



# Women and Men in Hong Kong - Key Statistics

2024 Edition

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## 1. Summary of Key Statistics

		Female	Male
<b>Demographics - Vital Events (Year 2023)</b>	Year-end population	4 102 600	3 425 300
	Number of live births	15 818	17 414
	Expectation of life at birth (years)	87.9 p	82.5 p
	Number of deaths	24 447 p	29 966 p
	Number of marriages	47 723	
<b>Population and Household Characteristics (Year 2021)</b>	Number of single parents	56 249	16 030
	Persons living in subdivided units (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	114 034	100 170
<b>Education and Training Characteristics (Year 2023)</b>	Proportion of population aged 15 and over having attained upper secondary education and above (%)	66.5	70.4
	Number of students enrolled in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee	54 210	51 464
<b>Labour Force Characteristics and Employment Earnings (Year 2023)</b>	Labour force	1 921 300	1 901 000
	Labour force participation rate (%)	52.2	63.6
	Number of employed persons	1 874 900	1 834 700
	Underemployment rate (%)	0.7	1.5
	Unemployment rate (%)	2.4	3.5
	Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	16,200	22,700

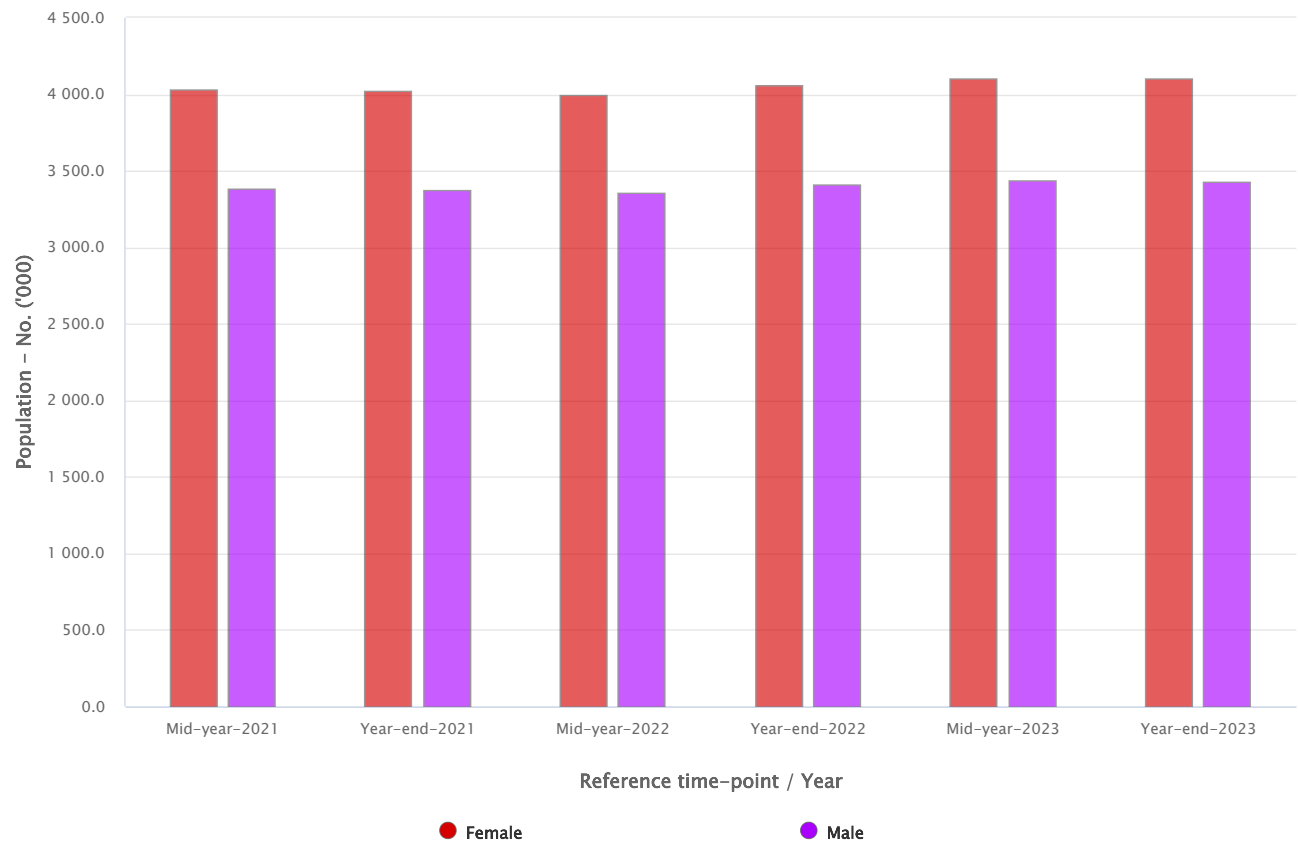
<b>Social Welfare (Year 2023)</b>	Number of recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	148 411	125 530
	Number of persons receiving Social Security Allowance	682 679	579 042
<b>Medical and Health (Year 2023)</b>	Number of inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority hospitals	963 264 p	942 581 p
	Number of specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of Hospital Authority - Psychiatry	588 317 p	384 917 p
<b>Crime and Justice (Year 2023)</b>	Number of persons arrested for crime	10 006	24 129
	Number of reported drug abusers	1 252	4 248
<b>Pattern of Participation in Public Affairs (Year 2023)</b>	Number of directorate officers in the civil service	561	804
	Number of non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies	1 797	3 827
<b>Information Technology Usage (Year 2023)</b>	Number of persons aged 10 and over having used the Internet (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 315 700	3 036 400
	Number of persons aged 10 and over having a smartphone (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 340 200	3 037 600

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## 2. Demographics – Vital Events

- There were 4 102 600 females and 3 425 300 males in Hong Kong at end-2023, representing increases of 1.0% and 0.5% respectively as compared with end-2022.
- Analysed by age group, the numbers of persons aged 0-14 decreased from end-2022 to end-2023 by 1.9% and 1.4% respectively for females and males.
- Conversely, the numbers of persons aged 65 and over increased by 6.1% and 5.7% respectively for females and males over 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					
		2021		2022		2023		2021		2022		2023	
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	391.8	384.9	375.1	374.0	377.7	366.9	-3.3	-3.4	-4.3	-2.8	+0.7	-1.9
	15 - 24	291.5	298.6	281.4	291.6	300.7	297.1	-7.8	-1.0	-3.4	-2.3	+6.8	+1.9
	25 - 64	2 578.3	2 547.3	2 523.8	2 551.7	2 551.0	2 541.2	-1.2	-1.6	-2.1	+0.2	+1.1	-0.4
	65 and over	769.2	792.2	811.3	845.5	871.5	897.4	+5.1	+5.5	+5.5	+6.7	+7.4	+6.1
	All age groups	4 030.8	4 023.0	3 991.6	4 062.8	4 100.9	4 102.6	-0.8	-0.4	-1.0	+1.0	+2.7	+1.0
Male	0 - 14	416.0	408.8	399.0	398.6	404.0	392.9	-3.4	-3.4	-4.1	-2.5	+1.3	-1.4
	15 - 24	299.6	303.2	290.3	300.7	309.1	306.4	-6.4	-0.8	-3.1	-0.9	+6.5	+1.9
	25 - 64	1 984.4	1 963.6	1 947.6	1 961.3	1 951.7	1 934.3	-1.6	-1.5	-1.8	-0.1	+0.2	-1.4
	65 and over	682.3	702.9	717.6	749.2	770.4	791.7	+5.1	+5.5	+5.2	+6.6	+7.4	+5.7
	All age groups	3 382.3	3 378.5	3 354.5	3 409.8	3 435.2	3 425.3	-1.0	-0.3	-0.8	+0.9	+2.4	+0.5
Both sexes	0 - 14	807.8	793.7	774.1	772.6	781.7	759.8	-3.4	-3.4	-4.2	-2.6	+1.0	-1.7
	15 - 24	591.1	601.8	571.7	592.3	609.8	603.5	-7.1	-0.9	-3.3	-1.6	+6.7	+1.9
	25 - 64	4 562.7	4 510.9	4 471.4	4 513.0	4 502.7	4 475.5	-1.4	-1.5	-2.0	0.0	+0.7	-0.8
	65 and over	1 451.5	1 495.1	1 528.9	1 594.7	1 641.9	1 689.1	+5.1	+5.5	+5.3	+6.7	+7.4	+5.9
	All age groups	7 413.1	7 401.5	7 346.1	7 472.6	7 536.1	7 527.9	-0.9	-0.3	-0.9	+1.0	+2.6	+0.7

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- In 2023, the sex ratio (i.e. number of males per 1 000 females) was 838. After excluding foreign domestic helpers who were mostly female, the sex ratio became 908.

**Table 2.2 : Sex ratio by age group**

		Sex ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	Sex ratio (excluding foreign domestic helpers) <sup>(1)</sup>
		Rate	Rate
Year	Age group		
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
2023	0 - 14	1 070	1 070
	15 - 24	1 027	1 041
	25 - 64	765	872
	65 and over	884	885
	All age groups	838	908

<sup>1</sup> The ratio of the number of males per 1 000 females.

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- The numbers of female and male live births in 2023 were 15 818 and 17 414 respectively, rising from 15 663 and 16 838 in 2022.
- The expectations of life at birth for females and males in 2023 were 87.9 years and 82.5 years respectively (provisional figures), increasing from 86.8 years and 80.7 years in 2022.

Chart 2.3-A : Number of live births by sex

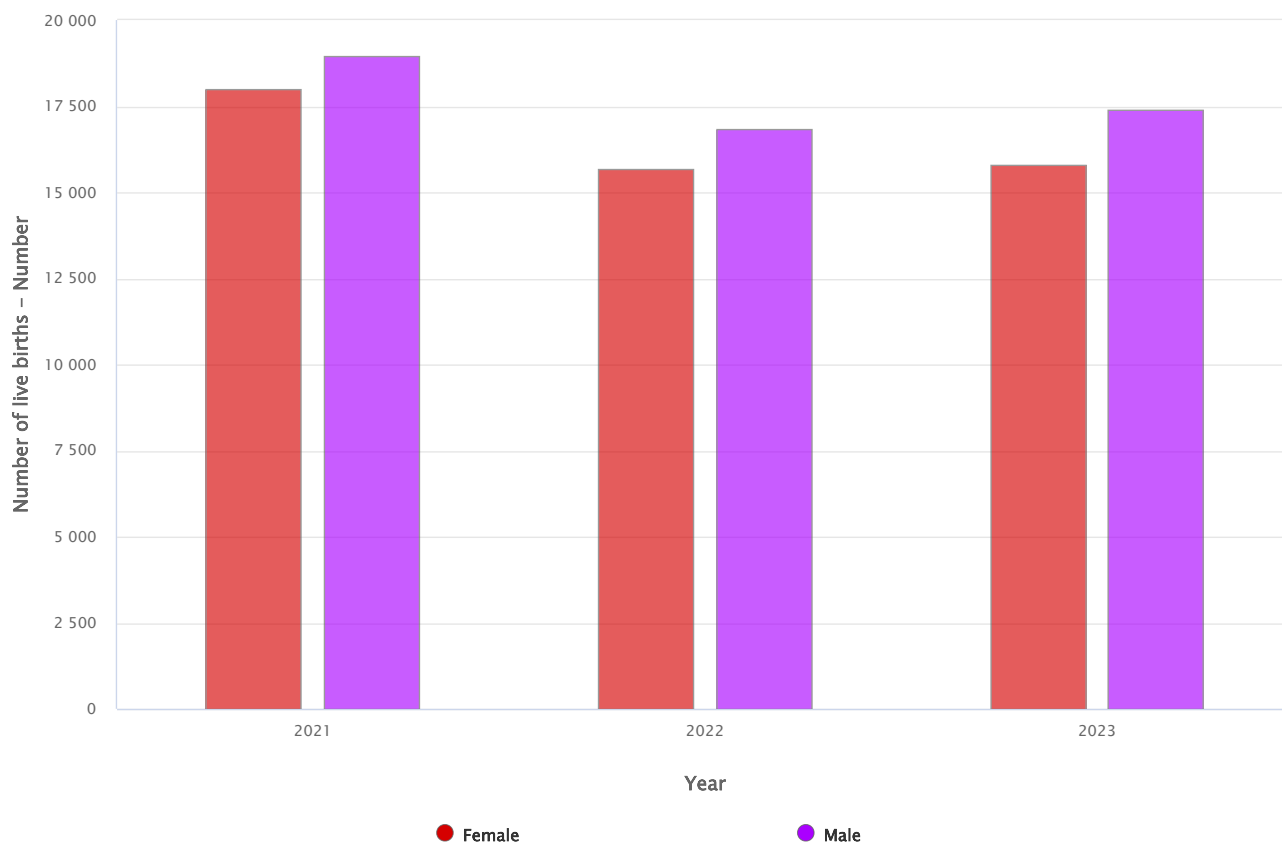
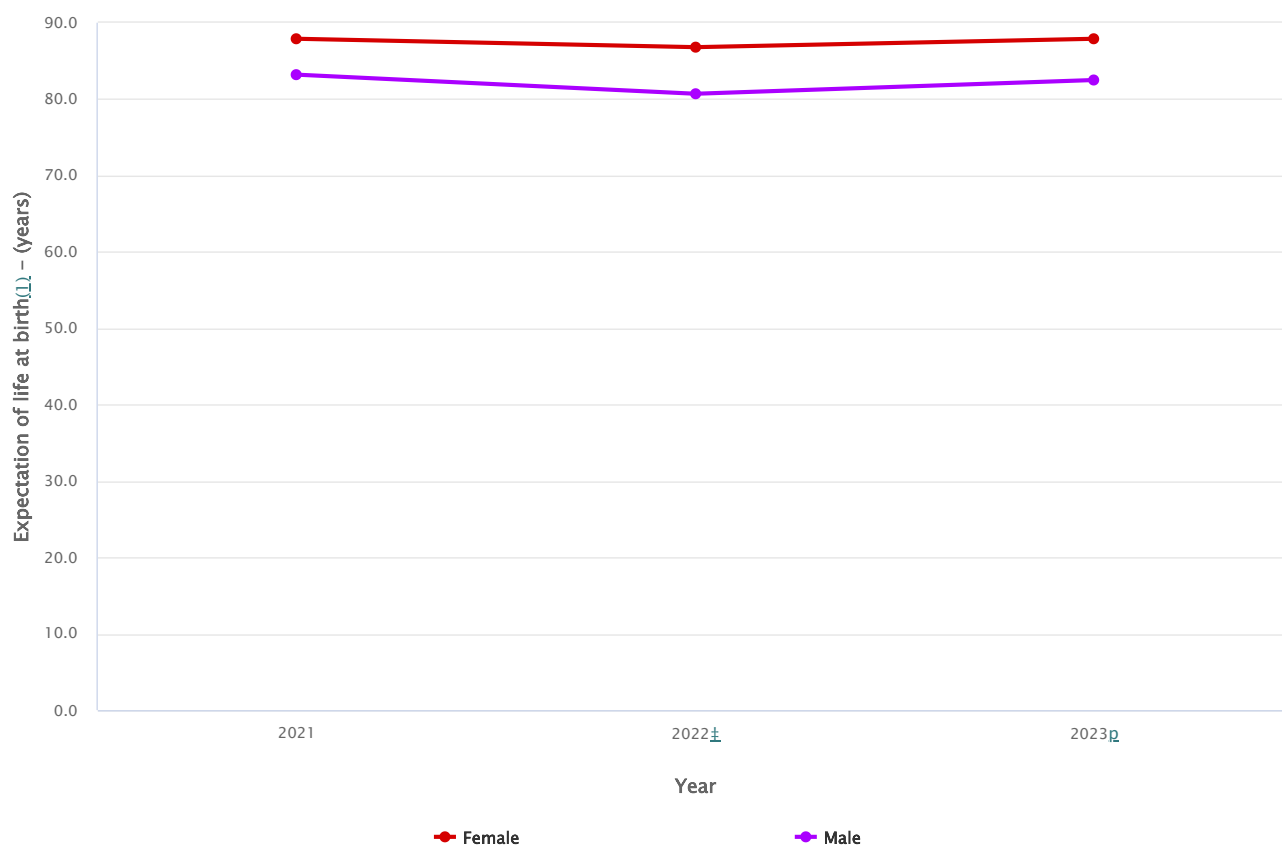


Chart 2.3-B : Expectation of life at birth by sex



**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								
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	86.8 ‡	80.7 ‡
2023	15 818	17 414	33 232	+1.0	+3.4	+2.2	87.9 p	82.5 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.

