

Chapter One 第一章

HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY

Population Indices

The mid-year population of Hong Kong in 2007 was 6.9 million. The annual growth rate of the population averaged 0.6% over the period 1998 – 2007.

The crude birth rate in 2007 was 10.2 per 1 000 population with 70 394 registered births. The crude death rate was 5.8 per 1 000 population, with 39 963 registered deaths.

As a result of increasing life expectancy, Hong Kong's population has been ageing steadily (Figure 1). In 2007, 12.6% of the population were aged 65 and above, the elderly dependency ratio being 170 per 1 000 population aged 15 to 64. The percentage of population aged 65 and above for 1987 was 7.9% and that for 1997 was 10.3%. By 2017 and 2027, the figures are estimated to be 15.7% and 22.7% respectively.

香港人的健康

人口指數

二零零七年年中的香港人口為690萬，一九九八年至二零零七年期間的人口按年增長率平均為0.6%。

二零零七年的粗出生率按每千名人口計算有10.2人，登記出生人數為70 394人；粗死亡率按每千名人口計算有5.8人，登記死亡人數為39 963人。

由於預期壽命增長，香港人口正持續老化(圖1)。二零零七年，65歲或以上人士佔香港人口的12.6%，老年撫養比率按每千名15至64歲人口計算為170人。一九八七年，65歲或以上人士佔香港人口的百分比為7.9%，於一九九七年則佔10.3%。預計至二零一七年及二零二七年，該百分比分別為15.7%及22.7%。

Figure 1 : Population Pyramid, 1987, 2007 and 2027
圖 1 : 一九八七年、二零零七年及二零二七年的人口金字塔

