



Women and Men in Hong Kong - Key Statistics

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1. Summary of Key Statistics

		Female	Male
Demographics - Vital Events (Year 2024)	Year-end population	4 096 100	3 404 500
	Number of live births	17 492	19 231
	Expectation of life at birth (years)	88.4 p	82.8 p
	Number of deaths	23 031 p	28 337 p
	Number of marriages	44 196	
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 2024)	Proportion of population aged 15 and over having attained upper secondary education and above (%)	67.1	70.8
	Number of students enrolled in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee	55 898	54 432
Labour Force Characteristics and Employment Earnings (Year 2024)	Labour force	1 933 700	1 873 700
	Labour force participation rate (%)	52.3	62.7
	Number of employed persons	1 888 000	1 805 600
	Underemployment rate (%)	0.7	1.6
	Unemployment rate (%)	2.4	3.6
	Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	17,000	24,000

Social Welfare (Year 2024)	Number of recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	143 104	120 848
	Number of persons receiving Social Security Allowance	716 961	606 259
Medical and Health (Year 2024)	Number of inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority hospitals	1 025 518 p	990 386 p
	Number of specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances (Psychiatry) of Hospital Authority	616 085 p	401 865 p
Crime and Justice (Year 2024)	Number of persons arrested for crime	10 686	25 583
	Number of reported drug abusers	1 218	3 850
Pattern of Participation in Public Affairs (Year 2024)	Number of directorate officers in the civil service	571	792
	Number of non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies	1 929	4 067
Information Technology Usage (Year 2024)	Number of persons aged 10 and over having used the Internet (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 321 600	3 044 600
	Number of persons aged 10 and over having a smartphone (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 352 400	3 047 400

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2. Demographics – Vital Events

- There were 4 096 100 females and 3 404 500 males in Hong Kong at end-2024, representing decreases of 0.2% and 0.6% respectively as compared with end-2023.
- Analysed by age group, the numbers of persons aged 0-14 decreased from end-2023 to end-2024 by 4.6% and 4.9% respectively for females and males.
- Conversely, the numbers of persons aged 65 and over increased by 4.3% and 4.2% respectively for females and males over the same period.

Chart 2.1 : Population by sex

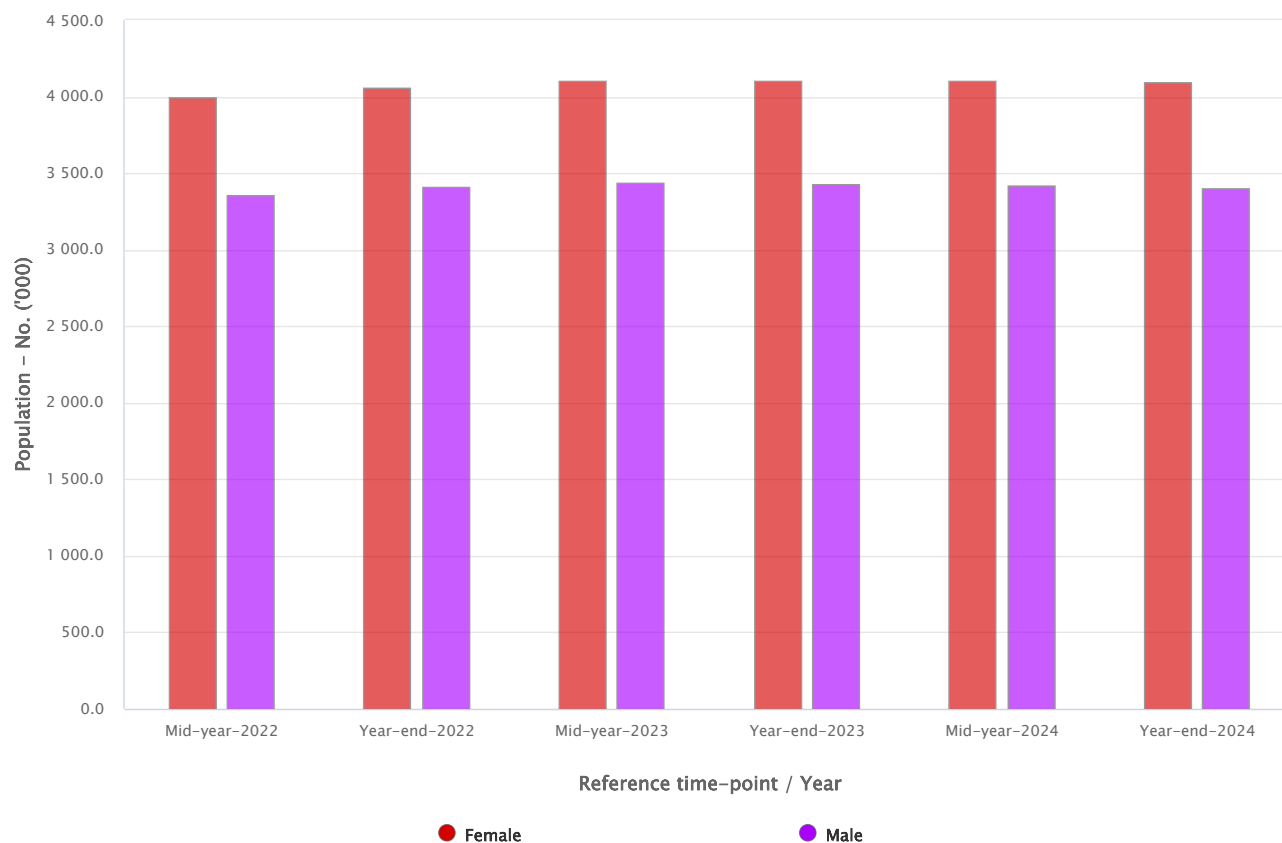


Table 2.1 : Population by sex and age group

Year		Population											
		No. ('000)						Year-on-year % change					
		2022		2023		2024		2022		2023		2024	
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	375.1	374.0	377.7	366.9	362.7	350.2	-4.3	-2.8	+0.7	-1.9	-4.0	-4.6
	15 - 24	281.4	291.6	300.7	297.1	293.4	287.1	-3.4	-2.3	+6.8	+1.9	-2.4	-3.4
	25 - 64	2 523.8	2 551.7	2 551.0	2 541.2	2 536.4	2 522.5	-2.1	+0.2	+1.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7
	65 and over	811.3	845.5	871.5	897.4	913.7	936.3	+5.5	+6.7	+7.4	+6.1	+4.8	+4.3
	All age groups	3 991.6	4 062.8	4 100.9	4 102.6	4 106.2	4 096.1	-1.0	+1.0	+2.7	+1.0	+0.1	-0.2
Male	0 - 14	399.0	398.6	404.0	392.9	388.1	373.6	-4.1	-2.5	+1.3	-1.4	-4.0	-4.9
	15 - 24	290.3	300.7	309.1	306.4	303.4	296.0	-3.1	-0.9	+6.5	+1.9	-1.8	-3.4
	25 - 64	1 947.6	1 961.3	1 951.7	1 934.3	1 921.2	1 910.1	-1.8	-0.1	+0.2	-1.4	-1.6	-1.2
	65 and over	717.6	749.2	770.4	791.7	805.2	824.8	+5.2	+6.6	+7.4	+5.7	+4.5	+4.2
	All age groups	3 354.5	3 409.8	3 435.2	3 425.3	3 417.9	3 404.5	-0.8	+0.9	+2.4	+0.5	-0.5	-0.6
Both sexes	0 - 14	774.1	772.6	781.7	759.8	750.8	723.8	-4.2	-2.6	+1.0	-1.7	-4.0	-4.7
	15 - 24	571.7	592.3	609.8	603.5	596.8	583.1	-3.3	-1.6	+6.7	+1.9	-2.1	-3.4
	25 - 64	4 471.4	4 513.0	4 502.7	4 475.5	4 457.6	4 432.6	-2.0	0.0	+0.7	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0
	65 and over	1 528.9	1 594.7	1 641.9	1 689.1	1 718.9	1 761.1	+5.3	+6.7	+7.4	+5.9	+4.7	+4.3
	All age groups	7 346.1	7 472.6	7 536.1	7 527.9	7 524.1	7 500.6	-0.9	+1.0	+2.6	+0.7	-0.2	-0.4

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

- In 2024, the sex ratio (i.e. number of males per 1 000 females) was 832. After excluding foreign domestic helpers who were mostly female, the sex ratio became 905.

Table 2.2 : Sex ratio by age group

		Sex ratio (1)	Sex ratio (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1)
		Rate	Rate
Year	Age group		
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
2024	0 - 14	1 070	1 070
	15 - 24	1 034	1 048
	25 - 64	758	869
	65 and over	881	883
	All age groups	832	905

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 2024 were 17 492 and 19 231 respectively, rising from 15 818 and 17 414 in 2023.
- The expectations of life at birth for females and males in 2024 were 88.4 years and 82.8 years respectively (provisional figures), increasing from 88.1 years and 82.5 years in 2023.

Chart 2.3-A : Number of live births by sex

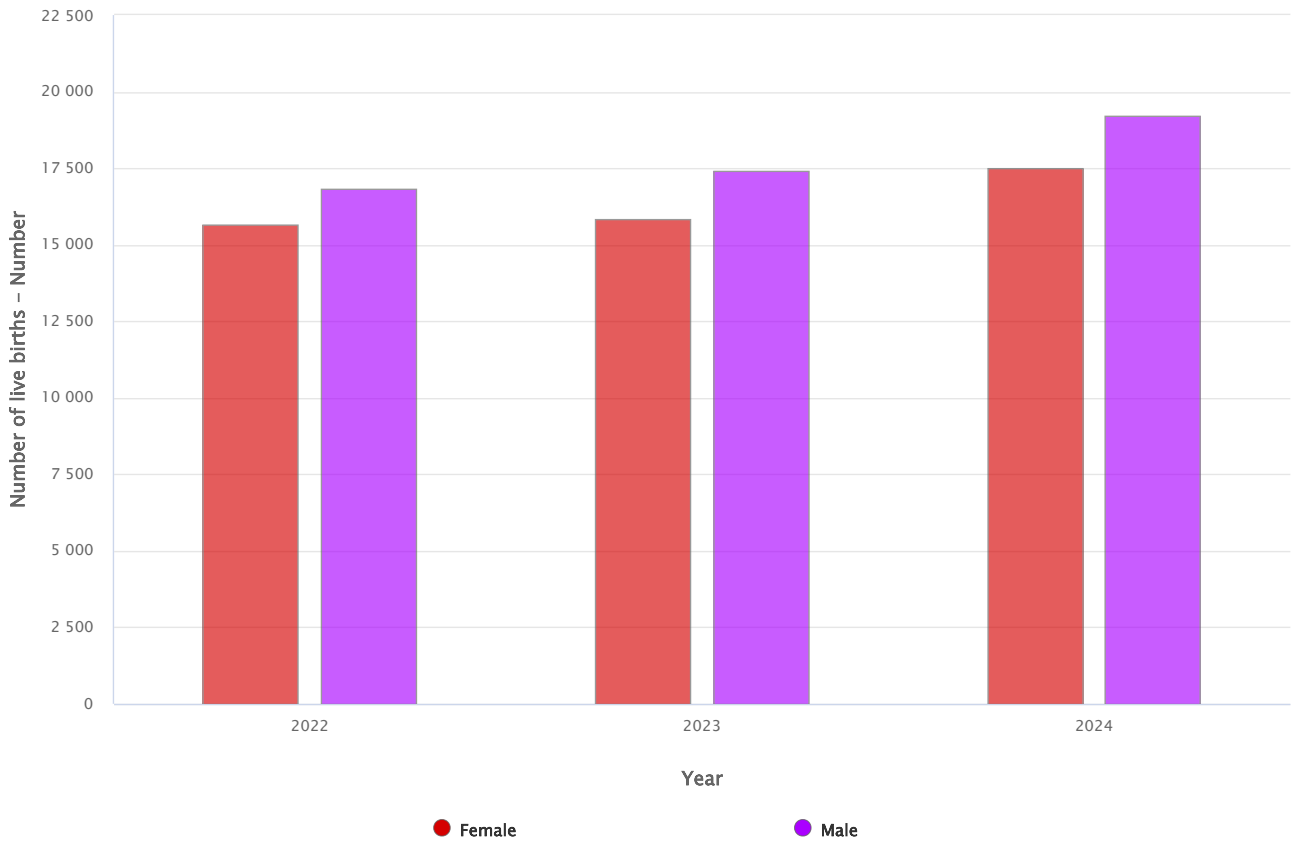


Chart 2.3-B : Expectation of life at birth by sex

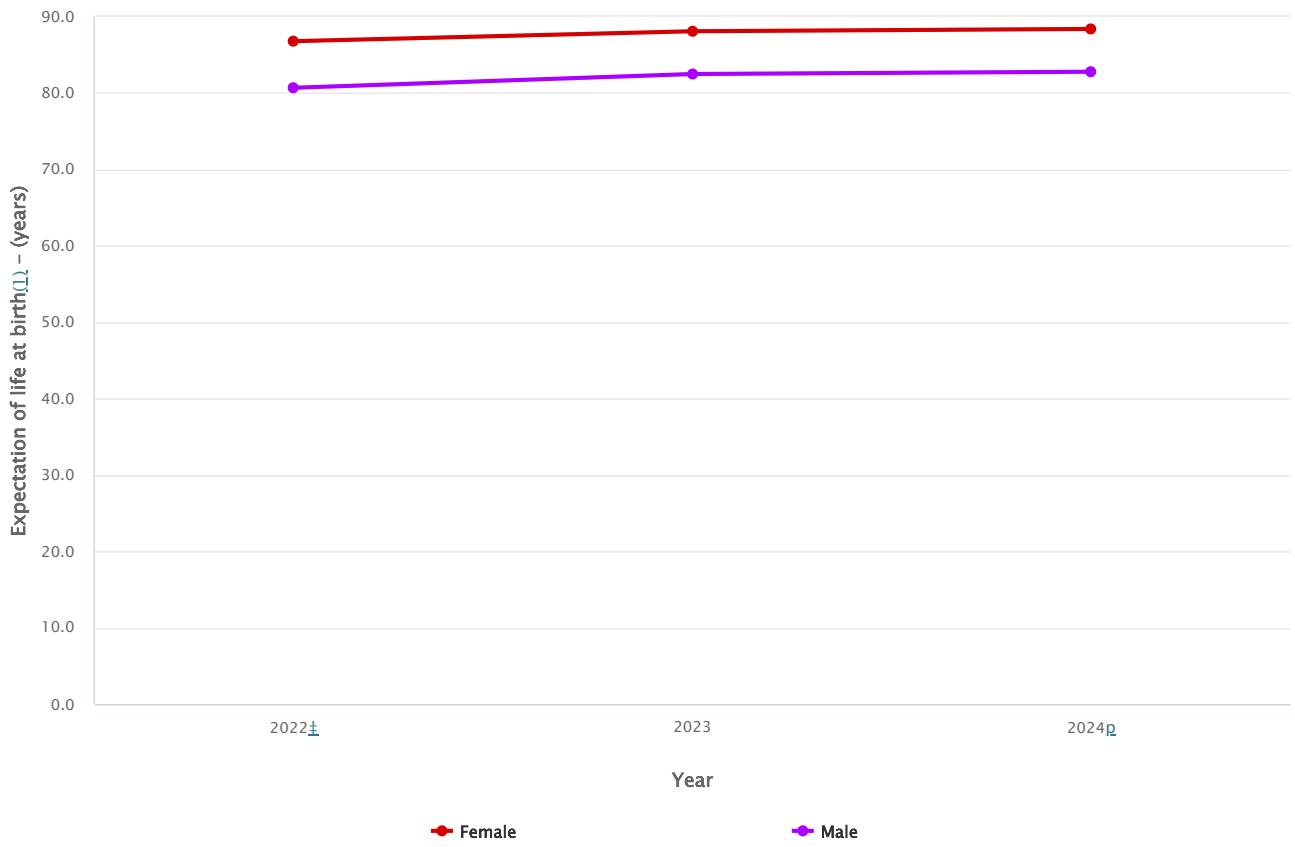


Table 2.3 : Number of live births and expectation of life at birth by sex

	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								
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	88.1	82.5
2024	17 492	19 231	36 723	+10.6	+10.4	+10.5	88.4 p	82.8 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 subjected 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.
- p Provisional figure

Source :
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- The number of deaths decreased from 54 731 (females: 24 535; males: 30 195) in 2023 to 51 377 (females: 23 031; males: 28 337) (provisional figures) in 2024.