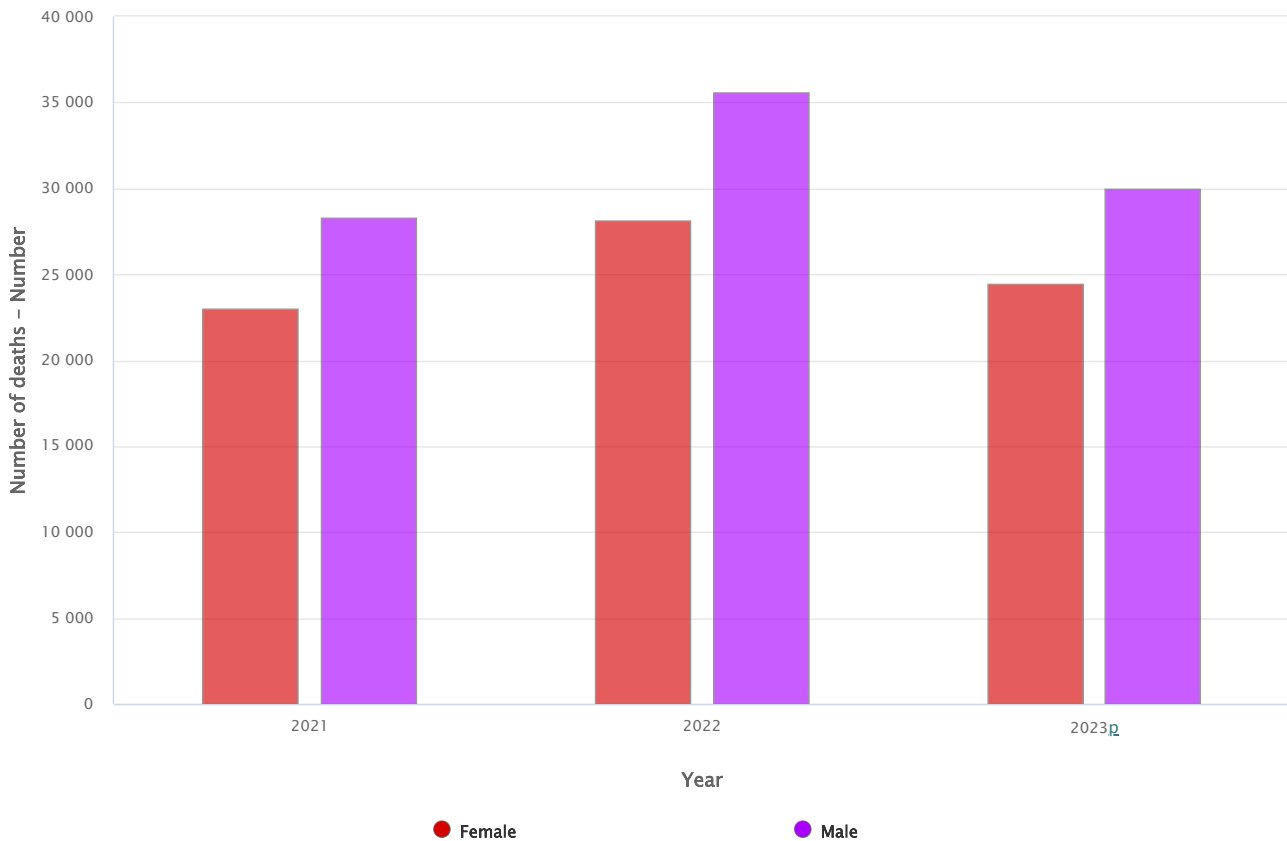
‡ The expectation of life at birth in 2022 should be interpreted with care as the figures are affected by exceptionally high mortality rates in 2022 during the COVID-19 epidemic.

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- The number of deaths decreased from 63 692 (females: 28 134; males: 35 557) in 2022 to 54 413 (females: 24 447; males: 29 966) (provisional figures) in 2023.

**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						
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	0 - 14	61	73	134	0.0	+4.3	+2.3
	15 - 24	48	94	142	+20.0	+5.6	+10.1
	25 - 64	3 624	6 142	9 766	+7.8	+12.6	+10.8
	65 and over	24 398	29 236	53 634	+24.8	+28.8	+26.9
	Unknown (1)	3	12	16	-25.0	+9.1	0.0
	All age groups	28 134	35 557	63 692	+22.2	+25.5	+24.0
2023 <sup>p</sup>	0 - 14	54	67	121	-11.5	-8.2	-9.7
	15 - 24	48	97	145	0.0	+3.2	+2.1
	25 - 64	3 378	5 561	8 939	-6.8	-9.5	-8.5
	65 and over	20 967	24 241	45 208	-14.1	-17.1	-15.7
	Unknown (1)	0	0	0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
	All age groups	24 447	29 966	54 413	-13.1	-15.7	-14.6

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.

<sup>p</sup> Provisional figure

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- In 2023, the numbers of never married females and males aged 15 and over were 1 000 100 and 950 500 respectively, representing increases of 3.3% and 3.6% respectively from 2022.
- The numbers of married women and men were 2 036 100 and 1 845 000 respectively in 2023, denoting increases of 2.8% and 2.6% respectively as compared with 2022.
- The numbers of widowed/divorced/separated females and males were 641 700 and 194 000 respectively in 2023, showing an increase of 2.7% and a decrease of 2.6% respectively as compared with 2022.



**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												
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
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

			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												
2023	Never married	15 - 24	295.9	306.4	602.2	+6.9	+6.7	+6.8	293.1	306.3	599.5	+7.2	+6.6	+6.9
		25 - 64	663.0	615.7	1 278.8	+1.1	+2.1	+1.6	595.2	615.5	1 210.7	+1.7	+2.1	+1.9
		65 and over	41.2	28.5	69.7	+16.9	+4.2	+11.3	41.0	28.5	69.4	+18.4	+4.2	+12.1
		15 and over	1 000.1	950.5	1 950.7	+3.3	+3.6	+3.5	929.3	950.3	1 879.6	+4.0	+3.6	+3.8
	Married	15 - 24	3.9	0.9	4.8	+0.3	-30.9	-7.5	3.0	0.9	3.8	+2.8	-32.6	-8.1
		25 - 64	1 596.5	1 227.4	2 823.9	+1.0	-0.2	+0.5	1 390.0	1 225.0	2 615.0	+0.6	-0.1	+0.2
		65 and over	435.7	616.7	1 052.4	+10.2	+8.7	+9.3	435.1	616.7	1 051.8	+10.1	+8.7	+9.3
		15 and over	2 036.1	1 845.0	3 881.1	+2.8	+2.6	+2.7	1 828.0	1 842.6	3 670.6	+2.7	+2.6	+2.7
	Widowed / Divorced / Separated	15 - 24	0.3	[*7]	0.3	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
		25 - 64	282.6	93.3	375.9	+1.4	-7.0	-0.8	242.0	93.1	335.1	+1.1	-7.0	-1.3
		65 and over	358.8	100.7	459.4	+3.7	+1.8	+3.3	358.4	100.6	459.1	+3.7	+1.8	+3.3
		15 and over	641.7	194.0	835.6	+2.7	-2.6	+1.4	600.5	193.7	794.3	+2.7	-2.7	+1.3
	Total	15 - 24	300.0	307.2	607.3	+6.8	+6.5	+6.6	296.2	307.2	603.4	+7.1	+6.5	+6.8
		25 - 64	2 542.1	1 936.5	4 478.6	+1.1	+0.2	+0.7	2 227.2	1 933.6	4 160.8	+0.9	+0.2	+0.6
		65 and over	835.7	745.8	1 581.5	+7.6	+7.6	+7.6	834.5	745.8	1 580.3	+7.6	+7.6	+7.6
		15 and over	3 677.9	2 989.5	6 667.4	+2.9	+2.6	+2.8	3 357.9	2 986.6	6 344.5	+3.1	+2.6	+2.8

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.

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Census and Statistics Department  
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- The number of marriages rose from 30 012 in 2022 to 47 723 in 2023. The crude marriage rates (i.e. the number of marriages per 1 000 population) for females and males were 11.6 and 13.9 respectively in 2023, higher than the corresponding rates (females: 7.5; males: 8.9) in 2022.

Chart 2.6-A : Number of marriages

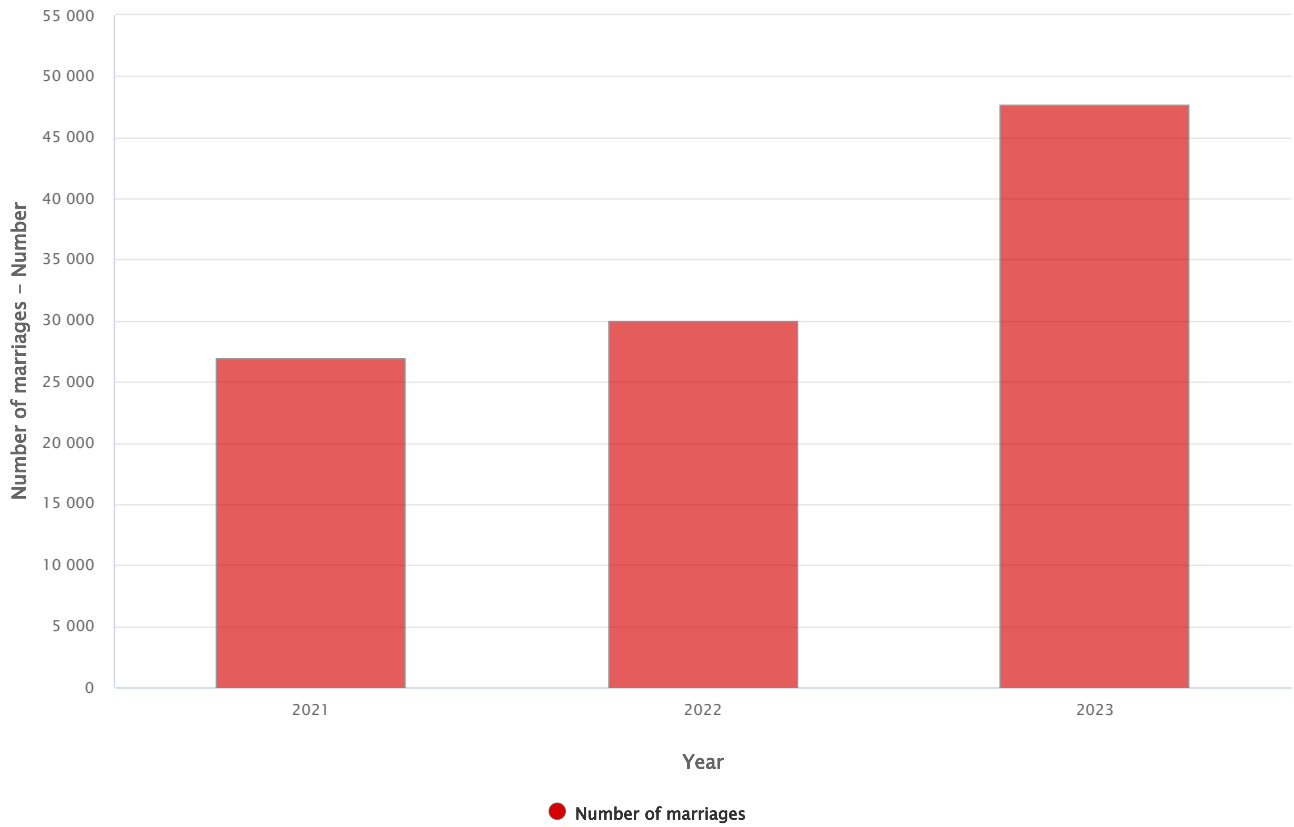
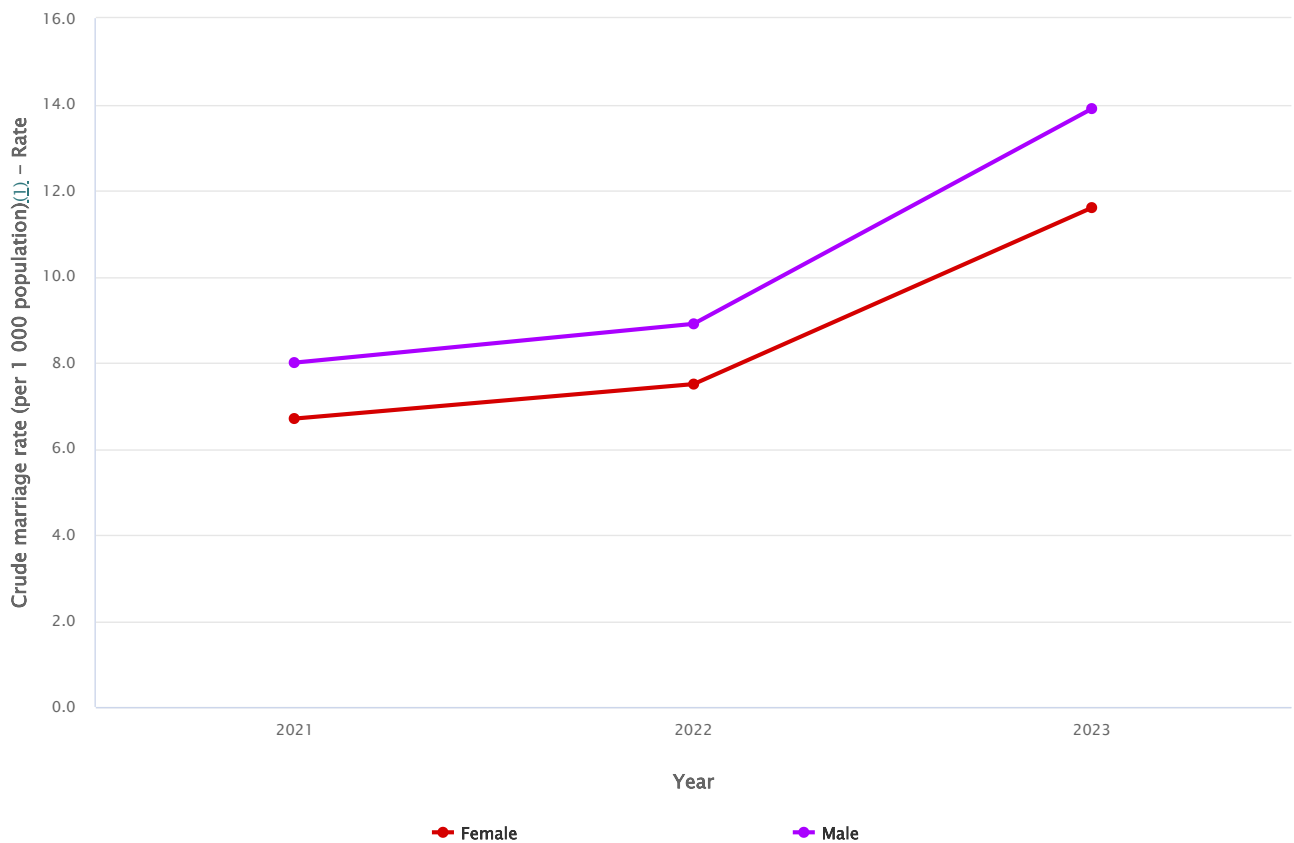


Chart 2.6-B : Crude marriage rate by sex



**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							
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
2023	47 723	11.6	13.9	6.3	30.9	32.5	2.38

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.

