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1. Summary of Key Statistics

		Female	Male
Demographics - Vital Events (Year 2025)	Year-end population	4 098 600	3 410 100
	Number of live births	14 864	16 189
	Expectation of life at birth (years)	88.7 p	83.3 p
	Number of deaths	22 210 p	27 772 p
	Number of marriages	42 242	
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 2025)	Proportion of population aged 15 and over having attained upper secondary education and above (%)	67.8	71.5
	Number of students enrolled in programmes funded by University Grants Committee	58 503	58 172
Labour Force Characteristics and Employment Earnings (Year 2025)	Labour force	1 951 200	1 860 000
	Labour force participation rate (%)	52.7	62.3
	Number of employed persons	1 893 600	1 778 400
	Underemployment rate (%)	0.9	2.0
	Unemployment rate (%)	3.0	4.4
	Median monthly employment earnings (HK$)	17,900	25,000
Social Welfare (Year 2025)	Number of recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	139 245	117 273
	Number of persons receiving Social Security Allowance	750 596	634 228
Medical and Health (Year 2025)	Number of inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority hospitals	1 027 188 p	997 882 p
	Number of specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances (Psychiatry) of Hospital Authority	628 766 p	411 783 p

Crime and Justice (Year 2025)	Number of persons arrested for crime	9 022	22 060
	Number of reported drug abusers	1 195	3 882
Pattern of Participation in Public Affairs (Year 2025)	Number of directorate officers in the civil service	595	789
	Number of non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies	1 909	4 083
Information Technology Usage (Year 2025)	Number of persons aged 10 and over having used the Internet (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 345 300	3 071 100
	Number of persons aged 10 and over having a smartphone (excluding foreign domestic helpers)	3 366 000	3 073 400

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2. Demographics – Vital Events

- There were 4 098 600 females and 3 410 100 males in Hong Kong at end-2025, representing increases of 0.1% and 0.2% respectively as compared with end-2024.
- Analysed by age group, the numbers of persons aged 0-14 decreased from end-2024 to end-2025 by 3.3% and 2.1% respectively for females and males.
- Conversely, the numbers of persons aged 65 and over increased by 2.7% and 2.4% respectively for females and males over the same period.

Chart 2.1 : Population by sex

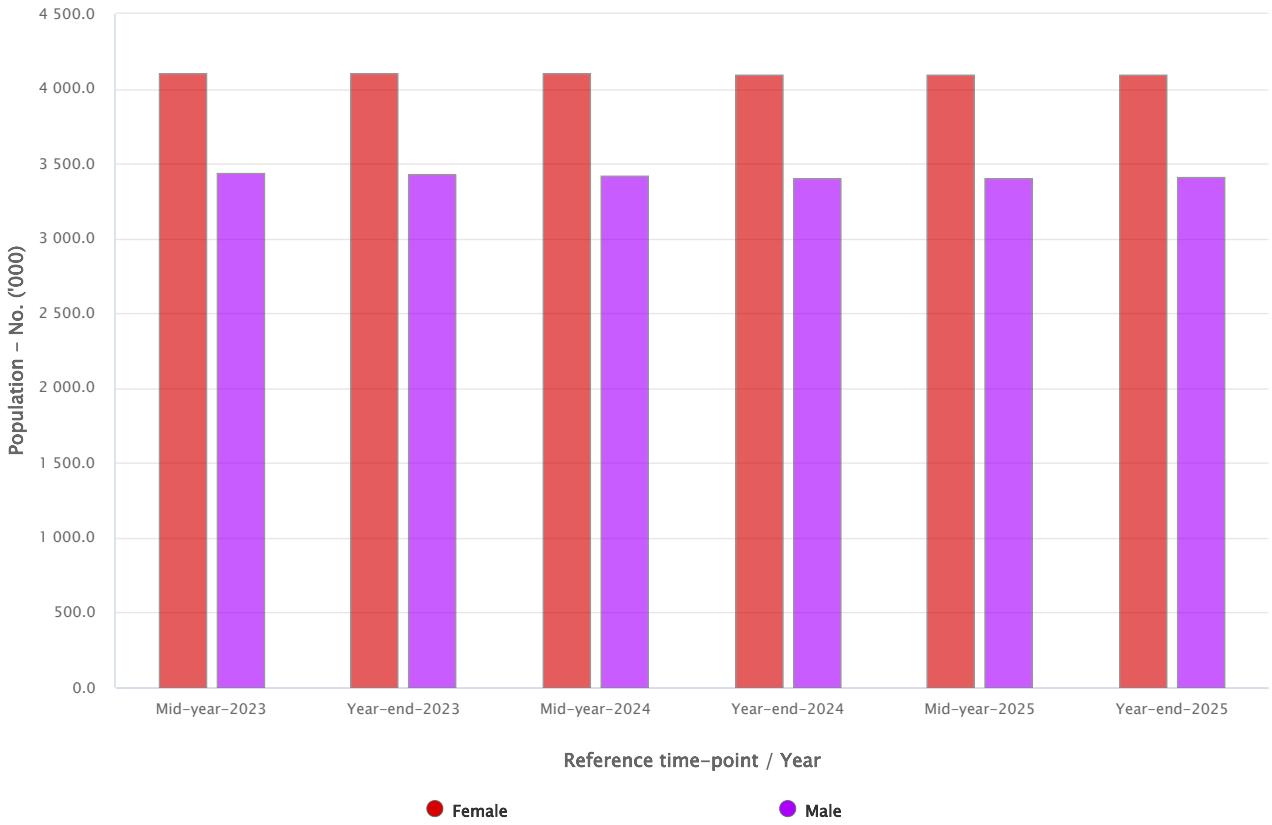


Table 2.1 : Population by sex and age group

		Population											
		No. ('000)						Year-on-year % change					
Year		2023		2024		2025		2023		2024		2025	
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	377.7	366.9	362.7	350.2	345.7	338.4	+0.7	-1.9	-4.0	-4.6	-4.7	-3.3
	15 - 24	300.7	297.1	293.4	287.1	283.8	287.2	+6.8	+1.9	-2.4	-3.4	-3.3	+0.1
	25 - 64	2 551.0	2 541.2	2 536.4	2 522.5	2 521.0	2 511.4	+1.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4
	65 and over	871.5	897.4	913.7	936.3	948.3	961.6	+7.4	+6.1	+4.8	+4.3	+3.8	+2.7
	All age groups	4 100.9	4 102.6	4 106.2	4 096.1	4 098.8	4 098.6	+2.7	+1.0	+0.1	-0.2	-0.2	+0.1
Male	0 - 14	404.0	392.9	388.1	373.6	369.1	365.7	+1.3	-1.4	-4.0	-4.9	-4.9	-2.1
	15 - 24	309.1	306.4	303.4	296.0	295.0	296.8	+6.5	+1.9	-1.8	-3.4	-2.8	+0.3
	25 - 64	1 951.7	1 934.3	1 921.2	1 910.1	1 902.7	1 903.2	+0.2	-1.4	-1.6	-1.2	-1.0	-0.3
	65 and over	770.4	791.7	805.2	824.8	833.3	844.4	+7.4	+5.7	+4.5	+4.2	+3.5	+2.4
	All age groups	3 435.2	3 425.3	3 417.9	3 404.5	3 400.1	3 410.1	+2.4	+0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	+0.2
Both sexes	0 - 14	781.7	759.8	750.8	723.8	714.8	704.1	+1.0	-1.7	-4.0	-4.7	-4.8	-2.7
	15 - 24	609.8	603.5	596.8	583.1	578.8	584.0	+6.7	+1.9	-2.1	-3.4	-3.0	+0.2
	25 - 64	4 502.7	4 475.5	4 457.6	4 432.6	4 423.7	4 414.6	+0.7	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0	-0.8	-0.4
	65 and over	1 641.9	1 689.1	1 718.9	1 761.1	1 781.6	1 806.0	+7.4	+5.9	+4.7	+4.3	+3.6	+2.5
	All age groups	7 536.1	7 527.9	7 524.1	7 500.6	7 498.9	7 508.7	+2.6	+0.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	+0.1

Source :
Demographic Statistics Section (1),
Census and Statistics Department
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- In 2025, the sex ratio (i.e. number of males per 1 000 females) was 830. After excluding foreign domestic helpers who were mostly female, the sex ratio became 904.

Table 2.2 : Sex ratio by age group

		Sex ratio (1)	Sex ratio (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1)
		Ratio	Ratio
Year	Age group		
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
2025	0 - 14	1 068	1 068
	15 - 24	1 039	1 055
	25 - 64	755	869
	65 and over	879	880
	All age groups	830	904

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 2025 were 14 864 and 16 189 respectively, declining from 17 492 and 19 231 in 2024.
- The expectations of life at birth for females and males in 2025 were 88.7 years and 83.3 years respectively (provisional figures), increasing from 88.2 years and 82.7 years in 2024.

Chart 2.3-A : Number of live births by sex

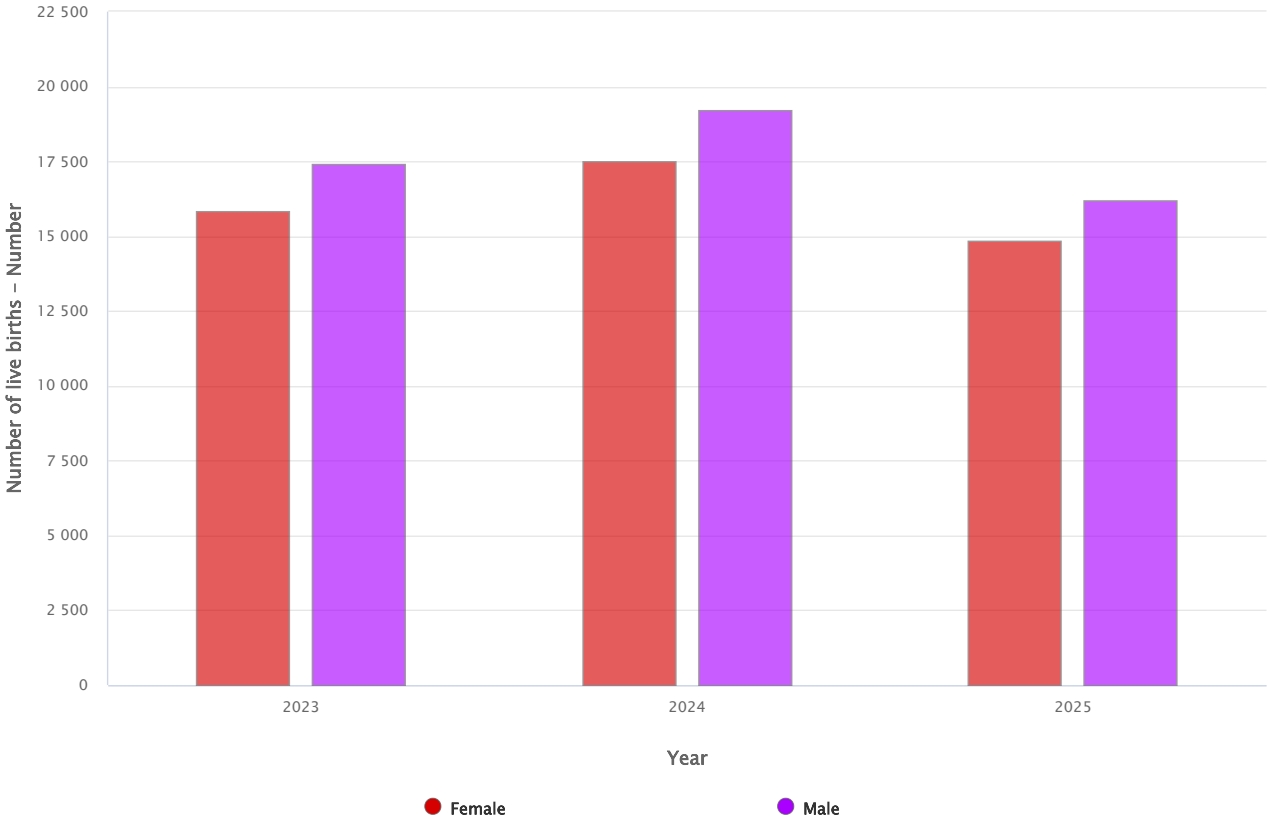


Chart 2.3-B : Expectation of life at birth by sex

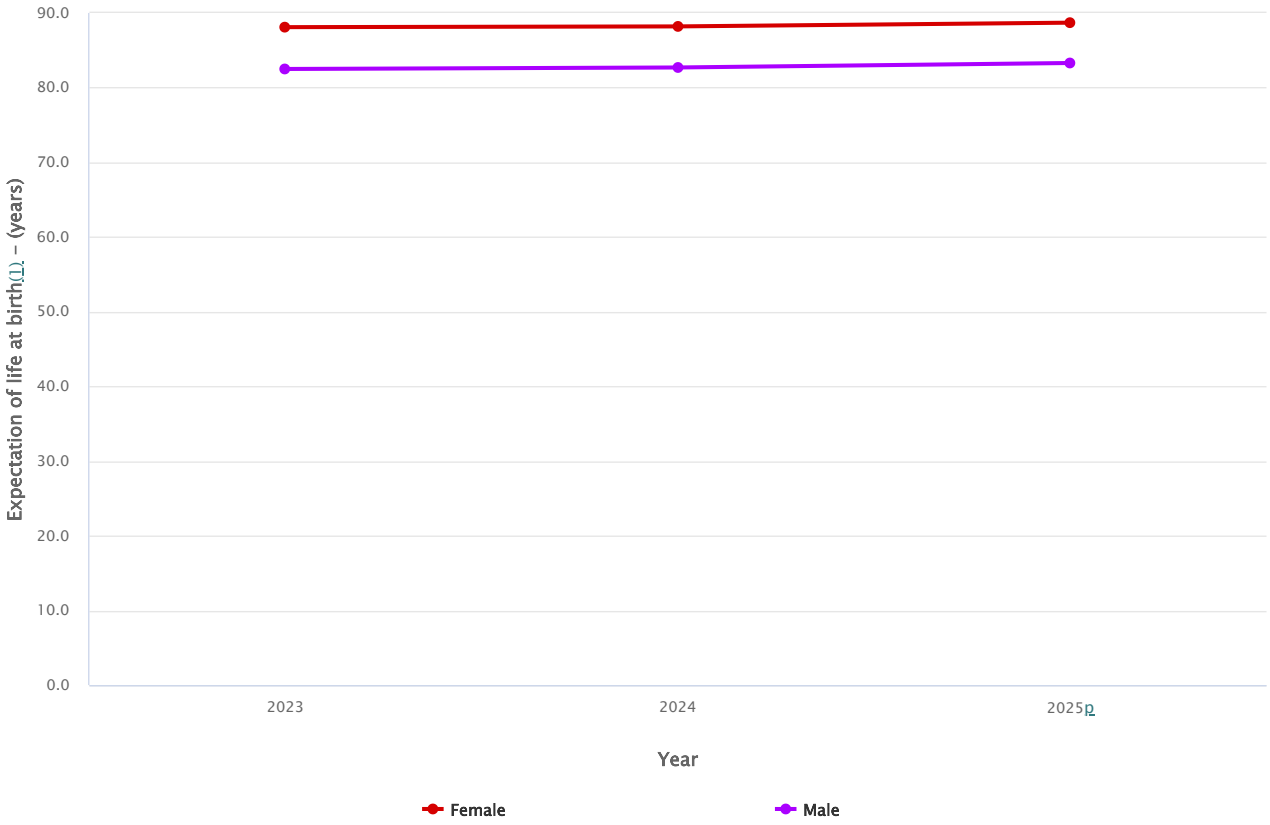


Table 2.3 : Number of live births and expectation of life at birth by sex

	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								
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	88.2	82.7
2025	14 864	16 189	31 053	-15.0	-15.8	-15.4	88.7 p	83.3 p

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

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- The number of deaths decreased from 52 393 (females: 23 502; males: 28 889) in 2024 to 49 987 (females: 22 210; males: 27 772) (provisional figures) in 2025.