Chart 2.4 : Number of deaths by sex

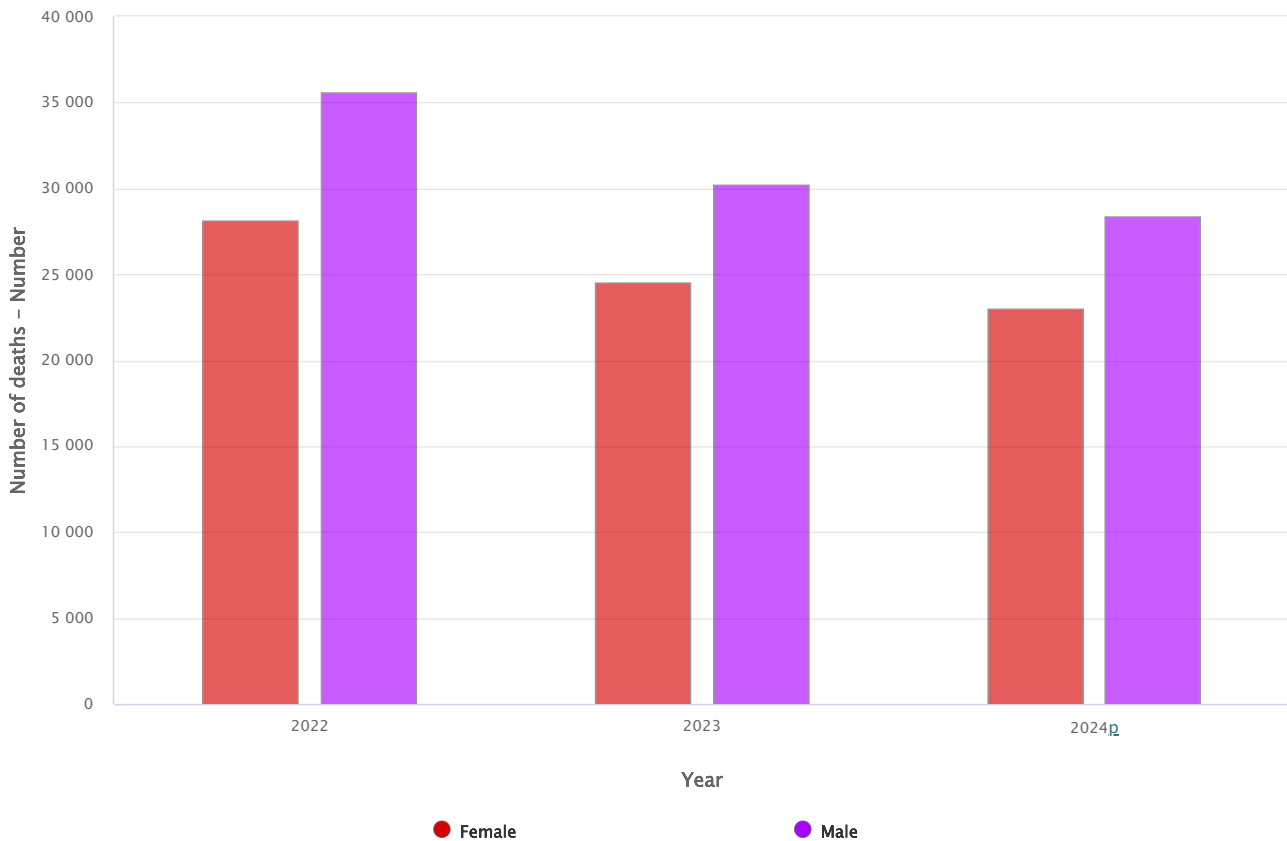


Table 2.4 : Deaths by age group and sex

		Number of deaths					
		Number			Year-on-year % change		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
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	0 - 14	57	62	119	-6.6	-15.1	-11.2
	15 - 24	51	101	152	+6.3	+7.4	+7.0
	25 - 64	3 399	5 527	8 926	-6.2	-10.0	-8.6
	65 and over	21 024	24 488	45 512	-13.8	-16.2	-15.1
	Unknown (1)	4	17	22	+33.3	+41.7	+37.5
	All age groups	24 535	30 195	54 731	-12.8	-15.1	-14.1
2024 p	0 - 14	52	69	121	-8.8	+11.3	+1.7
	15 - 24	48	92	140	-5.9	-8.9	-7.9
	25 - 64	3 352	5 187	8 539	-1.4	-6.2	-4.3
	65 and over	19 579	22 989	42 577	-6.9	-6.1	-6.4
	Unknown (1)	0	0	0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
	All age groups	23 031	28 337	51 377	-6.1	-6.2	-6.1

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 2024, the numbers of never married females and males aged 15 and over were 993 900 and 942 300 respectively, representing decreases of 0.6% and 0.9% respectively from 2023.
- The numbers of married women and men were 2 036 500 and 1 835 100 respectively in 2024, denoting a slight increase of less than 0.05% and a decrease of 0.5% respectively as compared with 2023.
- The numbers of widowed/divorced/separated females and males were 665 900 and 209 400 respectively in 2024, showing increases of 3.8% and 7.9% respectively as compared with 2023.

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												
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
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

			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												
2024	Never married	15 - 24	289.4	299.9	589.4	-2.2	-2.1	-2.1	286.2	299.9	586.1	-2.4	-2.1	-2.2
		25 - 64	655.5	608.2	1 263.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2	589.5	607.7	1 197.2	-1.0	-1.3	-1.1
		65 and over	49.0	34.2	83.2	+18.9	+20.2	+19.4	48.6	34.2	82.8	+18.6	+20.2	+19.3
		15 and over	993.9	942.3	1 936.2	-0.6	-0.9	-0.7	924.3	941.8	1 866.2	-0.5	-0.9	-0.7
	Married	15 - 24	3.2	1.6	4.8	-17.5	+76.5	[§3]	2.6	1.6	4.1	-14.4	+81.0	+7.0
		25 - 64	1 583.6	1 200.8	2 784.4	-0.8	-2.2	-1.4	1 361.1	1 198.2	2 559.3	-2.1	-2.2	-2.1
		65 and over	449.7	632.7	1 082.4	+3.2	+2.6	+2.9	449.0	632.6	1 081.6	+3.2	+2.6	+2.8
		15 and over	2 036.5	1 835.1	3 871.6	[§3]	-0.5	-0.2	1 812.7	1 832.4	3 645.0	-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	288.2	96.7	384.9	+2.0	+3.6	+2.4	248.7	96.6	345.3	+2.8	+3.8	+3.0
		65 and over	377.5	112.6	490.2	+5.2	+11.9	+6.7	377.2	112.6	489.8	+5.2	+11.9	+6.7
		15 and over	665.9	209.4	875.3	+3.8	+7.9	+4.7	625.9	209.3	835.2	+4.2	+8.0	+5.2
	Total	15 - 24	292.7	301.6	594.3	-2.4	-1.8	-2.1	288.7	301.6	590.3	-2.5	-1.8	-2.2
		25 - 64	2 527.3	1 905.6	4 432.9	-0.6	-1.6	-1.0	2 199.3	1 902.6	4 101.9	-1.3	-1.6	-1.4
		65 and over	876.3	779.5	1 655.8	+4.9	+4.5	+4.7	874.8	779.4	1 654.2	+4.8	+4.5	+4.7
		15 and over	3 696.3	2 986.7	6 683.0	+0.5	-0.1	+0.2	3 362.9	2 983.5	6 346.4	+0.1	-0.1	[§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.

[§3] Increase or decrease of less than 0.05%

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 dropped from 47 723 in 2023 to 44 196 in 2024. The crude marriage rates (i.e. the number of marriages per 1 000 population) for females and males were 10.8 and 12.9 respectively in 2024, lower than the corresponding rates (females: 11.6; males: 13.9) in 2023.

Chart 2.6-A : Number of marriages

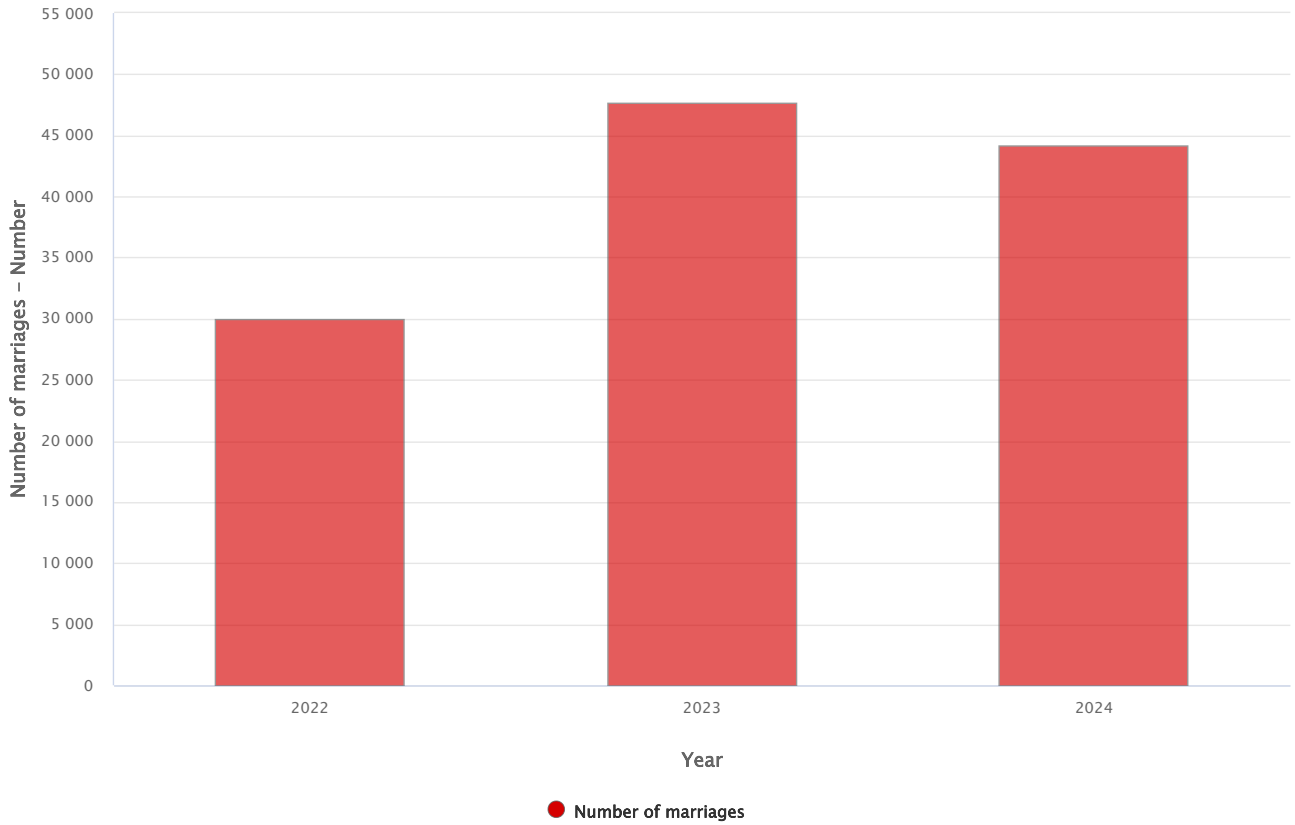


Chart 2.6-B : Crude marriage rate by sex

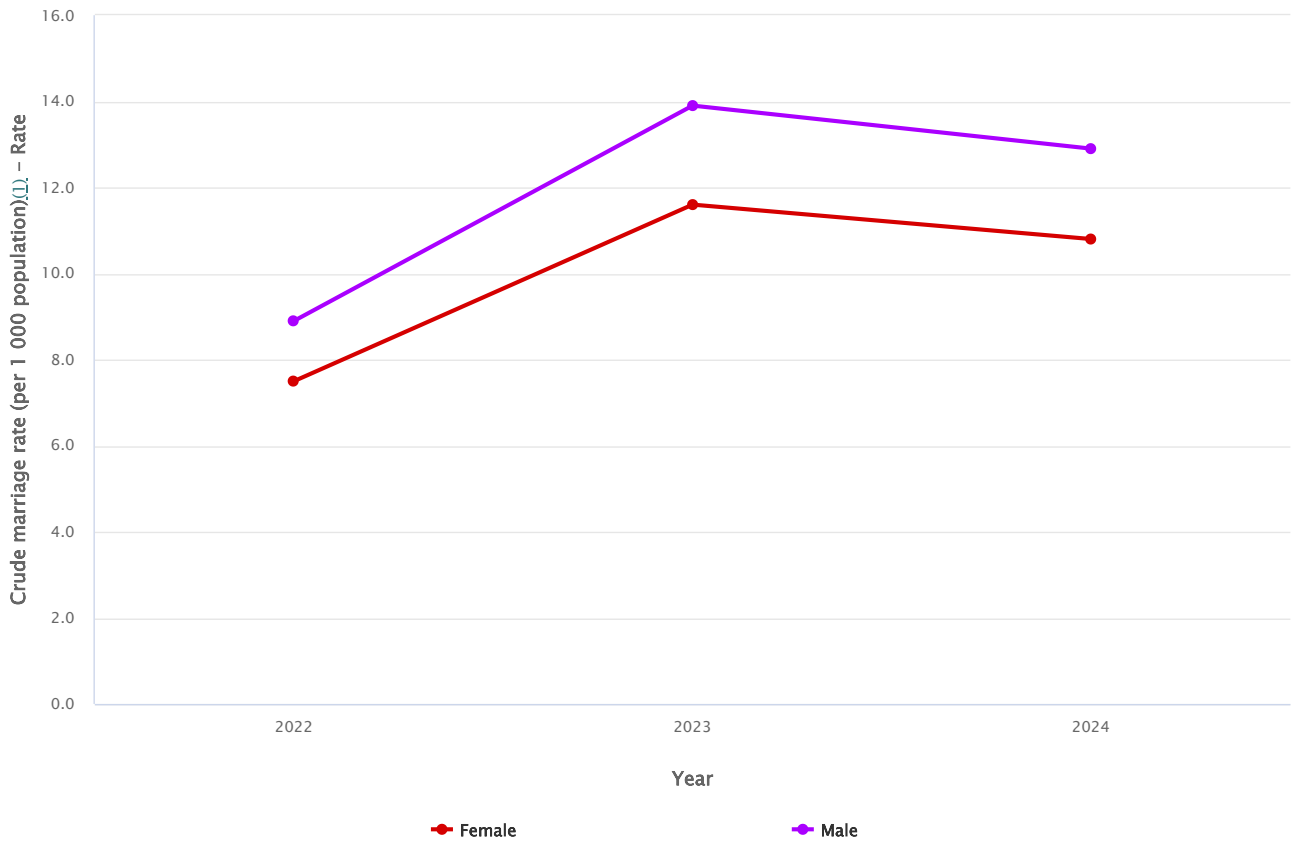


Table 2.6 : Marriage statistics by sex

	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							
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
2024	44 196	10.8	12.9	5.9	31.0	32.6	2.52

