

Statistics Division - United Nations  
Demographic Statistics Section - Questionnaire on Population Estimates

DESCRIPTION OF POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR LATEST YEAR  
GIVEN IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

In order that the description of national population estimates on file in the Statistics Division of the United Nations is accurate and complete, it is desirable to provide for confirmation or revision of the method of their construction. The questions below relate to coverage of data, and method of estimation. It is required that a check mark (X) be made in the box following the words which best describe the estimates in terms of these questions.

1. COVERAGE OF DATA

The mid-year population of Hong Kong before 1996 was compiled using the "extended de facto" approach. It includes Hong Kong Permanent and Non-permanent Residents and visitors who are in Hong Kong at the reference time-point. Hong Kong Permanent Residents temporarily away to the mainland of China and Macao are also included. Since August 2000, the "resident population" approach has been adopted in place of the "extended de facto" approach for compiling population estimates of the Hong Kong Population. With the availability of the 2001 Population Census results, the population estimates since mid-1996 have been updated.

The population estimate compiled under the "resident population" approach is referred to as the "Hong Kong Resident Population". The "Hong Kong Resident Population" comprises "Usual Residents" and "Mobile Residents". "Usual Residents" refer to two categories of people: (1) Hong Kong Permanent Residents who have stayed in Hong Kong for at least three months during the six months before or for at least three months during the six months after the reference time-point, regardless of whether they are in Hong Kong or not at the reference time-point; and (2) Hong Kong Non-permanent Residents who are in Hong Kong at the reference time-point. As for "Mobile Residents", they are Hong Kong Permanent Residents who have stayed in Hong Kong for at least one month but less than three months during the six months before or for at least one month but less than three months during the six months after the reference time-point, regardless of whether they are in Hong Kong or not at the reference time-point. Under the new approach, visitors are not included in the Hong Kong Population.

In conformity with definition given on page 2, estimates should relate to de facto population. In order to clarify the exact composition of the population, please indicate in the following check box the exact disposition of each group listed, using "IN" for included; "EX" for excluded. Specify years to which description refers.

Population Group	Estimated total population for the year 1996-2002 by "resident population" approach		
	In	Ex	Not apl.
(a) Nomads.....	X		
(b) Persons living in remote areas.....	X		
(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country.....		X	
(d) Merchant seamen and fishermen resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census (including those who have no place of residence other than their quarters aboard ship).....	X		
(e) Civilian residents temporarily in another country as seasonal workers.....	X		
(f) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country.....	X		
(g) Civilian residents other than those in (c), (e), and (f) working in another country.....		X	
(h) Civilian residents other than those in (c)-(g), temporarily absent from the country.....	X		
(i) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country.....	X		
(j) Civilian aliens temporarily in the country as seasonal workers.....	X		
(k) Civilian aliens who cross a frontier daily to work in another country.....	X		
(l) Civilian aliens other than those in (i), (j), and (k) working in another country.....		X	
(m) Civilian aliens other than those in (i)-(l), temporarily in country.....	X		
(n) Transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census.....		X	

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2. METHOD OF ESTIMATION

a) Total population

Estimates of total population for a country as a whole may be constructed by a variety of means. Please indicate by a check mark [X] the method used in constructing the latest population estimate for (date) 30.6.2002, indicating the source of "base data" and the "method of time adjustment". If there are publications readily available with the description of methods used, please include them in reply to this questionnaire.

Base Data

- 1- Continuous population register [ ]
- 2- Complete census taken (date) 15.3.2001 - 27.3.2001 [X]
  - i) population actually enumerated [X]
  - ii) population adjusted to take account of \_\_\_\_\_ % underenumeration
- 3- Sample survey taken (date) \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
- 4- Partial census taken or partial registration (date) \_\_\_\_\_ |\_\_|  
(Please describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5- Non-censal count of (date) \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
(describe method) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6- Conjectual estimate derived by means other than counting [ ]  
(describe method) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Method of time adjustment