Chart 2.4 : Number of deaths by sex

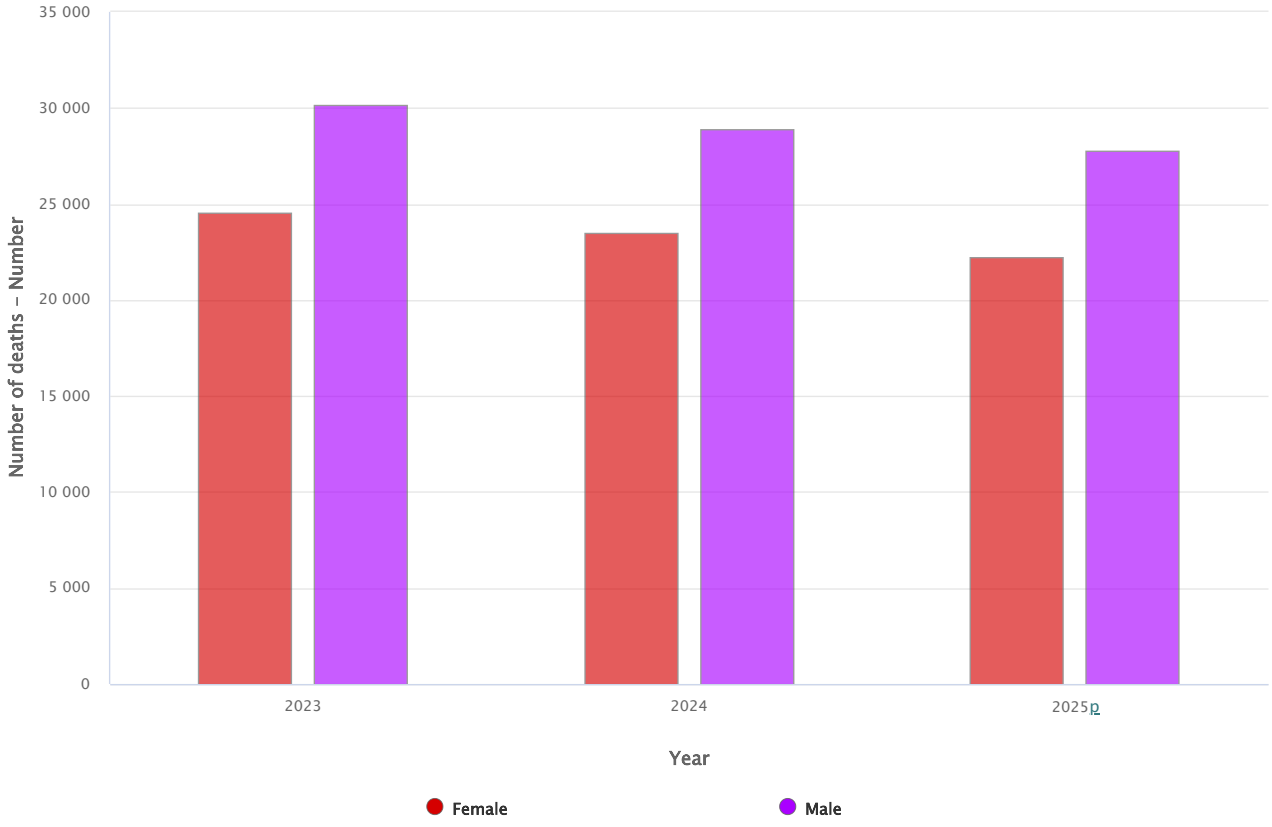


Table 2.4 : Deaths by age group and sex

		Number of deaths					
		Number			Year-on-year % change		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
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	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	0 - 14	50	70	120	-12.3	+12.9	+0.8
	15 - 24	45	81	126	-11.8	-19.8	-17.1
	25 - 64	3 353	5 220	8 573	-1.4	-5.6	-4.0
	65 and over	20 050	23 492	43 542	-4.6	-4.1	-4.3
	Unknown	4	26	32	0.0	+52.9	+45.5
	All age groups	23 502	28 889	52 393	-4.2	-4.3	-4.3
2025 p	0 - 14	57	68	125	+14.0	-2.9	+4.2
	15 - 24	44	86	130	-2.2	+6.2	+3.2
	25 - 64	3 133	4 903	8 036	-6.6	-6.1	-6.3
	65 and over	18 976	22 715	41 696	-5.4	-3.3	-4.2
	Unknown	0	0	0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
	All age groups	22 210	27 772	49 987	-5.5	-3.9	-4.6

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- In 2025, the numbers of never married females and males aged 15 and over were 1 000 100 and 958 900 respectively, representing increases of 0.6% and 1.8% respectively from 2024.
- The numbers of married women and men were 2 038 600 and 1 819 800 respectively in 2025, denoting an increase of 0.1% and a decrease of 0.8% respectively as compared with 2024.
- The numbers of widowed/divorced/separated females and males were 664 200 and 205 700 respectively in 2025, showing decreases of 0.2% and 1.7% respectively as compared with 2024.

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												
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
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]

			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												
2025	Never married	15 - 24	279.3	292.0	571.3	-3.5	-2.6	-3.1	276.2	292.0	568.2	-3.5	-2.6	-3.1
		25 - 64	667.8	629.7	1 297.4	+1.9	+3.5	+2.7	598.0	629.0	1 227.0	+1.4	+3.5	+2.5
		65 and over	53.1	37.2	90.3	+8.3	+8.8	+8.5	52.8	37.2	90.0	+8.6	+8.8	+8.7
		15 and over	1 000.1	958.9	1 959.0	+0.6	+1.8	+1.2	926.9	958.2	1 885.2	+0.3	+1.7	+1.0
	Married	15 - 24	3.6	1.0	4.5	+11.6	-38.1	-4.7	2.6	1.0	3.5	+0.1	-38.1	-14.4
		25 - 64	1 565.5	1 162.1	2 727.6	-1.1	-3.2	-2.0	1 340.9	1 159.5	2 500.4	-1.5	-3.2	-2.3
		65 and over	469.5	656.7	1 126.2	+4.4	+3.8	+4.0	468.4	656.6	1 125.0	+4.3	+3.8	+4.0
		15 and over	2 038.6	1 819.8	3 858.3	+0.1	-0.8	-0.3	1 811.9	1 817.1	3 629.0	[§3]	-0.8	-0.4
	Widowed / Divorced / Separated	15 - 24	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]	[*7]
		25 - 64	278.1	94.2	372.4	-3.5	-2.5	-3.3	236.5	94.1	330.6	-4.9	-2.6	-4.3
		65 and over	386.0	111.5	497.5	+2.2	-1.0	+1.5	385.5	111.5	497.0	+2.2	-1.0	+1.5
		15 and over	664.2	205.7	870.0	-0.2	-1.7	-0.6	622.0	205.6	827.6	-0.6	-1.8	-0.9
	Total	15 - 24	283.0	293.0	576.0	-3.3	-2.8	-3.1	278.7	293.0	571.8	-3.5	-2.8	-3.1
		25 - 64	2 511.4	1 886.0	4 397.4	-0.6	-1.0	-0.8	2 175.3	1 882.6	4 058.0	-1.1	-1.0	-1.1
		65 and over	908.6	805.4	1 713.9	+3.7	+3.3	+3.5	906.7	805.3	1 712.0	+3.6	+3.3	+3.5
		15 and over	3 703.0	2 984.4	6 687.3	+0.2	-0.1	+0.1	3 360.8	2 980.9	6 341.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1

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

- The number of marriages dropped from 44 196 in 2024 to 42 242 in 2025. The crude marriage rates (i.e. the number of marriages per 1 000 population) for females and males were 10.3 and 12.4 respectively in 2025, lower than the corresponding rates (females: 10.8; males: 12.9) in 2024.

Chart 2.6-A : Number of marriages

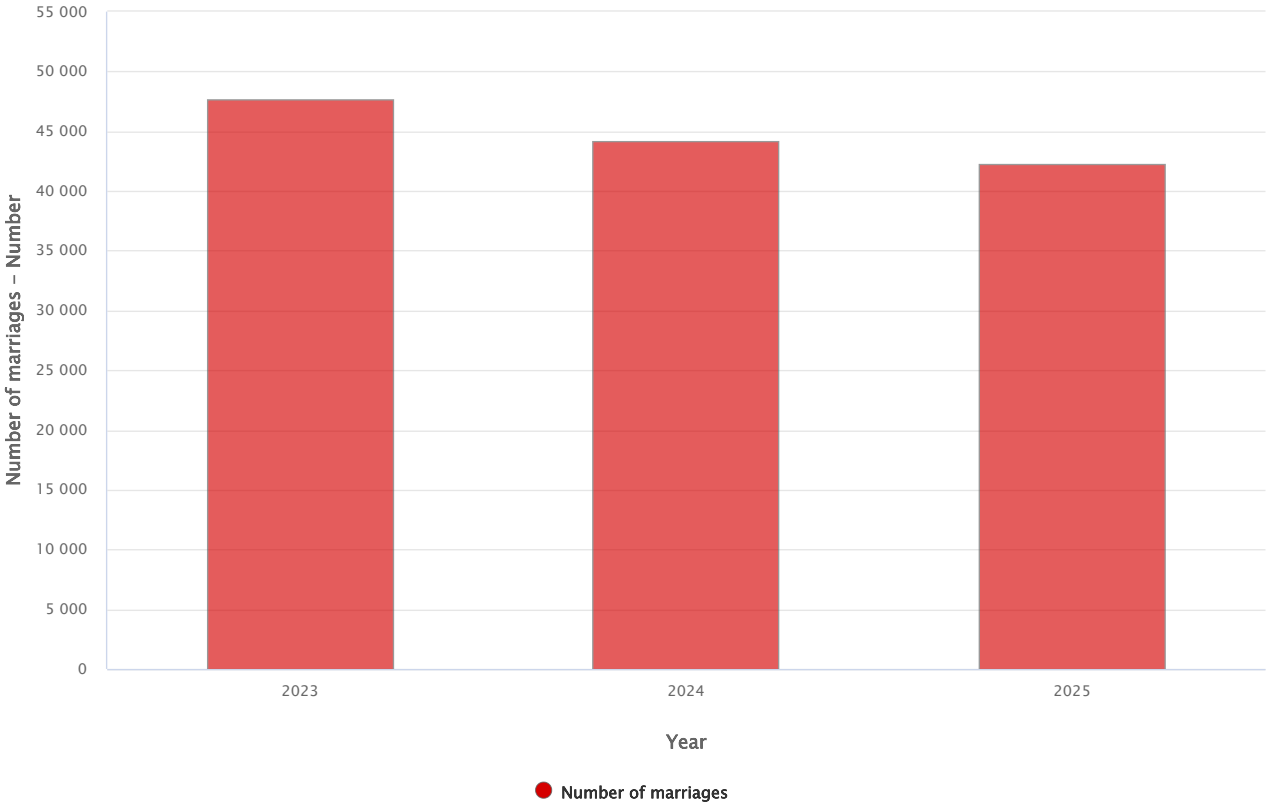


Chart 2.6-B : Crude marriage rate by sex

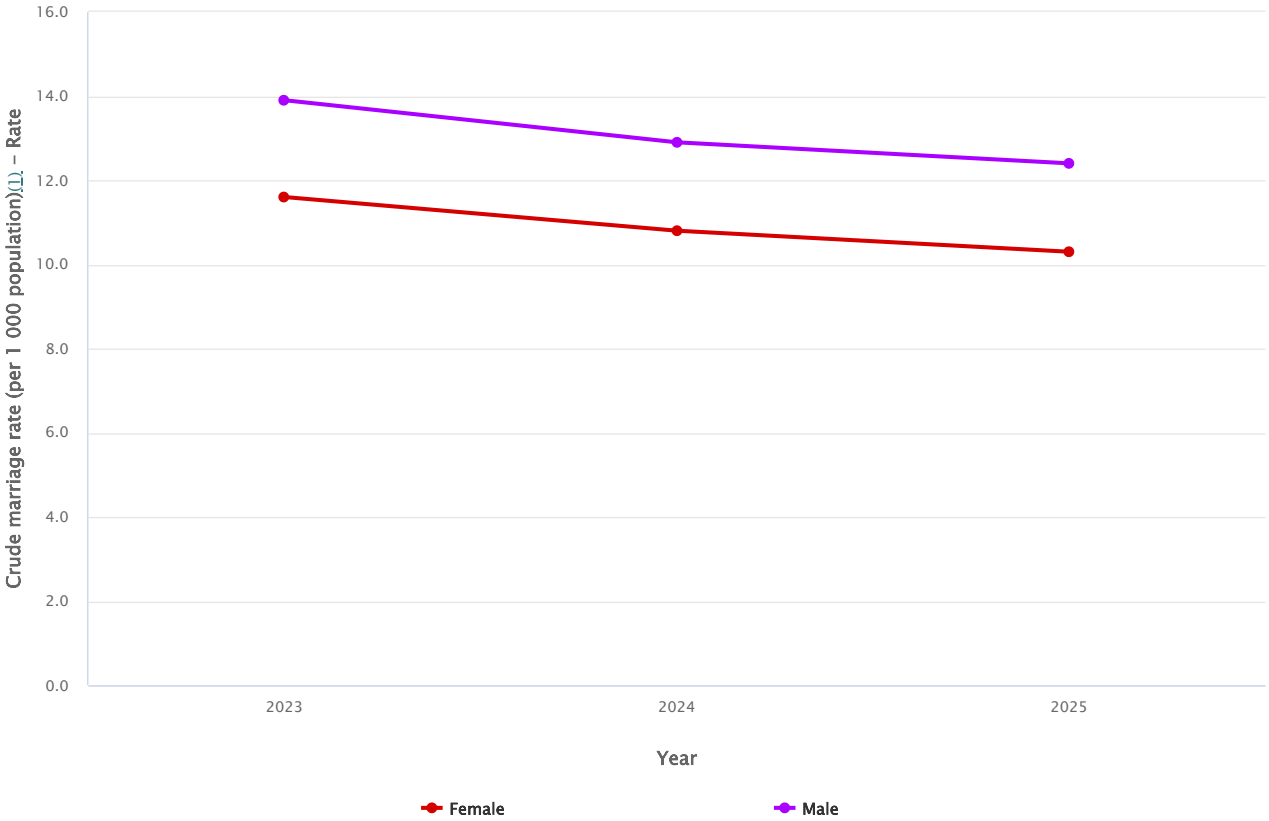


Table 2.6 : Marriage statistics by sex

	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							
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
2025	42 242	10.3	12.4	5.6	31.3	32.9	2.59

