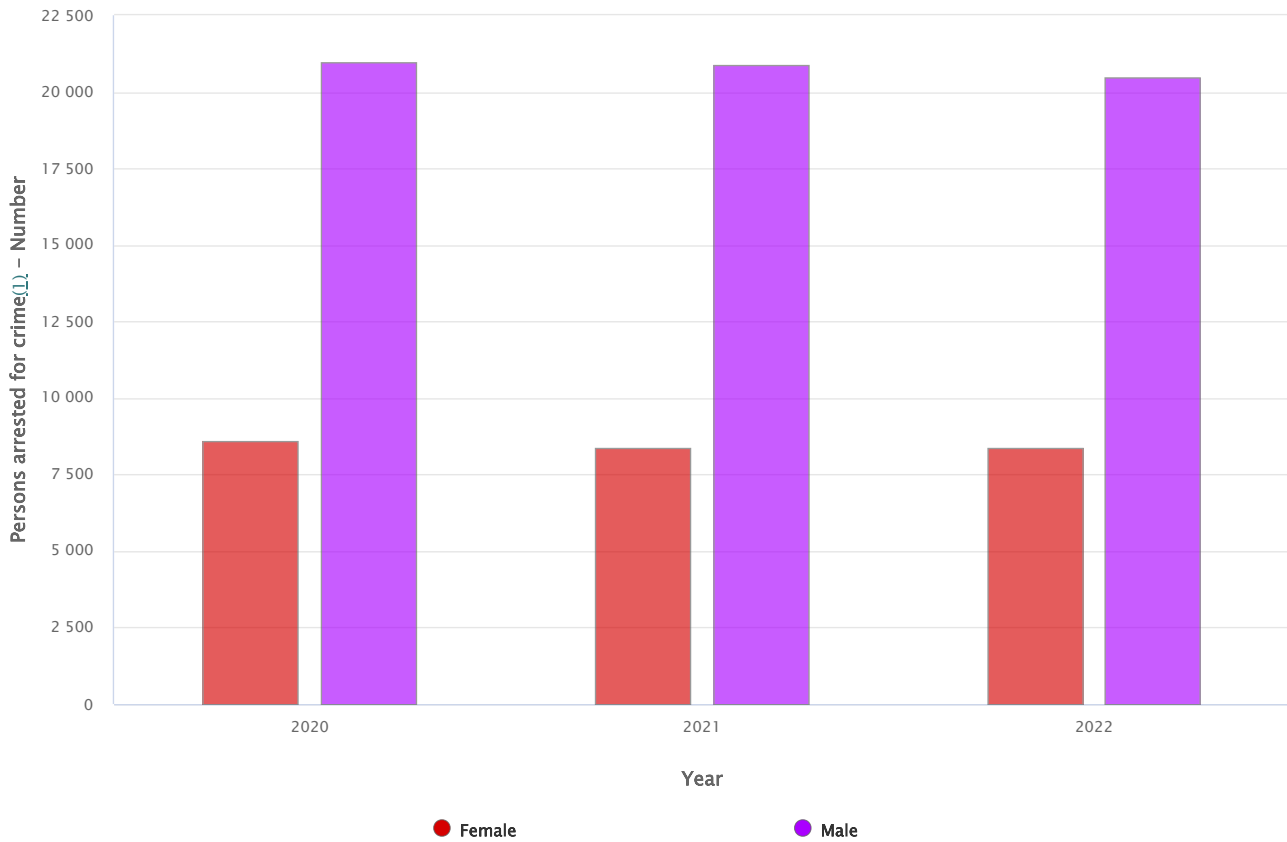


Table 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

	Persons arrested for crime (1)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2020	8 607	20 958	29 565
2021	8 360	20 858	29 218
2022	8 349	20 480	28 829

1 Referring to reported crimes.

Source :
 Statistics Office,
 Hong Kong Police Force
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2860 8448
 Enquiry e-mail : stat-statistics-office-crm@police.gov.hk)

- A total of 7 209 admissions of sentenced persons to the correctional institutions was registered in 2022, of which 1 893 were females and 5 316 were males, representing a decrease of 10.2% and 16.0% from 2021.
- Drug abuse was more common among males than females. In 2022, there were 1 127 reported female drug abusers as against 4 108 male drug abusers. As compared with 2021, the numbers of reported drug abusers dropped by 13.0% and 14.4% for females and males respectively.

