

HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY

Population Indices

The estimated mid-year population of Hong Kong in 2000 was 6.7 million. The annual growth rate of the population averaged 1.7% over the period 1991 - 2000.

The crude birth rate in 2000 was 8.1 per 1 000 population with 53 720 registered births. The crude death rate was 5.1 per 1 000 population with 33 993 registered deaths.

As a result of decreasing birth rate and increasing life expectancy, Hong Kong's population has been ageing steadily (Figure 1). In 2000, 10.9% of the population were aged 65 and above, the overall dependency ratio being 386 per 1 000 population aged 15 to 64. The percentage of population aged 65 and above for 1980 was 6.4% and that of 1990 was 8.5%. By 2010 and 2020, the figures have been estimated to be 12.1% and 16.5% respectively.

Remark:

Since August 2000, the "resident population" approach has been adopted by the Census and Statistics Department in place of the "extended de facto" approach for compiling population estimates. Also, the Population Census which was conducted in March 2001 provides a benchmark for revising the population estimates compiled since the 1996 Population By-census. In this report, population figures and population-related figures from 1996 onwards have been revised accordingly. Notwithstanding the change, the revised figures are broadly comparable with those of earlier years.

香港人的健康

人口指數

香港人口數字在二零零零年年中估計為 670 萬，一九九一至二零零零年期間的按年增長率平均為 1.7%。

二零零零年的粗出生率按每千名人口計算有 8.1 人，登記出生人數為 53 720 人；粗死亡率按每千名人口計算有 5.1 人，登記死亡人數為 33 993 人。

由於出生率下降，加上預期壽命的增長，令香港人口持續老化（圖 1）。在二零零零年，65 歲或以上人士佔香港人口 10.9%，總撫養比率按每千名 15 至 64 歲人口計算為 386 人。一九八零年，65 歲或以上人士佔香港人口 6.4%，而一九九零年則佔 8.5%。預計至二零一零年及二零二零年時，該百分比分別為 12.1% 及 16.5%。

附註:

自二零零零年八月，政府統計處以「居住人口」方法取代「廣義時點」方法以編製人口估計數字。而且，在二零零一年三月進行的人口普查提供了一個基準，用作修訂自一九九六年年中期人口統計以來編製的人口估計數字。載於本年報內由一九九六年起的人口及與人口有關的數字，已作出相應修訂。雖然這些數字是根據新方法編製，但它們仍可與較早年度的數字作概括性比較。

Figure 1 Population Pyramid, 1980, 2000 and 2020

圖1 一九八零年、二零零零年及二零二零年的人口金字塔