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 :
Demographic Statistics Section (1),
Census and Statistics Department
(Enquiry telephone no. : 3863 2702
Enquiry e-mail : **population@censtatd.gov.hk**)

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

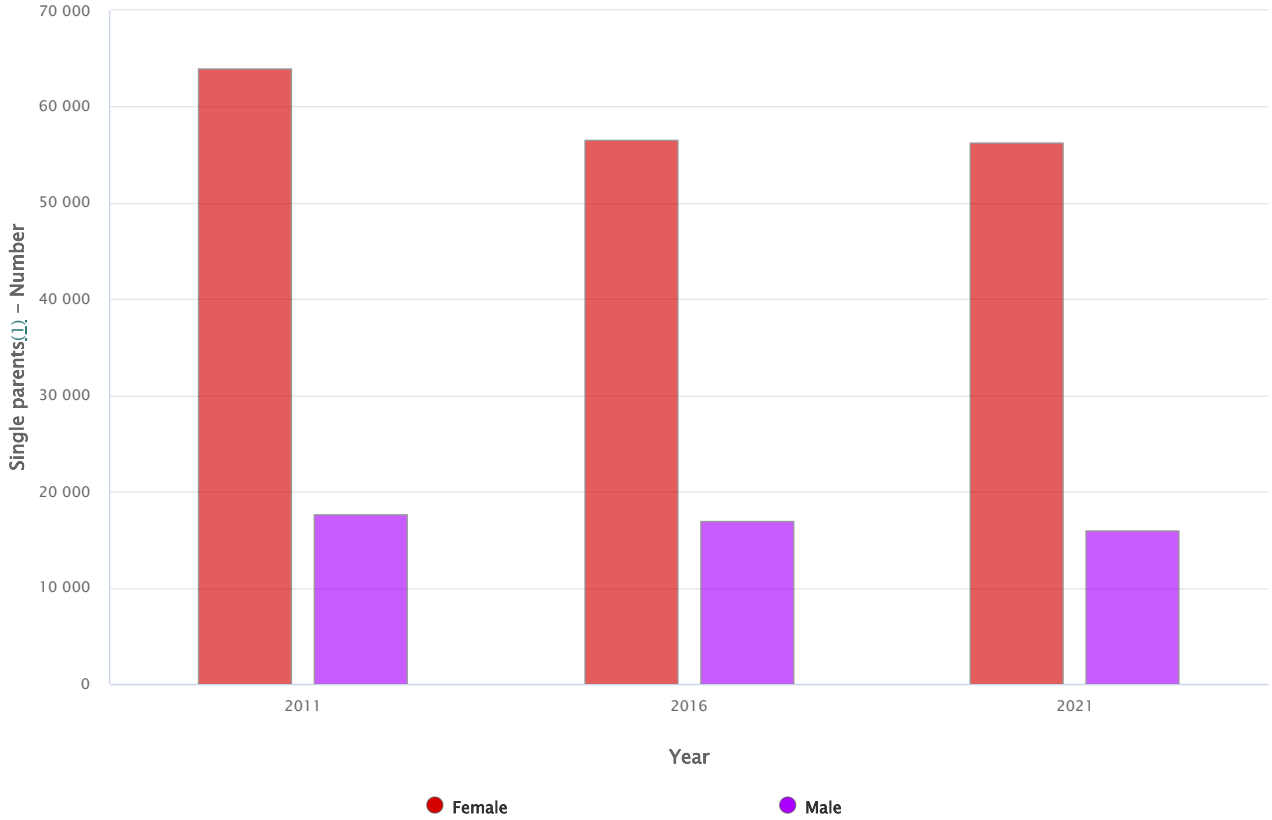


Table 3.1 : Single parents by age group and sex, 2011, 2016 and 2021

		Single parents (1)					
		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	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	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	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. : 3863 2645
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

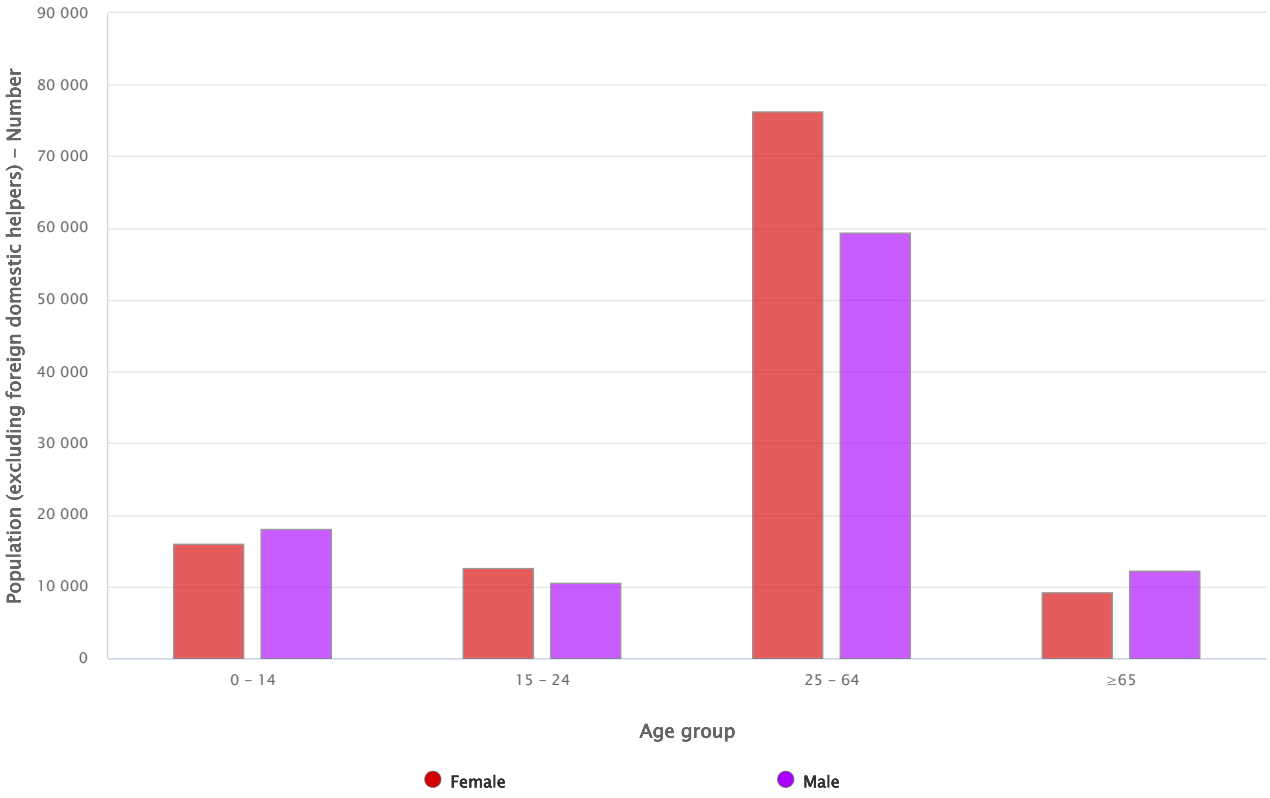


Table 3.2 : Persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) living in subdivided units by age group and sex, 2016 and 2021

		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	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	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. : 3863 2645
Enquiry e-mail : **census@censtatd.gov.hk**)

- The vast majority of persons aged below 25 were living with their parent(s) only. In 2021, 94.6% of them (females: 93.6%; males: 95.4%) were living with their parent(s) only.
- For persons aged 25-64, the proportion of 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								
Age group		0 - 24			25 - 64			≥65		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Living arrangement									
2011	Living alone	4 154	3 820	7 974	130 910	145 828	276 738	73 963	45 413	119 376
	Living with parent(s) only	772 246	821 305	1 593 551	355 581	411 387	766 968	730	940	1 670
	Living with spouse and/or child(ren) (2)	8 574	3 535	12 109	1 591 825	1 316 923	2 908 748	352 168	351 290	703 458
	Others (3)	39 662	23 334	62 996	320 018	81 874	401 892	27 247	8 932	36 179
	Total	824 636	851 994	1 676 630	2 398 334	1 956 012	4 354 346	454 108	406 575	860 683
2016	Living alone	4 668	6 026	10 694	144 576	151 209	295 785	94 231	58 305	152 536
	Living with parent(s) only	727 891	771 883	1 499 774	386 908	442 564	829 472	3 740	2 921	6 661
	Living with spouse and/or child(ren) (2)	8 030	3 554	11 584	1 581 694	1 283 887	2 865 581	430 748	426 984	857 732
	Others (3)	33 780	22 790	56 570	394 603	81 148	475 751	37 097	14 899	51 996
	Total	774 369	804 253	1 578 622	2 507 781	1 958 808	4 466 589	565 816	503 109	1 068 925
2021	Living alone	7 242	5 628	12 870	182 422	157 291	339 713	116 607	71 962	188 569
	Living with parent(s) only	633 056	675 190	1 308 246	426 951	501 262	928 213	4 838	3 523	8 361
	Living with spouse and/or child(ren) (2)	5 229	2 352	7 581	1 529 342	1 206 212	2 735 554	563 096	556 950	1 120 046
	Others (3)	30 556	24 303	54 859	416 780	90 040	506 820	44 471	21 029	65 500
	Total	676 083	707 473	1 383 556	2 555 495	1 954 805	4 510 300	729 012	653 464	1 382 476

1 Figures exclude persons living in non-domestic households. There were 179 917, 222 449 and 136 738 persons living in non-domestic households in 2011, 2016 and 2021 respectively.
2 Figures include persons living with spouse and/or child(ren), regardless of whether they were living with parent(s) or not.
3 Figures include persons living with person(s) other than parent(s), spouse and child(ren).

Source :
Demographic Statistics Section (2),
Census and Statistics Department
(Enquiry telephone no. : 3863 2645
Enquiry e-mail : **census@censtatd.gov.hk**)

4. Education and Training Characteristics

- In 2025, among the land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over, 67.8% females had attended upper secondary education and above. The corresponding figure for males was 71.5%.
- On the other hand, there were 33.5% females and 39.7% males who had attended post-secondary education.

Chart 4.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by educational attainment and sex, 2025

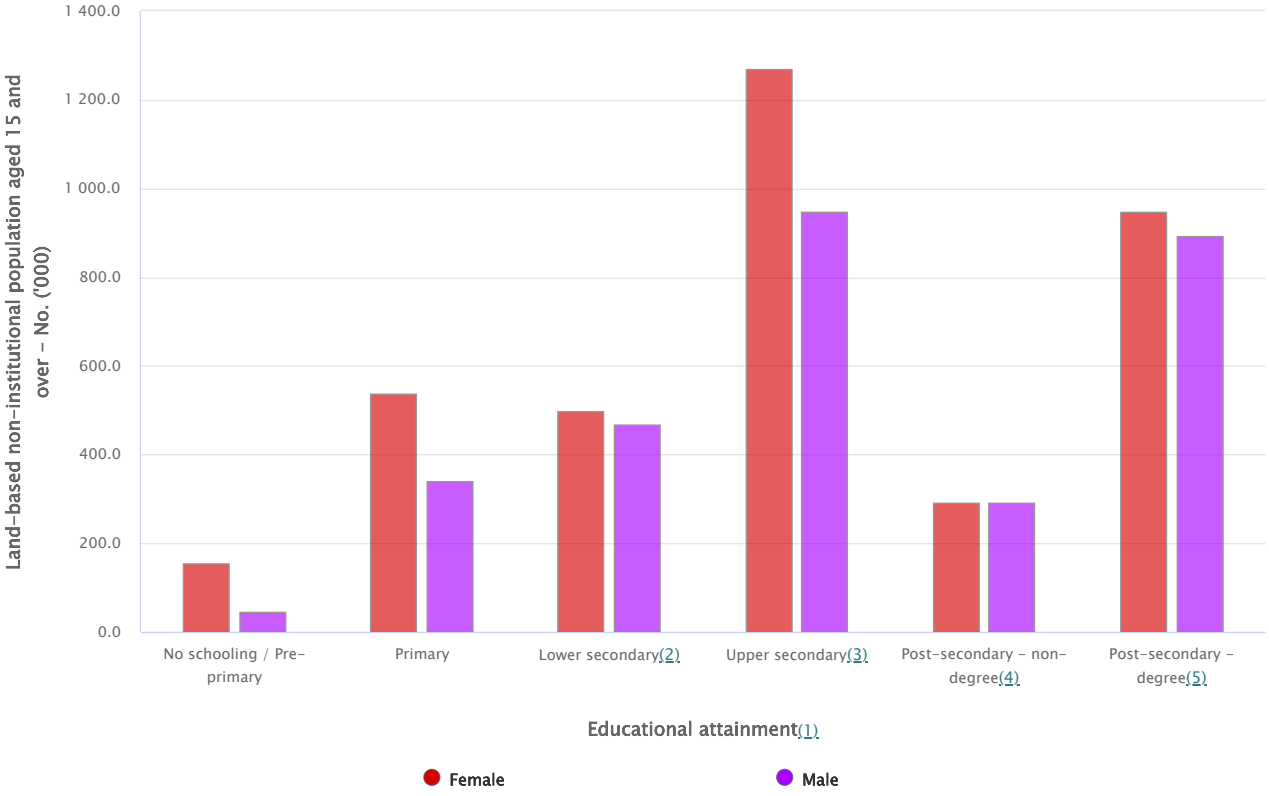


Table 4.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by educational attainment and sex

		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)						
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
2025	No schooling / Pre-primary	156.2	45.6	201.8	152.1	45.6	197.7
	Primary	536.6	338.8	875.4	510.0	338.7	848.7
	Lower secondary (2)	499.2	466.6	965.8	465.8	466.4	932.2
	Upper secondary (3)	1 268.9	947.3	2 216.3	1 032.1	944.3	1 976.3
	Post-secondary - non-degree (4)	293.0	291.9	584.9	279.9	291.8	571.7
	Post-secondary - degree (5)	948.9	894.3	1 843.2	921.0	894.1	1 815.1
	Total	3 703.0	2 984.4	6 687.3	3 360.8	2 980.9	6 341.8

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. : 3863 2791
Enquiry e-mail : **ghs@censtatd.gov.hk**)

- For students enrolled in the higher education programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in the 2025/26 academic year, 58 503 were females and 58 172 were males. The numbers were higher than those in the 2024/25 academic year (females: 55 928; males: 54 382).
- 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, 2025/26