Chart 8.2-A : Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions by sex

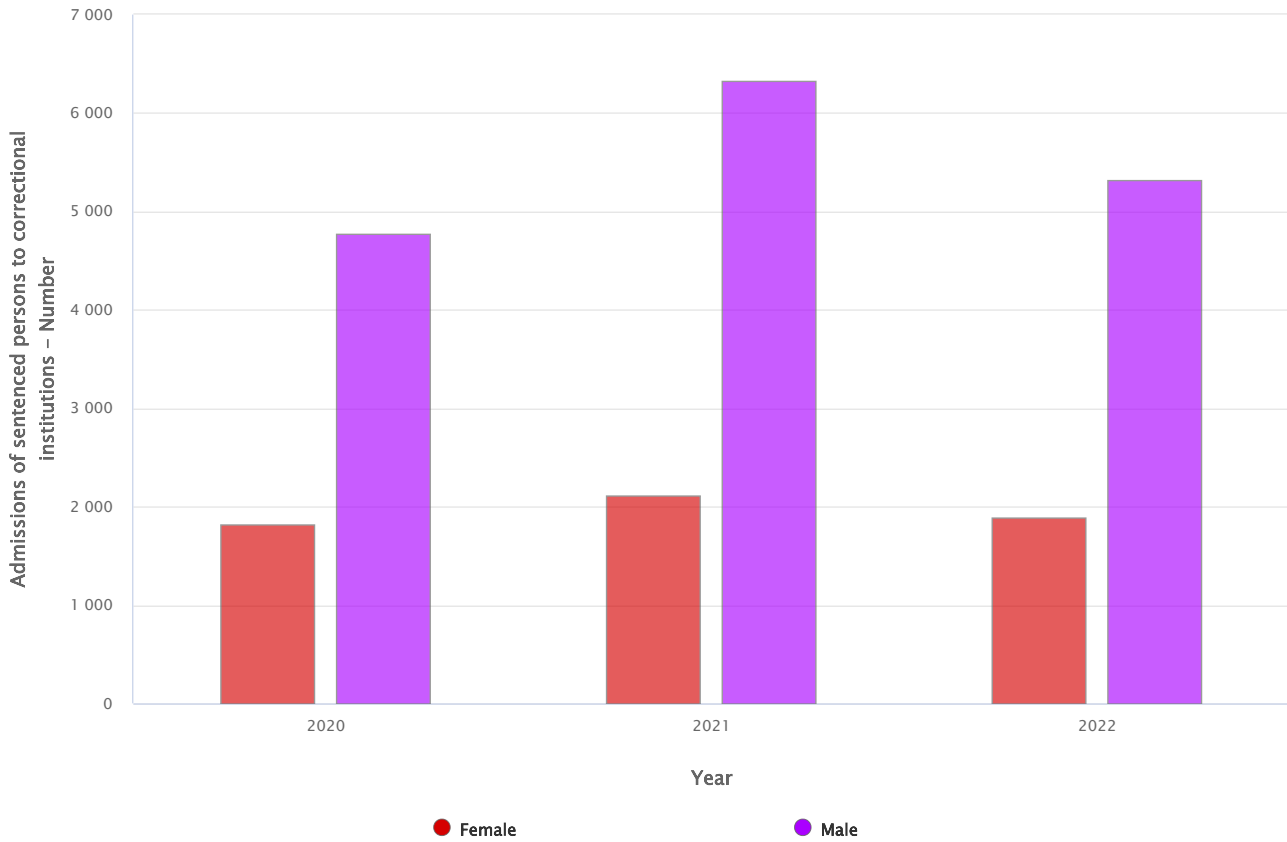


Chart 8.2-B : Reported drug abusers by sex

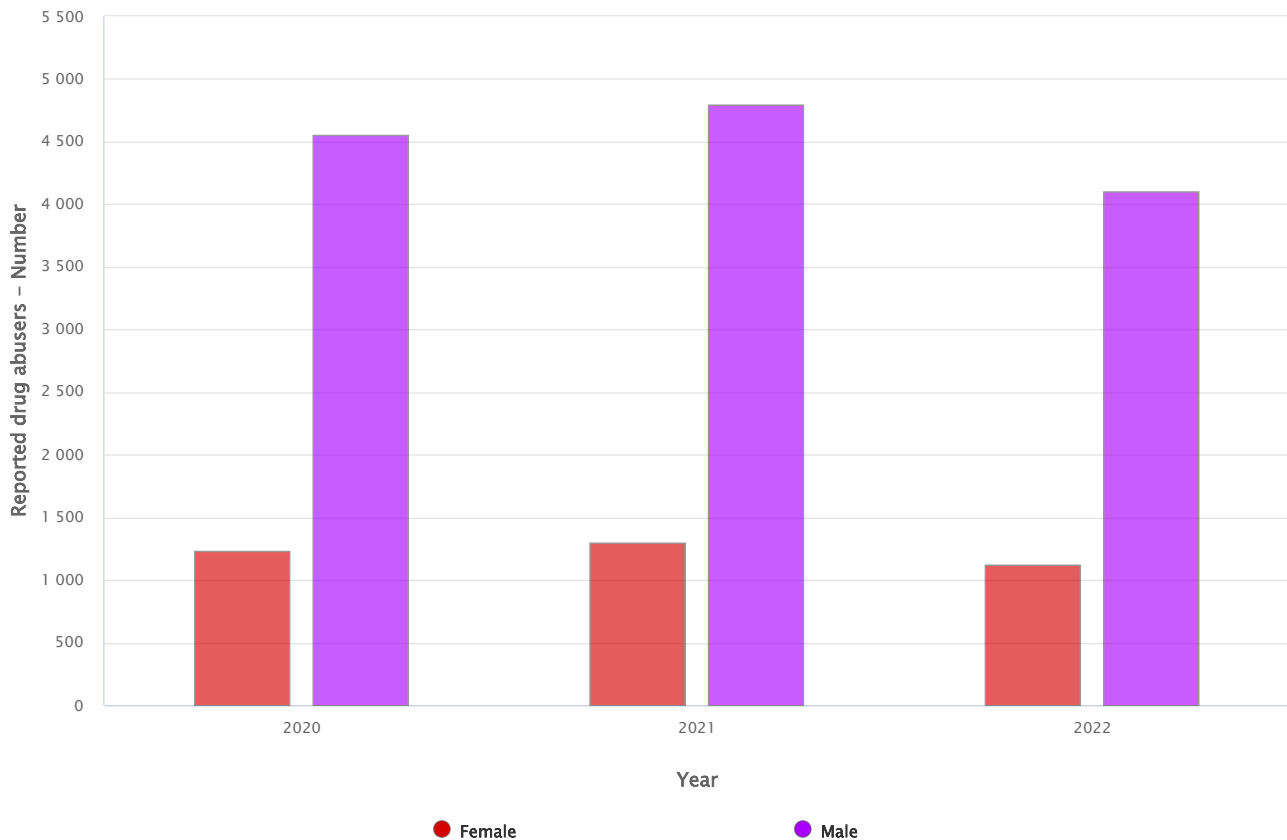


Table 8.2 : Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions and reported drug abusers by age group and sex

		Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions			Reported drug abusers		
		Number			Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2020	0 - 20	23	189	212	183	426	609
	21 - 44	1 057	2 797	3 854	730	2 232	2 962
	45 - 59	609	1 370	1 979	271	1 265	1 536
	60 and over	126	423	549	47	628	675
	Total	1 815	4 779	6 594	1 231	4 551	5 782
2021	0 - 20	43	408	451	251	637	888
	21 - 44	1 253	3 598	4 851	705	2 322	3 027
	45 - 59	650	1 724	2 374	297	1 289	1 586
	60 and over	163	595	758	42	552	594
	Total	2 109	6 325	8 434	1 295	4 800	6 095
2022	0 - 20	50	302	352	200	518	718
	21 - 44	1 075	3 079	4 154	638	1 889	2 527
	45 - 59	607	1 412	2 019	236	1 142	1 378
	60 and over	161	523	684	53	559	612
	Total	1 893	5 316	7 209	1 127	4 108	5 235

Sources :
 Statistics Section,
 Correctional Services Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 3971 0432
 Enquiry e-mail : email@csd.gov.hk)

Statistics Unit, Security Bureau,
 Government Secretariat
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2867 1071
 Enquiry e-mail : sb_stat@sb.gov.hk)

9. Pattern of Participation in Public Affairs

- There were more male than female candidates who stood for election as members of different Government Councils. In the 2021 Legislative Council General Election, the number of male candidates was 126, higher than their female counterparts of 27. As for the 2019 District Council Ordinary Election, the number of male candidates was 879, higher than their female counterparts of 225.
- Similarly, the number of male elected members outnumbered female elected members in different Government Councils. In the 2021 Legislative Council General Election, the number of male elected members was 73, higher than their female counterparts of 17. As for the 2019 District Council Ordinary Election, the number of male elected members was 364, higher than their female counterparts of 88.