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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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

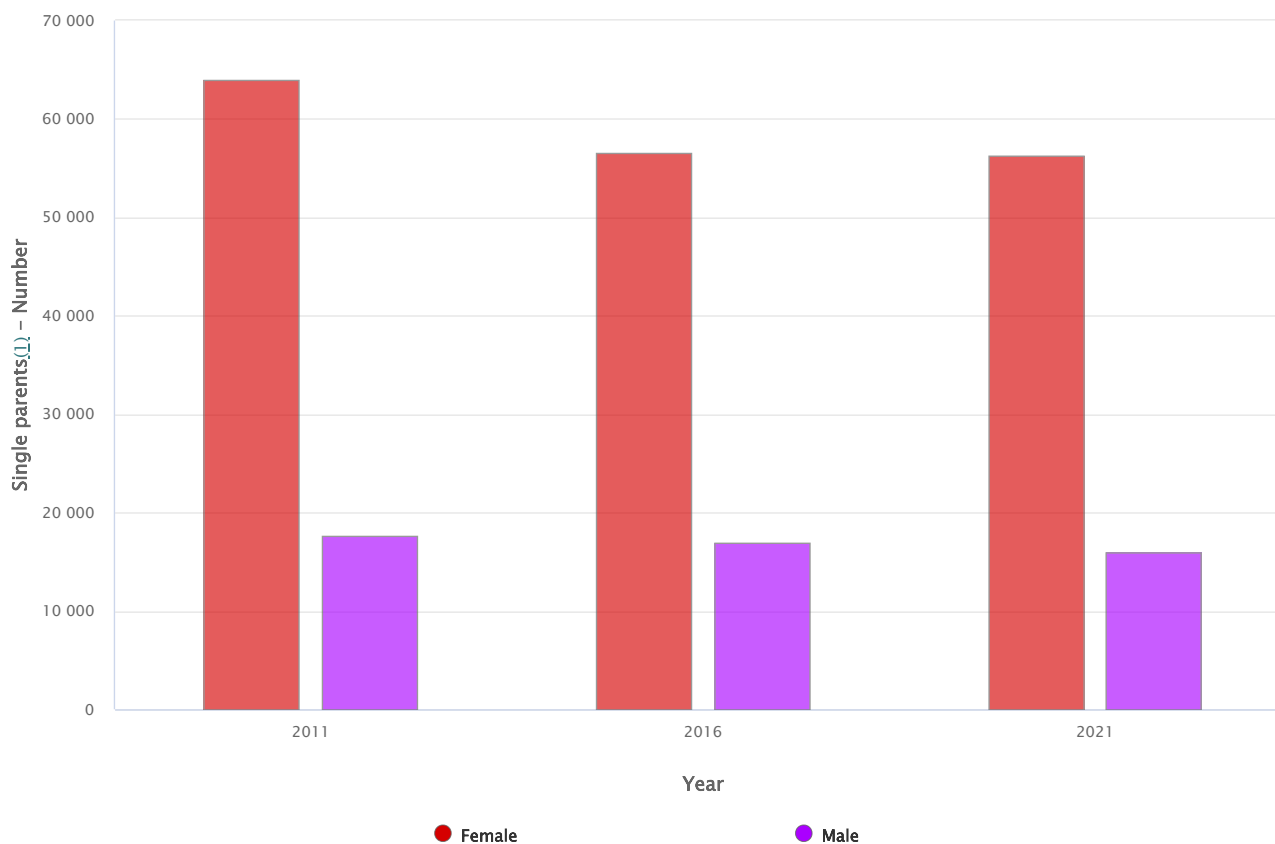


Table 3.1 : Single parents by age group and sex, 2011, 2016 and 2021

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.

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

- The numbers of females and males (excluding foreign domestic helpers) living in subdivided units (SDUs) were 114 034 and 100 170 respectively in 2021, up 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

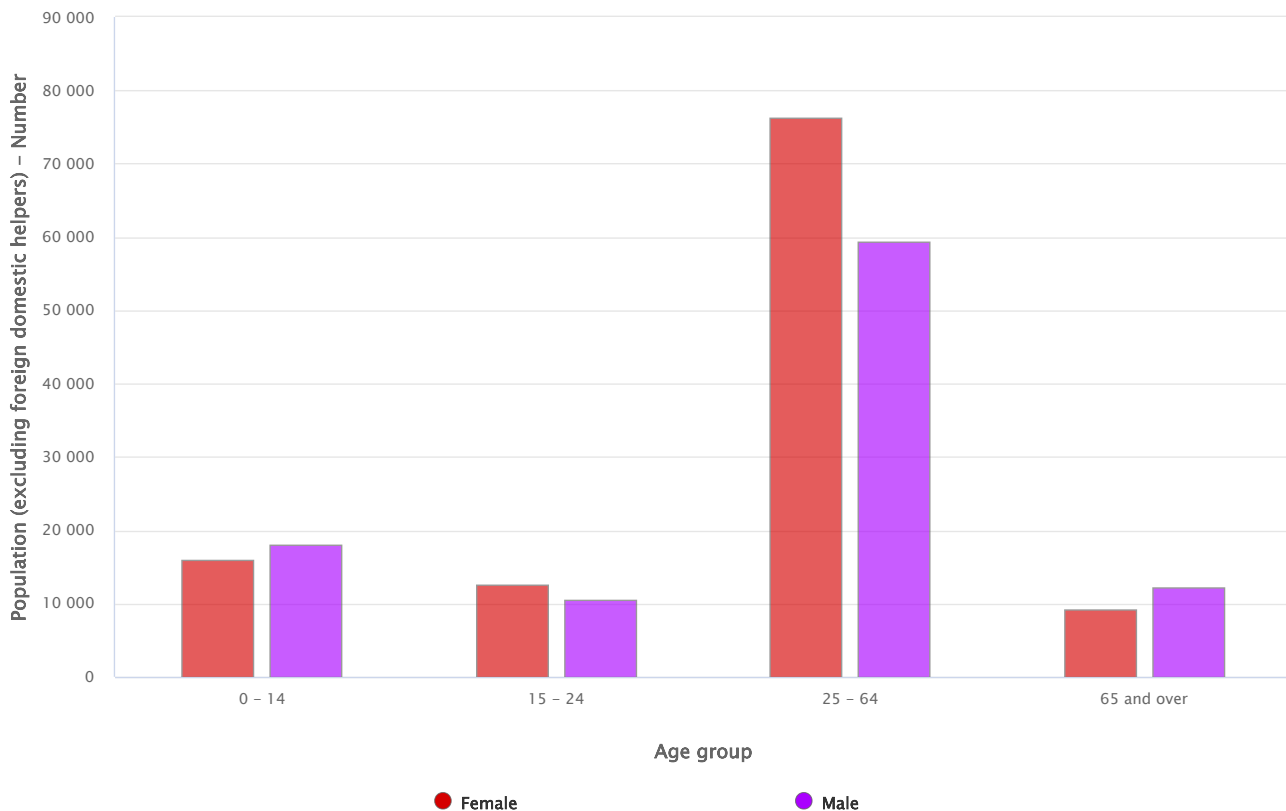


Table 3.2 : Persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) living in subdivided units by age group and sex, 2016 and 2021

		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
(Enquiry telephone no. : 3903 6944
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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 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, the number of females living alone (116 607) was notably more than that of males (71 962) 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		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
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 3903 6944
 Enquiry e-mail : census@censtatd.gov.hk)

4. Education and Training Characteristics

- In 2024, among the land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over, 67.1% females had attended upper secondary education and above. The corresponding figure for males was 70.8%.
- On the other hand, there were 33.1% females and 38.8% males who had attended post-secondary education.

Chart 4.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by educational attainment and sex, 2024

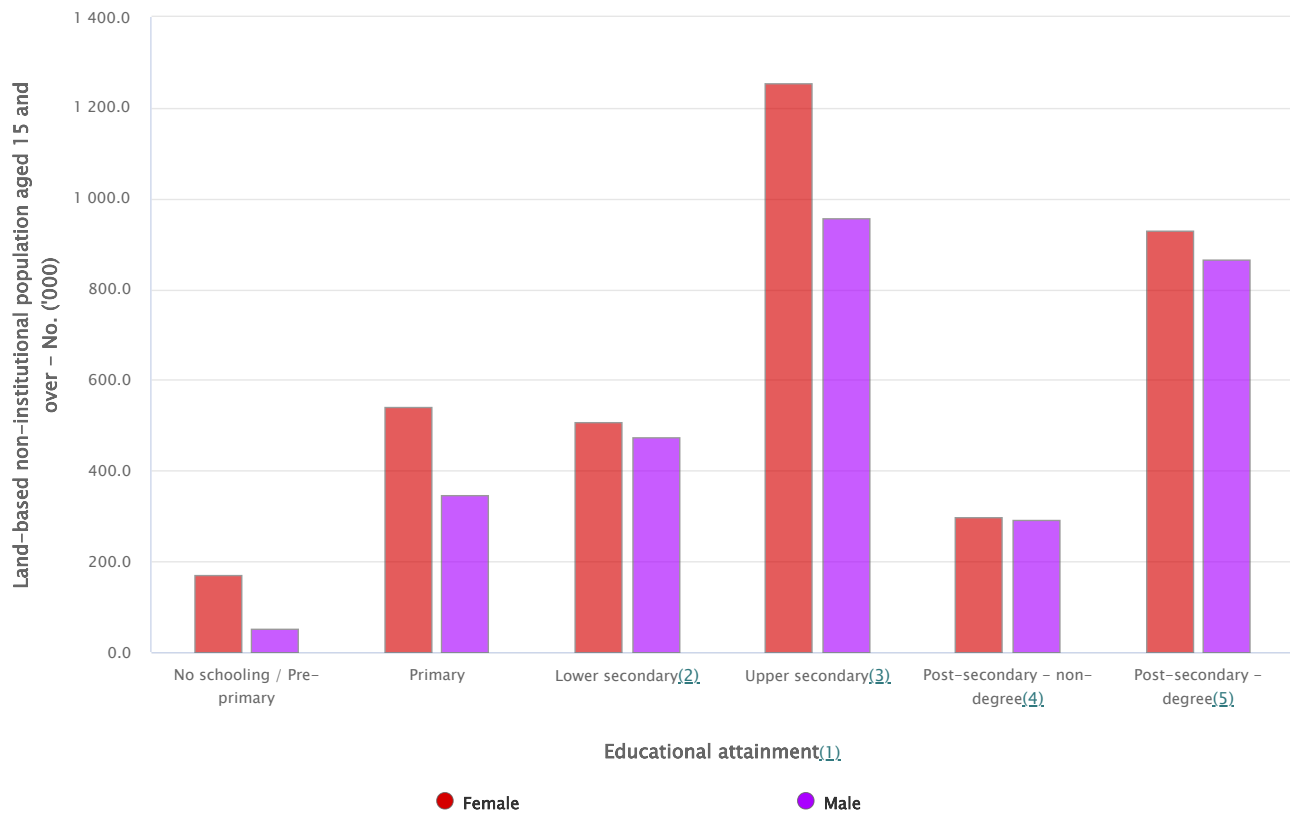


Table 4.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by educational attainment and sex

		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)						
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
2024	No schooling / Pre-primary	169.7	50.9	220.6	165.1	50.9	216.1
	Primary	540.9	347.2	888.1	516.4	347.1	863.5
	Lower secondary (2)	505.9	474.3	980.2	474.6	474.2	948.7
	Upper secondary (3)	1 255.3	955.2	2 210.5	1 023.0	952.7	1 975.7
	Post-secondary - non-degree (4)	296.1	292.9	589.0	281.3	292.8	574.1
	Post-secondary - degree (5)	928.5	866.1	1 794.6	902.4	865.9	1 768.3
	Total	3 696.3	2 986.7	6 683.0	3 362.9	2 983.5	6 346.4

- 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)

- For students enrolled in the higher education programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in the 2024/25 academic year, 55 898 were females and 54 432 were males. The numbers were higher than those in the 2023/24 academic year (females: 54 197; males: 51 455).
- Except for research postgraduate programmes, the number of female students was higher than that of male students for each level of study 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, 2024/25

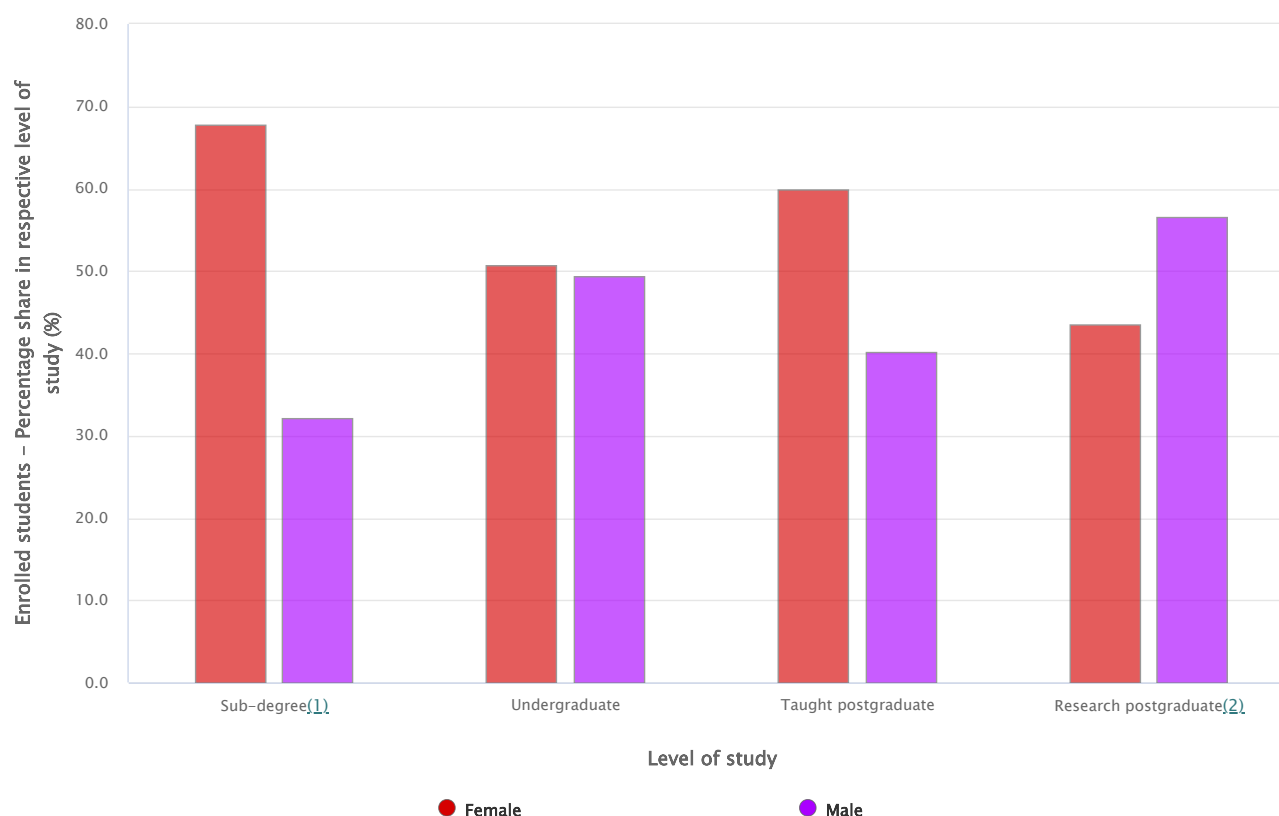


Table 4.2 : Students enrolled in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) by level of study and sex