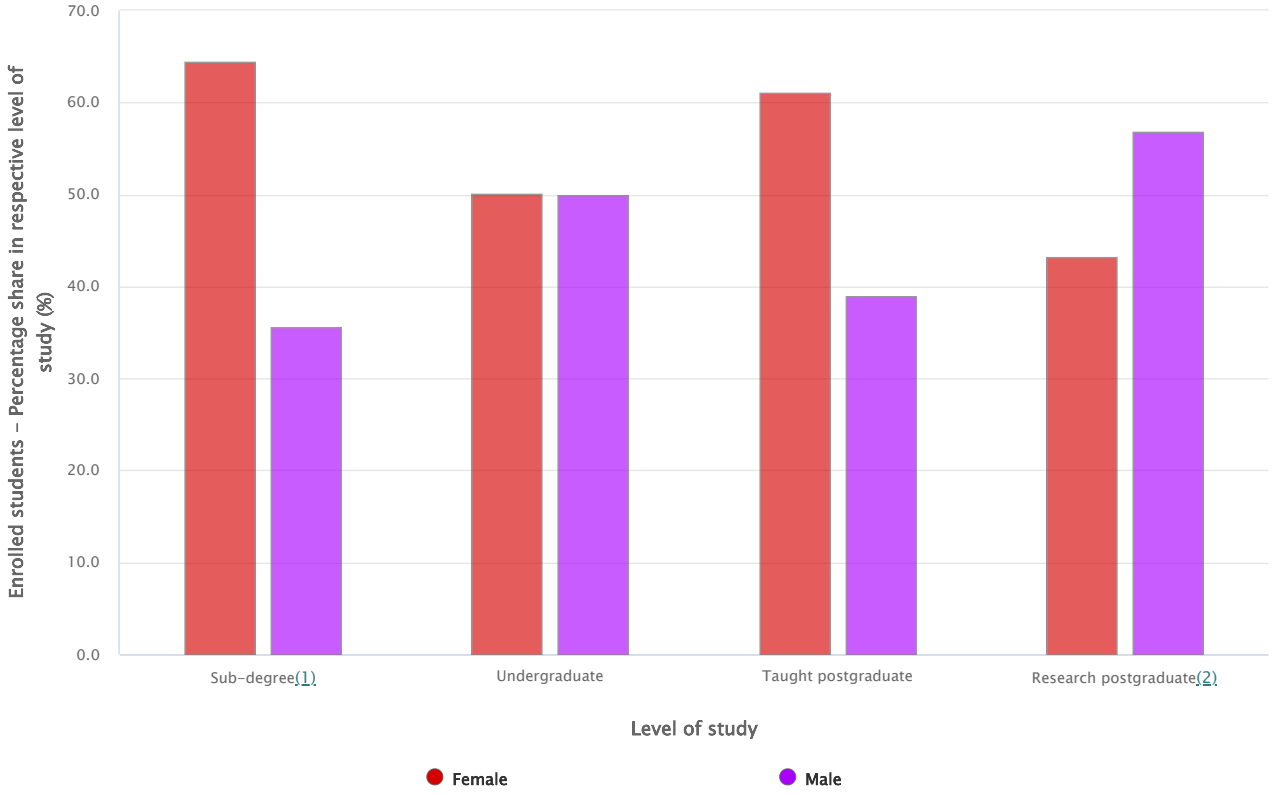


Table 4.2 : Students enrolled in programmes funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) by level of study and sex

		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						
2023/24	Sub-degree (1)	1 724	719	2 443	70.6	29.4	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	51 455	105 652	51.3	48.7	100.0
2024/25	Sub-degree (1)	1 619 r	703 r	2 322 r	69.7 r	30.3 r	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	55 928 r	54 382 r	110 309 r	50.7	49.3	100.0
2025/26	Sub-degree (1)	1 966	1 088	3 054	64.4	35.6	100.0
	Undergraduate	49 280	49 082	98 362	50.1	49.9	100.0
	Taught postgraduate	2 280	1 457	3 737	61.0	39.0	100.0
	Research postgraduate (2)	4 977	6 545	11 522	43.2	56.8	100.0
	Total	58 503	58 172	116 675	50.1	49.9	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 2025/26 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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Source :
Statistics Unit,
University Grants Committee Secretariat
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2844 9919
Enquiry e-mail : **ugc@ugc.edu.hk**)

5. Labour Force Characteristics and Employment Earnings

- In 2025, the numbers of economically active females and males aged 15 and over (or the labour force) were 1 951 200 and 1 860 000 respectively. As compared with 2024, the female and male labour force in 2025 increased by 0.9% and decreased by 0.7% respectively.
- On the other hand, the numbers of economically inactive females and males aged 15 and over were 1 751 700 and 1 124 400 respectively in 2025.
- Retirement/old age was the most common reason for being economically inactive persons (51.8% of all economically inactive females and 66.1% for their male counterparts).
- While the second most common reason for females was the engagement in household duties (29.5%), that for males was attending educational institutions (19.4%).

Chart 5.1 : Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by reason for being economically inactive and sex, 2025

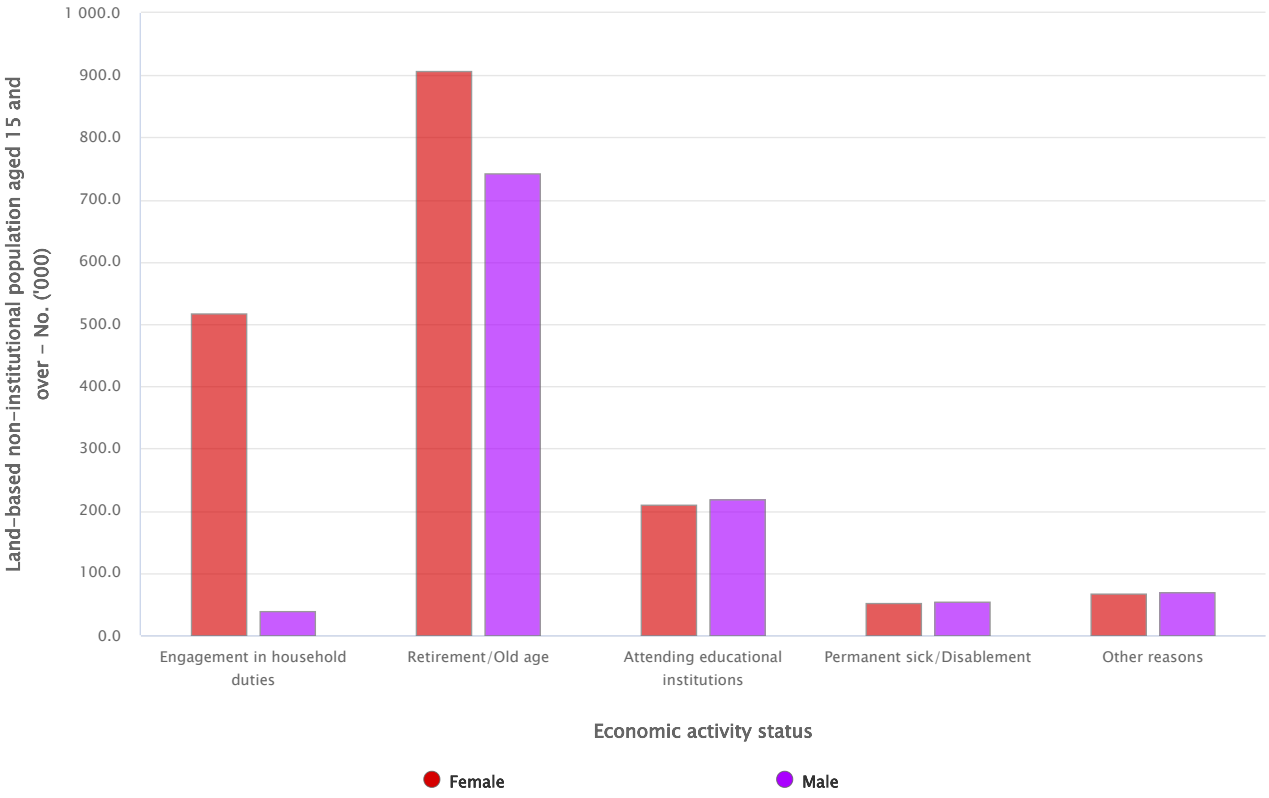


Table 5.1 : Land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over by economic activity status and sex

			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							
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
2025	Economically active		1 951.2	1 860.0	3 811.3	1 609.1	1 856.6	3 465.7
	Economically inactive (1)	Engagement in household duties	517.0	38.6	555.6	517.0	38.6	555.6
		Retirement/Old age	906.7	742.7	1 649.4	906.7	742.7	1 649.4
		Attending educational institutions	210.3	218.1	428.3	210.3	218.1	428.3
		Permanent sick/Disablement	51.5	55.0	106.5	51.5	55.0	106.5
		Other reasons	66.3	70.0	136.3	66.3	70.0	136.3
		Sub-total	1 751.7	1 124.4	2 876.1	1 751.7	1 124.4	2 876.1
	Total		3 703.0	2 984.4	6 687.3	3 360.8	2 980.9	6 341.8

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 remained at 57.0% in both 2024 (females: 52.3%; males: 62.7%) and 2025 (females: 52.7%; males: 62.3%).
- Analysed by age group, the labour force participation rate was lower for females than for males in each age group in 2025, except for persons aged 20-24.

Chart 5.2-A : Labour force participation rate by sex

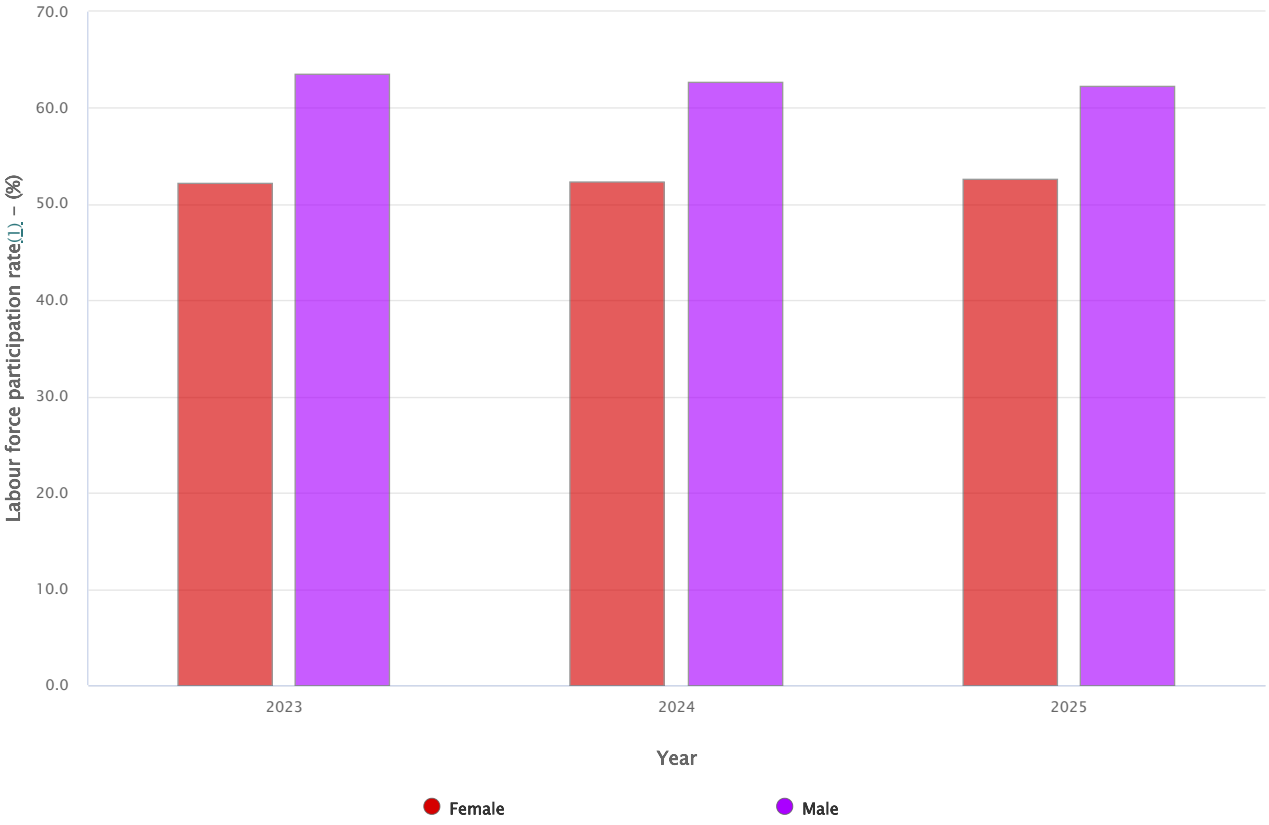


Chart 5.2-B : Labour force participation rate by age group and sex, 2025

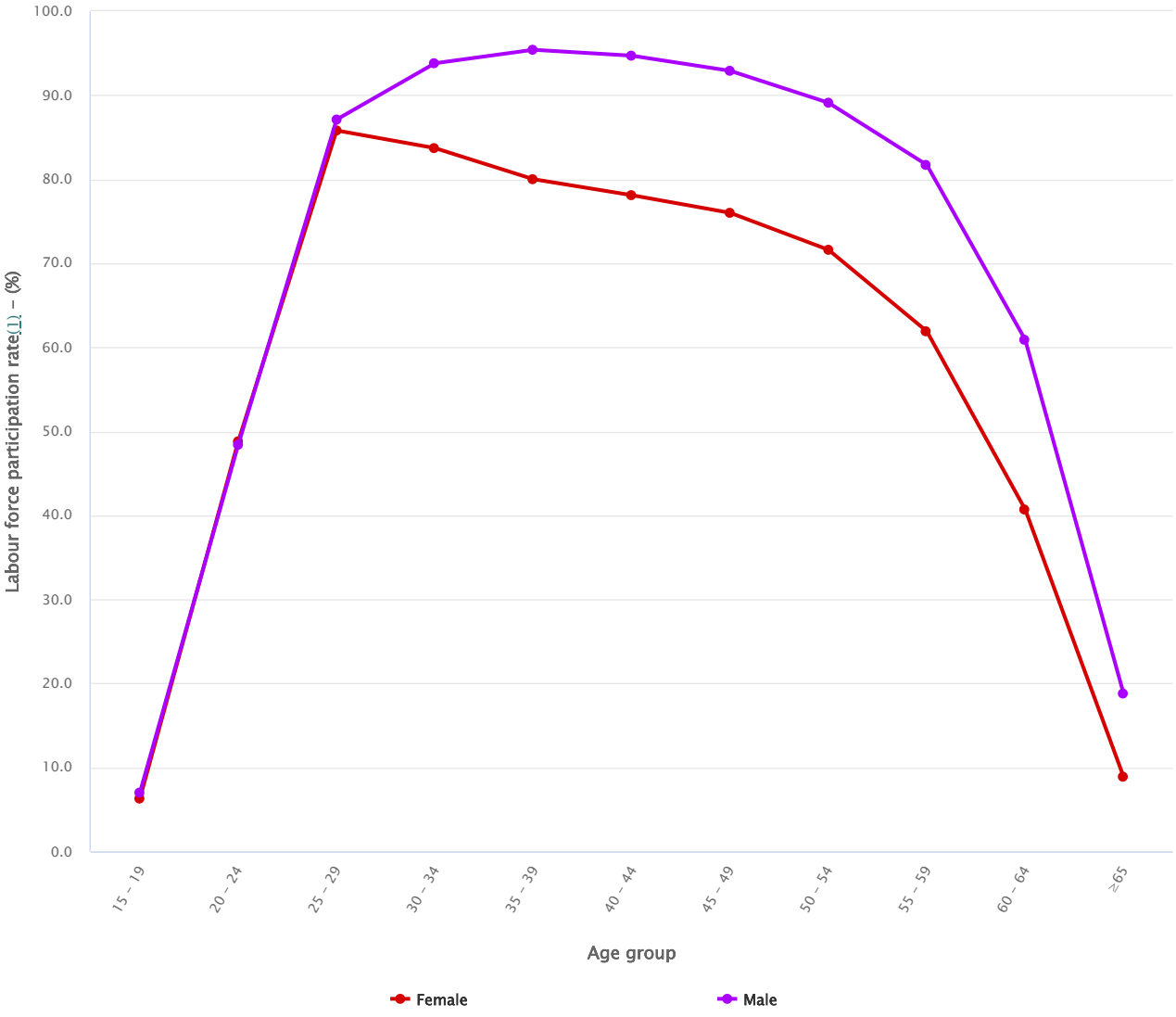


Table 5.2 : Labour force participation rate by age group and sex

		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						
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	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	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
2025	15 - 19	6.3	7.0	6.7	6.3	7.0	6.6
	20 - 24	48.8	48.4	48.6	47.3	48.4	47.9
	25 - 29	85.8	87.1	86.4	84.1	87.1	85.6
	30 - 34	83.7	93.8	88.3	80.0	93.8	86.9
	35 - 39	80.0	95.4	86.4	74.1	95.4	84.4
	40 - 44	78.1	94.7	84.7	71.4	94.7	82.1
	45 - 49	76.0	92.9	82.8	71.2	92.9	80.9
	50 - 54	71.6	89.1	78.9	68.7	89.1	77.7
	55 - 59	61.9	81.7	70.4	60.6	81.7	69.8
	60 - 64	40.7	60.9	49.9	39.6	60.9	49.4
	≥65	8.9	18.8	13.5	8.7	18.8	13.4
	15 and over	52.7	62.3	57.0	47.9	62.3	54.6

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 2025, the numbers of female and male employed persons were 1 893 600 and 1 778 400 respectively, representing an increase of 0.3% and a decrease of 1.5% respectively from 2024.
- Analysed by sex, the unemployment rates for females and males increased from 2.4% and 3.6% in 2024 to 3.0% and 4.4% in 2025 respectively.
- On the other hand, the underemployment rates for females and males increased from 0.7% and 1.6% in 2024 to 0.9% and 2.0% in 2025 respectively.