Source :

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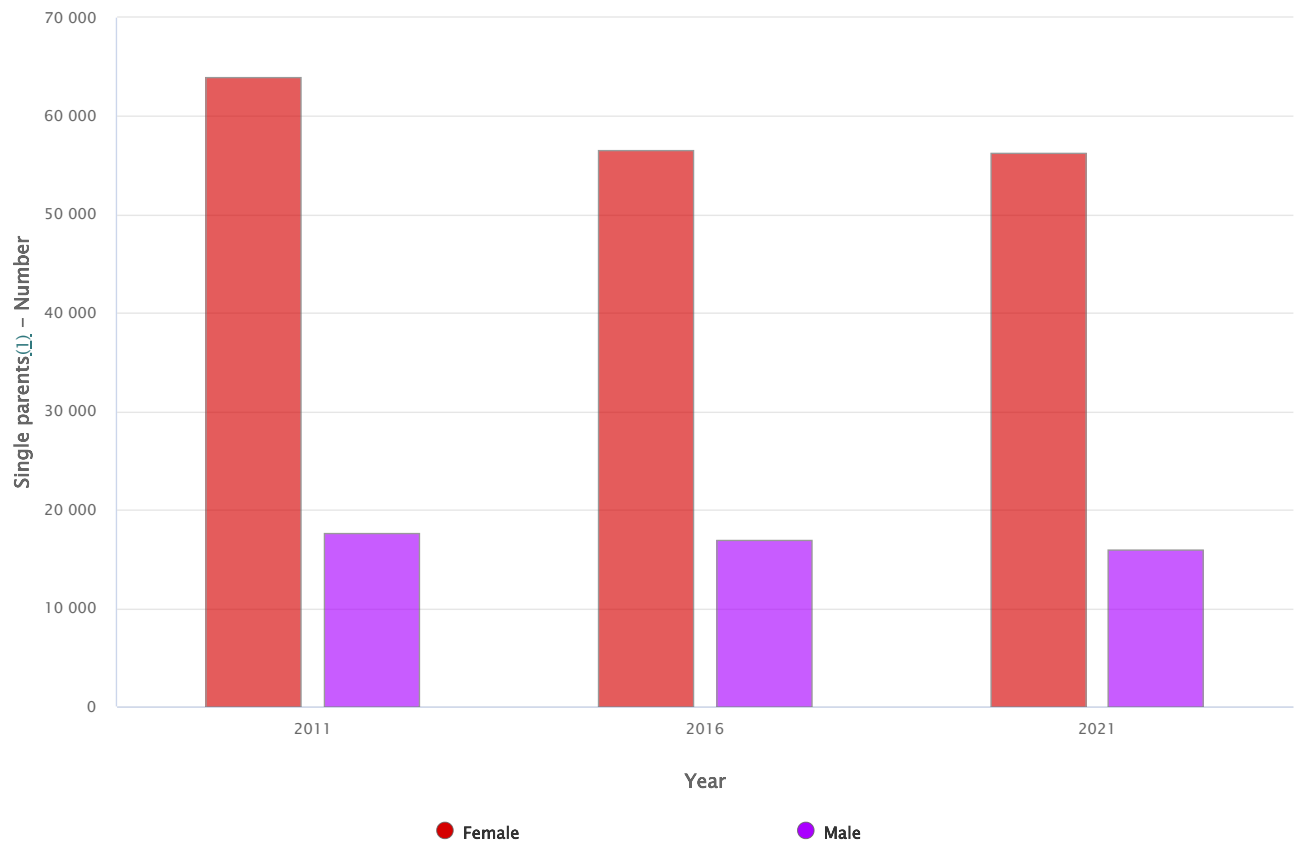
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### 3. Population and Household Characteristics

- 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).
- Comparing 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, whereas 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**

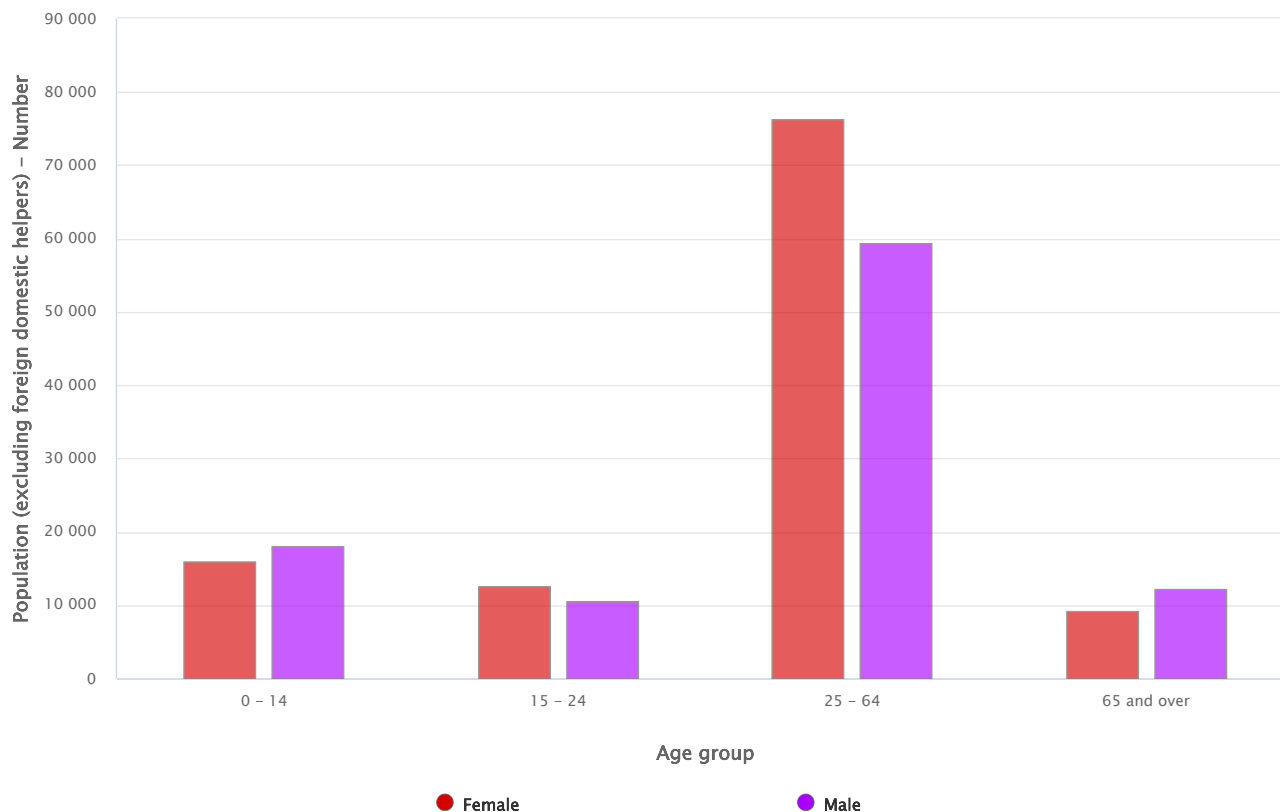
		Single parents <sup>(1)</sup>					
		Number			Percentage share in respective sex (%)		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2011	0 - 29	3 174	537	3 711	5.0	3.0	4.5
	30 - 39	19 661	3 441	23 102	30.7	19.5	28.3
	40 - 49	32 984	7 077	40 061	51.5	40.1	49.0
	50 - 59	7 908	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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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Demographic Statistics Section (2),  
Census and Statistics Department  
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- The numbers of females and males (excluding foreign domestic helpers) living in subdivided units (SDUs) were 114 034 and 100 170 respectively 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 <sup>(1)</sup>			Subdivided units <sup>(1)</sup>		
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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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- 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 in 2021.
- 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										
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).

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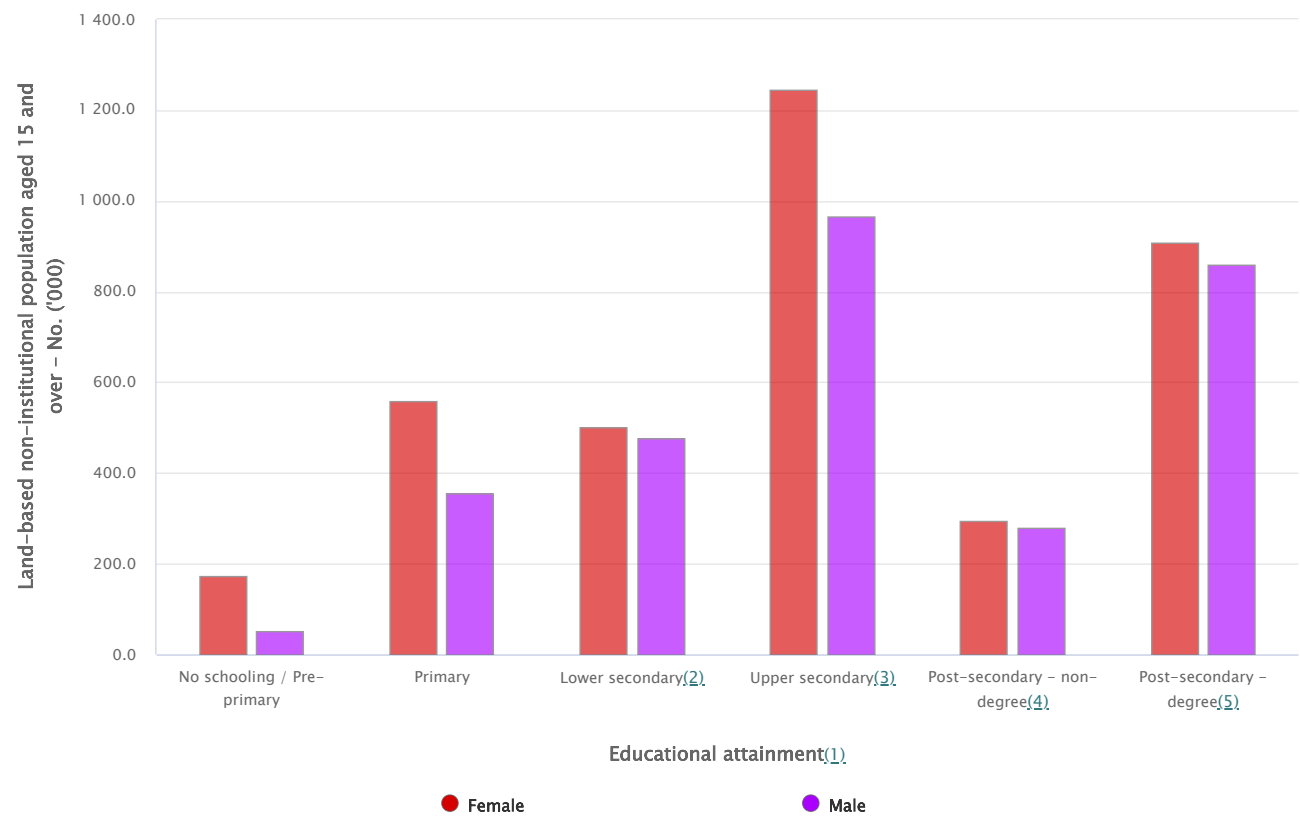
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## 4. Education and Training Characteristics

- In 2023, among the land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over, 66.5% females had attended upper secondary education and above. The corresponding figure for males was 70.4%.
- On the other hand, there were 32.7% females and 38.1% males who had attended post-secondary education.

**Chart 4.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by educational attainment and sex, 2023**



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

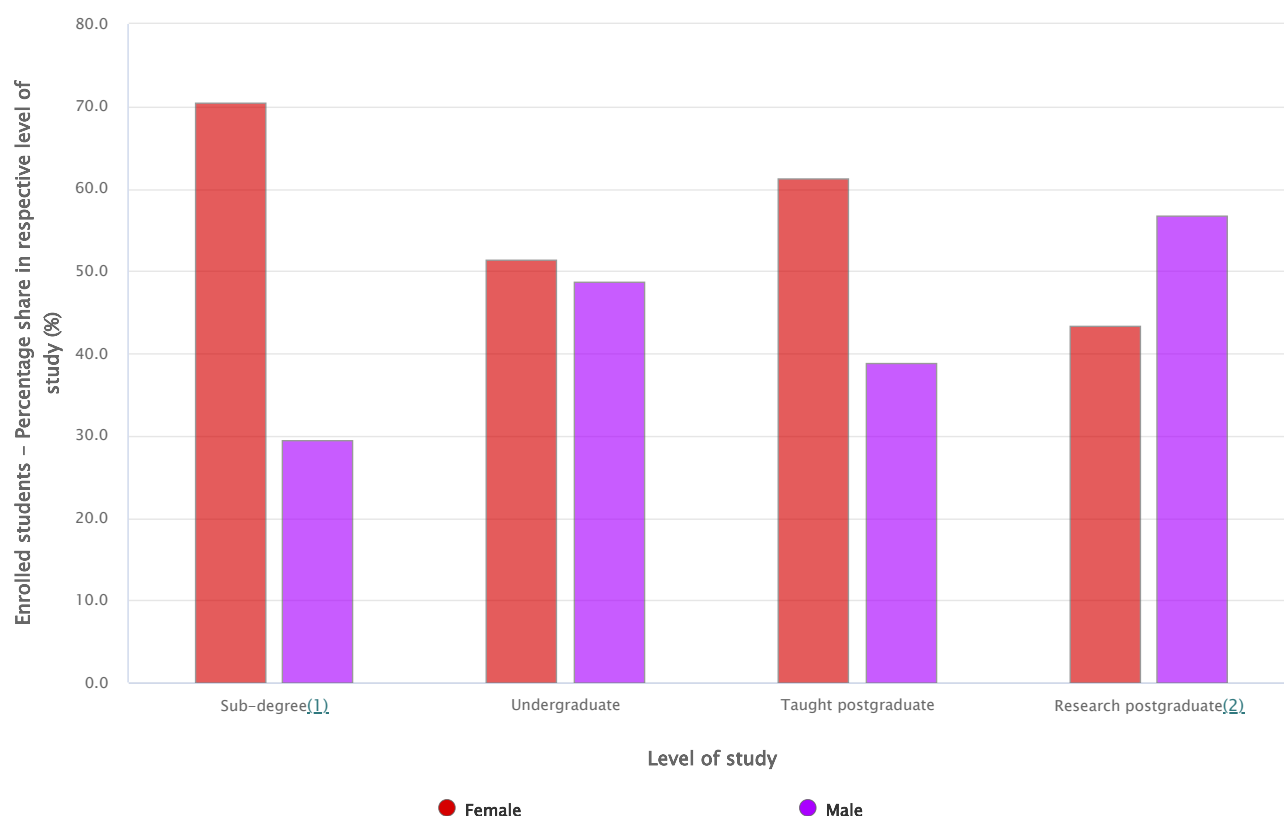
		Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over			Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers)		
		No. ('000)			No. ('000)		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Educational attainment (1)						
2021	No schooling / Pre-primary	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 (4)	286.2	283.1	569.3	269.0	282.8	551.8
	Post-secondary - degree (5)	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 (4)	295.3	287.6	582.9	278.0	287.4	565.4
	Post-secondary - degree (5)	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
2023	No schooling / Pre-primary	171.8	52.1	223.9	167.4	52.1	219.5
	Primary	557.8	354.3	912.1	531.4	354.1	885.6
	Lower secondary (2)	501.0	477.7	978.7	470.6	477.6	948.3
	Upper secondary (3)	1 243.7	965.2	2 208.9	1 028.3	963.1	1 991.4
	Post-secondary - non-degree (4)	294.6	280.4	575.1	280.0	280.2	560.2
	Post-secondary - degree (5)	908.9	859.8	1 768.7	880.2	859.5	1 739.6
	Total	3 677.9	2 989.5	6 667.4	3 357.9	2 986.6	6 344.5

- 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 Including Secondary 1-3 or equivalent level.
- 3 Including Secondary 4-7 of old academic structure (1985-2011), Secondary 4-6 of new academic structure (2012 onwards) or equivalent level, Project Yi Jin/Yi Jin Diploma, Diploma of Applied Education and craft level.
- 4 Including Certificate, Diploma, Higher Certificate, Higher Diploma, Professional Diploma, Associate Degree, Pre-Associate Degree, Endorsement Certificate, Associateship or equivalent courses and other non-degree level courses in local or non-local institutions.
- 5 Including first degree, taught postgraduate and research postgraduate courses in local or non-local institutions.