		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						
2022/23	Sub-degree (1)	1 559	894	2 453	63.6	36.4	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	49 446	102 553	51.8	48.2	100.0
2023/24	Sub-degree (1)	1 724 r	719 r	2 443 r	70.6 r	29.4 r	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	54 197 r	51 455 r	105 652 r	51.3	48.7	100.0
2024/25	Sub-degree (1)	1 589	753	2 342	67.8	32.2	100.0
	Undergraduate	47 801	46 398	94 199	50.7	49.3	100.0
	Taught postgraduate	1 869	1 250	3 119	59.9	40.1	100.0
	Research postgraduate (2)	4 639	6 031	10 669	43.5	56.5	100.0
	Total	55 898	54 432	110 329	50.7	49.3	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 2024/25 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 2024, the numbers of economically active females and males aged 15 and over (or the labour force) were 1 933 700 and 1 873 700 respectively. As compared with 2023, the female and male labour force in 2024 increased by 0.6% and decreased by 1.4% respectively.
- On the other hand, the numbers of economically inactive females and males aged 15 and over were 1 762 600 and 1 113 100 respectively in 2024.
- Retirement/old age was the most common reason for being economically inactive persons (48.6% of all economically inactive females and 65.2% for their male counterparts).
- While the second most common reason for females was the engagement in household duties (32.0%), that for males was attending educational institutions (19.6%).

Chart 5.1 : Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by reason for being economically inactive and sex, 2024

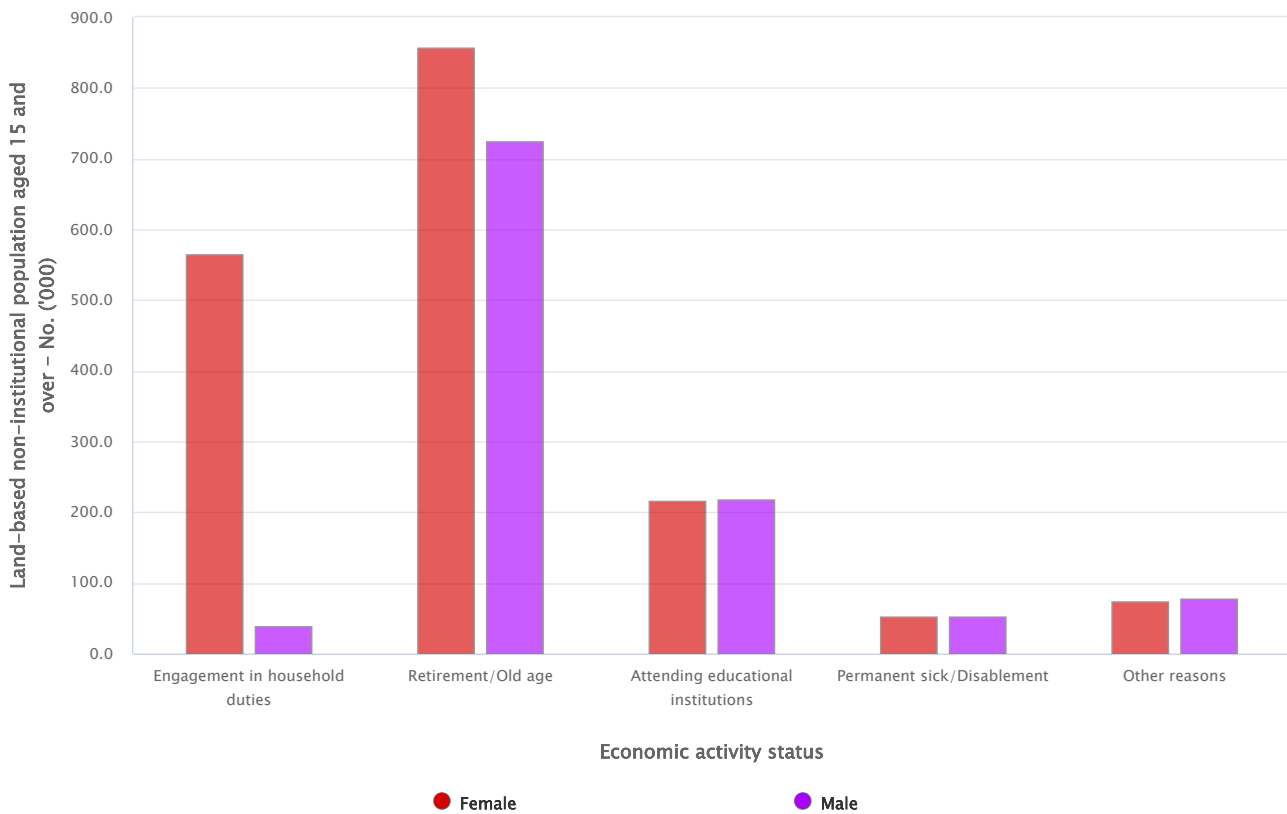


Table 5.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by economic activity status and sex

		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							
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	
2024	Economically active	1 933.7	1 873.7	3 807.4	1 600.3	1 870.4	3 470.8	
	Economically inactive (1)	Engagement in household duties	564.0	38.9	602.9	564.0	38.9	602.9
		Retirement/Old age	857.1	725.6	1 582.7	857.1	725.6	1 582.7
		Attending educational institutions	215.8	218.0	433.8	215.8	218.0	433.8
		Permanent sick/Disablement	52.2	53.0	105.2	52.2	53.0	105.2
		Other reasons	73.5	77.5	151.0	73.5	77.5	151.0
		Sub-total	1 762.6	1 113.1	2 875.6	1 762.6	1 113.1	2 875.6
	Total	3 696.3	2 986.7	6 683.0	3 362.9	2 983.5	6 346.4	

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
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5508
 Enquiry e-mail : ghs@censtatd.gov.hk)

- The overall labour force participation rate decreased slightly from 57.3% in 2023 (females: 52.2%; males: 63.6%) to 57.0% in 2024 (females: 52.3%; males: 62.7%).
- Analysed by age group, the labour force participation rate was lower for females than for males in each age group in 2024, except for persons aged 15-24.

Chart 5.2-A : Labour force participation rate by sex

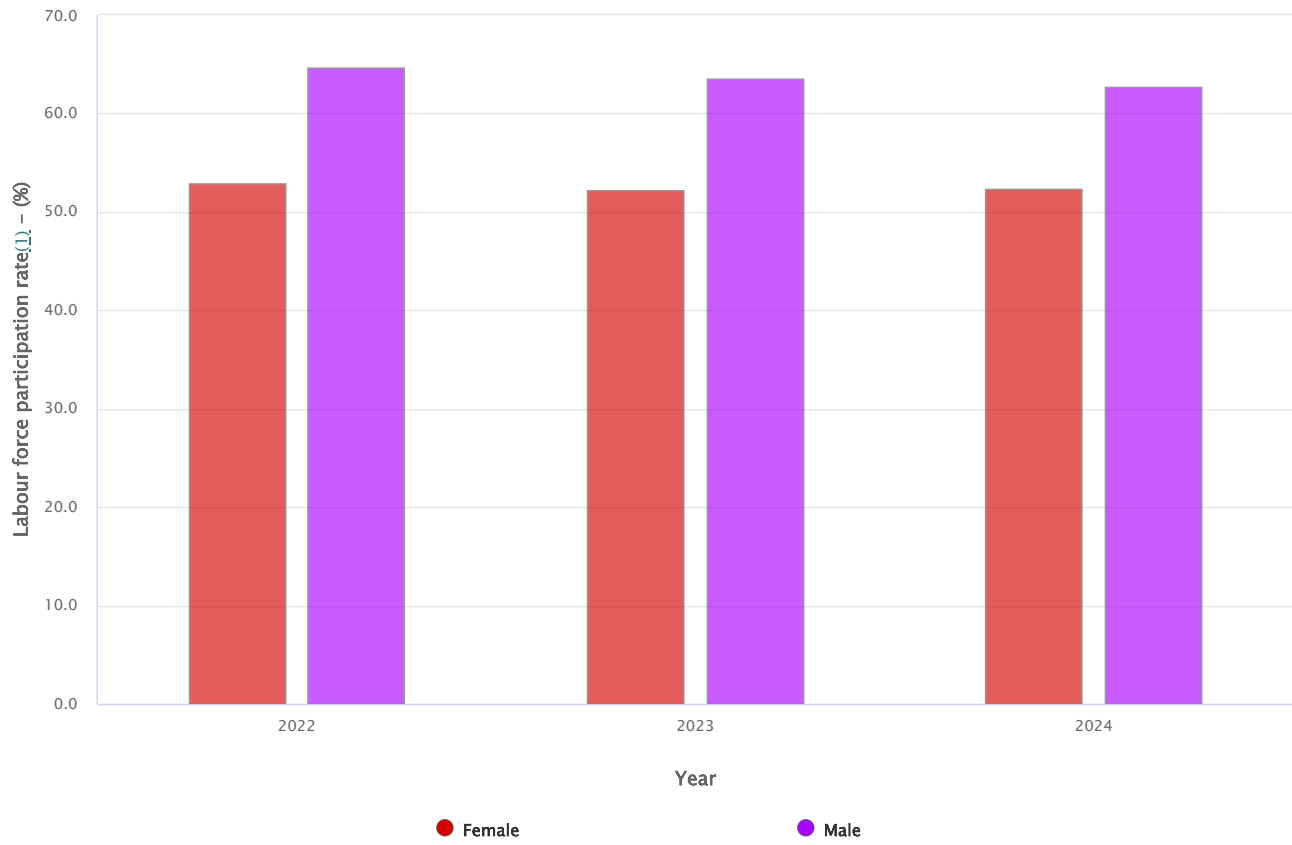


Chart 5.2-B : Labour force participation rate by age group and sex, 2024

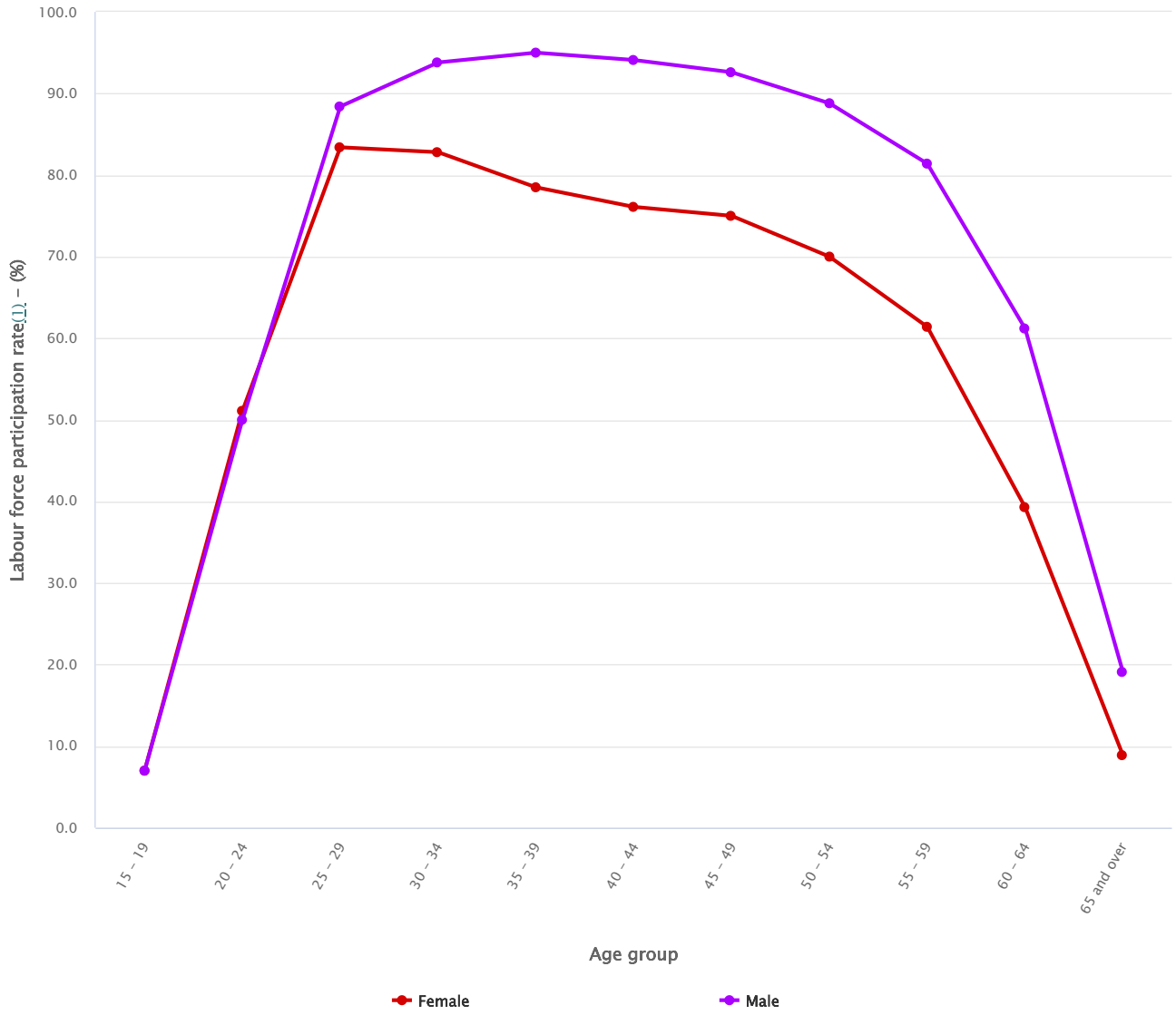


Table 5.2 : Labour force participation rate by age group and sex

		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						
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
2024	15 - 19	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
	20 - 24	51.1	50.0	50.5	49.8	50.0	49.9
	25 - 29	83.4	88.4	85.8	81.6	88.4	85.0
	30 - 34	82.8	93.8	87.7	79.3	93.8	86.4
	35 - 39	78.5	95.0	85.3	72.0	95.0	83.0
	40 - 44	76.1	94.1	83.2	69.1	94.1	80.6
	45 - 49	75.0	92.6	82.2	70.2	92.6	80.3
	50 - 54	70.0	88.8	77.8	67.1	88.7	76.6
	55 - 59	61.4	81.4	70.1	59.9	81.3	69.4
	60 - 64	39.3	61.2	49.5	38.5	61.2	49.1
	65 and over	8.9	19.1	13.7	8.7	19.1	13.6
	15 and over	52.3	62.7	57.0	47.6	62.7	54.7

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 2024, the numbers of female and male employed persons were 1 888 000 and 1 805 600 respectively, representing an increase of 0.7% and a decrease of 1.6% respectively from 2023.
- Analysed by sex, the unemployment rates for females remained at 2.4%, while that of males increased slightly from 3.5% in 2023 to 3.6% in 2024.