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

			Employed persons (1)	Employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (1)	Underemployed persons (2)	Underemployment rate (3)	Underemployment rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (3)	Unemployed persons (4)	Unemployment rate (5)	Unemployment rate (excluding foreign domestic helpers) (5)
			No. ('000)	No. ('000)	No. ('000)	(%)	(%)	No. ('000)	(%)	(%)
Year	Sex	Age group								
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
	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
2024	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

			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								
	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
2025	Female	15 - 24	72.4	68.1	1.7	2.1	2.2	8.8	10.9	11.5
		25 - 59	1 606.2	1 276.8	13.5	0.8	1.0	43.3	2.6	3.3
		60 and over	215.0	206.5	3.0	1.3	1.4	5.5	2.5	2.6
		15 and over	1 893.6	1 551.5	18.1	0.9	1.1	57.6	3.0	3.6
	Male	15 - 24	73.0	73.0	2.3	2.8	2.8	9.5	11.5	11.5
		25 - 59	1 391.3	1 388.2	28.7	2.0	2.0	61.1	4.2	4.2
		60 and over	314.1	313.8	6.5	2.0	2.0	10.9	3.4	3.4
		15 and over	1 778.4	1 775.0	37.4	2.0	2.0	81.6	4.4	4.4
	Both sexes	15 - 24	145.4	141.1	3.9	2.4	2.5	18.3	11.2	11.5
		25 - 59	2 997.6	2 665.0	42.2	1.4	1.5	104.4	3.4	3.8
		60 and over	529.1	520.4	9.4	1.7	1.8	16.5	3.0	3.1
		15 and over	3 672.0	3 326.4	55.5	1.5	1.6	139.2	3.7	4.0

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 2025, the median duration of unemployment for unemployed persons was 87 days, higher than the 74 days in 2024.
- Analysed by sex, the median duration of unemployment for unemployed females and males increased from 72 and 75 days in 2024 to 81 and 91 days in 2025.

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			
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
2025	15 - 24	78	84	81
	25 - 59	83	93	88
	60 and over	75	93	85
	15 and over	81	91	87

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".

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(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
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- The median monthly employment earnings of female and male employed persons increased from $17,000 and $24,000 respectively in 2024 to $17,900 and $25,000 in 2025.
- Analysed by occupation, the yearly growth in the median monthly employment earnings of clerical support workers was the highest (5.5%) among females, while that of associate professionals was the highest (7.7%) among males.

Chart 5.5 : Median monthly employment earnings of employed persons by occupation of main employment and sex, 2025

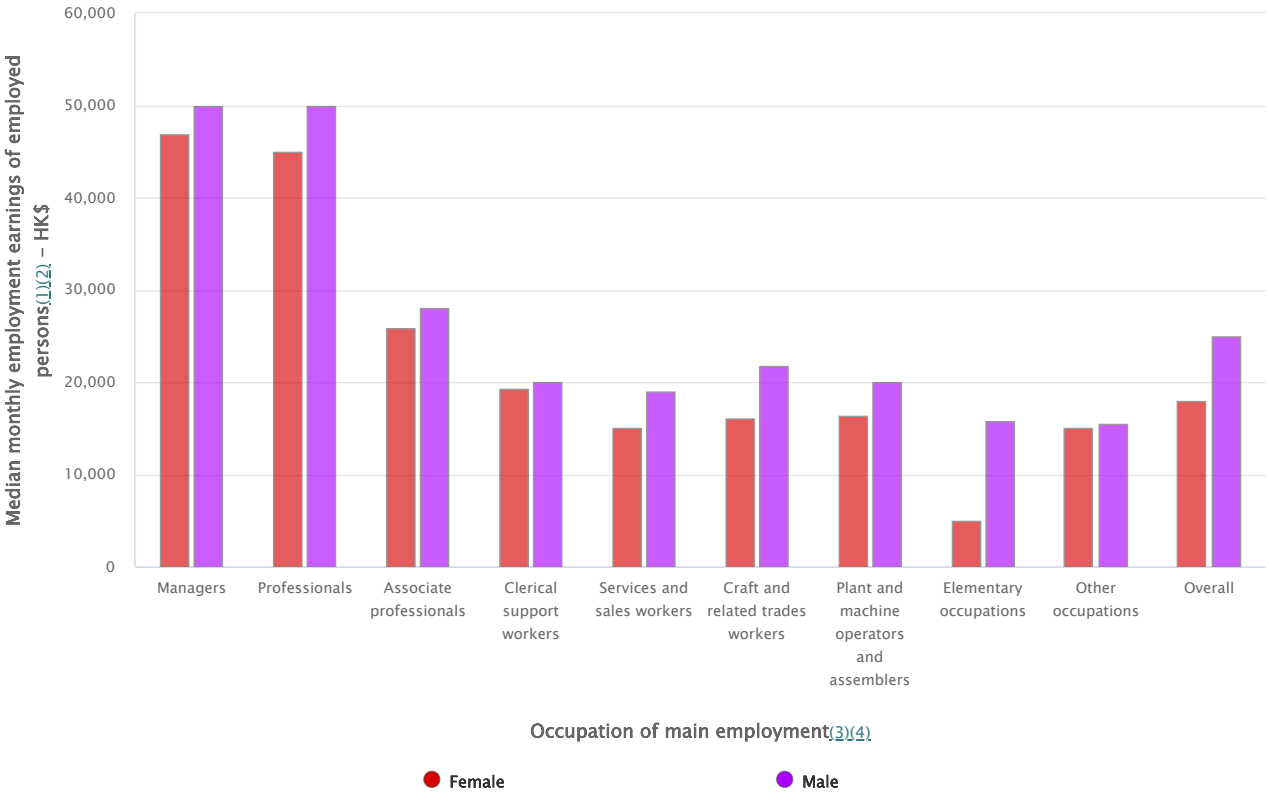


Table 5.5 : Median monthly employment earnings by occupation of main employment and sex

		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)						
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
	Services and sales workers	14,000	18,000	15,000	14,000	18,000	15,300
	Craft and related trades 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
	Services and sales workers	14,600	18,400	16,000	15,000	18,400	16,000
	Craft and related trades 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
2025	Managers	46,800	50,000	50,000	46,800	50,000	50,000
	Professionals	45,000	50,000	48,000	45,000	50,000	48,000
	Associate professionals	25,800	28,000	27,000	25,800	28,000	27,000
	Clerical support workers	19,200	20,000	19,600	19,200	20,000	19,600
	Services and sales workers	15,000	19,000	16,300	15,000	19,000	16,500
	Craft and related trades workers	16,000	21,800	21,000	16,000	21,800	21,000
	Plant and machine operators and assemblers	16,400	20,000	19,700	17,000	20,000	20,000
	Elementary occupations	5,000	15,700	6,000	13,000	15,800	14,400
	Other occupations	15,000	15,500	15,400	15,000	16,000	15,500
	Overall	17,900	25,000	20,400	20,000	25,000	22,200

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),
Census and Statistics Department
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2887 5508
Enquiry e-mail : **ghs@censtatd.gov.hk**)

6. Social Welfare

- The number of female CSSA recipients was in general more than that of male recipients. The total number of female CSSA recipients was 139 245 in 2025, higher than their male counterparts of 117 273. Both recorded decreases as compared with 2024 (females: 143 104; males: 120 848).
- 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 2025, there were 66 760 and 28 908 female CSSA recipients in “old age” and “single parent” categories respectively, with the corresponding figures of 57 163 and 15 438 for male CSSA recipients.

Chart 6.1 : Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of case and sex, 2025

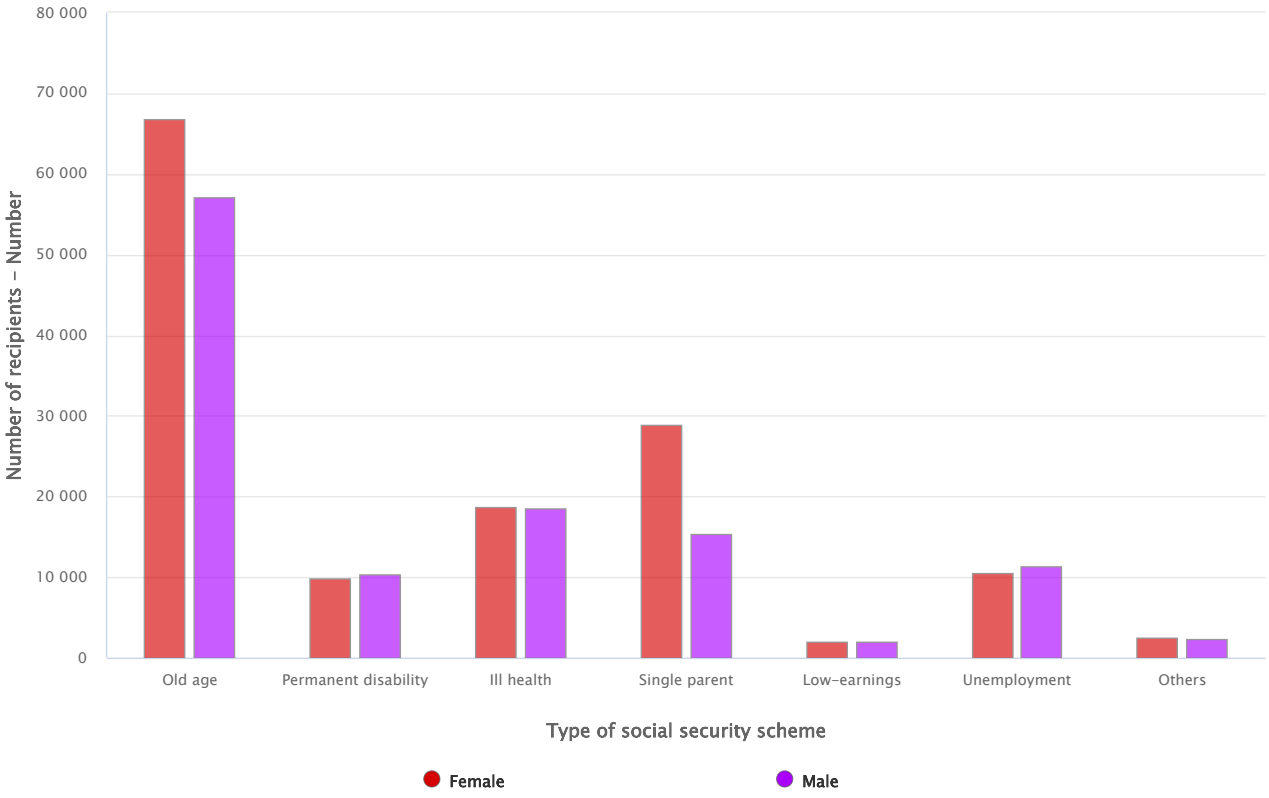


Table 6.1 : Recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by type of case and sex

			Number of recipients		
			Number		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Type of social security scheme				
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
2025	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) (1)	Old age	66 760	57 163	123 923
		Permanent disability	9 898	10 363	20 261
		Ill health	18 784	18 609	37 393
		Single parent	28 908	15 438	44 346
		Low-earnings	1 980	1 976	3 956
		Unemployment	10 482	11 427	21 909
		Others	2 433	2 297	4 730
		Total	139 245	117 273	256 518

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 716 961 in 2024 to 750 596 in 2025, while that of their male counterparts also increased from 606 259 to 634 228 over the same period.