- 1- Base data secured annually by population register [ ]
- 2- Applying statistics of births and deaths (natural increase), and migration
  - i) Registered vital statistics [ ]
  - ii) Vital statistics adjusted for incompleteness [X]
- 3- Applying statistics of births and deaths (natural increase), but no account taken of migration
  - i) Registered vital statistics [ ]
  - ii) Vital statistics adjusted for incompleteness [ ]
- 4- Extrapolating mathematically from censuses taken (dates) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_. Please give formula: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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- 5- Applying an assumed rate of increase, not derived by mathematical extrapolation or interpolation but based on:
  - i) Assumption with respect to mortality, fertility, migration [ ]
  - ii) Assumption with respect to mortality, fertility, but no account taken of migration [ ]
  - iii) Other assumed rate [ ]  
If (i), (ii) or (iii) is checked, please give rate used, and describe how obtained: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6- No time adjustment (base figure held constant [ ]

7- Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

b) Population by age and sex

Estimates of population according to age and sex are assumed to be constructed on the same base data as are the total estimates. However, certain additional factors may affect age distributions estimated from census enumerations or from sample surveys. Please indicate below the adjustment(s) made in the basic age distribution used to construct estimates shown in Tables 2 and 4.

Adjustments in base

- 1) None-based on population actually enumerated at various ages or estimated from survey results [ ]
- 2) Enumerated population or population estimated from survey results adjusted to take account of underenumeration at various age [X]
- 3) Base age distribution "smoothed", i.e., adjusted to remove effects of digit preference in age reporting [X]

Method of time adjustment

Distribution of estimated population according to age and sex may also be made by same methods as used to obtain the projection of the total figure, or it may be derived by distributing the estimate according to the percentage of population in each age-sex group at time of census. Please indicate below the method used in constructing the age-sex distribution of the latest estimate shown in Table 2.

- 1- Applying actual or assumed natural increase and migration [X]
- 2- Applying actual or assumed natural increase alone [ ]
- 3- Distributing the total estimate according to percentage of population in each age-sex group at time of census of sample survey [ ]
- 4- By other means (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Disposition of unknown age

If frequency in unknown age category of tables 2 and 4 is zero, please indicate below whether; in the preparation of the estimates:

- 1- An age has been assigned to persons for whom age did not appear in the census or sample survey [ ]
- 2- Frequency in unknown age category has been distributed proportionately among known ages [X]
- 3- The frequency of unknown age appearing in the census or survey was zero [ ]

c) Urban and rural population, and the population of cities

Post-censal estimates of the urban and rural population, or the population of individual cities, can be made in various ways. In some countries continuous population registers permit the up-dating of local population estimates according to registered balances of births, deaths, and changes of residence. In some countries, perhaps, periodic surveys permit the up-dating of urban or city population estimates. In some countries, in relation to post-censal estimates of total population, estimates of urban, or city population may be determined by an extrapolation of the percentage of urban in total, or city in urban, population. In some countries, urban and city population may be determined on the basis of rates of growth of urban or city, population observed over a past period, by assuming such rates of growth to continue. Other methods are also possible. Please indicate below the method used in making post-censal estimates of urban and rural, or of city population.

	Urban population	City population
1- Population registers.....	[ ]	[ ]
2- Surveys, other than a census.....	[ ]	[ ]
3- Extrapolation of percentage.....	[ ]	[ ]
4- Observed rate of growth, assumed to continue..	[ ]	[ ]
5- By other means (describe) _____		

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Bibliography of Demographic Statistics

In order to bring up to date the bibliographical information you kindly supplied with last year's questionnaire, please list below publication which have become available since that time or are to be issued in the near future which contain results of your latest population census or survey, and current statistics on population estimates, vital statistics and international migration.

This information is being requested for the purpose of compiling and maintaining a current bibliography of demographic statistics. The citations should, therefore, be in a form suitable for reference purposes, that is, the title, issuing agency or author, place, date of publication and number of pages should be given.

Example: Demographic Yearbook, 1999, United Nations, New York, 2001, 609 pp.

- (1) Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics, February 2003 Edition  
Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China, 2003, 231 pp.
- (2) Hong Kong Annual Digest of Statistics, 2002 Edition  
Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China, 2002, 423 pp.
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Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China, 2002, 129 pp.
- (4) Hong Kong 2001 Population Census - Summary Results  
Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China, 2001, 117 pp.
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Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China, 2002, 115 pp.
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Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong SAR, China, 2002, 483 pp.
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