- On the other hand, the underemployment rates for females continued at 0.7% in 2024, while that of males increased marginally from 1.5% in 2023 to 1.6% in 2024.

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								
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
	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
2023	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

			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								
2024	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
	Female	15 - 24	80.8	76.8	1.7	1.9	2.0	7.6	8.6	9.0
		25 - 59	1 597.5	1 274.1	10.8	0.7	0.8	34.6	2.1	2.6
		60 and over	209.8	203.7	1.7	0.8	0.8	3.6	1.7	1.7
		15 and over	1 888.0	1 554.6	14.2	0.7	0.9	45.7	2.4	2.9
	Male	15 - 24	77.8	77.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	9.0	10.4	10.4
		25 - 59	1 405.9	1 403.1	22.7	1.6	1.6	49.7	3.4	3.4
		60 and over	321.9	321.5	5.2	1.6	1.6	9.3	2.8	2.8
		15 and over	1 805.6	1 802.4	29.7	1.6	1.6	68.0	3.6	3.6
	Both sexes	15 - 24	158.6	154.6	3.5	2.0	2.0	16.6	9.5	9.7
		25 - 59	3 003.4	2 677.2	33.5	1.1	1.2	84.3	2.7	3.1
		60 and over	531.7	525.2	6.9	1.3	1.3	12.9	2.4	2.4
		15 and over	3 693.6	3 357.0	43.9	1.2	1.3	113.8	3.0	3.3

- 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.

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

- In 2024, the median duration of unemployment for unemployed persons was 74 days, slightly lower than the 77 days in 2023.
- Analysed by sex, the median duration of unemployment for unemployed females increased from 70 days in 2023 to 72 days in 2024, whereas that for males decreased from 83 days in 2023 to 75 days in 2024.

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			
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
2024	15 - 24	62	63	63
	25 - 59	74	78	76
	60 and over	81	73	75
	15 and over	72	75	74

- 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.

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

- The median monthly employment earnings of female and male employed persons increased from \$16,200 and \$22,700 respectively in 2023 to \$17,000 and \$24,000 in 2024.
- Analysed by occupation, the yearly growth in the median monthly employment earnings of plant and machine operators and assemblers was the highest (6.7%) among females, while that of clerical support workers was the highest (6.1%) among males.

Chart 5.5 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by occupation of main employment and sex, 2024

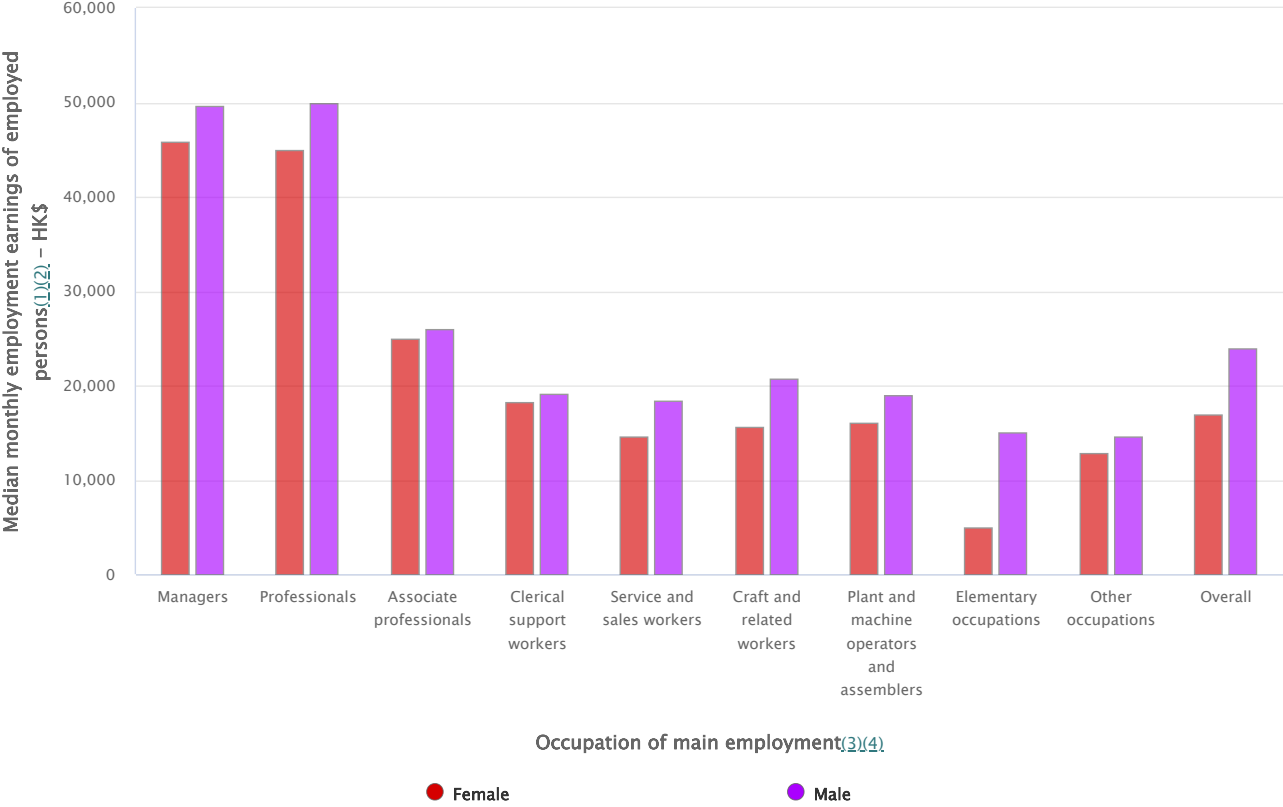


Table 5.5 : Median monthly employment earnings by occupation of main employment and sex

		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)						
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
2024	Managers	45,900	49,600	48,000	45,900	49,600	48,000
	Professionals	45,000	50,000	46,000	45,000	50,000	46,000
	Associate professionals	25,000	26,000	25,200	25,000	26,000	25,200
	Clerical support workers	18,200	19,100	18,500	18,200	19,100	18,500
	Service and sales workers	14,600	18,400	16,000	15,000	18,400	16,000
	Craft and related workers	15,600	20,700	20,300	15,600	20,700	20,300
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	16,000	19,000	19,000	16,000	19,000	19,000
	Elementary occupations	5,000	15,000	6,000	12,000	15,000	13,600
	Other occupations	12,800	14,600	14,000	13,000	15,000	14,100
	Overall	17,000	24,000	20,000	20,000	24,000	21,500

- 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.

Source :
General Household Survey Section (3),

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 143 104 in 2024, higher than their male counterparts of 120 848. Both recorded decreases as compared with 2023 (females: 148 411; males: 125 530).
- 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 2024, there were 67 209 and 30 624 female CSSA recipients in “old age” and “single parent” categories respectively, with the corresponding figures of 57 823 and 16 469 for male CSSA recipients.

Chart 6.1 : Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of case and sex, 2024

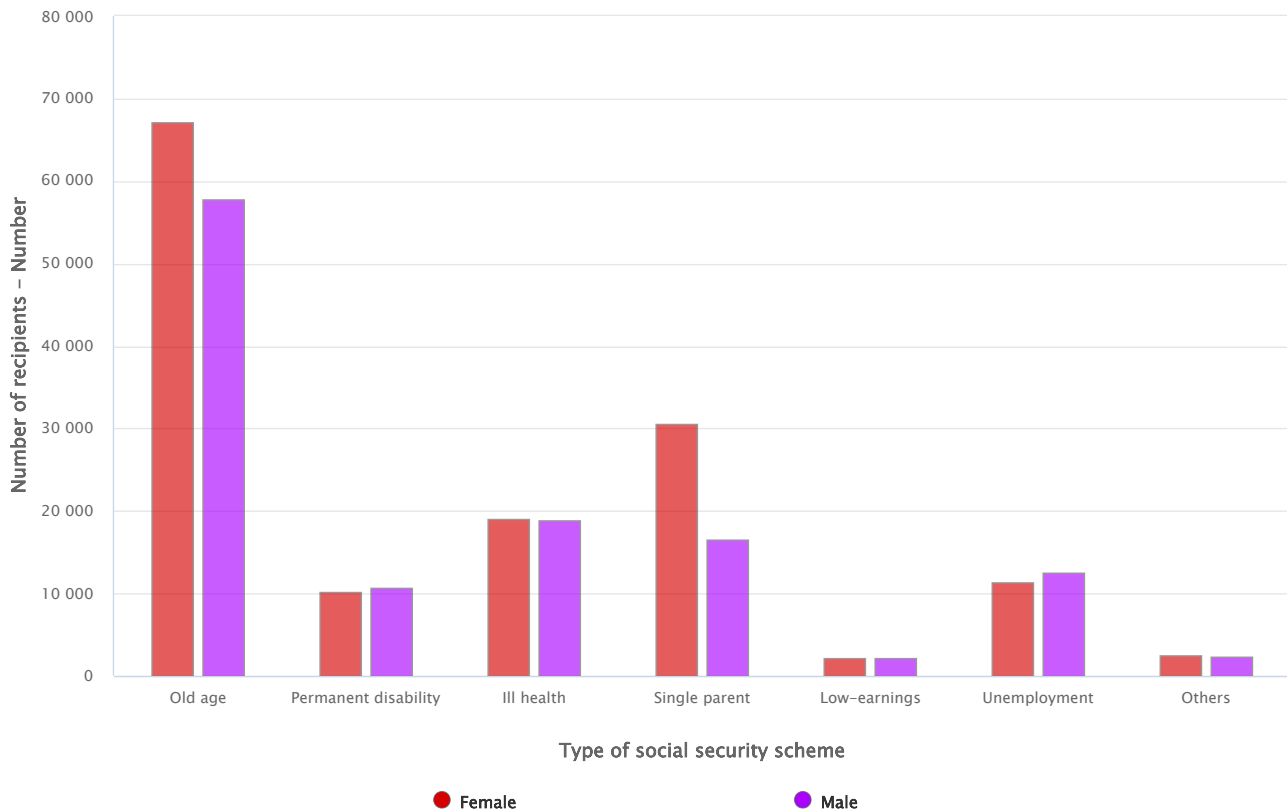


Table 6.1 : Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of case and sex

			Number of recipients		
			Number		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Type of social security scheme				
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
2023	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (1)	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
2024	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (1)	Old age	67 209	57 823	125 032
		Permanent disability	10 218	10 721	20 939
		Ill health	19 082	18 863	37 945
		Single parent	30 624	16 469	47 093
		Low-earnings	2 187	2 218	4 405
		Unemployment	11 283	12 451	23 734
		Others	2 501	2 303	4 804
		Total	143 104	120 848	263 952

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 682 679 in 2023 to 716 961 in 2024, while that of their male counterparts also increased from 579 042 to 606 259 over the same period.

Chart 6.2 : Persons receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) by type of scheme and sex, 2024

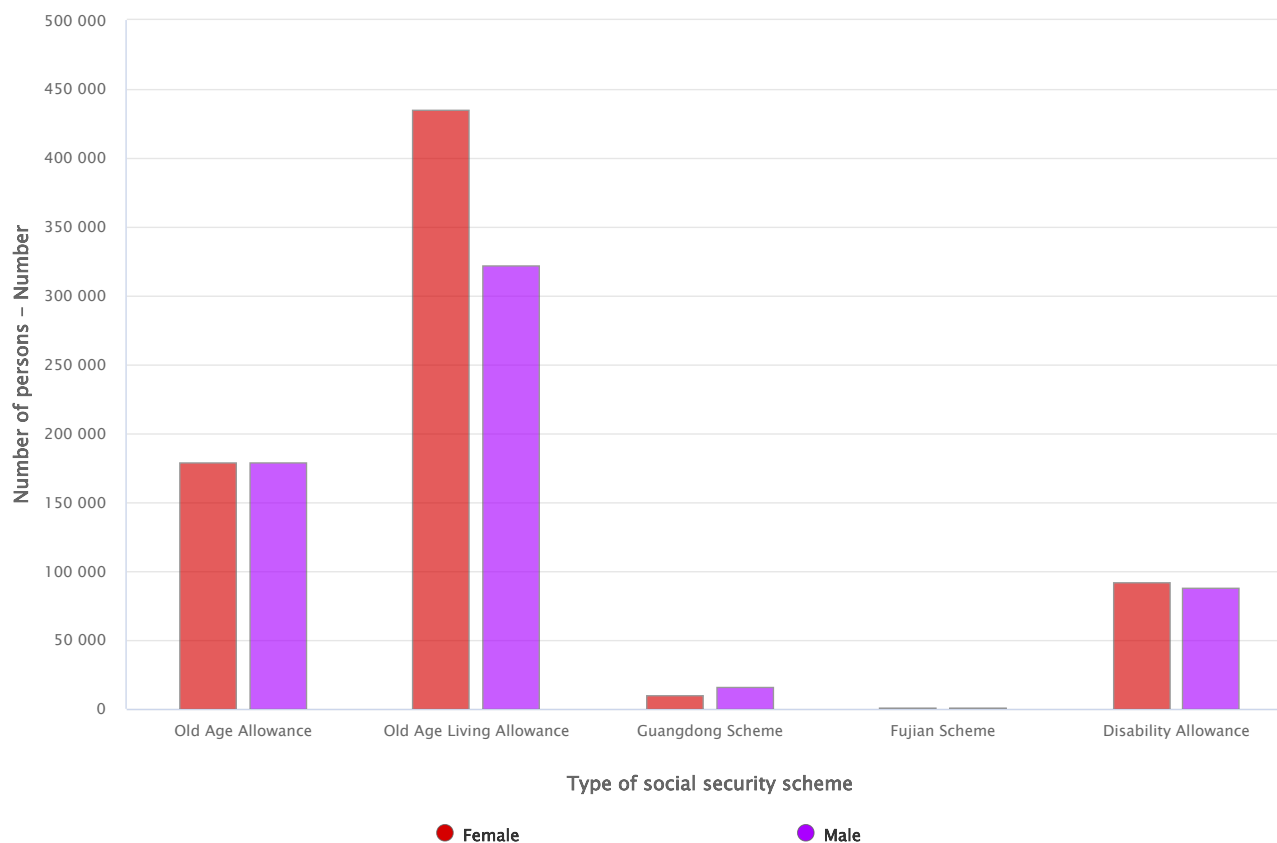


Table 6.2 : Persons receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) by type of scheme and sex

			Number of persons		
			Number		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Type of social security scheme				
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
2024	Social Security Allowance (SSA) (1)	Old Age Allowance	179 111	179 297	358 408
		Old Age Living Allowance	434 644	322 427	757 071
		Guangdong Scheme	9 958	15 778	25 736
		Fujian Scheme	1 291	1 184	2 475
		Disability Allowance	91 957	87 573	179 530
		Total	716 961	606 259	1 323 220

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 1 025 518 and 990 386 respectively (provisional figures) in 2024, representing increases of 6.5% and 5.1% from 2023.
- Besides, the Psychiatry specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of HA for females rose by 4.7% from 588 317 in 2023 to 616 085 (provisional figures) in 2024, whereas that for males increased by 4.4% from 384 917 in 2023 to 401 865 (provisional figures) in 2024.

