

United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook
Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census

Reporting country: [Hong Kong, China](#)

Population census date: [30 June 2016](#)

Housing census date:

A. General population census information

1. Census information

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| Type of census | |
| (a) Traditional census | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Register based census | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Combination | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) Other, please specify | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2. Type of population count and coverage

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| Type of population count | |
| (a) De facto / population present | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) De jure / usual resident population | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Other, please specify Resident Population | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census

| Population group | Included | Excluded | Not applicable |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Nomads | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Persons living in areas to which access is difficult | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| (e) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (g) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a frontier daily and are in the country temporarily, including undocumented persons, or transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (h) Civilian foreigners who cross a frontier daily to work in the country | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (i) Refugees | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| █ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| █ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Estimated census completeness

| Estimated completeness: | Both sexes | Male | Female |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (a) Gross under-enumeration (specify unit: █) | "Negligible" | "Negligible" | "Negligible" |
| (b) Gross over-enumeration (specify unit: █) | "Negligible" | "Negligible" | "Negligible" |
| (c) Net error (specify unit: █) | "Negligible" | "Negligible" | "Negligible" |

| Base denominator for this estimate is: | |
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| (a) Enumerated population | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Estimated "complete" population | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Method(s) used in estimating completeness: | |
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| (a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Date conducted: | 16 Aug – 30 Sep 2016 |
| Size of sample (specify unit:):: | Quarters |
| For total area: | 1799 |

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| Population groups excluded: | Not Applicable |
| (b) Demographic analysis, please specify: > Household size > Residence status of persons | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Other methods, please specify: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

■ Not Applicable ■

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

■ Not Applicable ■

5. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

■ Not Applicable ■

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

■ Not Applicable ■

6. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

There are 18 Districts in Hong Kong as declared under the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547): 4 on Hong Kong Island, 5 in Kowloon and 9 in the New Territories. A District Council is established in each District. The boundary of Constituency Area for each District Council is recommended by the Electoral Affairs Commission to the Chief Executive. The set of Constituency Area boundaries adopted in the 2016 Population By-census is based on those declared in the Declaration of Constituencies (District Councils) Order 2014 (L.N. 147 of 2014) made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 6 of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547) for the District Council Election held on 22 November 2015.

7. Definition of literacy

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

■ Not Applicable ■

8. Educational attainment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

Yes

If so, what revision? [ISCED-2011](#)

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCED (specify revision number)?

[ISCED-1997 & ISCED-2011](#)

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED (specify revision number).

B. Economic characteristics

1. Activity status

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

15

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

No

What reference period do you use to determine the economic activity of a person?

24 June 2016 to 30 June 2016

2. Definition of economically active population used in this census

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| Definition of economically active population | |
| (a) Usually active population | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Currently active population | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Other, please specify Economically active population include employed and unemployed population | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Are the following groups considered economically active in the national tabulations?
If not, please indicate how they are classified:

| Economic group | Yes | No |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) contributing (unpaid) family workers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) unemployed persons including those never previously employed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) armed forces; | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) part-time workers even though they may spend most time at non-gainful activities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (e) domestic servants | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Status in Employment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Yes, ICSE-93

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ICSE-93?

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

4. Occupation

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

Yes

If yes, what revision? ISCO-08

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCO (specify revision number)?

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO (specify revision number).

5. Industry

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

No

If so, what revision?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISIC (specify revision number).

Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification (HSIC) version 2.0, which is based on ISIC Rev. 4 with local adaptations. The HSIC at 3-digit level (Industry Group) are broadly in line with those of the ISIC.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC (specify revision number).

C. Household characteristics

1. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

A domestic household consists of a group of persons who live together and make common provision for essentials for living. These persons need not be related. If a person makes provision for essentials for living without sharing with other persons, he/she is also regarded as a household. In this case the household is a one-person household. (Note: A domestic household must have at least one member who is a Usual Resident. Households comprising Mobile Residents only are not classified as domestic households.)

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

Household composition is derived from the information on relationship to the head of household of each person and the identification of spouse and parent-child relationships among members of the household.

Nuclear family households comprise the following three categories:

(1) Composed of couple: A household comprising a married couple without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons (e.g. domestic helpers).

(2) Composed of couple and unmarried children: A household comprising a couple and their unmarried child(ren) without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons (e.g. domestic helpers).

(3) Composed of lone parent and unmarried children: A household comprising a father or mother and his/ her unmarried child(ren) without any other related persons. It may or may not include other unrelated persons e.g. domestic helpers).

Details of the type of household composition are available at <http://www.byccensus2016.gov.hk/en/terms-and-definitions.html>

2. Head of household / reference member

Which one among the following options was used for the concept of head of household or reference person?

Please select one. a) [Head of household](#)

- a) Head of household
- b) Reference person
- c) Other

With regard to your answer to the previous question, please provide the definition that was used in the Census.

In a domestic household, the household head is the person recognised to be responsible for making major decisions for the household. If the household is of collective type, or consists of several unrelated persons living together, the head should be the person acknowledged as such by other members of the household.

D. Housing census characteristics

1. Housing information

What definition did you apply in this census for housing unit?

A unit of quarters is defined as an enclosed space either in a domestic, industrial, commercial or other types of buildings for the purpose of living, manufacturing or business undertaking. There are two conditions being fulfilled if the enclosed space is considered to be quarters: (a) being internally connected, and (b) having direct access to a street, a corridor or landing without going via another unit.

What definition did you apply in this census for conventional dwelling?

Not Applicable

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Not Applicable

What definition did you apply in this census for room?

A room is a space in the quarters enclosed by walls reaching from the floor to the ceiling or roof covering, or at least to a height of 2 metres, of a size large enough to hold a bed for an adult, that is at least 4 square metres.

2. Definition of cities

(as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census

Not Applicable

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

City 2 – Territory refers to:

City 3 – Territory refers to:

City 4 – Territory refers to:

E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

(1) 2016 Population By-census - Summary Results

Census & Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China , 2017

(2) 2016 Population By-census - Graphic Guide

Census & Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China , 2017

(3) 2016 Population By-census Thematic Report - Household Income Distribution in Hong Kong

Census & Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China , 2017