

Information Related to Education from the 2001 Population Census

Educational Attainment (Table 1)

1. The educational attainment of the population continued to improve. The proportion of population aged 15 and over having attended secondary and higher education increased from 62.1% in 1991 to 71.1% in 2001. The marked growth is a result of the operation of the nine years compulsory education in Hong Kong starting from 1978.
2. When analysed by age group, it is noted that there was significant increase in the proportion of population with secondary and higher education in all age groups over the past ten years. For the younger population aged 15-24 and 25-34, the greater education opportunities improved markedly their level of educational attainment. Also, the ageing of the better educated cohorts led to improvements in the educational attainment of the middle and older population aged 35 and over.

School Attendance Rate (Table 2)

3. The school attendance rate (i.e. the number of full-time students per 100 population in a particular age group) is a useful indicator of the prevalence of educational opportunities for the younger population who are at schooling ages.
4. The school attendance rate for children aged 3-5 was stable at around 95% over the past ten years. For children aged 6-11 and 12-16, the school attendance rates came very close to 100%. In particular, it is noted that the rate for the age groups 17-18 and 19-24 increased significantly over the same period, indicating that more young persons stayed at school to continue their higher education.
5. The school attendance rates exhibited sex differentials. The rates for females aged 12-18 were in general higher than those for the male counterparts over the last ten years. On the other hand, for the age group of 19-24, which corresponds to the period of tertiary education, the pattern was reversed, i.e. the school attendance rate for males was slightly higher than that for females.

Type of Tertiary Education (Table 3)

6. There were shifts over the past ten years in the types of tertiary education for persons with tertiary education: from non-degree to degree courses.
7. In particular, there was a marked growth in the proportion of persons having attended postgraduate courses from 3.8% in 1991 to 13.4% in 2001.
8. The type of tertiary education for females was different from that for males. The proportion of females who had studied or were studying "Postgraduate courses" among females with tertiary education was 10.5% in 2001, lower than the 16% for males. In relative terms, there were more females who had studied or were studying "First degree courses" than males (65.3% vs 62.4%).

Field of Education (Table 4)

9. The most popular field of education amongst persons with tertiary education was "Business and commercial studies". "Arts and social science" and "Mechanical, electrical, electronic and marine engineering" were the next two most popular fields of education.
10. In relative terms, the largest increase was recorded in the field of "Computer studies" during the past ten years, from 4% to 8.3%.
11. The sex differential in the field of education remained steady over the past ten years. The proportions of males in the fields "Mechanical, electrical, electronic and marine engineering", "Architecture and construction engineering", "Pure science" and "Computer studies" were much higher than the corresponding proportions for females. The opposite was true in the fields "Education", "Medical and health related studies", and "Arts and social science".

Place of Study (Table 5)

12. The proportion of full-time students who had their place of study and place of residence in the same District Council district was 71.1% in 2001.

13. In general, students who were receiving kindergarten (81.4%) or primary education (81.2%) had a very high proportion of studying in their own district of residence. There were still 72.9% of the lower secondary students and 64.7% of the upper secondary students with their schools in the District Council district as their residence.

表一 一九九一年、一九九六年及二零零一年按性別、年齡組別及教育程度（最高就讀程度）劃分的十五歲及以上人口

Table 1 Population Aged 15 and Over by Sex, Age Group and Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended), 1991, 1996 and 2001