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

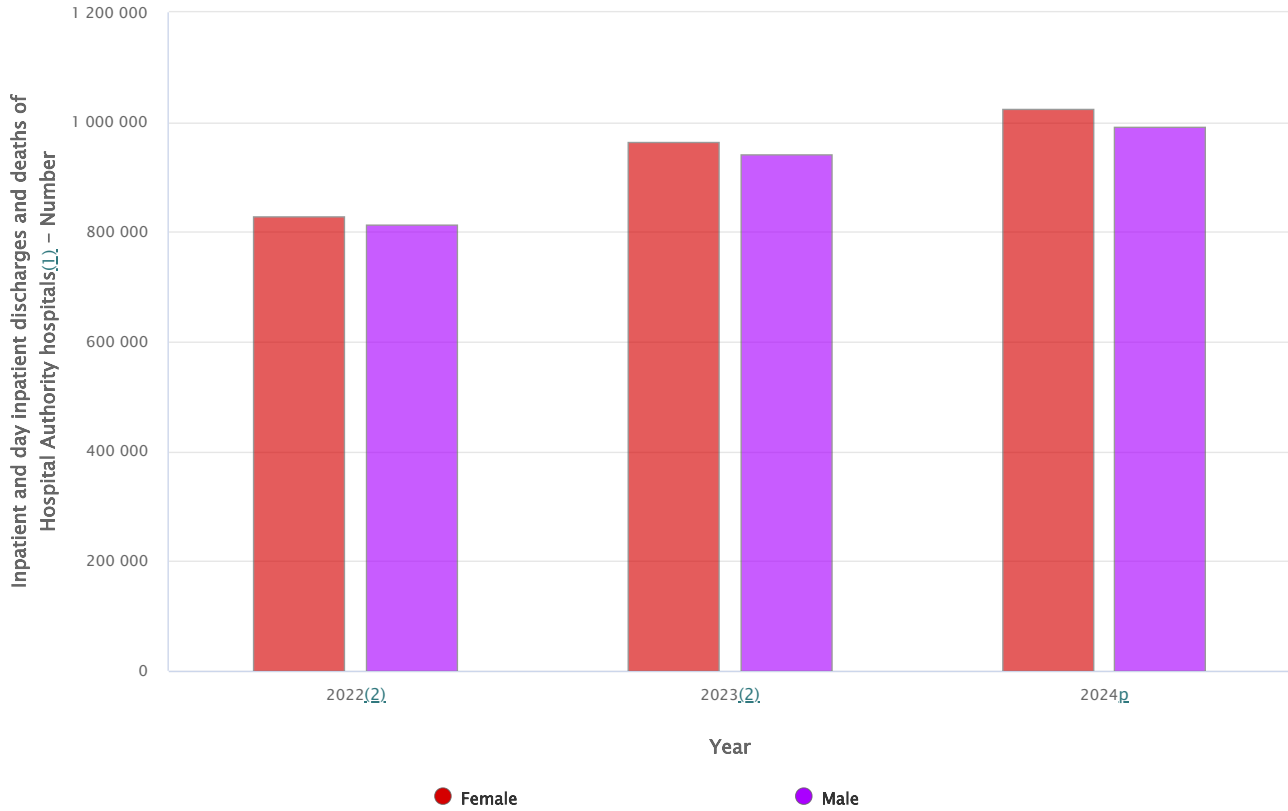


Chart 7.1-B : Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of Hospital Authority by sex - Psychiatry

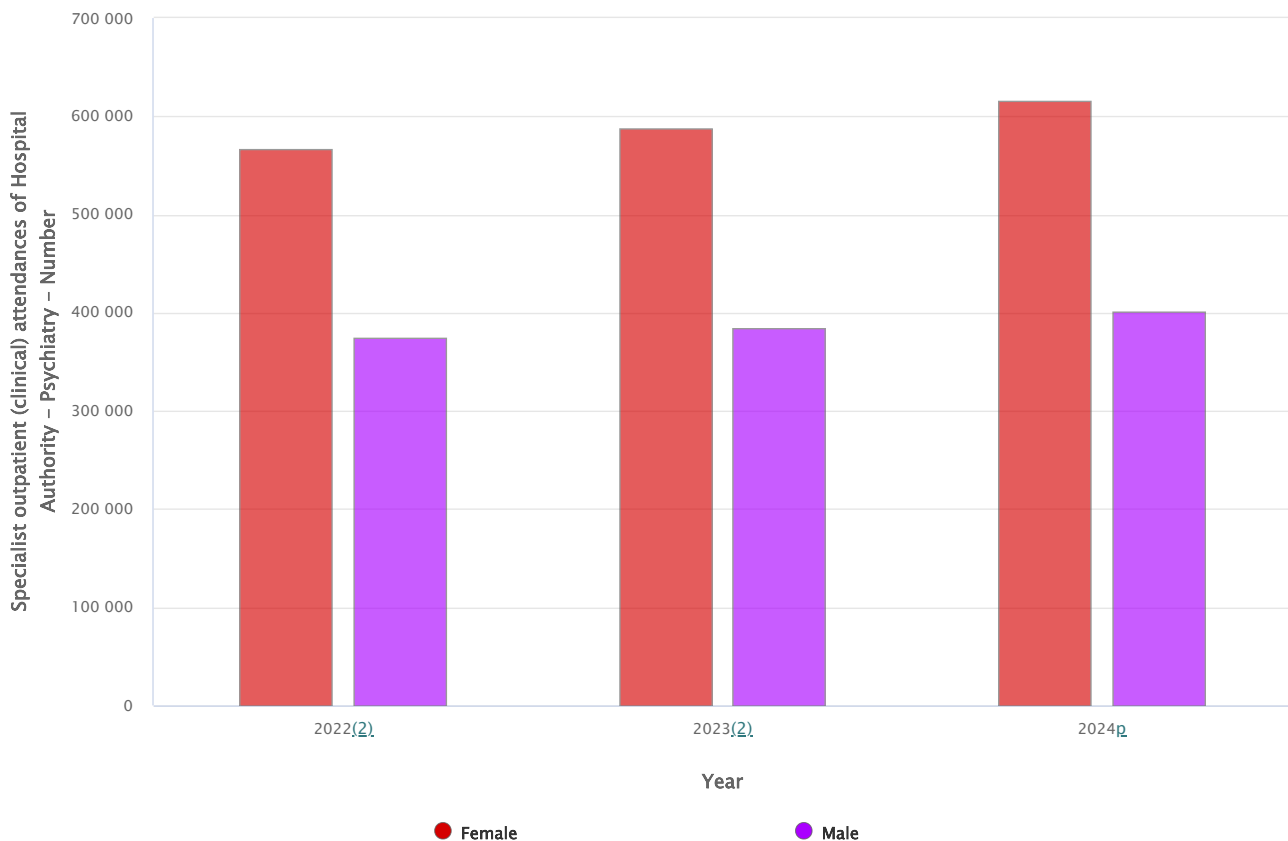


Table 7.1 : Discharges and deaths and attendances of Hospital Authority (HA) hospitals by age group and sex

		Inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority hospitals (1)			Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of Hospital Authority - Psychiatry		
		Number			Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
2022 (2)	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 (3)	-	-	69	-	-	2
	Total	828 734	812 199	1 641 002	566 314	374 026	940 342
2023 (2)	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 (3)	-	-	60	-	-	3
	Total	963 264	942 581	1 905 905	588 317	384 917	973 237
2024 p	0 - 14	64 274	79 991	144 265	28 315	65 193	93 508
	15 - 24	23 309	21 004	44 313	55 098	43 554	98 652
	25 - 64	438 827	344 489	783 316	352 826	205 162	557 988
	65 and over	499 108	544 902	1 044 010	179 846	87 956	267 802
	Unknown (3)	-	-	50	-	-	0
	Total	1 025 518	990 386	2 015 954	616 085	401 865	1 017 950

- 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 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.
- 3 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 leading cause of death for both females and males was malignant neoplasms (cancers). In 2024, the age-standardised mortality rates (i.e. number of registered deaths per 100 000 standard population) of malignant neoplasms for females and males were 64.2 and 101.0 respectively (provisional figures).

Chart 7.2 : Age-standardised mortality rate by leading cause of death and sex, 2024_p

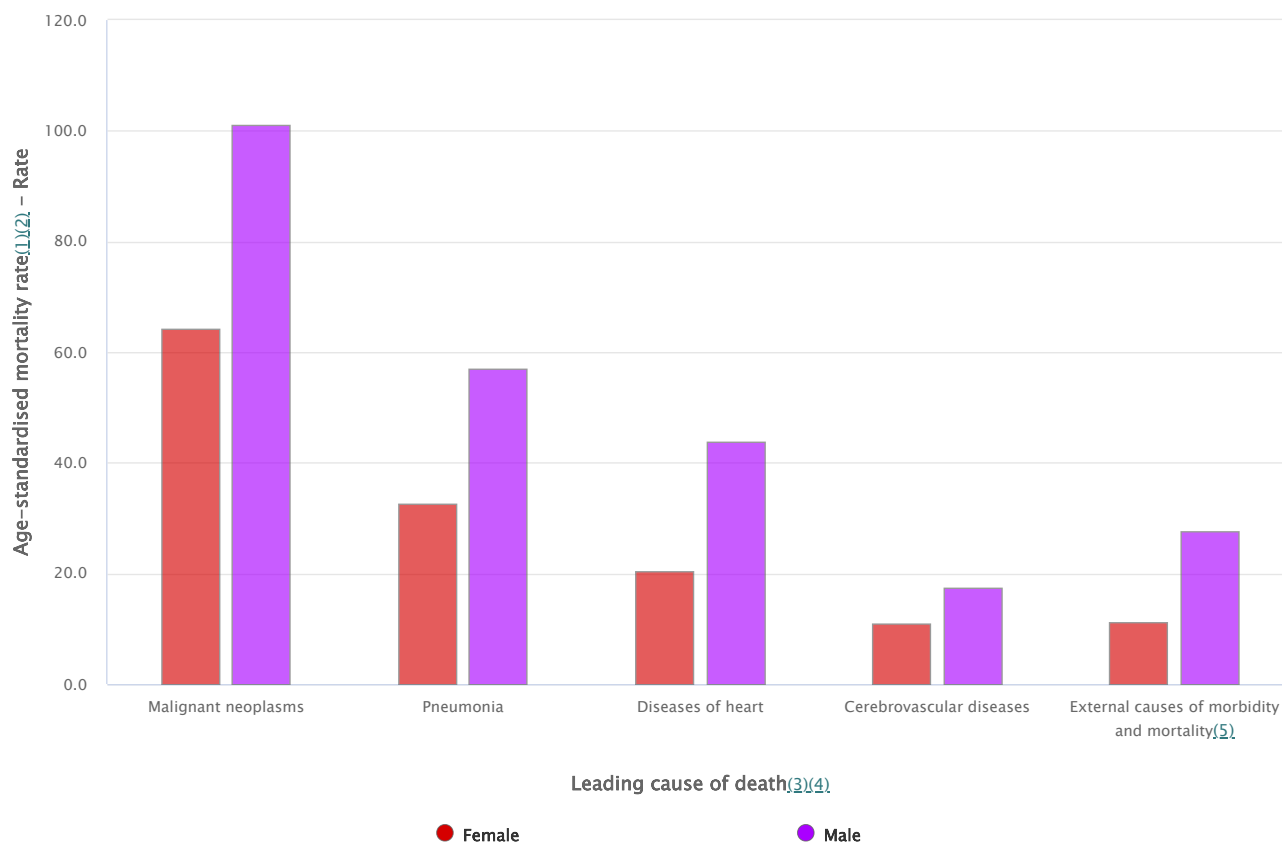


Table 7.2 : Age-standardised mortality rate by leading cause of death and sex

	Age-standardised mortality rate (1) (2)					
	Rate					
	2022		2023		2024 _p	
Year						
Sex	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Leading cause of death (3) (4)						
Malignant neoplasms	68.5	106.2	65.5	102.7	64.2	101.0
Pneumonia	28.5	59.3	32.0	59.7	32.5	57.1
Diseases of heart	22.0	47.4	22.3	49.9	20.4	43.7
Cerebrovascular diseases	11.7	19.6	11.6	18.9	10.9	17.4
External causes of morbidity and mortality (5)	10.0	24.2	12.4	28.9	11.2	27.6
All causes	224.4	402.9	206.7	365.2	188.9	330.1

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 Age-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 Referring to the number of registered deaths per 100 000 standard population.
- 3 Ranking according to the number of registered deaths in 2024.
- 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.
- p Provisional figure

Source :
Health Statistics Division,
Department of Health
(Enquiry telephone no. : 3586 2996
Enquiry e-mail : enquiries@dh.gov.hk)

- The total number of new cancer cases in females was 18 134 in 2022, a drop of 7.1% as compared with 2021.
- The three leading cancers for females in 2022 were breast cancer (5 182 new cases), lung cancer (2 367 new cases) and colorectal cancer (2 262 new cases), together accounting for 54.1% of all female new cancer cases.