Chart 6.2 : Persons receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) by type of scheme and sex, 2025

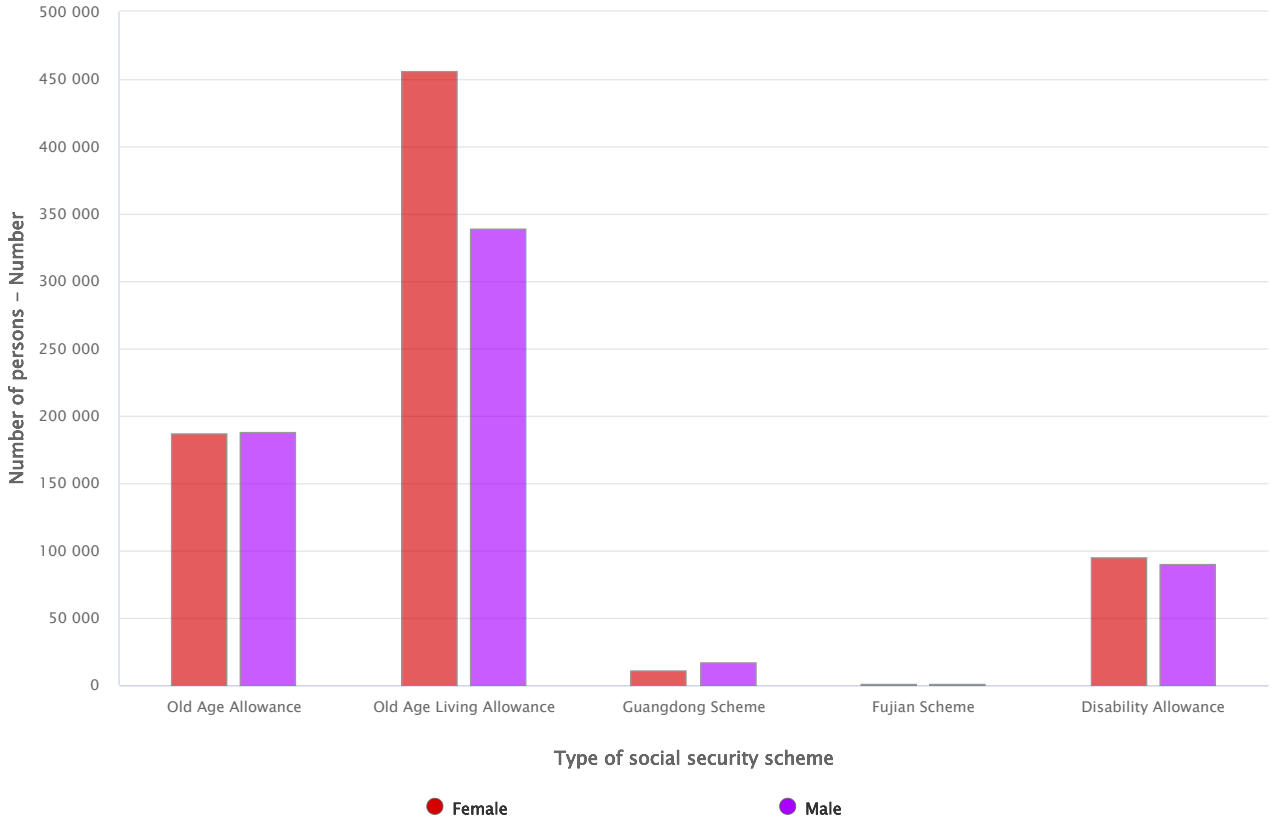


Table 6.2 : Persons receiving Social Security Allowance (SSA) by type of scheme and sex

			Number of persons		
			Number		
Sex			Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Type of social security scheme				
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
2025	Social Security Allowance (SSA) (1)	Old Age Allowance	187 403	187 814	375 217
		Old Age Living Allowance	455 850	338 603	794 453
		Guangdong Scheme	10 854	16 701	27 555
		Fujian Scheme	1 361	1 239	2 600
		Disability Allowance	95 128	89 871	184 999
		Total	750 596	634 228	1 384 824

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 1 027 188 and 997 882 respectively (provisional figures) in 2025, representing increases of 0.2% and 0.8% from 2024.
- Besides, the Psychiatry specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances of HA for females rose by 2.1% from 616 085 in 2024 to 628 766 (provisional figures) in 2025, whereas that for males increased by 2.5% from 401 865 in 2024 to 411 783 (provisional figures) in 2025.

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

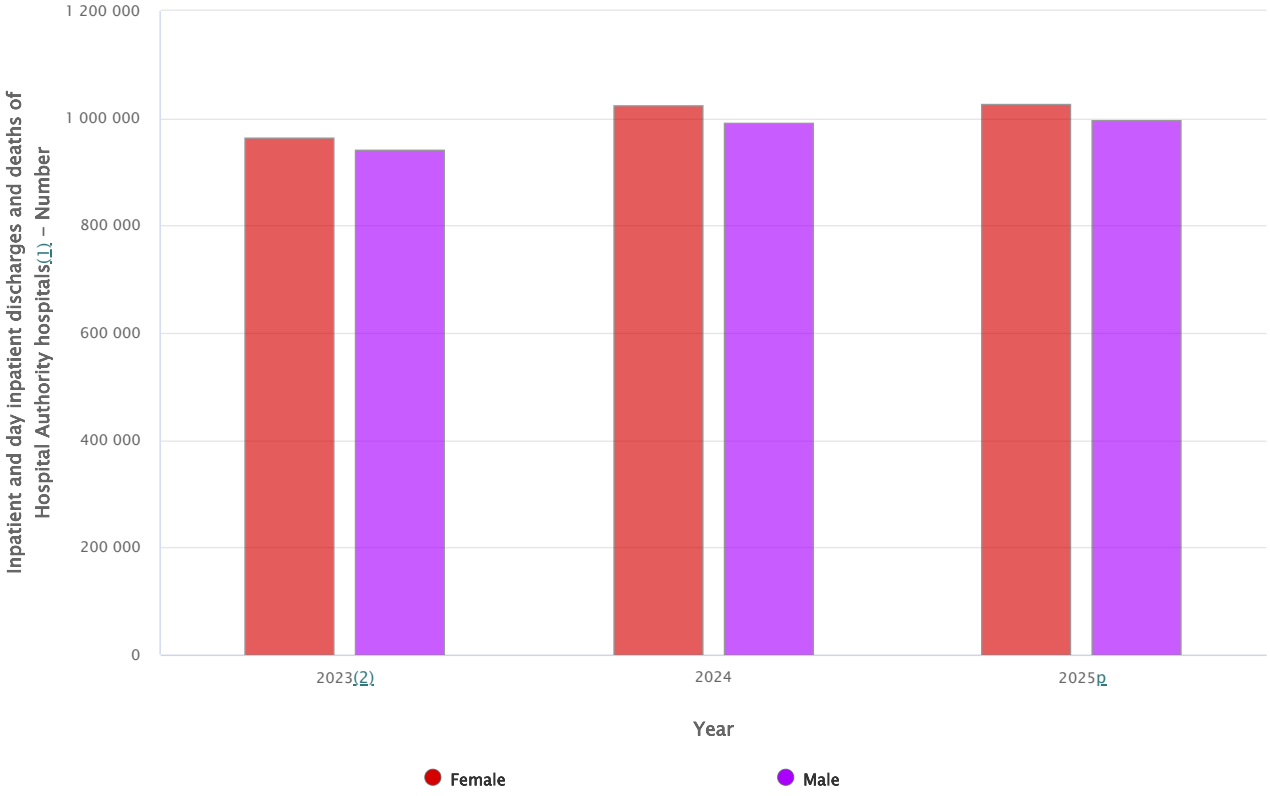


Chart 7.1-B : Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances (Psychiatry) of Hospital Authority by sex

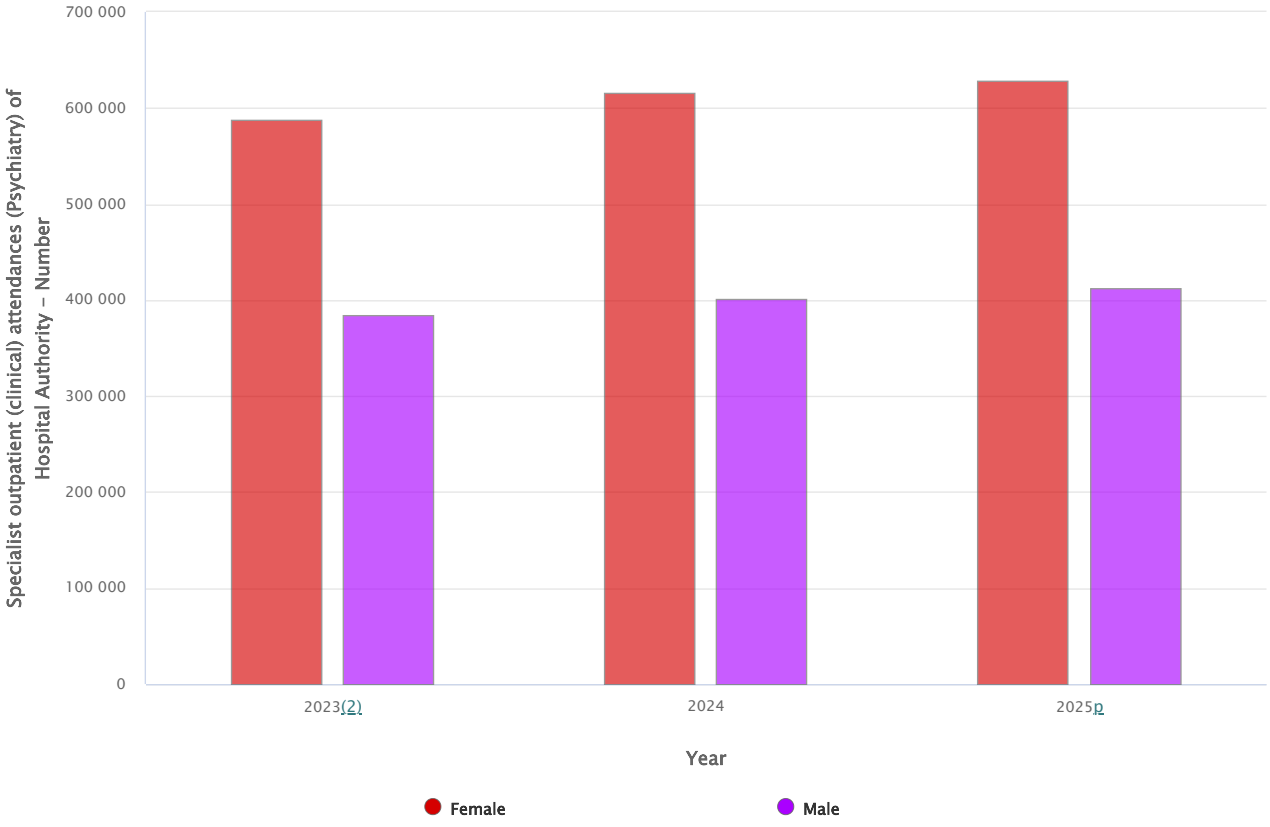


Table 7.1 : Discharges and deaths and attendances of Hospital Authority (HA) hospitals by age group and sex

		Inpatient and day inpatient discharges and deaths of Hospital Authority hospitals (1)			Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances (Psychiatry) of Hospital Authority		
		Number			Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group						
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	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	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	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
2025 p	0 - 14	53 625	68 757	122 382	29 785	69 744	99 529
	15 - 24	23 210	20 840	44 050	59 951	46 339	106 290
	25 - 64	427 691	340 052	767 743	352 143	203 726	555 869
	≥65	522 662	568 233	1 090 895	186 887	91 974	278 861
	Unknown (3)	-	-	63	-	-	0
	Total	1 027 188	997 882	2 025 133	628 766	411 783	1 040 549

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 2025, the age-standardised mortality rates (i.e. number of registered deaths per 100 000 standard population) of malignant neoplasms for females and males were 63.7 and 100.0 respectively (provisional figures).

Chart 7.2 : Age-standardised mortality rate by leading cause of death and sex, 2025p

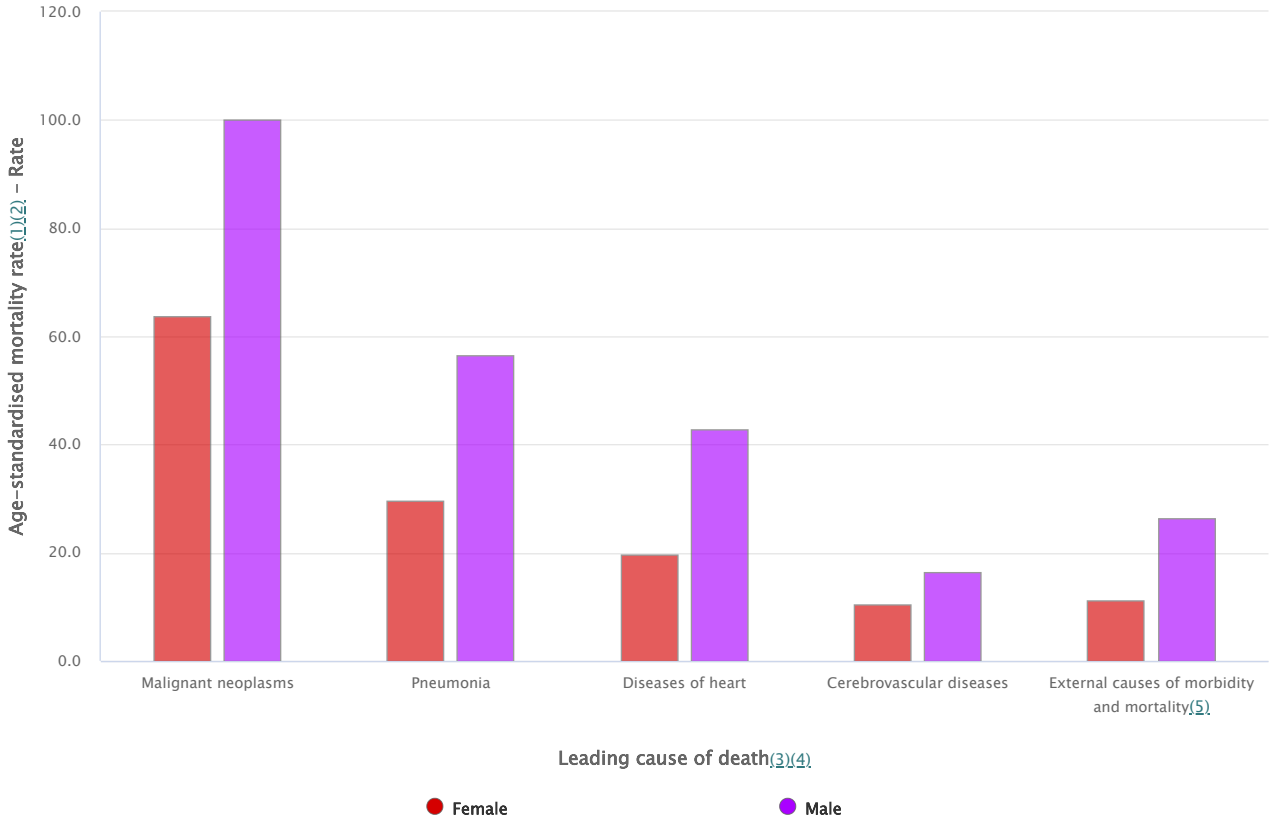


Table 7.2 : Age-standardised mortality rate by leading cause of death and sex

	Age-standardised mortality rate (1) (2)					
	Rate					
Year	2023		2024		2025 p	
Sex	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Leading cause of death (3) (4)						
Malignant neoplasms	65.5	102.7	64.2	101.1	63.7	100.0
Pneumonia	32.0	59.7	32.5	57.1	29.7	56.5
Diseases of heart	22.3	49.9	20.5	43.7	19.6	42.9
Cerebrovascular diseases	11.6	18.9	10.9	17.4	10.4	16.5
External causes of morbidity and mortality (5)	12.4	28.9	11.2	27.5	11.1	26.5
All causes	206.7	365.2	188.9	330.1	181.3	321.4

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 2025.
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 19 297 in 2023, a rise of 6.4% as compared with 2022.
- The three leading cancers for females in 2023 were breast cancer (5 585 new cases), lung cancer (2 535 new cases) and colorectal cancer (2 298 new cases), together accounting for 54.0% of all female new cancer cases.