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](mailto:ghs@censtatd.gov.hk))

- For students enrolled in the higher education programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in the 2023/24 academic year, 54 210 were females and 51 464 were males. The numbers were higher than those in the 2022/23 academic year (females: 53 107; males: 49 446).
- 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, 2023/24**



**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						
2021/22	Sub-degree (1)	1 570	1 372	2 942	53.4	46.6	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	4 772	8 514	43.9	56.1	100.0
	Total	52 808	48 659	101 467	52.0	48.0	100.0
2022/23	Sub-degree (1)	1 559 r	894 r	2 453 r	63.6 r	36.4 r	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	53 107 r	49 446 r	102 553 r	51.8	48.2	100.0
2023/24	Sub-degree (1)	1 737	728	2 465	70.5	29.5	100.0
	Undergraduate	46 574	44 201	90 775	51.3	48.7	100.0
	Taught postgraduate	1 761	1 115	2 876	61.2	38.8	100.0
	Research postgraduate (2)	4 138	5 420	9 558	43.3	56.7	100.0
	Total	54 210	51 464	105 674	51.3	48.7	100.0

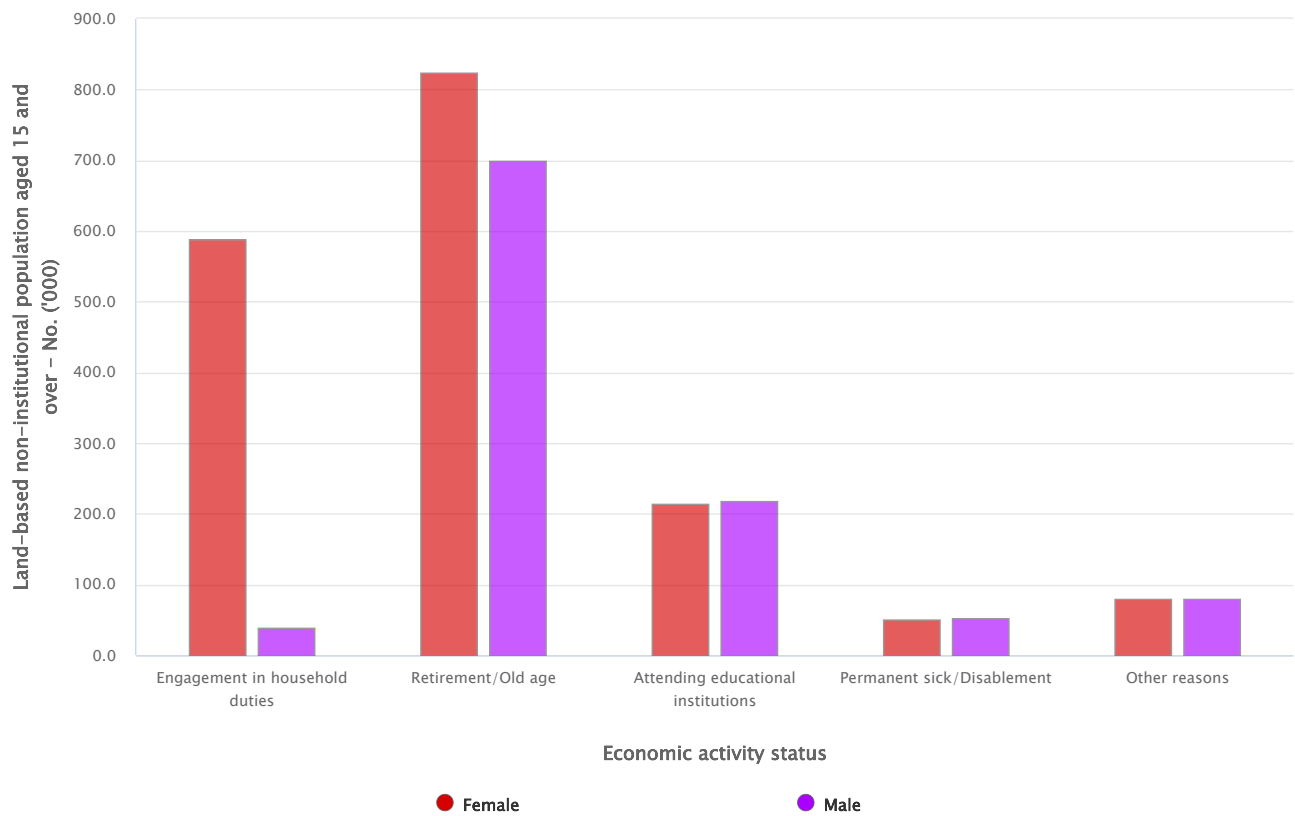
- 1 Since the Education University of Hong Kong will provide the final figure of UGC-funded sub-degree short programmes upon completion of an academic year, figures for 2023/24 are subject to revision.
- 2 Figures of UGC-funded research postgraduate students refer to students funded by UGC within their 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.
- r Revised figure

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## 5. Labour Force Characteristics and Employment Earnings

- In 2023, the numbers of economically active females and males aged 15 and over (or the labour force) were 1 921 300 and 1 901 000 respectively. As compared with 2022, the female and male labour force in 2023 increased by 1.6% and 0.8% respectively.
- On the other hand, the numbers of economically inactive females and males aged 15 and over were 1 756 500 and 1 088 600 respectively in 2023.
- Retirement/old age was the most common reason for being economically inactive persons (46.9% of all economically inactive females and 64.2% for their male counterparts).
- While the second most common reason for females was the engagement in household duties (33.5%), that for males was attending educational institutions (20.0%).

**Chart 5.1 : Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by reason for being economically inactive and sex, 2023**



**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							
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
2023	Economically active		1 921.3	1 901.0	3 822.3	1 601.4	1 898.0	3 499.4
	Economically inactive (1)	Engagement in household duties	587.8	38.7	626.5	587.8	38.7	626.5
		Retirement/Old age	824.1	698.9	1 523.0	824.1	698.9	1 523.0
		Attending educational institutions	214.3	217.5	431.8	214.3	217.5	431.8
		Permanent sick/Disablement	51.3	53.0	104.3	51.3	53.0	104.3
		Other reasons	78.9	80.5	159.4	78.9	80.5	159.4
		Sub-total	1 756.5	1 088.6	2 845.1	1 756.5	1 088.6	2 845.1
	Total		3 677.9	2 989.5	6 667.4	3 357.9	2 986.6	6 344.5

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/retired persons not available for work or not seeking work are included.

Source :  
General Household Survey Section (3),  
Census and Statistics Department  
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- The overall labour force participation rate dropped from 58.2% in 2022 (females: 52.9%; males: 64.7%) to 57.3% in 2023 (females: 52.2%; males: 63.6%).
- Analysed by age group, the labour force participation rate was lower for females than for males in each age group in 2023, except for persons aged 15-24.

Chart 5.2-A : Labour force participation rate by sex

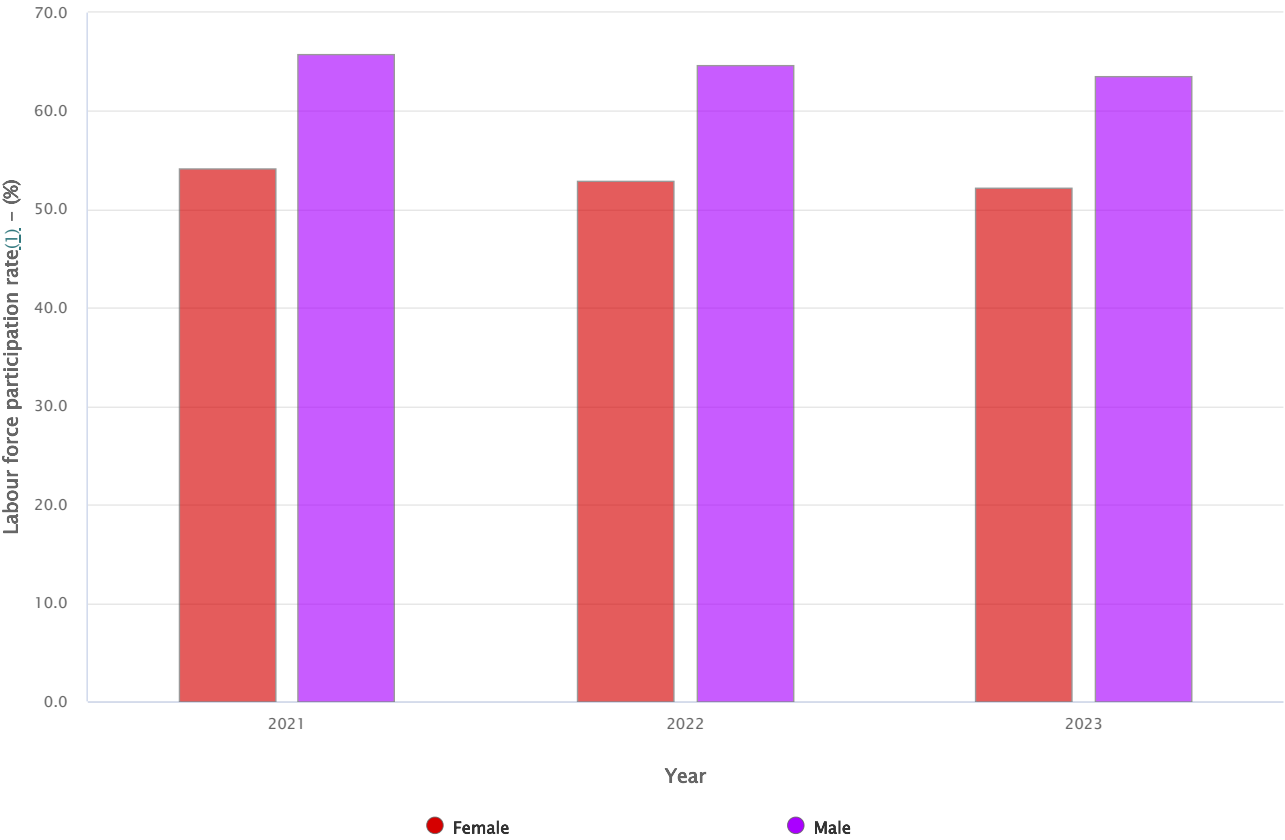
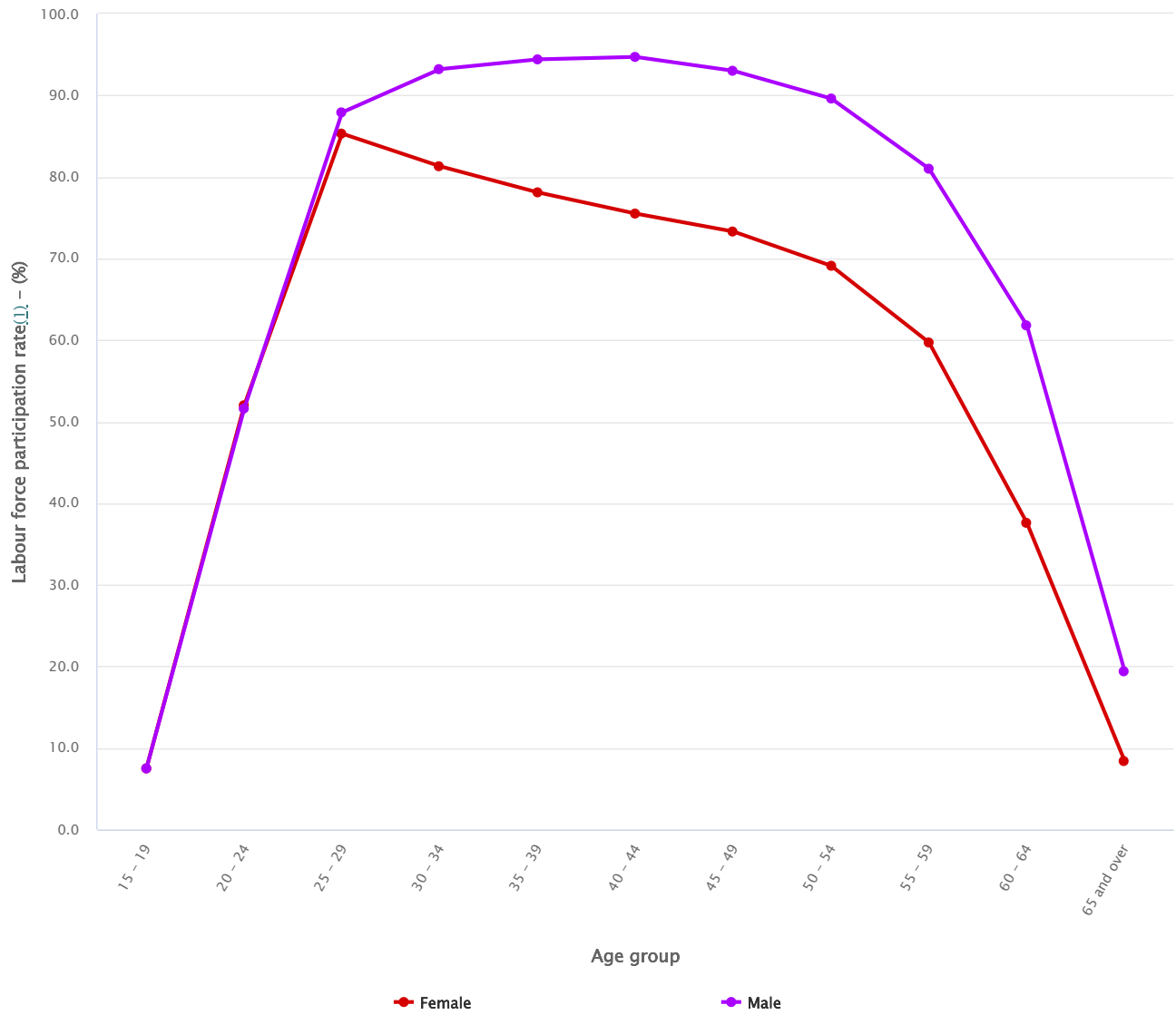


Chart 5.2-B : Labour force participation rate by age group and sex, 2023



**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						
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
2023	15 - 19	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4
	20 - 24	52.0	51.6	51.8	50.9	51.5	51.2
	25 - 29	85.3	87.9	86.5	83.6	87.9	85.7
	30 - 34	81.3	93.2	86.6	77.2	93.2	85.1
	35 - 39	78.1	94.4	84.8	71.5	94.4	82.3
	40 - 44	75.5	94.7	83.1	69.2	94.7	80.7
	45 - 49	73.3	93.0	81.4	68.9	93.0	79.7
	50 - 54	69.1	89.6	77.7	66.5	89.6	76.6
	55 - 59	59.7	81.0	69.1	58.2	81.0	68.5
	60 - 64	37.6	61.8	49.0	36.9	61.7	48.7
	65 and over	8.4	19.4	13.6	8.3	19.4	13.5
	15 and over	52.2	63.6	57.3	47.7	63.6	55.2

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  
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 Enquiry e-mail : [ghs@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:ghs@censtatd.gov.hk))



- In 2023, the numbers of female and male employed persons were 1 874 900 and 1 834 700 respectively, representing respective increases of 2.8% and 2.5% from 2022.
- As the economic activities gradually returned to normalcy, both unemployment rate and underemployment rate continued to decline. Analysed by sex, the unemployment rates for females and males declined from 3.5% and 5.1% respectively in 2022 to 2.4% and 3.5% in 2023.
- On the other hand, the underemployment rates for females and males dropped from 1.9% and 2.8% respectively in 2022 to 0.7% and 1.5% in 2023.