Table 9.1 : Candidates, elected members and appointed members in Government Councils (based on election year) by sex

		Candidates			Elected members			Appointed members		
		Number			Number			Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Type of election									
2011	District Council	163	752	915	79	333	412	10	58	68
2012	Legislative Council	56	231	287	11	59	70	-	-	-
2015	District Council	181	754	935	79	352	431	-	-	-
2016	Legislative Council	53	245	298	12	58	70	-	-	-
2019	District Council	225	879	1 104	88	364	452	-	-	-
2021	Legislative Council	27	126	153	17	73	90	-	-	-

By-election figures are not included.

- Not applicable

Sources :

Registration and Electoral Office

(Enquiry telephone no. : 2891 1001

Enquiry e-mail : reoenq@reo.gov.hk)

Home and Youth Affairs Bureau,

Government Secretariat

(Enquiry telephone no. : 3509 8001

Enquiry e-mail : eo_ha_1_4@hyab.gov.hk)

- In the civil service, the numbers of female and male directorate officers increased from 555 and 819 in mid-2021 to 572 and 820 respectively in mid-2022. The proportion of female directorate officers increased slightly from 40.4% in mid-2021 to 41.1% in mid-2022, while that of males decreased slightly from 59.6% in mid-2021 to 58.9% in mid-2022.
- As for non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies, the number of females rose from 1 835 in 2021 to 1 844 in 2022, whereas that of males dropped from 4 022 to 3 942 during the same period.