Chart 7.3 : Top ten new cancer cases in females, 2023

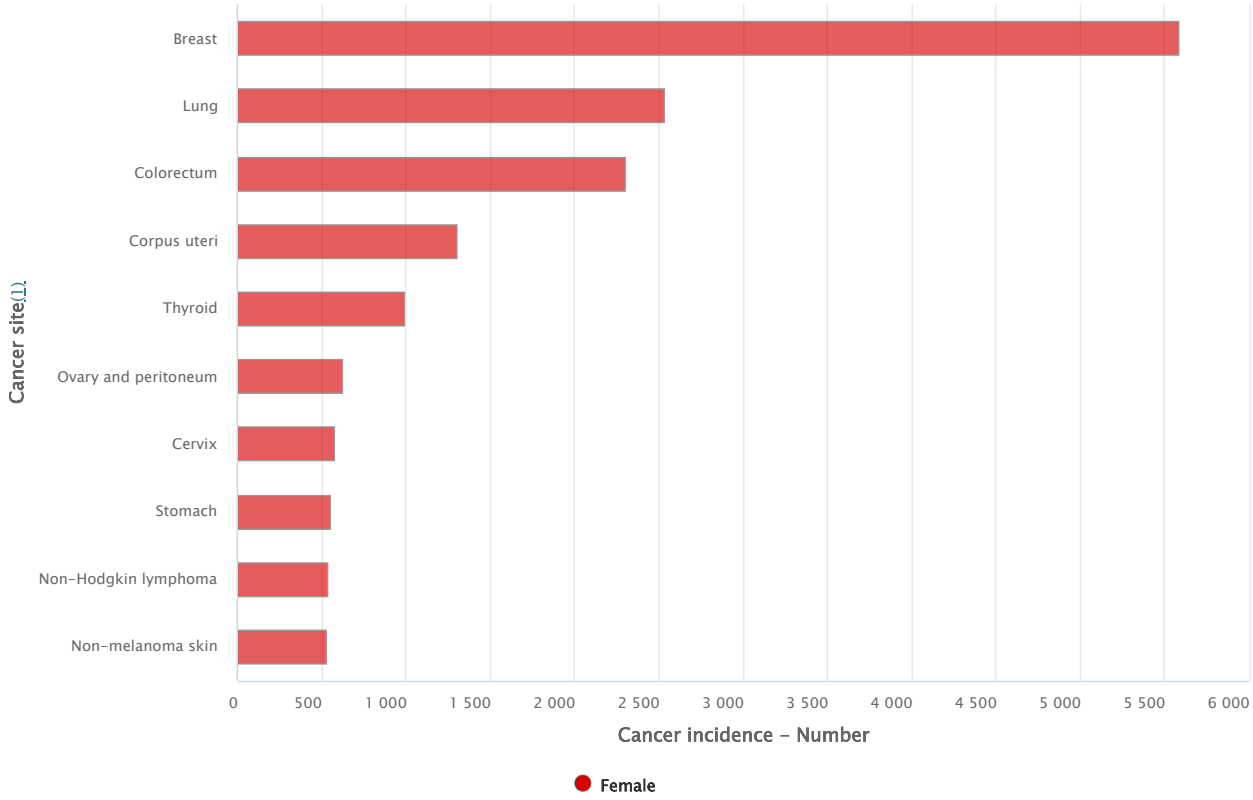


Table 7.3 : Cancer incidence in females by selected major cancer sites

		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2021	2022	2023
Sex	Cancer site (1)			
Female	All cancer sites	19 519	18 134	19 297
	Breast	5 565	5 182	5 585
	Lung	2 485	2 367	2 535
	Colorectum	2 472	2 262	2 298
	Corpus uteri	1 250	1 188	1 306
	Thyroid	919	820	989
	Ovary and peritoneum	654	603	623
	Cervix	596	522	576
	Stomach	544	552	548
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	493	533	533
	Non-melanoma skin	549	471	526

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in females in 2023.

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

- The total number of new cancer cases in males was 18 656 in 2023, a rise of 8.2% as compared with 2022.
- The three leading cancers for males in 2023 were lung cancer (3 576 new cases), colorectal cancer (3 169 new cases) and prostate cancer (3 031 new cases), together accounting for 52.4% of all male new cancer cases.

Chart 7.4 : Top ten new cancer cases in males, 2023

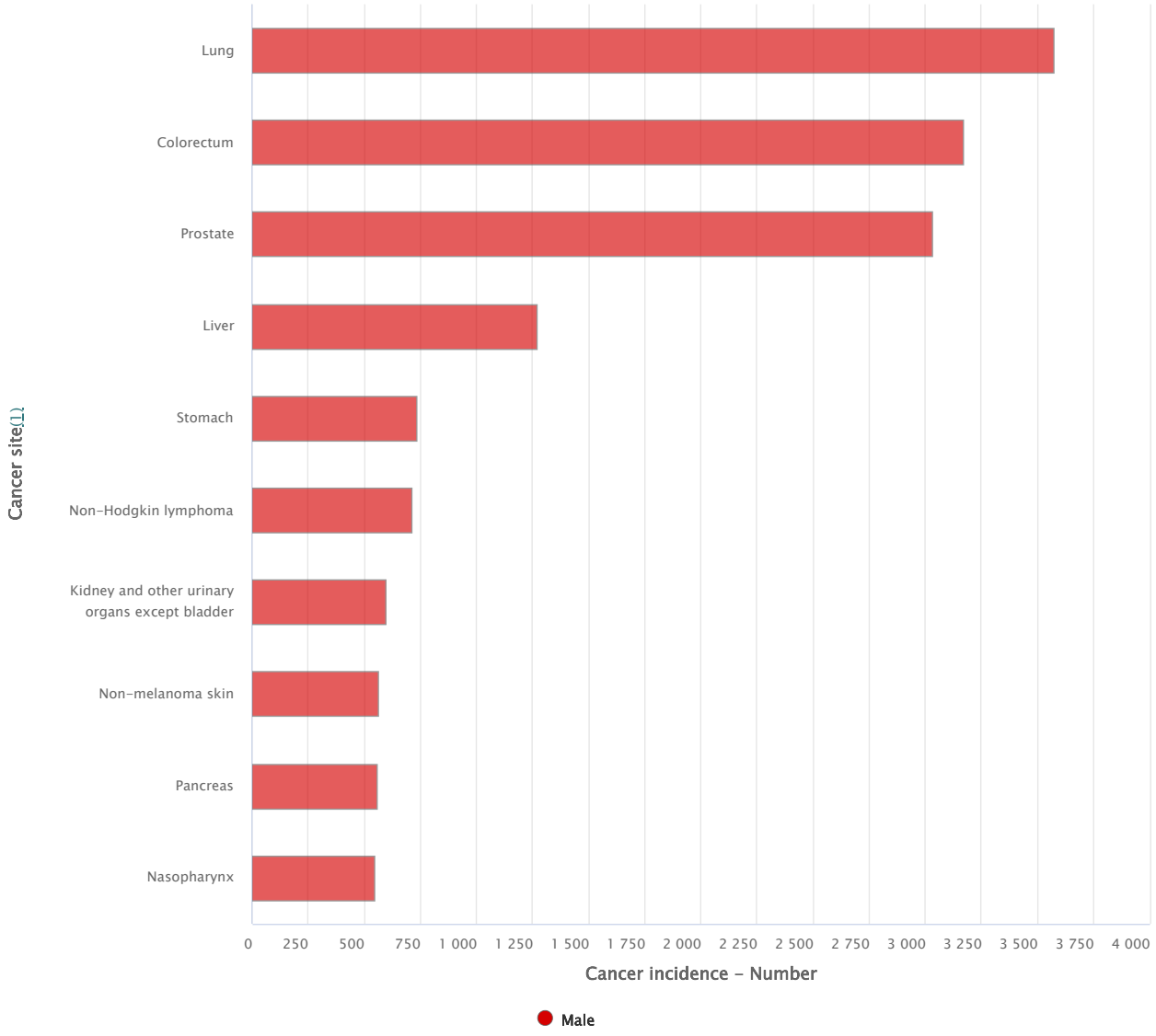


Table 7.4 : Cancer incidence in males by selected major cancer sites

		Cancer incidence		
		Number		
Year		2021	2022	2023
Sex	Cancer site (1)			
Male	All cancer sites	18 943	17 239	18 656
	Lung	3 493	3 340	3 576
	Colorectum	3 427	2 928	3 169
	Prostate	3 038	2 758	3 031
	Liver	1 343	1 173	1 273
	Stomach	762	720	736
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	631	567	712
	Kidney and other urinary organs except bladder	586	562	598
	Non-melanoma skin	545	535	561
	Pancreas	582	537	557
	Nasopharynx	558	522	549

1 Ranking according to the number of cancer incidence in males in 2023.

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

8. Crime and Justice

- In 2025, the number of males arrested for crime was 22 060, which was about 2.4 times that of females (9 022).
- The numbers of males and females arrested for crime in 2025 were both lower than those in 2024 (males: 25 583; females: 10 686).

Chart 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

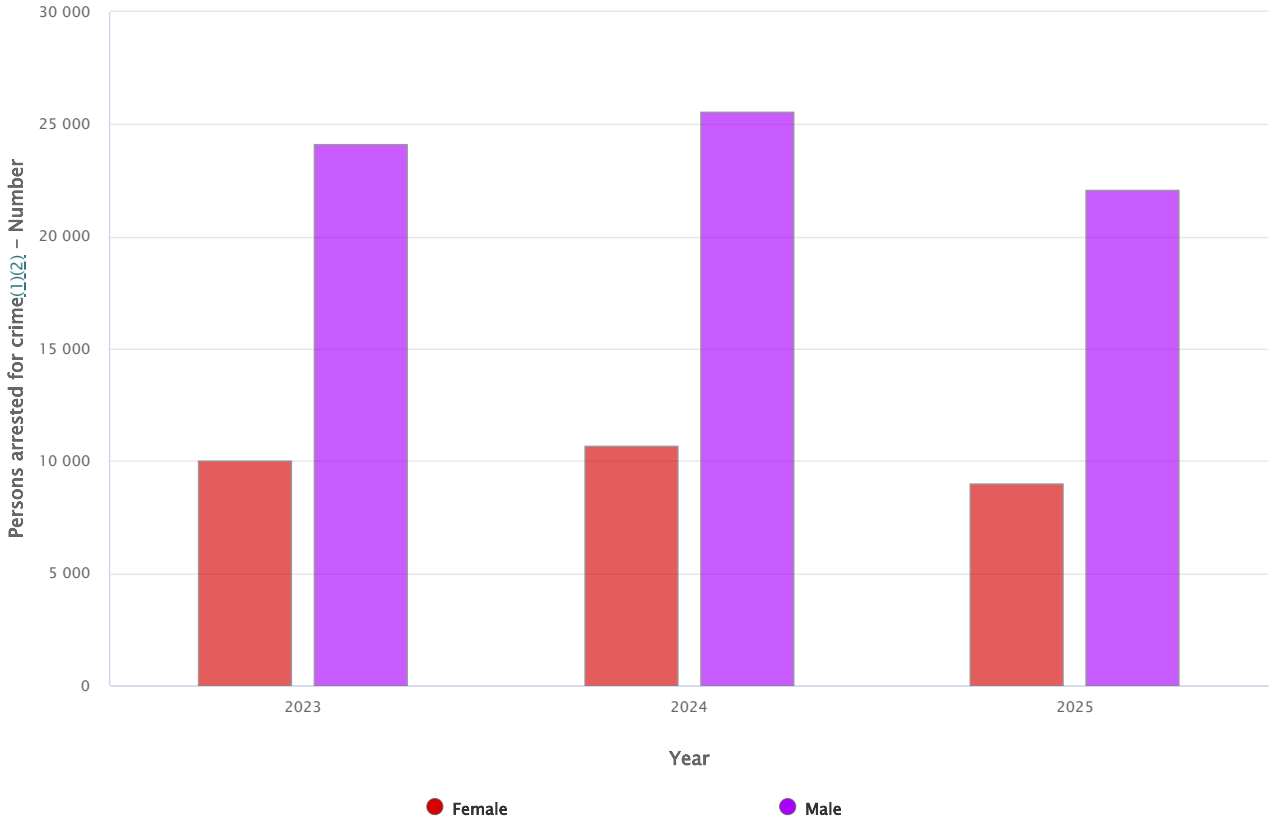


Table 8.1 : Persons arrested for crime by sex

	Persons arrested for crime (1) (2)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2023	10 006	24 129	34 135
2024	10 686	25 583	36 269
2025	9 022	22 060	31 082

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 10 355 admissions of sentenced persons to the correctional institutions were registered in 2025, of which 3 313 were females and 7 042 were males, representing increases of 3.4% and 2.1% from 2024.

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

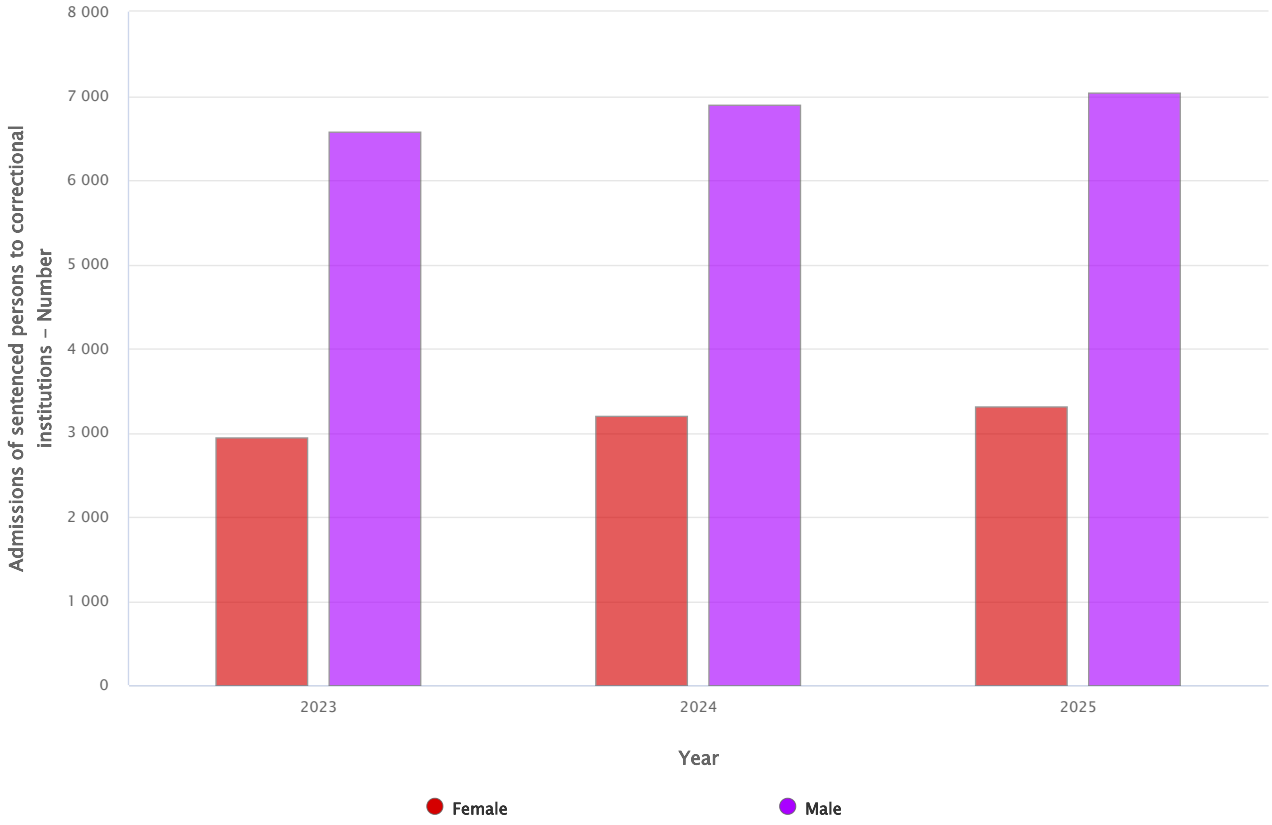


Table 8.2 : Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions by age group and sex

		Admissions of sentenced persons to correctional institutions		
		Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group			
2023	14 - 20	60	308	368
	21 - 44	1 780	3 823	5 603
	45 - 59	863	1 769	2 632
	≥60	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	259	764	1 023
	Total	3 204	6 897	10 101
2025	14 - 20	70	251	321
	21 - 44	1 811	3 867	5 678
	45 - 59	1 104	2 105	3 209
	≥60	328	819	1 147
	Total	3 313	7 042	10 355

Source :
Statistics Section,
Correctional Services Department
(Enquiry telephone no. : 3971 0433
Enquiry e-mail : **email@csd.gov.hk**)

- Drug abuse was more common among males than females. In 2025, there were 1 195 reported female drug abusers as against 3 882 male drug abusers.
- As compared with 2024, the numbers of reported drug abusers fell by 4.3% and 1.2% for females and males respectively.