Chart 7.3 : Top ten new cancer cases in females, 2022

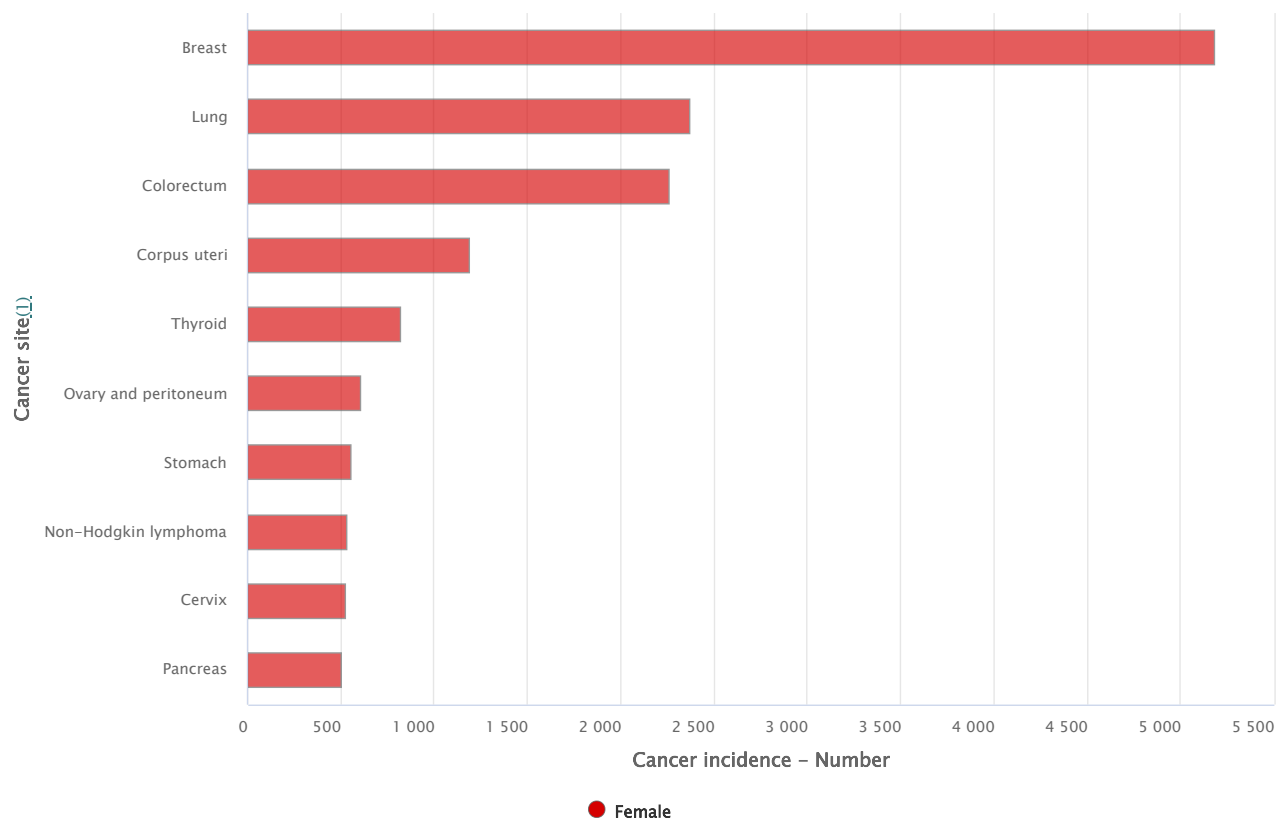


Table 7.3 : Cancer incidence in females by selected major cancer sites

		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2020	2021	2022
Sex	Cancer site (1)			
Female	All cancer sites	17 476	19 519	18 134
	Breast	4 956	5 565	5 182
	Lung	2 170	2 485	2 367
	Colorectum	2 182	2 472	2 262
	Corpus uteri	1 186	1 250	1 188
	Thyroid	775	919	820
	Ovary and peritoneum	585	654	603
	Stomach	482	544	552
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	486	493	533
	Cervix	556	596	522
	Pancreas	455	534	500

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in females in 2022.

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

- The total number of new cancer cases in males was 17 239 in 2022, a drop of 9.0% as compared with 2021.
- The three leading cancers for males in 2022 were lung cancer (3 340 new cases), colorectal cancer (2 928 new cases) and prostate cancer (2 758 new cases), together accounting for 52.4% of all male new cancer cases.

Chart 7.4 : Top ten new cancer cases in males, 2022

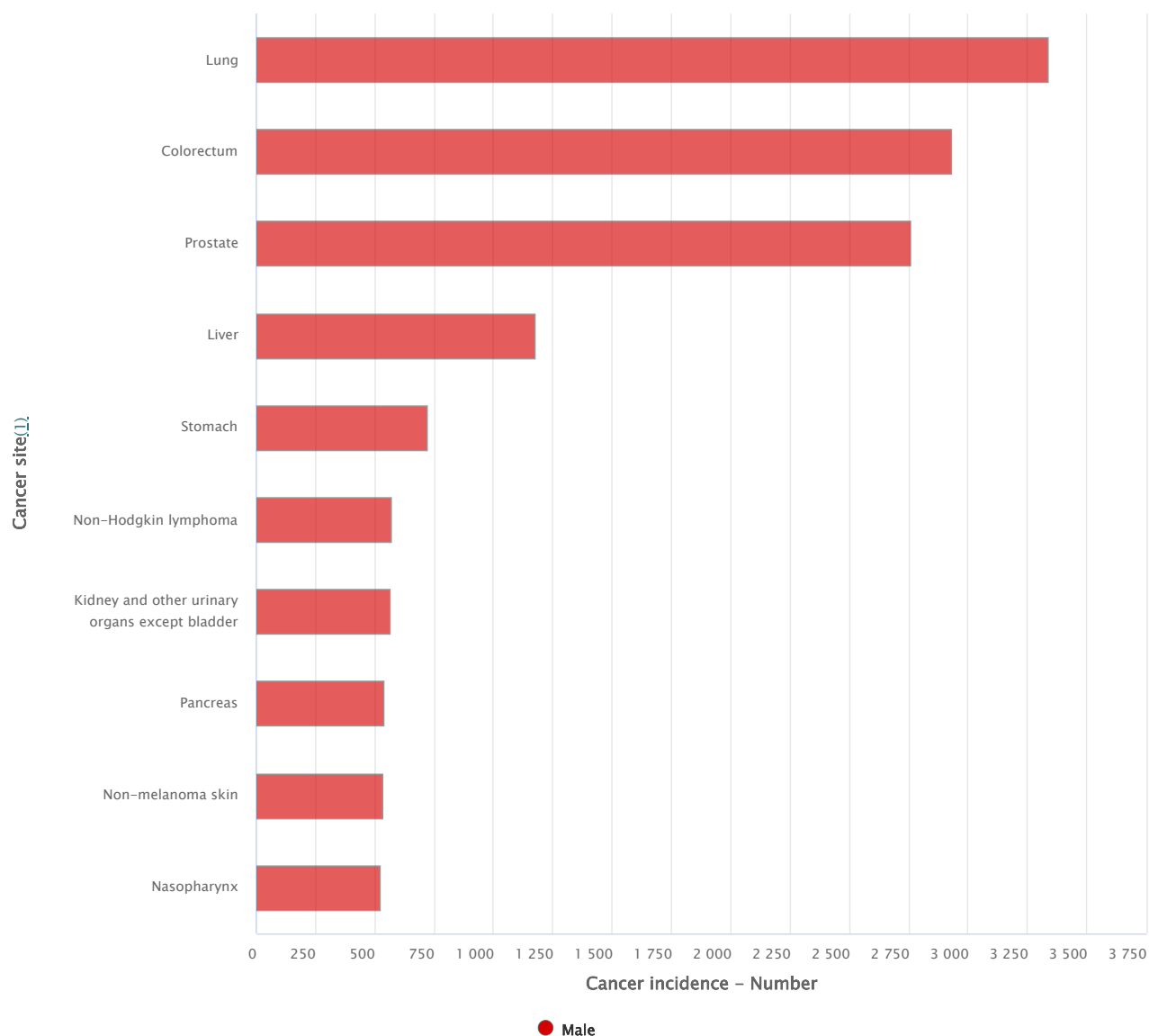


Table 7.4 : Cancer incidence in males by selected major cancer sites

		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2020	2021	2022
Sex	Cancer site (1)			
Male	All cancer sites	16 703	18 943	17 239
	Lung	3 252	3 493	3 340
	Colorectum	2 905	3 427	2 928
	Prostate	2 315	3 038	2 758
	Liver	1 261	1 343	1 173
	Stomach	715	762	720
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	582	631	567
	Kidney and other urinary organs except bladder	550	586	562
	Pancreas	487	582	537
	Non-melanoma skin	499	545	535
	Nasopharynx	535	558	522

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in males in 2022.

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

8. Crime and Justice

- In 2024, the number of males arrested for crime was 25 583, which was about 2.4 times that of females (10 686).
- The numbers of males and females arrested for crime in 2024 were both higher than those in 2023 (males: 24 129; females: 10 006).

Chart 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

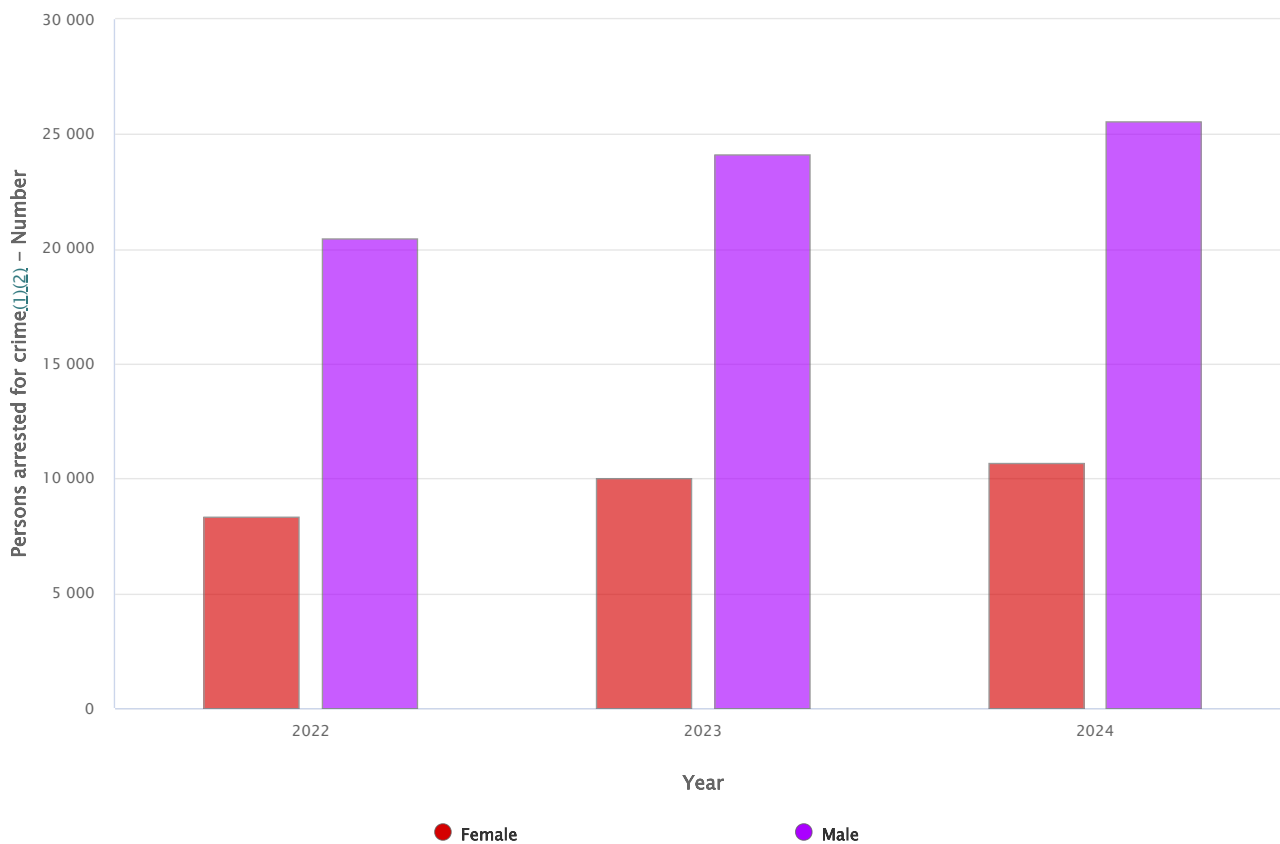


Table 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

	Persons arrested for crime (1) (2)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2022	8 349	20 480	28 829
2023	10 006	24 129	34 135
2024	10 686	25 583	36 269

1 Crime refers to reported crimes.

2 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)

- A total of 10 101 admissions of sentenced persons to the correctional institutions were registered in 2024, of which 3 204 were females and 6 897 were males, representing increases of 8.6% and 5.0% from 2023.

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

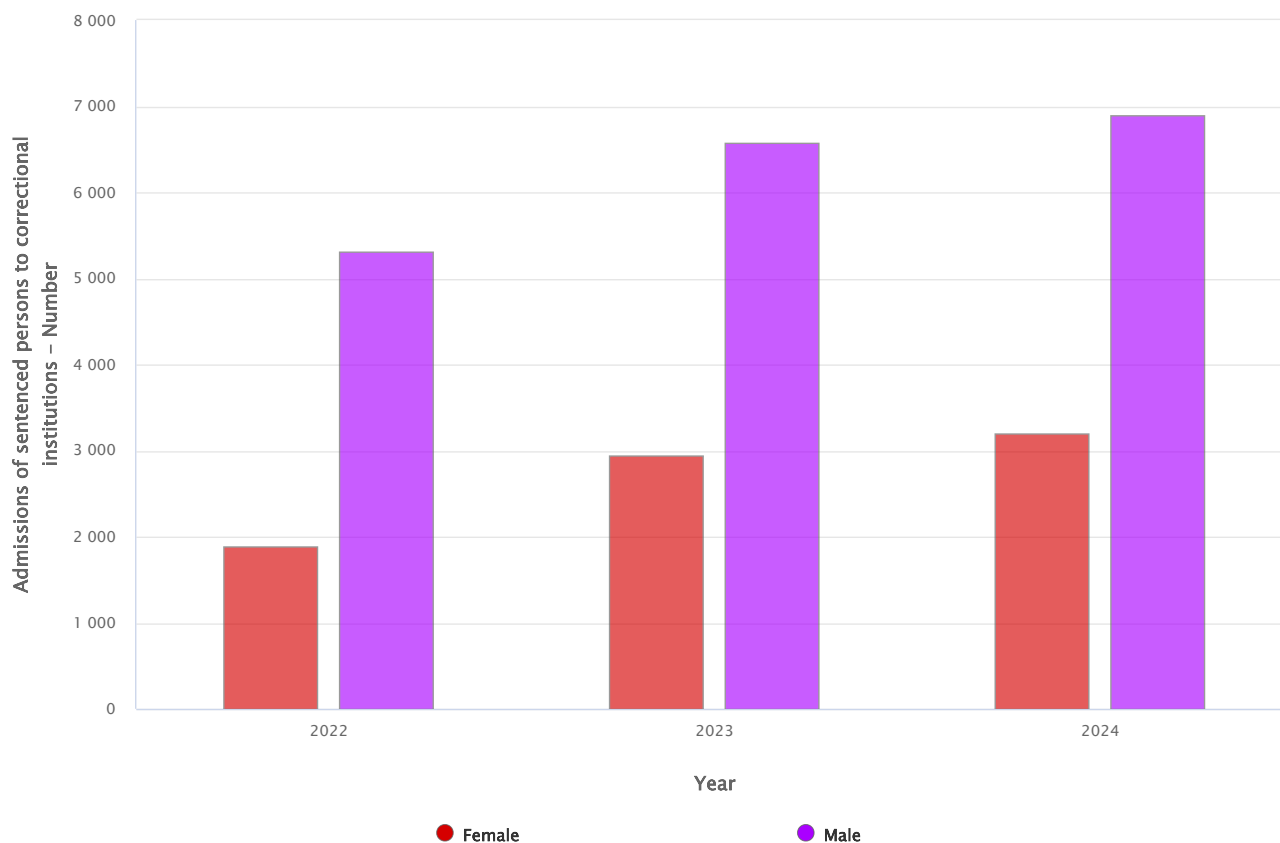


Table 8.2 : Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions by age group and sex

		Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions		
		Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group			
2022	14 - 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	14 - 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
2024	14 - 20	46	299	345
	21 - 44	1 883	3 875	5 758
	45 - 59	1 016	1 959	2 975
	60 and over	259	764	1 023
	Total	3 204	6 897	10 101

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

- Drug abuse was more common among males than females. In 2024, there were 1 218 reported female drug abusers as against 3 850 male drug abusers.