Chart 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service by sex

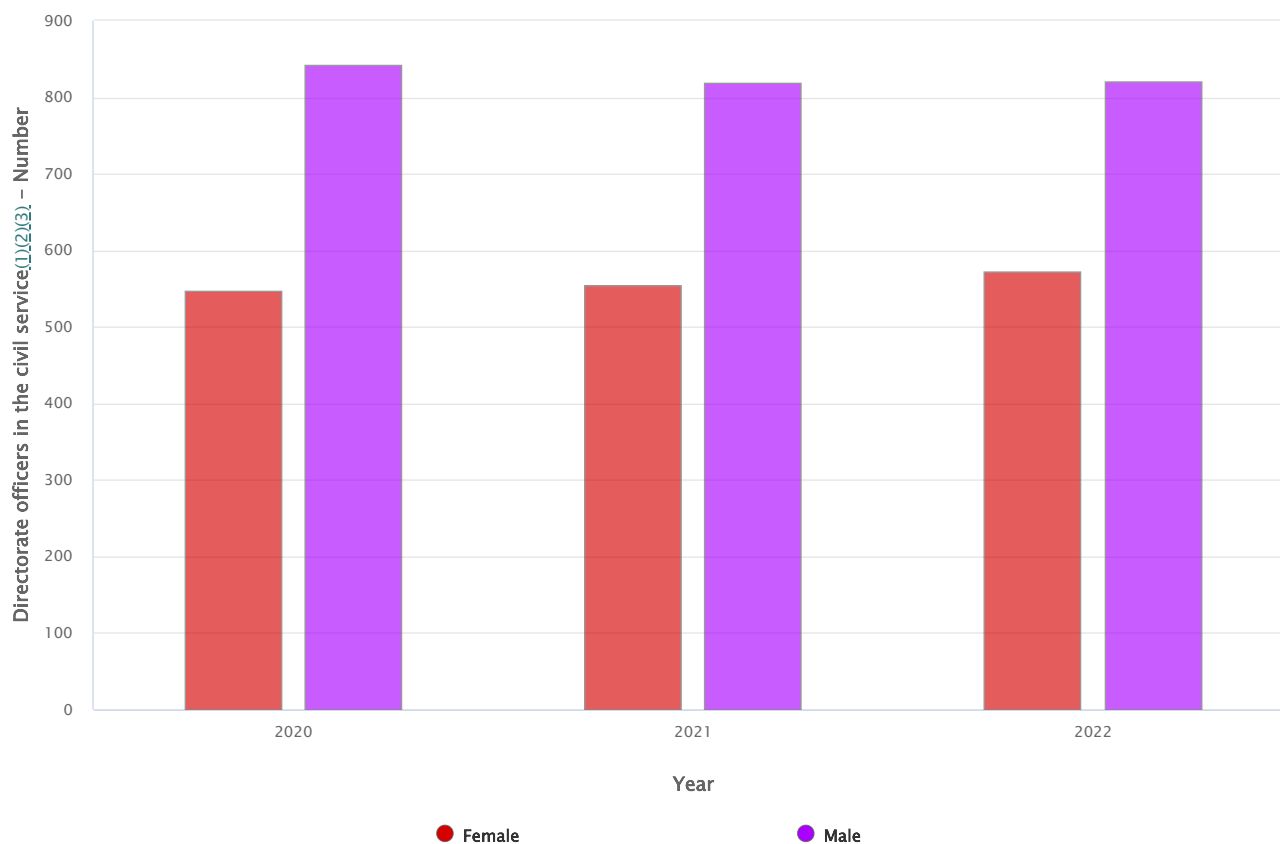


Table 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service and non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies by sex

	Directorate officers in the civil service (1) (2) (3)			Non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies (4)		
	Number			Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year						
2020	547	843	1 390	1 843	4 245	6 088
2021	555	819	1 374	1 835	4 022	5 857
2022	572	820	1 392	1 844	3 942	5 786

1 Figures are as at 1 July of each year.

2 Civil servants refer to persons who are employed on civil service terms of appointment on the survey reference date.

3 Figures exclude directorate officers on Independent Commission Against Corruption Pay Scale.

4 These persons included ex-officio, co-opted and elected members, representatives of relevant organisations, members appointed by organisations under the relevant ordinances and members appointed by the Government.

Sources :

Statistics Unit,

Civil Service Bureau

(Enquiry telephone no. : 2810 3551

Enquiry e-mail : csbsu@csb.gov.hk)

Home and Youth Affairs Bureau,

Government Secretariat

(Enquiry telephone no. : 3509 8001

Enquiry e-mail : eo_ha_1_4@hyab.gov.hk)

- For the number of civil servants as a whole, there were 173 664 civil servants in end-2022, of which 67 231 were females and 106 433 were males.