Chart 8.3 : Reported drug abusers by sex

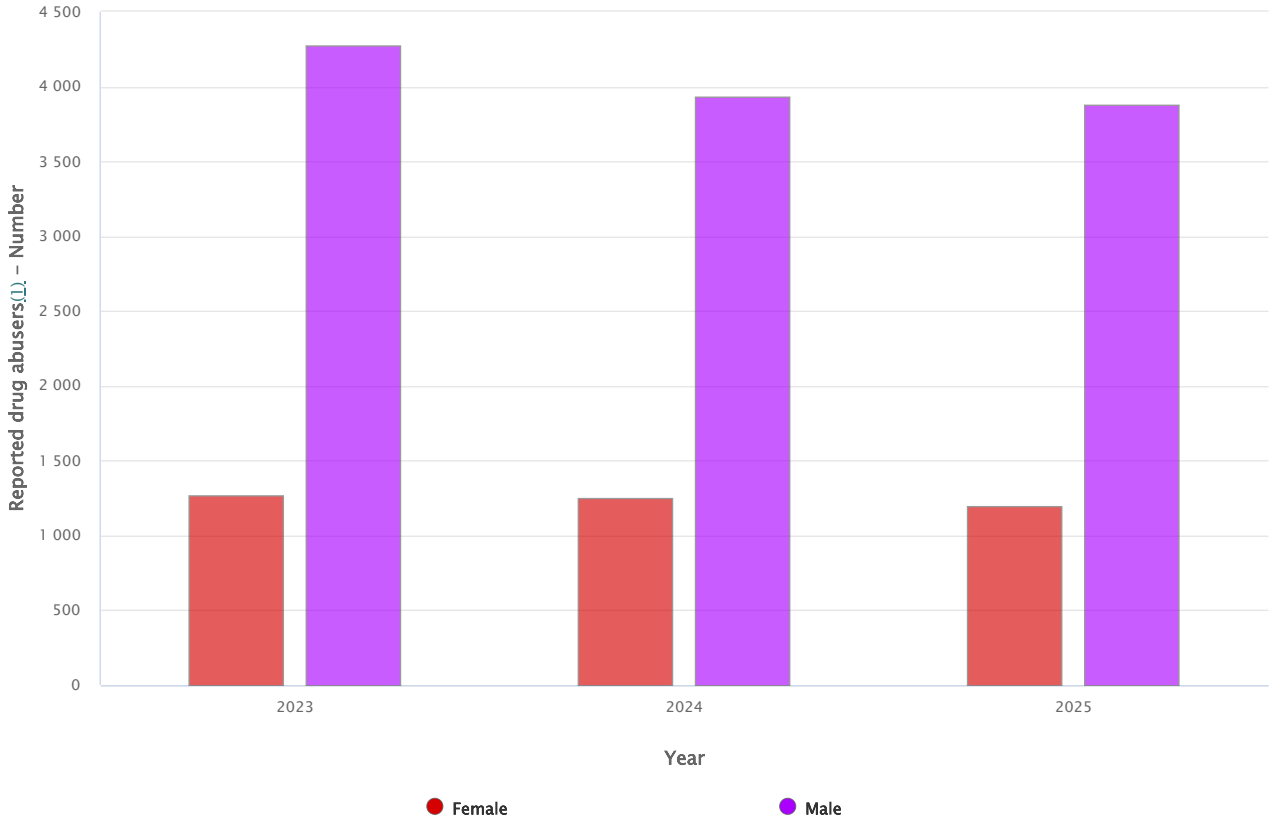


Table 8.3 : Reported drug abusers by age group and sex

		Reported drug abusers (1)		
		Number		
Sex		Female	Male	Both sexes
Year	Age group			
2023	0 - 20	195	469	664
	21 - 44	704 r	1 947 r	2 651 r
	45 - 59	314	1 254 r	1 568 r
	≥60	54	609	663
	Total	1 267 r	4 279 r	5 546 r
2024	0 - 20	236 r	498 r	734 r
	21 - 44	656 r	1 690 r	2 346 r
	45 - 59	307 r	1 192 r	1 499 r
	≥60	50 r	550 r	600 r
	Total	1 249 r	3 930 r	5 179 r
2025	0 - 20	244	454	698
	21 - 44	601	1 711	2 312
	45 - 59	301	1 213	1 514
	≥60	49	504	553
	Total	1 195	3 882	5 077

1 Figures for 2023 and 2024 have been slightly revised and may be different from those presented in the 2025 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,
Government Secretariat
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2867 1071
Enquiry e-mail : **sb_stat@sb.gov.hk**)

9. Pattern of Participation in Public Affairs

- There were more male than female candidates who stood for election as members of different Government Councils. In the 2025 Legislative Council General Election, the number of male candidates was 125, higher than their female counterparts of 36.
- 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 2025 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
2025	Legislative Council	36	125	161	17	73	90	-	-	-

By-election figures are not included.

\- Not applicable

Source :
Registration and Electoral Office
(Enquiry telephone no. : 2891 1001
Enquiry e-mail : **reoenq@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 571 in mid-2024 to 595 in mid-2025, while that of male directorate officers decreased from 792 in mid-2024 to 789 in mid-2025.
- Comparing with mid-2024, the proportion of female and male directorate officers in mid-2025 increased from 41.9% to 43.0% and decreased from 58.1% to 57.0% respectively.
- As for non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies, the number of females dropped from 1 929 in 2024 to 1 909 in 2025, while the number of males rose from 4 067 in 2024 to 4 083 in 2025 respectively.

Chart 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service by sex

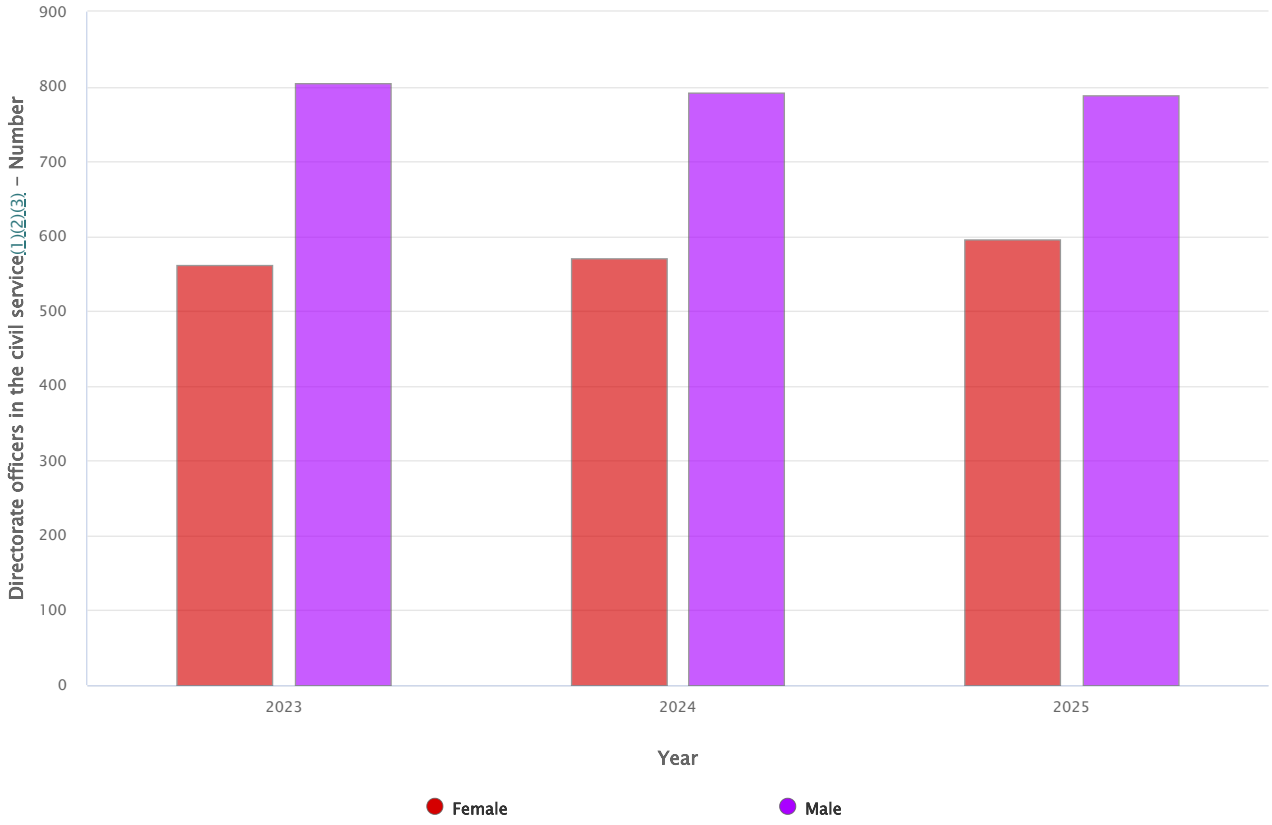


Table 9.2 : Directorate officers in the civil service and non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies by sex

	Directorate officers in the civil service (1) (2) (3)			Non-official members serving on public sector advisory and statutory bodies (4) (5)		
	Number			Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year						
2023	561	804	1 365	1 797	3 827	5 624
2024	571	792	1 363	1 929	4 067	5 996
2025	595	789	1 384	1 909	4 083	5 992

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 Figures are as at 31 December of each year.
5 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 170 579 civil servants in end-2025, of which 65 773 were females and 104 806 were males.

Chart 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

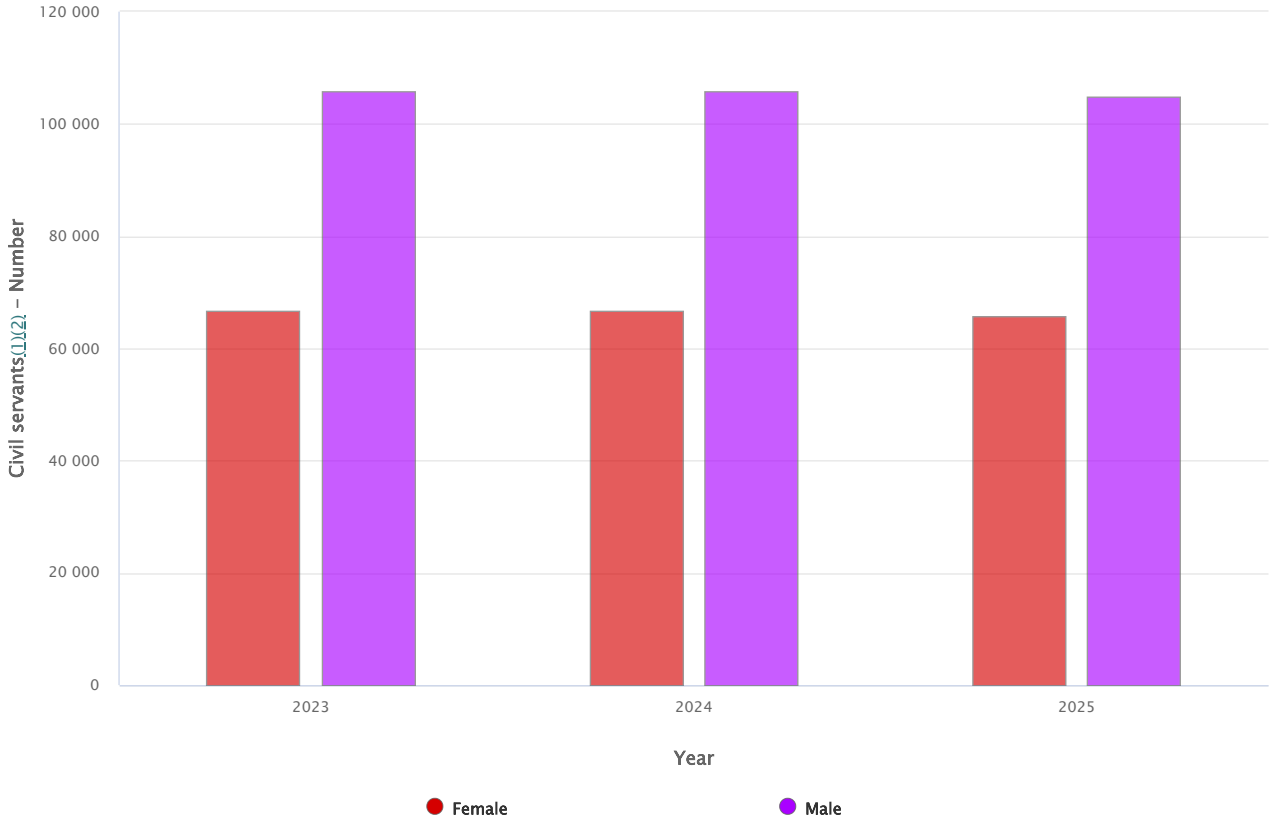


Table 9.3 : Civil servants by sex

	Civil servants (1) (2)		
	Number		
Sex	Female	Male	Both sexes
Year			
2023	66 657	105 953	172 610
2024	66 661	105 915	172 576
2025	65 773	104 806	170 579

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 3 345 300 females and 3 071 100 males in 2025, denoting increases of 0.7% and 0.9% respectively as compared with 2024.
- In 2025, among persons aged 10 and over who had used personal computer during the 12 months before enumeration (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 2 768 000 females and 2 585 000 males, showing increases of 5.2% and 5.0% respectively as compared with 2024.
- As for smartphone penetration, among persons aged 10 and over (excluding foreign domestic helpers), there were 3 366 000 females and 3 073 400 males having a smartphone in 2025, representing increases of 0.4% and 0.9% respectively as compared with 2024.

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										
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
2025	10 and over	10 - 19	277.6	301.8	579.4	277.6	301.8	579.4	266.5	287.1	553.6
		20 - 39	797.3	791.8	1 589.1	779.5	772.7	1 552.2	797.3	792.1	1 589.3
		40 - 59	1 173.9	951.4	2 125.3	1 057.3	855.4	1 912.7	1 174.4	951.9	2 126.2
		60 and over	1 096.5	1 026.1	2 122.5	653.5	655.2	1 308.7	1 127.8	1 042.4	2 170.2
		10 and over	3 345.3	3 071.1	6 416.4	2 768.0	2 585.0	5 353.0	3 366.0	3 073.4	6 439.3

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.

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 (1),
Census and Statistics Department
(Enquiry telephone no. : 3863 2622
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

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

1 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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Social Surveys Section (1),
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Enquiry e-mail : **thematic@censtatd.gov.hk**)

11. Further Information

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

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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

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