- As compared with 2023, the numbers of reported drug abusers fell by 3.8% and 9.9% for females and males respectively.

Chart 8.3 : Reported drug abusers by sex

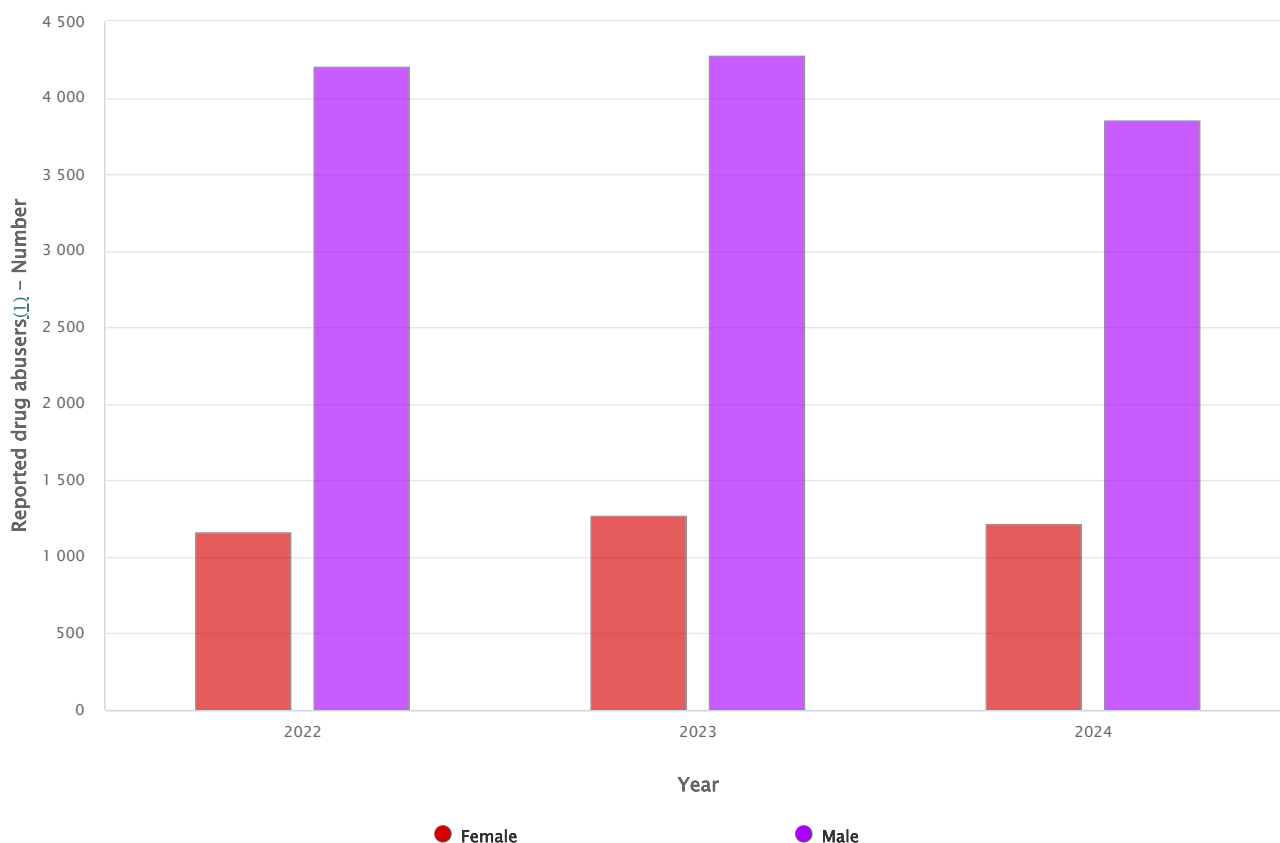


Table 8.3 : Reported drug abusers by age group and sex

		Reported drug abusers (1)		
		Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group			
2022	0 - 20	212	532	744
	21 - 44	657 r	1 955	2 612 r
	45 - 59	242	1 154 r	1 396 r
	60 and over	53	560	613
	Total	1 164 r	4 201 r	5 365 r
2023	0 - 20	195 r	469	664 r
	21 - 44	703 r	1 945 r	2 648 r
	45 - 59	314	1 251 r	1 565 r
	60 and over	54	609	663
	Total	1 266 r	4 274 r	5 540 r
2024	0 - 20	231	489	720
	21 - 44	636	1 645	2 281
	45 - 59	302	1 167	1 469
	60 and over	49	549	598
	Total	1 218	3 850	5 068

1 Figures for 2022 and 2023 have been slightly revised and may be different from those presented in the 2024 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

Source :
Statistics Unit,
Security Bureau,

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

Source :
 Registration and Electoral Office
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2891 1001
 Enquiry e-mail : reoengq@reo.gov.hk)

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

- In the civil service, the numbers of female directorate officers increased from 561 in mid-2023 to 571 in mid-2024, while that of male directorate officers decreased from 804 in mid-2023 to 792 in mid-2024.
- Comparing with mid-2023, the proportion of female and male directorate officers in mid-2024 increased slightly from 41.1% to 41.9% and decreased slightly from 58.9% to 58.1% respectively.
- As for non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies, the number of females and males rose from 1 797 and 3 827 respectively in 2023 to 1 929 and 4 067 in 2024.

Chart 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service by sex

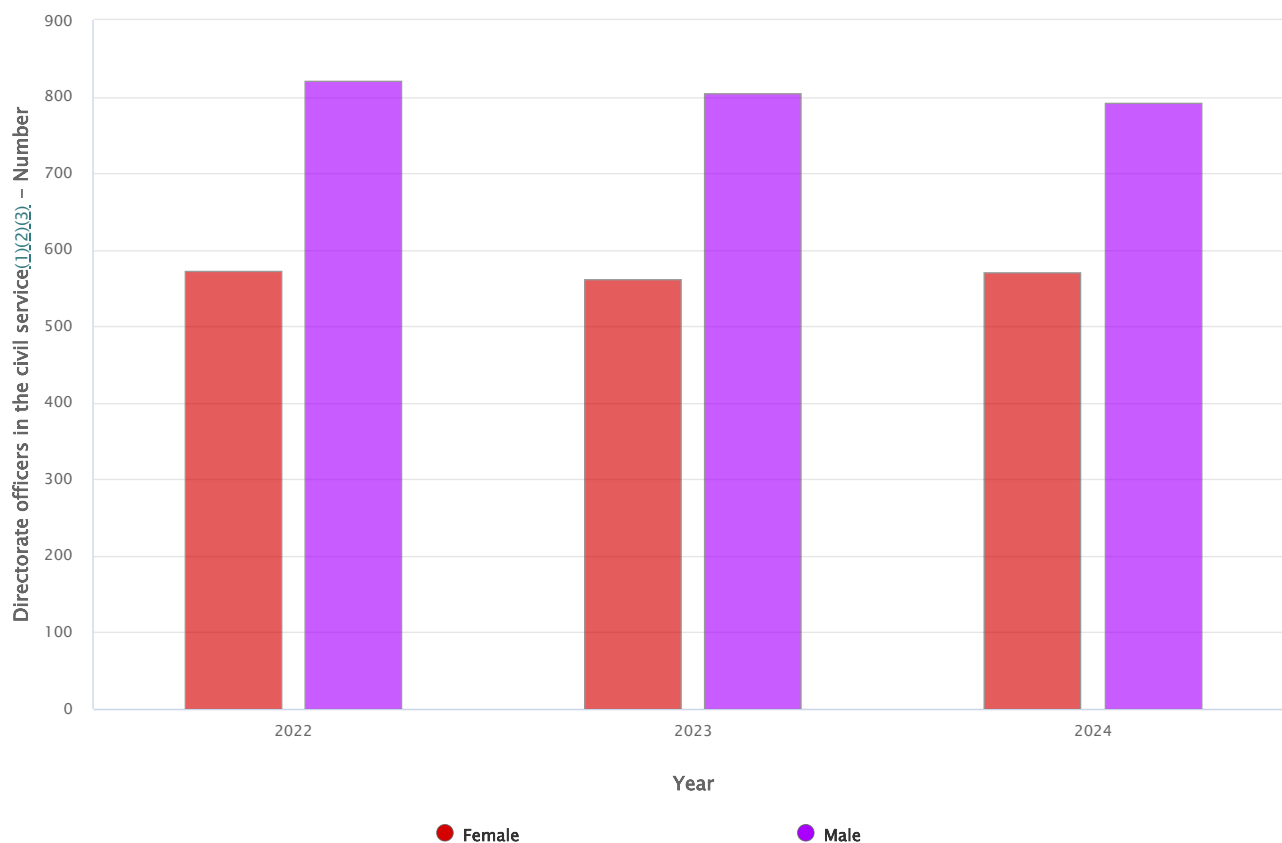


Table 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service and non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies by sex

	Directorate officers in the civil service (1) (2) (3)			Non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies (4)		
	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
2022	572	820	1 392	1 844	3 942	5 786
2023	561	804	1 365	1 797	3 827	5 624
2024	571	792	1 363	1 929	4 067	5 996

- 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.

Source :
 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_pi@hyab.gov.hk)

- For the number of civil servants as a whole, there were 172 576 civil servants in end-2024, of which 66 661 were females and 105 915 were males.

Chart 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

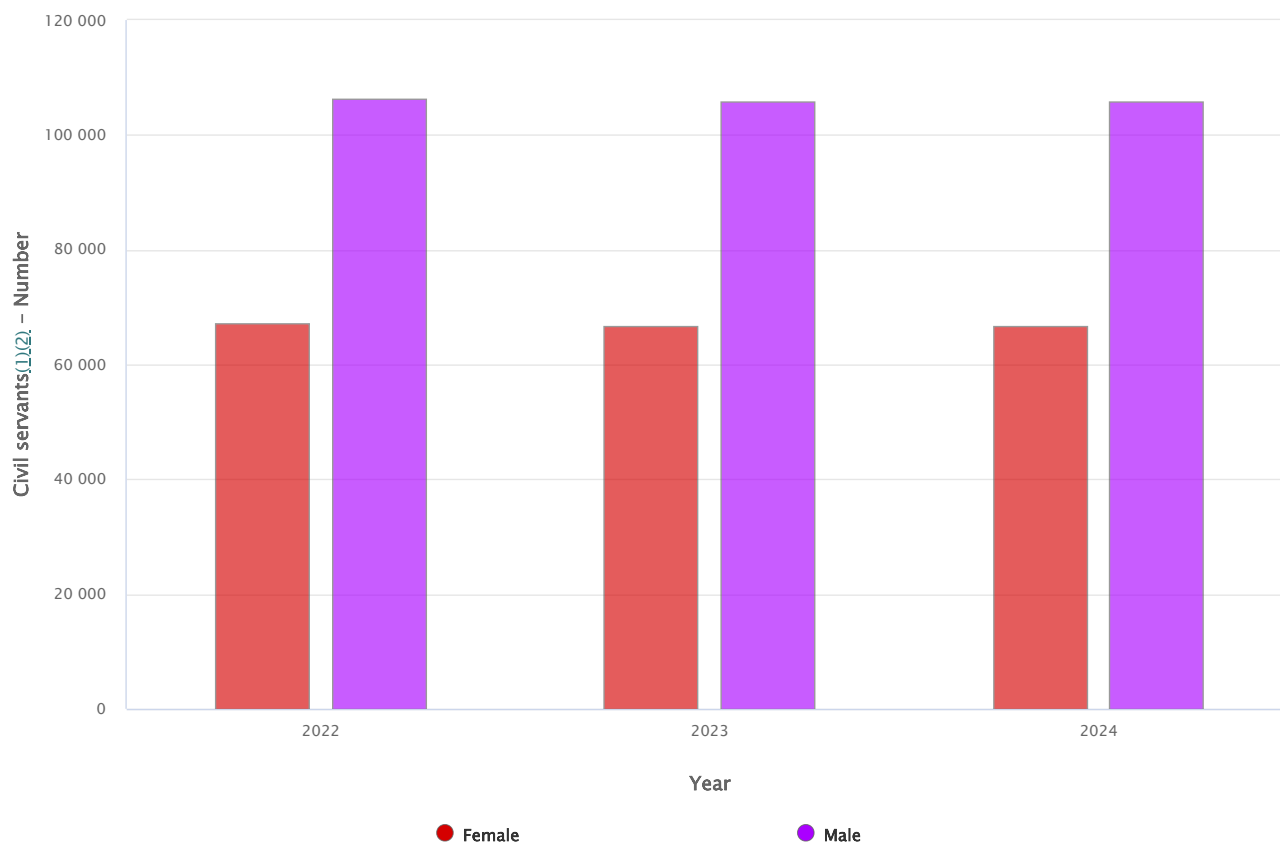


Table 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

	Civil servants (1) (2)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2022	67 231	106 433	173 664
2023	66 657	105 953	172 610
2024	66 661	105 915	172 576

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 Section,
 Census and Statistics Department
 (Enquiry telephone no. : 2582 5076
 Enquiry e-mail : 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 3 321 600 females and 3 044 600 males in 2024, denoting increases of 0.2% and 0.3% respectively as compared with 2023.
- In 2024, among persons aged 10 and over who had used personal computer during the 12 months before enumeration (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 2 630 300 females and 2 461 000 males, showing decreases of 2.6% and 2.3% respectively as compared with 2023.
- As for smartphone penetration, among persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 3 352 400 females and 3 047 400 males having a smartphone in 2024, representing increases of 0.4% and 0.3% respectively as compared with 2023.

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

			Number of persons								
			No. ('000)								
Type of information technology usage / activity			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										
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
2024	10 and over	10 - 19	282.9	310.7	593.6	282.9	310.1	593.0	269.2	287.7	556.9
		20 - 39	830.1	798.9	1 629.0	796.9	755.3	1 552.2	829.8	798.9	1 628.6
		40 - 59	1 169.8	959.5	2 129.3	971.0	813.0	1 784.1	1 171.5	959.8	2 131.2
		60 and over	1 038.8	975.6	2 014.3	579.5	582.5	1 162.0	1 081.9	1 001.1	2 083.1
		10 and over	3 321.6	3 044.6	6 366.2	2 630.3	2 461.0	5 091.3	3 352.4	3 047.4	6 399.8

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.

- 1 Referring to persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who had used the Internet during the 12 months before enumeration.
- 2 Referring to persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers) who had used PC during the 12 months before enumeration.
- 3 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.
- 4 Referring 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 9.7% 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 2022 to 2024.
- The corresponding number for females rose by 9.6% from 1 546 500 in 2022 to 1 695 200 in 2024, while that for males increased by 9.8% from 1 319 600 to 1 448 600 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 (1)		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes
Survey year	Age group				
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
2024	15 and over	15 - 19	65.6	53.5	119.1
		20 - 39	710.8	616.1	1 327.0
		40 - 59	740.3	565.9	1 306.2
		60 and over	178.5	213.0	391.5
		15 and over	1 695.2	1 448.6	3 143.8

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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 bureaux and departments:

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 - 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 (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by marital status, age group and sex
 - 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 2024**

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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