**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								
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
	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
2022	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

			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								
2023	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
	Female	15 - 24	85.6	81.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	7.8	8.3	8.7
		25 - 59	1 595.1	1 283.9	9.8	0.6	0.7	35.2	2.2	2.7
		60 and over	194.3	189.3	1.6	0.8	0.9	3.5	1.8	1.8
		15 and over	1 874.9	1 554.9	12.9	0.7	0.8	46.4	2.4	2.9
	Male	15 - 24	83.8	83.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	8.8	9.5	9.6
		25 - 59	1 427.6	1 424.8	22.4	1.5	1.5	49.0	3.3	3.3
		60 and over	323.3	323.2	4.7	1.4	1.4	8.4	2.5	2.5
		15 and over	1 834.7	1 831.8	28.8	1.5	1.5	66.3	3.5	3.5
	Both sexes	15 - 24	169.3	165.4	3.1	1.7	1.7	16.6	8.9	9.1
		25 - 59	3 022.6	2 708.7	32.2	1.0	1.2	84.2	2.7	3.0
		60 and over	517.6	512.6	6.3	1.2	1.2	11.9	2.2	2.3
		15 and over	3 709.6	3 386.7	41.6	1.1	1.2	112.7	2.9	3.2

- 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 employed persons who were on leave/holiday during the 7 days before enumeration are included.
- 2 Underemployed persons refer to those employed persons 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 or were on leave even for the whole period during the 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 have not 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.

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General Household Survey Section (3),  
Census and Statistics Department  
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Enquiry e-mail : [ghs@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:ghs@censtatd.gov.hk))

- In 2023, the median duration of unemployment for unemployed persons was 77 days, slightly lower than the 79 days in 2022.
- Analysed by sex, the median duration of unemployment for unemployed females decreased from 77 days in 2022 to 70 days in 2023, whereas that for males increased from 80 days in 2022 to 83 days in 2023.

**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			
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
2023	15 - 24	61	72	66
	25 - 59	71	86	79
	60 and over	80	79	80
	15 and over	70	83	77

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

- (a) have not had a job and have not 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".

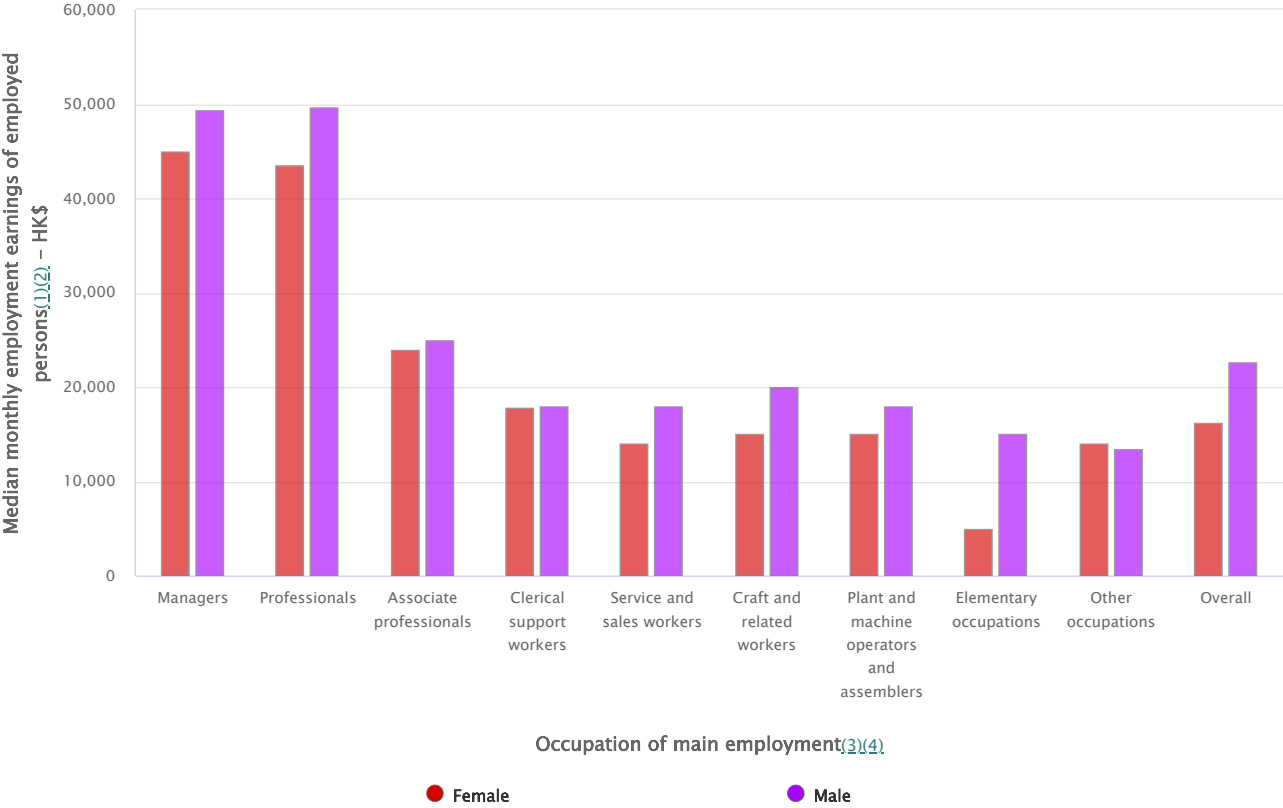
Notwithstanding the above, the following types of persons are also classified as unemployed :

- (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.

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- The median monthly employment earnings of female and male employed persons increased from \$15,300 and \$21,000 respectively in 2022 to \$16,200 and \$22,700 in 2023.
- Analysed by occupation, the yearly growth in median monthly employment earnings of service and sales workers was the highest (7.7%) among females, while that of elementary occupations was the highest (12.8%) among males.

**Chart 5.5 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by occupation of main employment and sex, 2023**



**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)						
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
2023	Managers	45,000	49,400	46,000	45,000	49,400	46,000
	Professionals	43,500	49,700	45,000	43,500	49,700	45,000
	Associate professionals	24,000	25,000	25,000	24,000	25,000	25,000
	Clerical support workers	17,800	18,000	18,000	17,800	18,000	18,000
	Service and sales workers	14,000	18,000	15,000	14,000	18,000	15,300
	Craft and related workers	15,000	20,000	20,000	15,000	20,000	20,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	15,000	18,000	18,000	15,000	18,000	18,000
	Elementary occupations	5,000	15,000	6,000	12,000	15,000	13,000
	Other occupations	14,000	13,500	13,500	14,000	13,500	14,000
	Overall	16,200	22,700	20,000	19,200	22,800	20,500

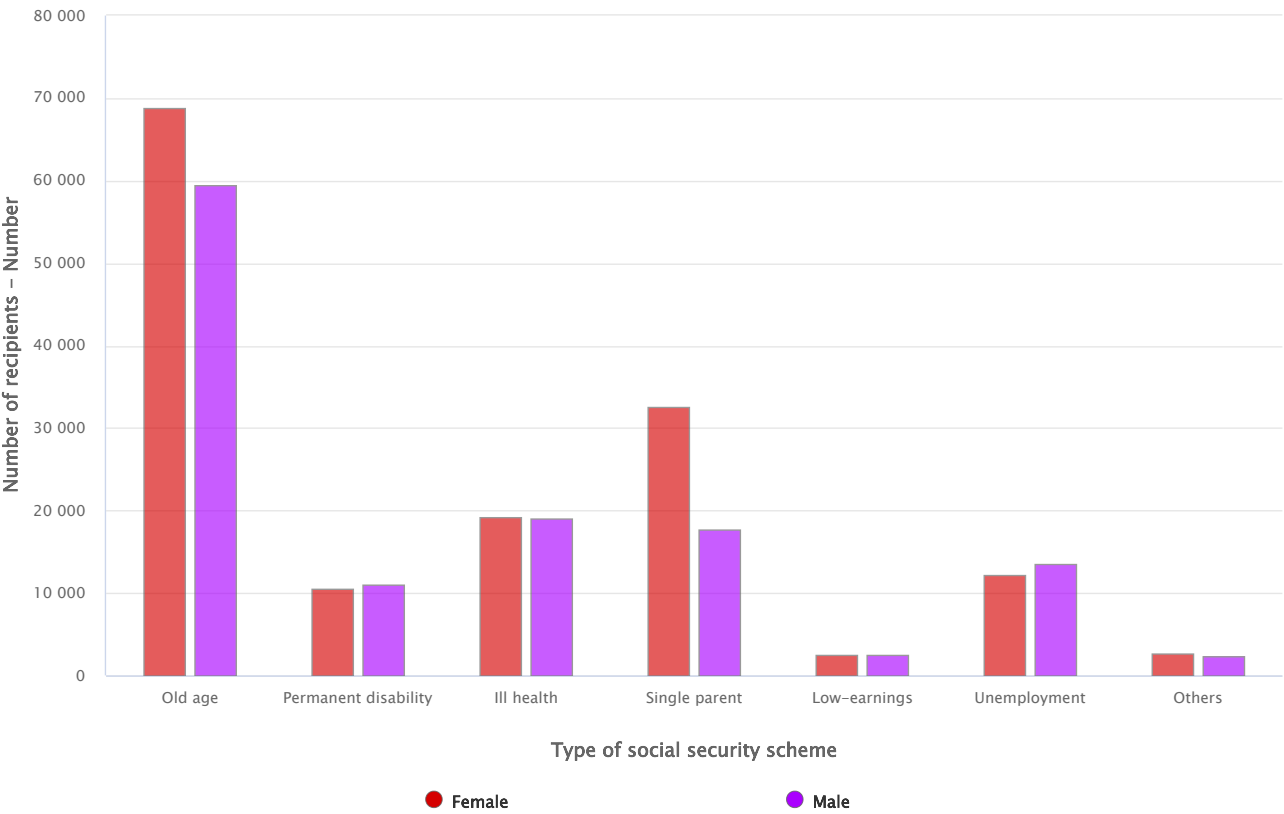
- 1 Monthly employment earnings refer to earnings (before deduction of Mandatory Provident Fund contributions) from all jobs during the month before enumeration. For employees, they include wage and salary, bonus, commission, tips, housing allowance, overtime allowance, attendance allowance and other 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 employed 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 and 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.

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Census and Statistics Department  
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## 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 148 411 in 2023, higher than their male counterparts of 125 530. Both recorded a decrease as compared with 2022 (females: 155 734; males: 132 204).
- 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 2023, there were 68 742 and 32 651 female CSSA recipients in “old age” and “single parent” categories respectively, with the corresponding figures of 59 391 and 17 636 for male CSSA recipients.

**Chart 6.1 : Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of case and sex, 2023**



**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				
2021	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) <sup>(1)</sup>	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) <sup>(1)</sup>	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
2023	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) <sup>(1)</sup>	Old age	68 742	59 391	128 133
		Permanent disability	10 585	11 052	21 637
		Ill health	19 131	19 120	38 251
		Single parent	32 651	17 636	50 287
		Low-earnings	2 466	2 504	4 970
		Unemployment	12 240	13 482	25 722
		Others	2 596	2 345	4 941
		Total	148 411	125 530	273 941

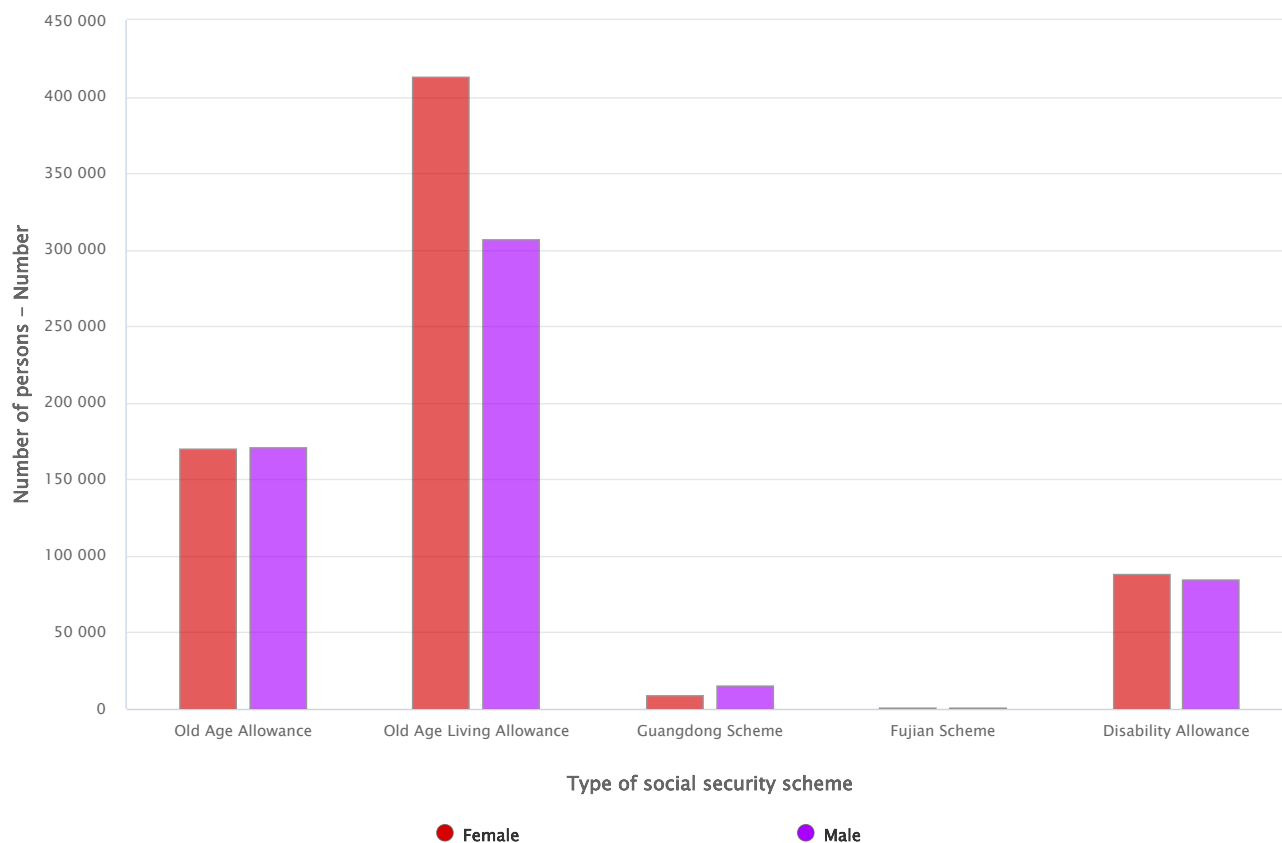
1 Figures are as at end of the year. It should be noted that CSSA is assessed on a household basis and cases are categorised according to the principal reason of receiving CSSA. As such, recipients under a specific category could not be entirely treated as having the same characteristics as indicated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

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Research and Statistics Section,  
Social Welfare Department  
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- The number of females receiving SSA rose from 642 901 in 2022 to 682 679 in 2023, while that of their male counterparts also increased from 543 514 to 579 042 over the same period.