年份 Year	教育程度（最高就讀程度） Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended)									
	未受教育／幼稚園 No Schooling / Kindergarten		小學 Primary		中學／預科 ⁽¹⁾ Secondary / Matriculation ⁽¹⁾		專上教育 Tertiary		總計 Total	
性別及年齡 組別 Sex and Age Group	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %
1991										
男性 Male										
15 - 24	1 963	0.5	17 231	4.0	353 308	82.2	57 217	13.3	429 719	100.0
25 - 34	8 286	1.4	95 588	16.3	379 423	64.7	103 280	17.6	586 577	100.0
35 - 44	13 155	2.8	139 336	30.1	250 539	54.2	59 200	12.8	462 230	100.0
45 - 54	21 848	8.2	98 732	37.0	108 740	40.8	37 184	14.0	266 504	100.0
55+	112 221	24.0	225 494	48.2	99 824	21.3	30 378	6.5	467 917	100.0
小計 Sub-total	157 473	7.1	576 381	26.0	1 191 834	53.9	287 259	13.0	2 212 947	100.0
女性 Female										
15 - 24	2 133	0.5	11 900	2.9	338 028	82.4	58 061	14.2	410 122	100.0
25 - 34	14 013	2.4	118 673	20.1	379 621	64.2	79 404	13.4	591 711	100.0
35 - 44	26 790	6.2	164 748	38.4	202 074	47.1	35 190	8.2	428 802	100.0
45 - 54	46 234	20.9	90 619	41.0	64 391	29.1	19 910	9.0	221 154	100.0
55+	310 654	61.4	138 278	27.3	45 630	9.0	11 067	2.2	505 629	100.0
小計 Sub-total	399 824	18.5	524 218	24.3	1 029 744	47.7	203 632	9.4	2 157 418	100.0
合計 Both sexes										
15 - 24	4 096	0.5	29 131	3.5	691 336	82.3	115 278	13.7	839 841	100.0
25 - 34	22 299	1.9	214 261	18.2	759 044	64.4	182 684	15.5	1 178 288	100.0
35 - 44	39 945	4.5	304 084	34.1	452 613	50.8	94 390	10.6	891 032	100.0
45 - 54	68 082	14.0	189 351	38.8	173 131	35.5	57 094	11.7	487 658	100.0
55+	422 875	43.4	363 772	37.4	145 454	14.9	41 445	4.3	973 546	100.0
總計 Total	557 297	12.8	1 100 599	25.2	2 221 578	50.8	490 891	11.2	4 370 365	100.0

表一 一九九一年、一九九六年及二零零一年按性別、年齡組別及教育程度（最高就讀程度）劃分的十五歲及以上人口（續）

Table 1 Population Aged 15 and Over by Sex, Age Group and Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended), 1991, 1996 and 2001 (Cont'd)

年份 Year	教育程度（最高就讀程度） Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended)									
	未受教育／幼稚園 No Schooling / Kindergarten		小學 Primary		中學／預科 ⁽¹⁾ Secondary / Matriculation ⁽¹⁾		專上教育 Tertiary		總計 Total	
性別及年齡 組別 Sex and Age Group	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %
1996										
男性 Male										
15 - 24	1 072	0.2	9 601	2.2	350 564	79.6	79 407	18.0	440 644	100.0
25 - 34	3 784	0.7	40 718	7.3	363 547	65.2	149 299	26.8	557 348	100.0
35 - 44	9 058	1.5	135 025	22.8	345 431	58.4	101 879	17.2	591 393	100.0
45 - 54	13 877	3.8	118 158	32.3	185 270	50.6	48 909	13.4	366 214	100.0
55+	100 604	18.1	265 929	47.8	140 632	25.3	49 090	8.8	556 255	100.0
小計 Sub-total	128 395	5.1	569 431	22.7	1 385 444	55.2	428 584	17.1	2 511 854	100.0
女性 Female										
15 - 24	1 621	0.4	9 051	2.1	336 433	78.4	81 762	19.1	428 867	100.0
25 - 34	7 440	1.2	54 663	8.7	425 251	67.4	143 722	22.8	631 076	100.0
35 - 44	22 081	3.8	174 812	29.8	323 102	55.0	67 134	11.4	587 129	100.0
45 - 54	31 525	9.9	129 708	40.9	129 299	40.7	26 823	8.5	317 355	100.0
55+	289 790	49.1	209 217	35.4	70 735	12.0	20 495	3.5	590 237	100.0
小計 Sub-total	352 457	13.8	577 451	22.6	1 284 820	50.3	339 936	13.3	2 554 664	100.0
合計 Both sexes										
15 - 24	2 693	0.3	18 652	2.1	686 997	79.0	161 169	18.5	869 511	100.0
25 - 34	11 224	0.9	95 381	8.0	788 798	66.4	293 021	24.7	1 188 424	100.0
35 - 44	31 139	2.6	309 837	26.3	668 533	56.7	169 013	14.3	1 178 522	100.0
45 - 54	45 402	6.6	247 866	36.3	314 569	46.0	75 732	11.1	683 569	100.0
55+	390 394	34.1	475 146	41.4	211 367	18.4	69 585	6.1	1 146 492	100.0
總計 Total	480 852	9.5	1 146 882	22.6	2 670 264	52.7	768 520	15.2	5 066 518	100.0