Chart 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

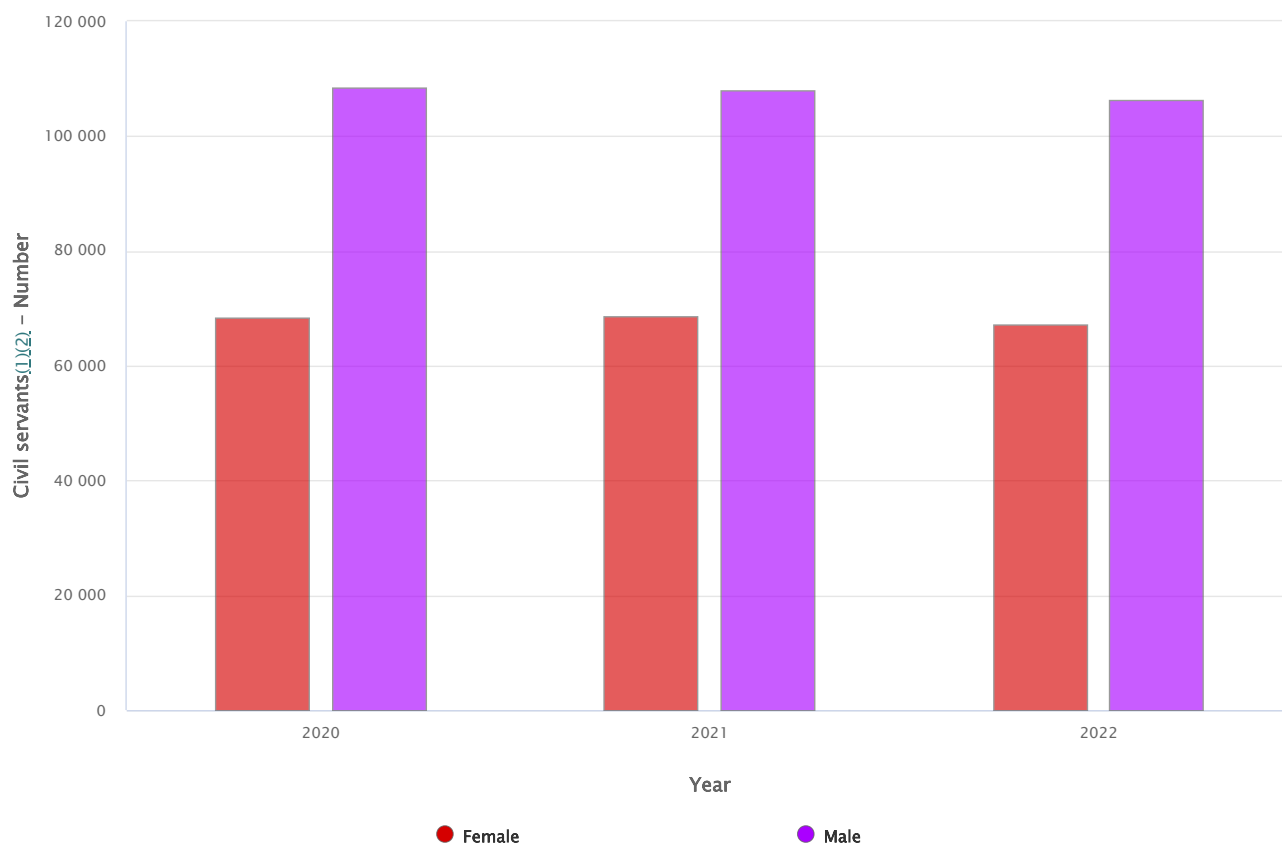


Table 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

	Civil servants (1) (2)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2020	68 480	108 478	176 958
2021	68 633	107 985	176 618
2022	67 231	106 433	173 664

1 Civil servants refer to persons who are employed on civil service terms of appointment as at the survey reference date. Independent Commission Against Corruption officers, judicial officers, locally engaged staff working in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices outside Hong Kong, and other government employees like Non-Civil Service Contract staff are excluded.

2 Figures refer to the end of December of the year.

Source :
 Employment Statistics and Central Register of Establishments Section,
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2582 5076
 Enquiry e-mail : employment@censtatd.gov.hk)

10. Information Technology Usage

- In 2022, among persons aged 10 and over who had used personal computer during the 12 months before enumeration (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 2 652 800 females and 2 494 600 males, showing an increase of 1.1% and 1.7% respectively as compared with 2021.
- As for smartphone penetration, among persons aged 10 and over who had a smartphone (excluding foreign domestic helpers) in 2022, there were 3 262 100 females and 2 973 900 males having a smartphone in 2022, representing an increase of 4.4% and 3.5% respectively as compared with 2021.
- For the Internet penetration, among persons aged 10 and over who had used the Internet during the 12 months before enumeration (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 3 189 400 females and 2 948 800 in 2022, denoting an increase of 2.0% and 2.3% respectively as compared with 2021.

Table 10.1 : Persons aged 10 and over who had used the Internet, personal computer (PC) and had a smartphone by age group and sex

Type of information technology usage / activity		Number of persons									
		No. ('000)									
Sex		Had used the Internet (1)			Had used personal computer (PC) (2) (3)			Had a smartphone (4)			
		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	
Year	Age group										
2020	10 and over	10 - 19	284.9	296.8	581.7	284.9	296.4	581.3	264.9	268.1	532.9
		20 - 39	939.8	876.2	1 816.1	910.1	844.5	1 754.6	939.4	875.6	1 815.0
		40 - 59	1 201.5	990.4	2 191.8	1 057.4	887.7	1 945.1	1 200.4	989.0	2 189.3
		60 and over	701.3	722.7	1 424.0	433.2	481.2	914.3	719.0	735.6	1 454.6
		10 and over	3 127.5	2 886.2	6 013.6	2 685.6	2 509.7	5 195.3	3 123.6	2 868.2	5 991.8
2021	10 and over	10 - 19	278.7	288.5	567.2	277.9	288.5	566.4	254.5	261.6	516.1
		20 - 39	903.3	849.5	1 752.7	875.8	820.3	1 696.0	902.5	849.7	1 752.2
		40 - 59	1 190.9	967.0	2 158.0	1 022.5	851.1	1 873.6	1 191.4	966.6	2 158.0
		60 and over	754.0	777.8	1 531.9	447.1	492.1	939.1	777.7	796.3	1 574.0
		10 and over	3 126.9	2 882.9	6 009.8	2 623.2	2 452.0	5 075.2	3 126.1	2 874.1	6 000.2
2022	10 and over	10 - 19	271.1	290.4	561.5	270.5	289.6	560.1	253.4	268.1	521.5
		20 - 39	836.5	802.0	1 638.5	811.3	774.2	1 585.5	836.2	802.3	1 638.5
		40 - 59	1 167.5	962.8	2 130.3	1 010.2	857.9	1 868.1	1 168.8	964.1	2 132.9
		60 and over	914.2	893.7	1 807.9	560.6	573.0	1 133.6	1 003.7	939.4	1 943.1
		10 and over	3 189.4	2 948.8	6 138.2	2 652.8	2 494.6	5 147.4	3 262.1	2 973.9	6 236.0