**Chart 6.2 : Persons receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) by type of scheme and sex, 2023**



**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				
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
2023	Social Security Allowance (SSA) (1)	Old Age Allowance	170 478	170 943	341 421
		Old Age Living Allowance	413 163	306 710	719 873
		Guangdong Scheme	9 404	15 478	24 882
		Fujian Scheme	1 238	1 194	2 432
		Disability Allowance	88 396	84 717	173 113
		Total	682 679	579 042	1 261 721

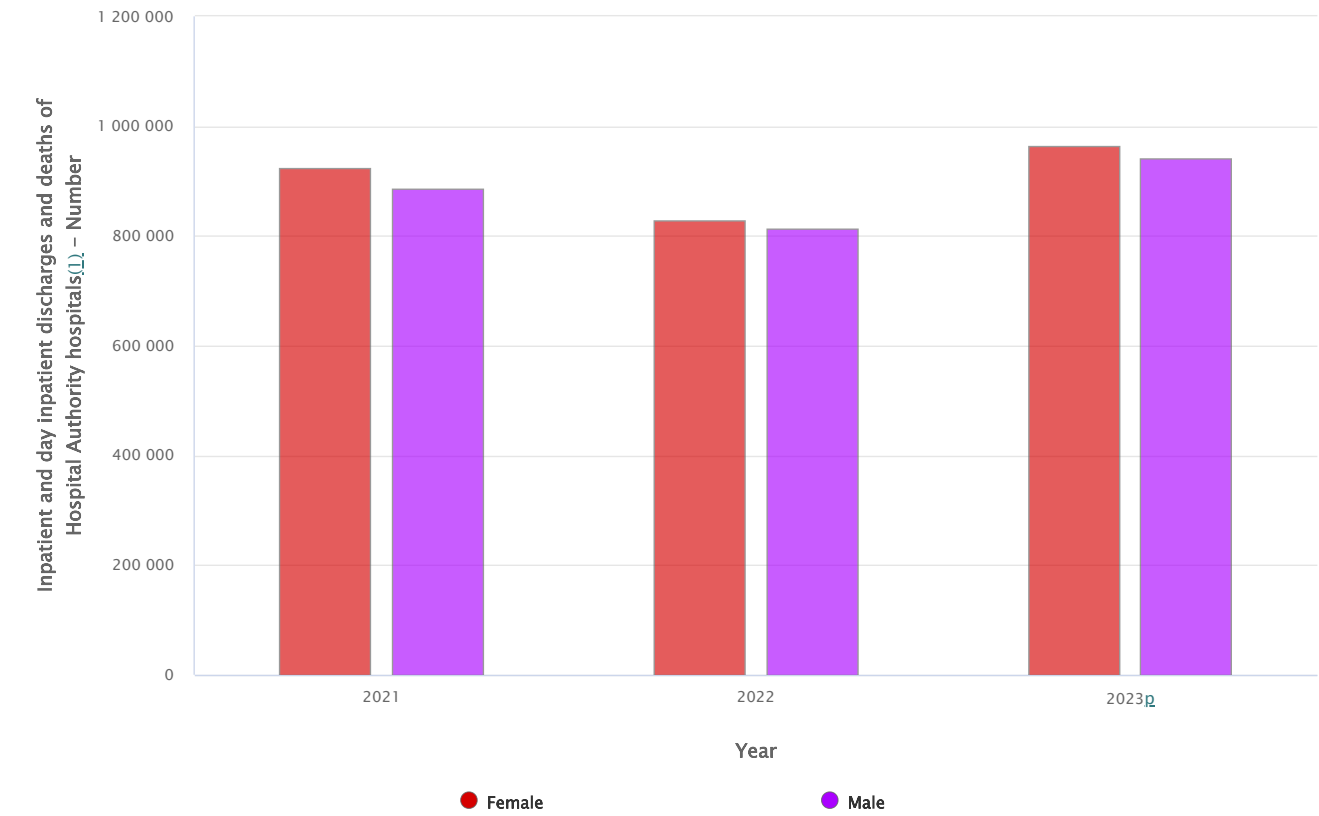
1 Figures are as at end of the year. Figures include persons whose cases are under processing and payments have not been made.

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Social Welfare Department  
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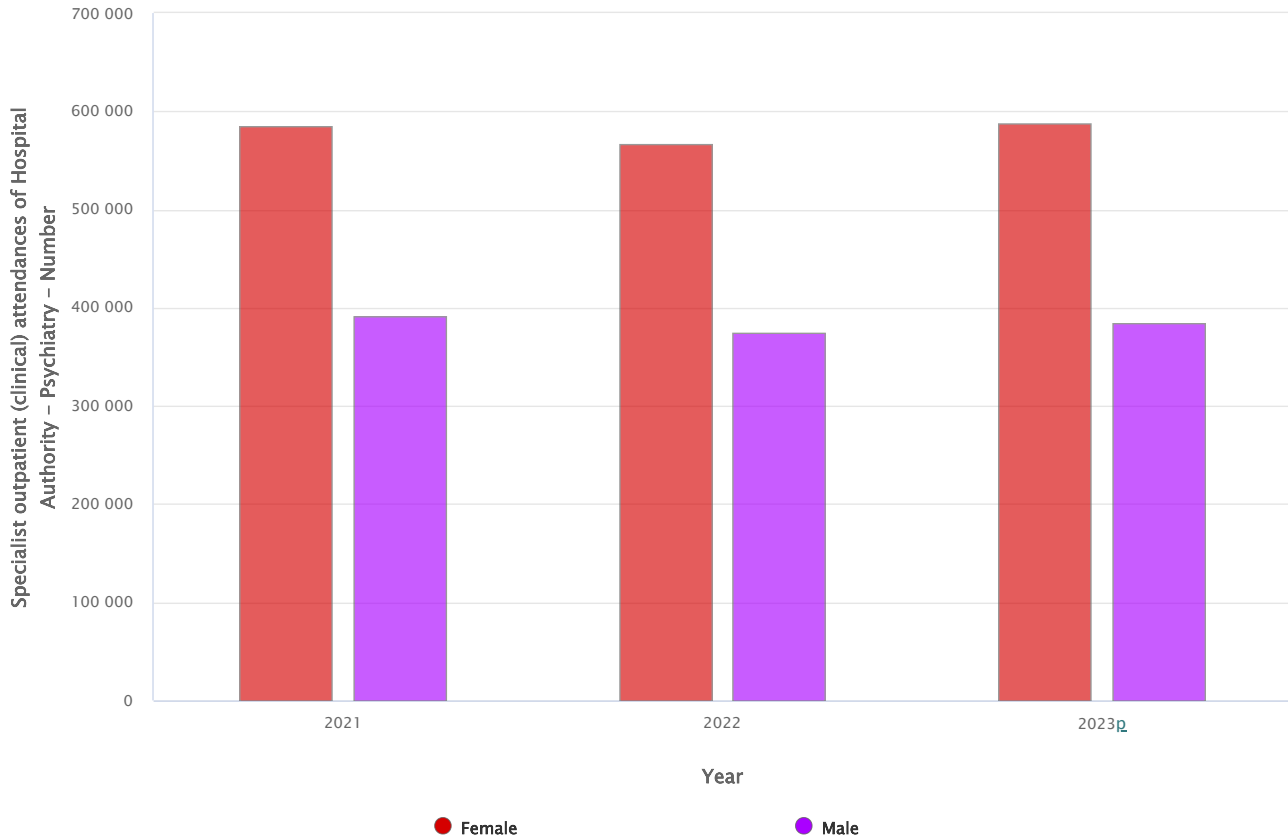
7. Medical and Health

- The numbers of inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority (HA) hospitals for females and males were 963 264 and 942 581 respectively (provisional figures) in 2023, representing increases of 16.2% and 16.1% from 2022.
- Besides, the Psychiatry specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of HA for females rose by 3.9% from 566 314 in 2022 to 588 317 (provisional figure) in 2023, whereas that for males increased by 2.9% from 374 026 in 2022 to 384 917 (provisional figure) in 2023.

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



**Chart 7.1-B : Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of Hospital Authority by sex - Psychiatry**



**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 <sup>(1)</sup>			Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of Hospital Authority - Psychiatry		
		Number			Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	56	-	-	1
	Total	923 303	885 901	1 809 260	585 323	392 036	977 360
2022	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	69	-	-	2
	Total	828 734	812 199	1 641 002	566 314	374 026	940 342
2023 <sup>p</sup>	0 - 14	62 653	80 727	143 380	25 373	63 746	89 119
	15 - 24	22 554	19 736	42 290	47 565	39 225	86 790
	25 - 64	415 651	337 163	752 814	348 229	201 144	549 373
	65 and over	462 406	504 955	967 361	167 150	80 802	247 952
	Unknown <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	60	-	-	3
	Total	963 264	942 581	1 905 905	588 317	384 917	973 237

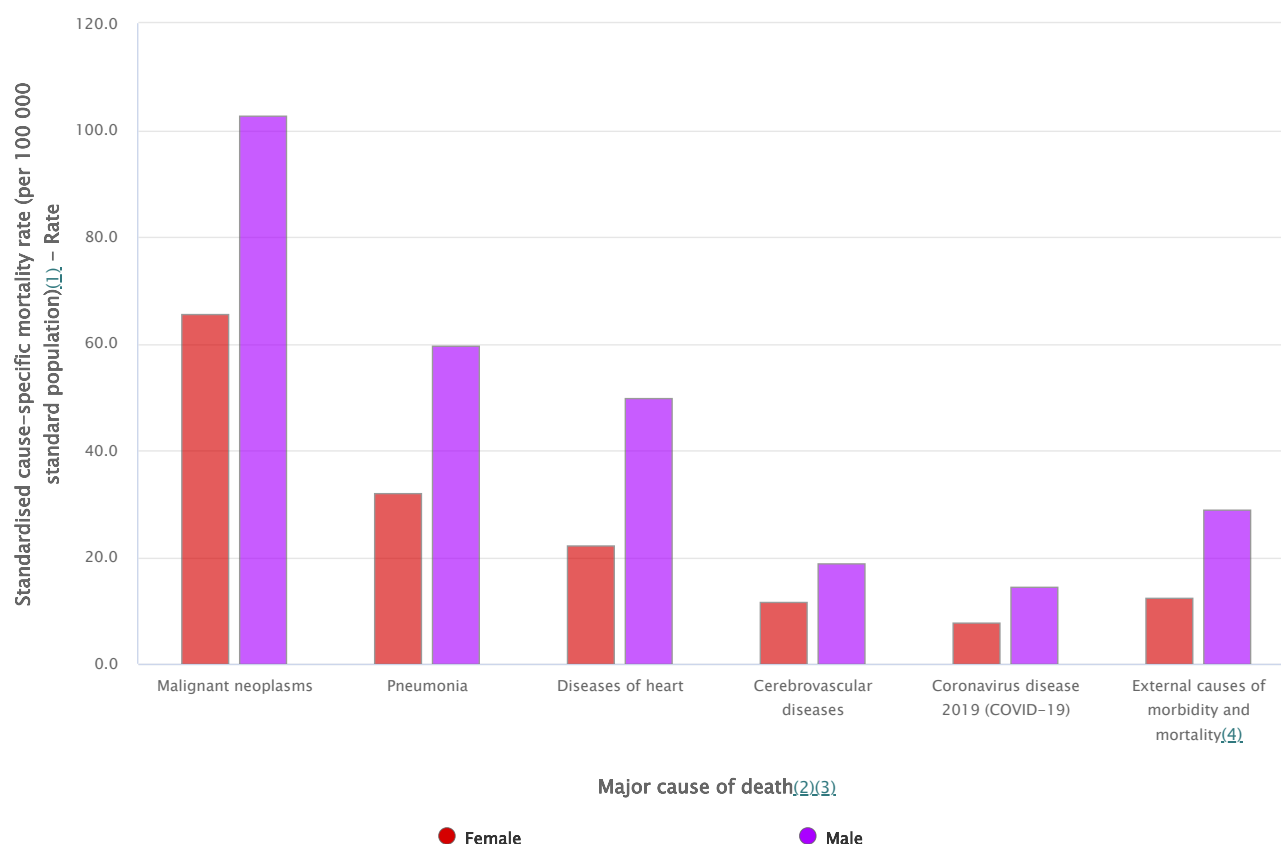
In view of the emergence of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic in Hong Kong since early 2020, HA has adjusted its services in response to the epidemic. This should be taken into account when comparing the throughput of services provided by HA across the years. With the subsiding of local COVID-19 epidemic situation and cessation of anti-epidemic measures in early 2023, the HA has been gradually resuming provision of all of its public healthcare services to tie in with the Government's normalcy measures.

- 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](mailto:enquiry@ha.org.hk))

- The major cause of death for both females and males was malignant neoplasms (cancers). In 2023, the standardised mortality rates (i.e. number of registered deaths per 100 000 standard population) of malignant neoplasms for females and males were 65.5 and 102.7 respectively (provisional figures).

**Chart 7.2 : Standardised cause-specific mortality rate by major cause of death and sex, 2023<sup>p</sup>**



**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					
	2021		2022		2023 <sup>p</sup>	
Year						
Sex	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Major cause of death (2) (3)						
Malignant neoplasms	70.4	113.4	68.5	106.2	65.5	102.7
Pneumonia	28.2	55.7	28.5	59.3	32.0	59.7
Diseases of heart	22.8	45.2	22.0	47.4	22.3	49.9
Cerebrovascular diseases	12.2	19.7	11.7	19.6	11.6	18.9
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	0.3	0.5	25.9	54.5	7.7	14.4
External causes of morbidity and mortality (4)	10.6	24.9	10.0	24.2	12.4	28.8
All causes	202.1	350.2	224.4	402.9	206.7	365.1

The figures are based on deaths registered under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance (Cap. 174, Laws of Hong Kong) during the specified period.

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 Ranking according to the number of total registered deaths in 2023.

3 Classification of diseases and causes of death is based on the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) 10th Revision.

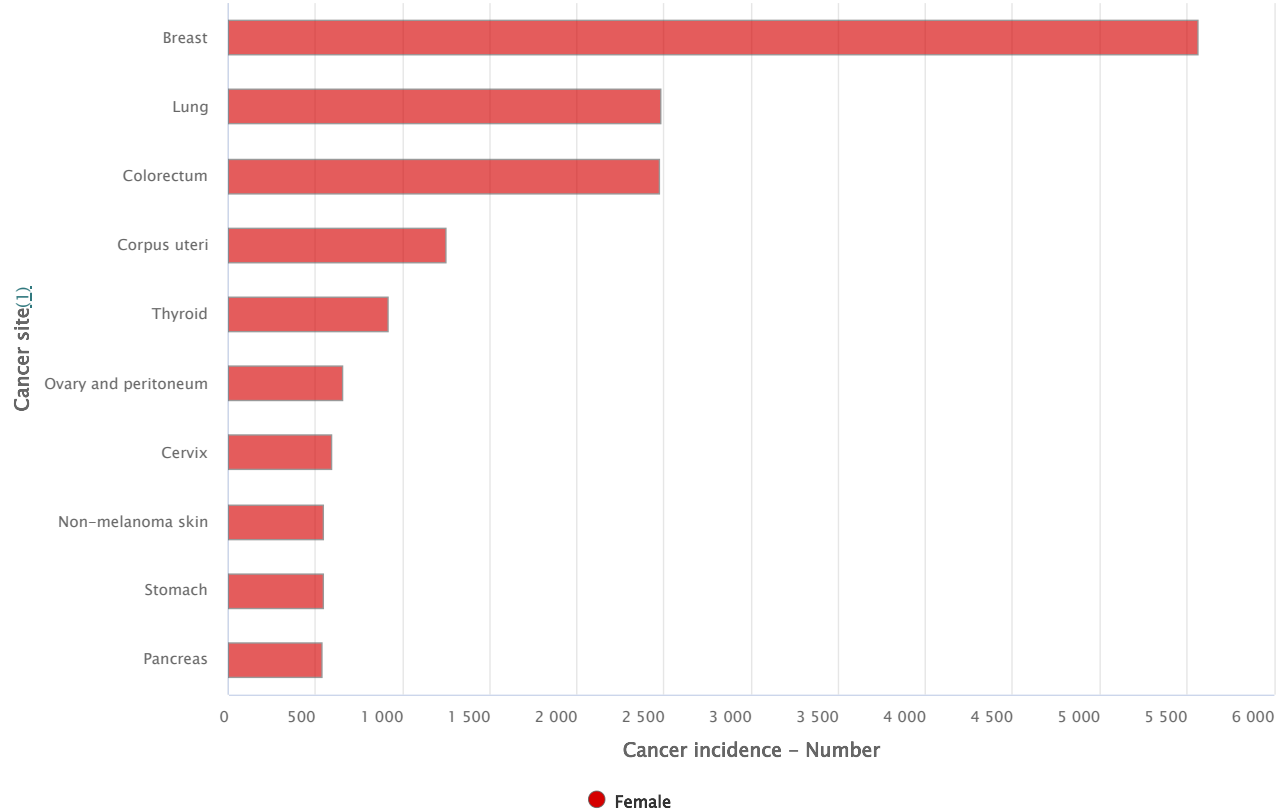
4 According to the ICD 10th Revision, when the morbid condition is classifiable under Chapter XIX as "injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes", the codes under Chapter XX for "external causes of morbidity and mortality" should be used as the primary cause of death.

p Provisional figure

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

- The total number of new cancer cases in females was 19 519 in 2021, a substantial increase of 11.7% as compared with 2020.
- The three leading cancers for females in 2021 were breast cancer (5 565 new cases), lung cancer (2 485 new cases) and colorectal cancer (2 472 new cases), together accounting for 53.9% of all female new cancer cases.

Chart 7.3 : Top ten new cancer cases in females, 2021



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

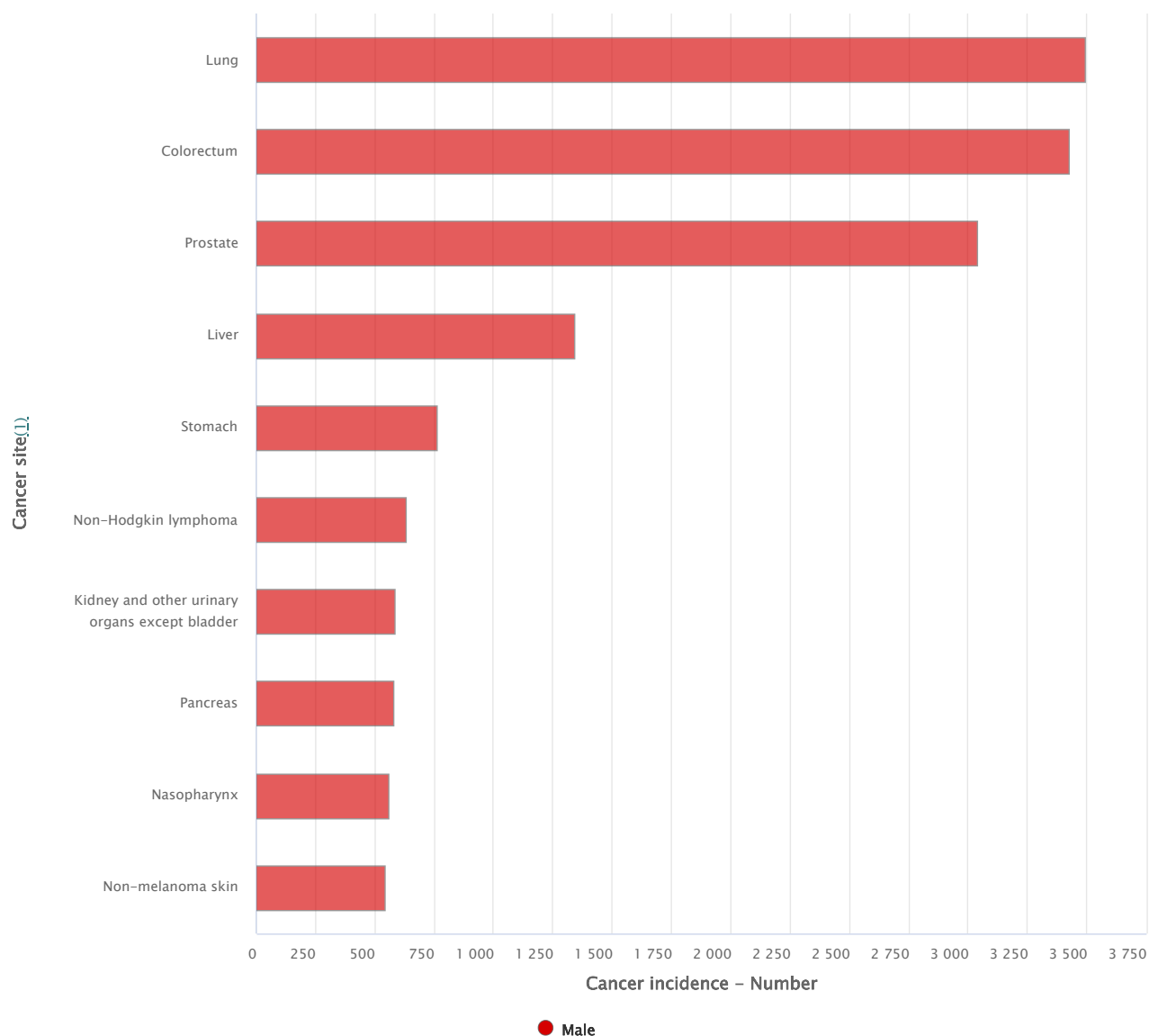
		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2019	2020	2021
Sex	Cancer site <sup>(1)</sup>			
Female	All cancer sites	17 397	17 476	19 519
	Breast	4 761	4 956	5 565
	Lung	2 151	2 170	2 485
	Colorectum	2 320	2 182	2 472
	Corpus uteri	1 198	1 186	1 250
	Thyroid	823	775	919
	Ovary and peritoneum	732	585	654
	Cervix	520	556	596
	Non-melanoma skin	517	481	549
	Stomach	544	482	544
	Pancreas	416	455	534

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in 2021.

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

- The total number of new cancer cases in males was 18 943 in 2021, a substantial increase of 13.4% as compared with 2020.
- The three leading cancers for males were lung cancer (3 493 new cases), colorectal cancer (3 427 new cases) and prostate cancer (3 038 new cases), together accounting for 52.6% of all male new cancer cases.

**Chart 7.4 : Top ten new cancer cases in males, 2021**



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

		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2019	2020	2021
Sex	Cancer site (1)			
Male	All cancer sites	17 685	16 703	18 943
	Lung	3 424	3 252	3 493
	Colorectum	3 236	2 905	3 427
	Prostate	2 532	2 315	3 038
	Liver	1 448	1 261	1 343
	Stomach	759	715	762
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	589	582	631
	Kidney and other urinary organs except bladder	564	550	586
	Pancreas	530	487	582
	Nasopharynx	588	535	558
	Non-melanoma skin	564	499	545

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in 2021.

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

## 8. Crime and Justice

- In 2023, the number of males arrested for crime was 24 129, which was about 2.4 times that of females (10 006).
- The numbers of males and females arrested for crime in 2023 were both higher than those in 2022 (males: 20 480; females: 8 349).

Chart 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

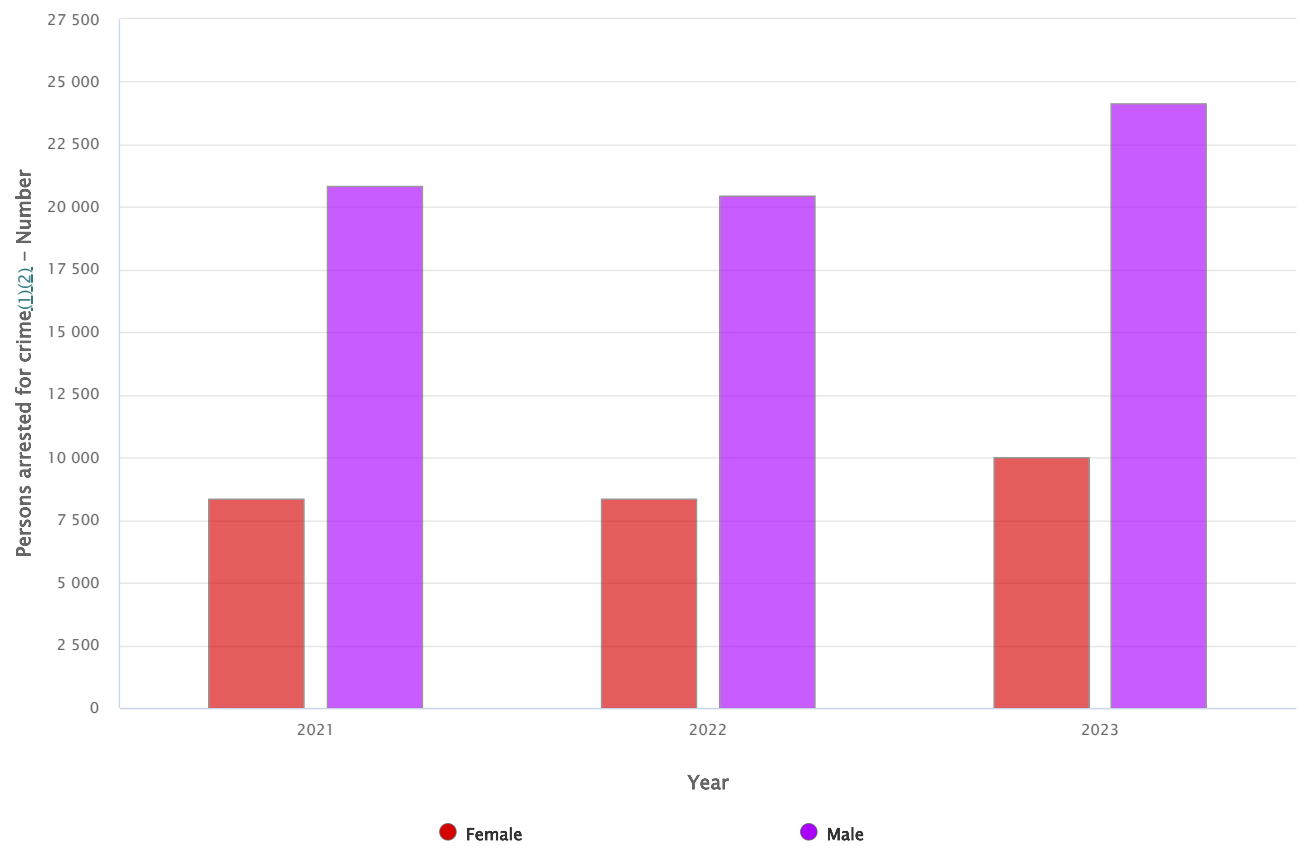


Table 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

	Persons arrested for crime (1) (2)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2021	8 360	20 858	29 218
2022	8 349	20 480	28 829
2023	10 006	24 129	34 135

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Crime refers to reported crimes.

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The number of persons arrested for crime includes all persons arrested regardless of whether they are prosecuted or not. The counting rule for persons arrested for crime is based on the number of occasions on which offenders are arrested. If a person is arrested on two or more occasions, each occasion is counted as a "separate" person. If a person is arrested on one occasion for several offences, the offence with the heaviest maximum permissible penalty is chosen for tabulation purposes.

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



- A total of 9 520 admissions of sentenced persons to the correctional institutions was registered in 2023, of which 2 951 were females and 6 569 were males, representing significant increases of 55.9% and 23.6% respectively from 2022.

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

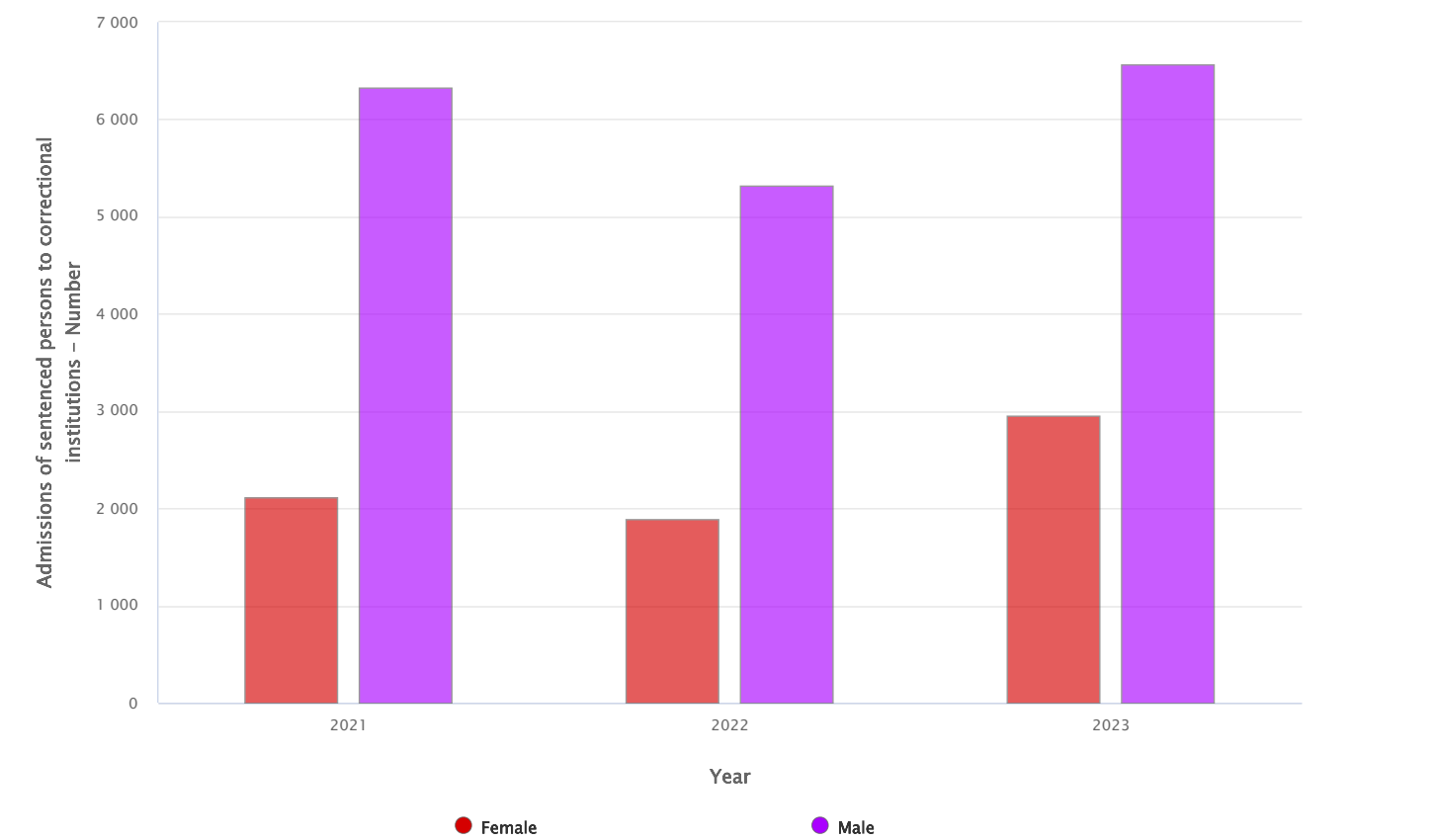


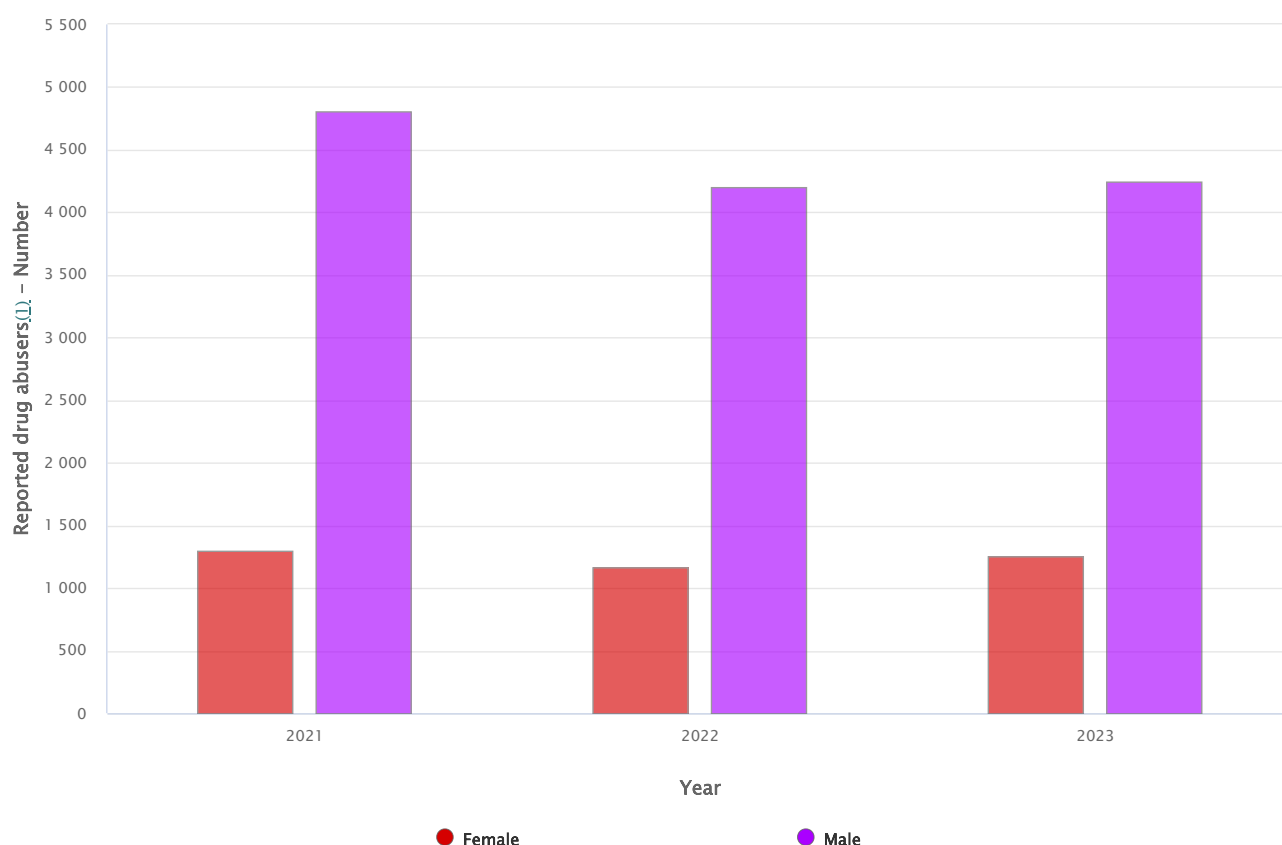
Table 8.2 : Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions by age group and sex

		Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions		
		Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group			
2021	0 - 20	43	408	451
	21 - 44	1 253	3 598	4 851
	45 - 59	650	1 724	2 374
	60 and over	163	595	758
	Total	2 109	6 325	8 434
2022	0 - 20	50	302	352
	21 - 44	1 075	3 079	4 154
	45 - 59	607	1 412	2 019
	60 and over	161	523	684
	Total	1 893	5 316	7 209
2023	0 - 20	60	308	368
	21 - 44	1 780	3 823	5 603
	45 - 59	863	1 769	2 632
	60 and over	248	669	917
	Total	2 951	6 569	9 520

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

- Drug abuse was more common among males than females. In 2023, there were 1 252 reported female drug abusers as against 4 248 male drug abusers.
- As compared with 2022, the numbers of reported drug abusers rose by 7.7% and 1.1% respectively for females and males.

**Chart 8.3 : Reported drug abusers by sex**



**Table 8.3 : Reported drug abusers by age group and sex**

		Reported drug abusers <sup>(1)</sup>		
		Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group			
2021	0 - 20	251	638 r	889 r
	21 - 44	706 r	2 327 r	3 033 r
	45 - 59	298 r	1 289	1 587 r
	60 and over	42	552	594
	Total	1 297 r	4 806 r	6 103 r
2022	0 - 20	212 r	532 r	744 r
	21 - 44	656 r	1 955 r	2 611 r
	45 - 59	242 r	1 153 r	1 395 r
	60 and over	53	560 r	613 r
	Total	1 163 r	4 200 r	5 363 r
2023	0 - 20	190	469	659
	21 - 44	694	1 930	2 624
	45 - 59	314	1 240	1 554
	60 and over	54	609	663
	Total	1 252	4 248	5 500

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 2021 and 2022 have been slightly revised and may be different from those presented in the 2023 Edition and earlier editions of this publication. It is because some agencies still submit records to the Registry on abusers contacted within the preceding years, or revise records submitted after the cut-off time of data collection of each reference year.

r Revised figure



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 2023 District Council Ordinary Election, the number of male candidates was 292, higher than their female counterparts of 108.
- 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 2023 District Council Ordinary Election, the number of male elected members was 187, higher than their female counterparts of 77. On the other hand, the number of male appointed members was 129, higher than their female counterparts of 50.

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	-	-	-
2023	District Council	108	292	400	77	187	264	50	129	179

By-election figures are not included.

- Not applicable

Sources :  
Registration and Electoral Office  
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2891 1001  
Enquiry e-mail : [reoeng@reo.gov.hk](mailto:reoeng@reo.gov.hk))

Home Affairs Department  
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2835 2500  
Enquiry e-mail : [hadgen@had.gov.hk](mailto:hadgen@had.gov.hk))

- In the civil service, the numbers of female and male directorate officers decreased from 572 and 820 respectively in mid-2022 to 561 and 804 in mid-2023.
- Comparing with mid-2022, the proportion of female and male directorate officers in mid-2023 remained unchanged at 41.1% and 58.9% respectively.
- As for non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies, the number of females and males decreased from 1 844 and 3 942 respectively in 2022 to 1 797 and 3 827 in 2023.

Chart 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service by sex

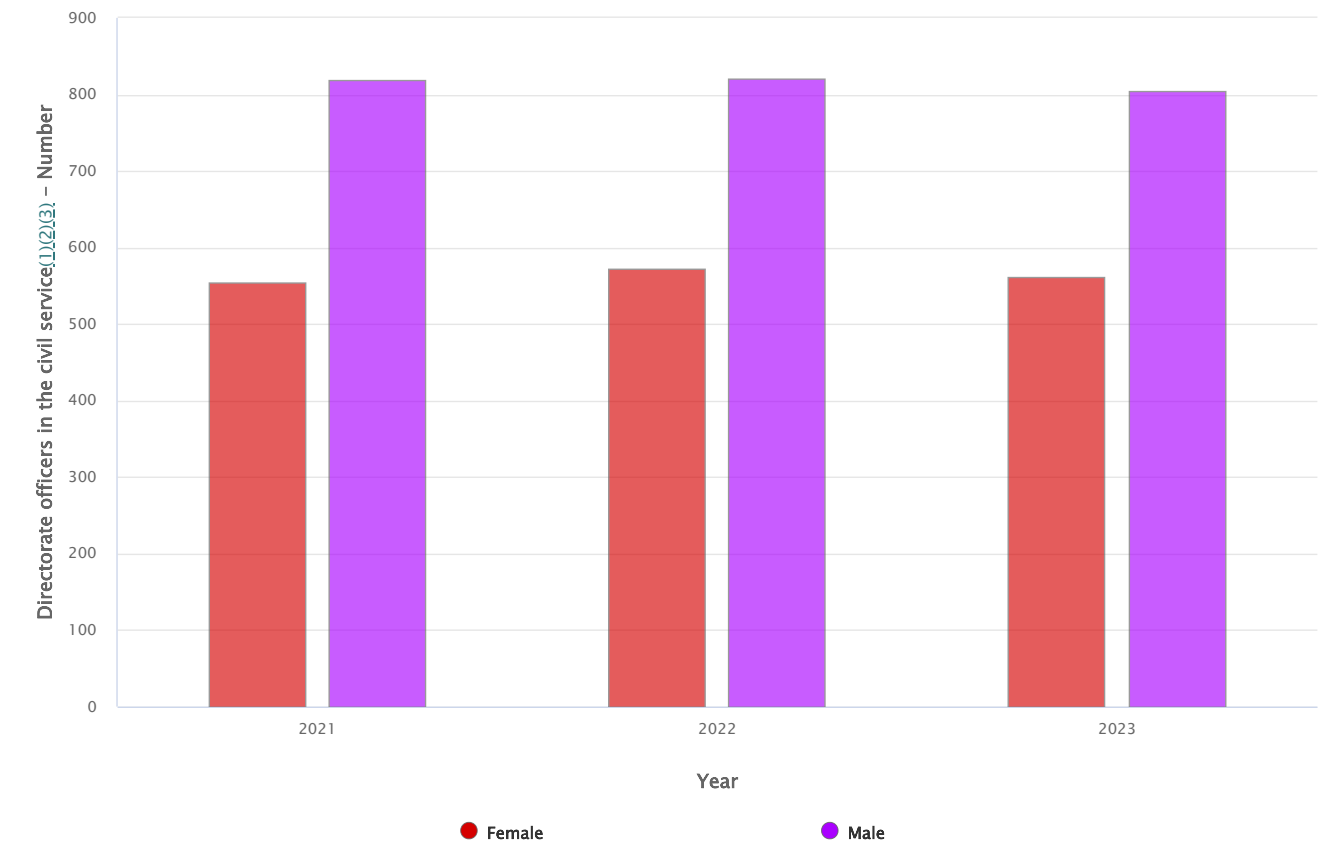


Table 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service and non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies by sex

	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						
2021	555	819	1 374	1 835	4 022	5 857
2022	572	820	1 392	1 844	3 942	5 786
2023	561	804	1 365	1 797	3 827	5 624

- Figures are as at 1 July of each year.
- Civil servants refer to persons who are employed on civil service terms of appointment on the survey reference date.
- Figures exclude directorate officers on Independent Commission Against Corruption Pay Scale.
- 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](mailto:csbsu@csb.gov.hk))

Home and Youth Affairs Bureau,  
 Government Secretariat  
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 3509 8001  
 Enquiry e-mail : [eo\\_pi@hyab.gov.hk](mailto:eo_pi@hyab.gov.hk))

- For the number of civil servants as a whole, there were 172 610 civil servants in end-2023, of which 66 657 were females and 105 953 were males.

Chart 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

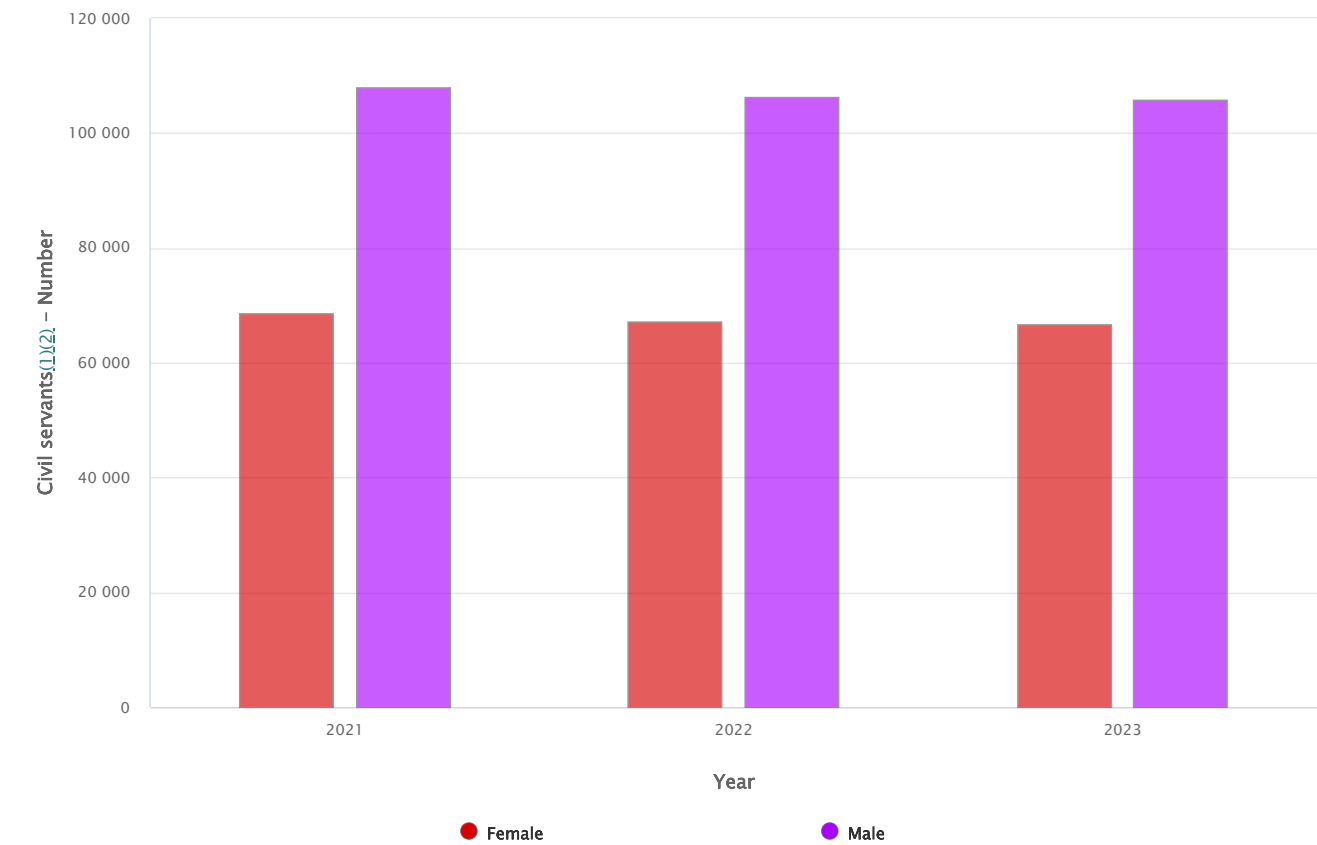


Table 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

	Civil servants (1) (2)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2021	68 633	107 985	176 618
2022	67 231	106 433	173 664
2023	66 657	105 953	172 610

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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.

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Figures refer to the end of December of the year.

Source :  
Employment Statistics Section,  
Census and Statistics Department  
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2582 5076  
Enquiry e-mail : [employment@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:employment@censtatd.gov.hk))

## 10. Information Technology Usage

- 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 3 315 700 females and 3 036 400 males in 2023, denoting increases of 4.0% and 3.0% respectively as compared with 2022.
- In 2023, among persons aged 10 and over who had used personal computer during the 12 months before enumeration (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 2 700 200 females and 2 519 200 males, showing increases of 1.8% and 1.0% respectively as compared with 2022.
- As for smartphone penetration, among persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 3 340 200 females and 3 037 600 males having a smartphone in 2023, representing increases of 2.4% and 2.1% respectively as compared with 2022.

**Table 10.1 : Persons aged 10 and over who had used the Internet, used 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 PC (2) (3)			Had a smartphone (4)		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Survey year	Age group										
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
2023	10 and over	10 - 19	280.3	300.5	580.8	280.3	300.3	580.6	266.1	276.9	543.0
		20 - 39	839.5	808.9	1 648.3	817.8	780.3	1 598.2	839.2	808.6	1 647.7
		40 - 59	1 198.5	971.3	2 169.7	1 019.8	840.9	1 860.6	1 198.6	971.5	2 170.2
		60 and over	997.4	955.8	1 953.2	582.3	597.8	1 180.1	1 036.3	980.6	2 016.9
		10 and over	3 315.7	3 036.4	6 352.1	2 700.2	2 519.2	5 219.5	3 340.2	3 037.6	6 377.8

Statistics are compiled based on data collected from a series of the Thematic Household Survey on "Information Technology Usage and Penetration" / "Internet and Personal Computer Penetration". For the survey period of each survey year, please refer to the Explanatory Notes of the respective reports of the Thematic Household Survey.

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

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

Source :  
Thematic Household Survey  
Social Surveys Section (1),  
Census and Statistics Department  
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5103  
Enquiry e-mail : [thematic@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:thematic@censtatd.gov.hk))

- A significant increase of 7.3% in the number of persons aged 15 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who had made online purchases for personal matters during the 12 months before enumeration 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 over 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 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes
Survey 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 a series of the Thematic Household Survey on "Information Technology Usage and Penetration" / "Internet and Personal Computer Penetration". For the survey period of each survey year, please refer to the Explanatory Notes of the respective reports of the Thematic Household Survey.

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

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

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Thematic Household Survey  
Social Surveys Section (1),  
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Enquiry e-mail : [thematic@censtatd.gov.hk](mailto:thematic@censtatd.gov.hk))



## 11. Further Information

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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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- [2016 Population By-census Results](#)
- [2021 Population Census - Thematic Report: Single Parents](#)
- [2021 Population Census - Thematic Report: Persons Living in Subdivided Units](#)
- [2021 Population Census - Thematic Report: Children](#)
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- Hospital Authority - Major Statistics
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  - Road traffic casualty rates by age group and sex
- **Transport Department - Road traffic accident statistics by age and sex, Year 2023**

## 12. Explanatory Notes

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### 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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