Statistics are compiled based on data collected from the Thematic Household Survey on "Information Technology Usage and Penetration" / "Internet and Personal Computer Penetration".

- 1 Figures refer to persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who had used the Internet during the 12 months before enumeration.
- 2 Although the coverage of PCs is slightly different across years, relevant statistics are broadly comparable. For detailed coverage of PCs, please refer to the report of the Thematic Household Survey.
- 3 Figures refer to persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who had used PC during the 12 months before enumeration.
- 4 Figures refer to persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who had a smartphone.

Source :
 Thematic Household Survey
 Social Surveys Section,
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5103
 Enquiry e-mail : thematic@censtatd.gov.hk)

- A significant increase of 7.3% in the number of persons aged 15 and over who had made online purchases for personal matters during the 12 months before enumeration (excluding foreign domestic helpers) was observed from 2020 to 2022. The corresponding number for females rose by 6.7% from 1 449 400 in 2020 to 1 546 500 in 2022, while that for males increased by 7.9% from 1 222 900 to 1 319 600 during the same period.

Table 10.2 : Persons aged 15 and over who had made online purchases for personal matters by age group and sex

			Number of persons		
			No. ('000)		
Type of information technology usage / activity			Had made online purchases for personal matters (1)		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group				
2018	15 and over	15 - 19	74.1	49.3	123.4
		20 - 39	664.8	506.7	1 171.5
		40 - 59	439.8	378.3	818.1
		60 and over	44.7	63.2	107.9
		15 and over	1 223.4	997.5	2 220.9
2020	15 and over	15 - 19	62.3	54.0	116.3
		20 - 39	726.1	578.8	1 304.9
		40 - 59	580.5	477.3	1 057.8
		60 and over	80.6	112.7	193.2
		15 and over	1 449.4	1 222.9	2 672.3
2022	15 and over	15 - 19	64.3	46.6	110.8
		20 - 39	694.8	583.2	1 278.0
		40 - 59	658.7	528.7	1 187.4
		60 and over	128.8	161.2	290.0
		15 and over	1 546.5	1 319.6	2 866.1

Statistics are compiled based on data collected from the Thematic Household Survey on "[Information Technology Usage and Penetration](#)" / "[Internet and Personal Computer Penetration](#)".

Figures in some survey periods are not shown in the table.

1 Figures refer to persons aged 15 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who had made online purchases for personal matters during the 12 months before enumeration.

Source :
Thematic Household Survey
Social Surveys Section,
Census and Statistics Department
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Enquiry e-mail : thematic@censtatd.gov.hk)

11. Further Information

For more information, please refer to the following web pages where you may find supplementary statistical tables (in XLSX and CSV formats) of the subjects concerned, relevant Web Tables that can be customised to fit your own needs, and relevant gender statistics which are available from other Government bureaux and departments:

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- [2021 Population Census - Thematic Report: Single Parents](#)
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- **Hospital Authority - Major Statistics**
- **Virtual AIDS Office of Hong Kong, Department of Health - Quarterly statistics of local HIV/AIDS situation**
- **Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health - Statistics**

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 - Street sleepers by District Council district and sex
 - Road traffic casualties by age group and sex
 - Road traffic casualty rates by age group and sex
- **Transport Department - Road traffic accident statistics by age and sex, Year 2022**

12. Explanatory Notes

Foreign domestic helpers

Foreign domestic helpers are part of Hong Kong Resident Population. However, figures excluding these persons are also compiled for some topics where the exclusion would provide a more comprehensive and meaningful comparison between the two genders.

Rounding of figures

Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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