表一 一九九一年、一九九六年及二零零一年按性別、年齡組別及教育程度（最高就讀程度）劃分的十五歲及以上人口（續）

Table 1 Population Aged 15 and Over by Sex, Age Group and Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended), 1991, 1996 and 2001 (Cont'd)

年份 Year	教育程度（最高就讀程度） Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended)									
	未受教育／幼稚園 No Schooling / Kindergarten		小學 Primary		中學／預科 ⁽¹⁾ Secondary / Matriculation ⁽¹⁾		專上教育 Tertiary		總計 Total	
性別及年齡 組別 Sex and Age Group	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %
2001										
男性 Male										
15 - 24	703	0.2	6 523	1.4	367 149	80.4	82 264	18.0	456 639	100.0
25 - 34	2 486	0.5	19 931	4.0	324 575	65.0	152 500	30.5	499 492	100.0
35 - 44	7 435	1.1	101 557	15.6	409 634	63.0	131 829	20.3	650 455	100.0
45 - 54	13 308	2.7	151 412	30.9	264 924	54.1	60 247	12.3	489 891	100.0
55+	100 738	16.4	273 560	44.5	185 193	30.1	55 019	9.0	614 510	100.0
小計 Sub-total	124 670	4.6	552 983	20.4	1 551 475	57.2	481 859	17.8	2 710 987	100.0
女性 Female										
15 - 24	1 220	0.3	9 442	2.0	358 165	77.2	94 979	20.5	463 806	100.0
25 - 34	5 026	0.8	34 105	5.6	395 396	64.9	174 510	28.7	609 037	100.0
35 - 44	18 143	2.6	141 189	19.9	445 541	62.7	105 159	14.8	710 032	100.0
45 - 54	31 693	6.7	190 490	40.5	212 365	45.1	35 978	7.6	470 526	100.0
55+	289 187	45.6	220 064	34.7	99 318	15.7	26 015	4.1	634 584	100.0
小計 Sub-total	345 269	12.0	595 290	20.6	1 510 785	52.3	436 641	15.1	2 887 985	100.0
合計 Both sexes										
15 - 24	1 923	0.2	15 965	1.7	725 314	78.8	177 243	19.3	920 445	100.0
25 - 34	7 512	0.7	54 036	4.9	719 971	64.9	327 010	29.5	1 108 529	100.0
35 - 44	25 578	1.9	242 746	17.8	855 175	62.9	236 988	17.4	1 360 487	100.0
45 - 54	45 001	4.7	341 902	35.6	477 289	49.7	96 225	10.0	960 417	100.0
55+	389 925	31.2	493 624	39.5	284 511	22.8	81 034	6.5	1 249 094	100.0
總計 Total	469 939	8.4	1 148 273	20.5	3 062 260	54.7	918 500	16.4	5 598 972	100.0

註釋：(1) 這些數字包括於一九九六年中期人口統計同等教育程度（最高就讀程度）的「技術員」（其他專上教育以外的進修課程）及於二零零一年人口普查的「專業教育學院／前理工學院證書／文憑課程」。而在一九九一年人口普查，相近類別的「工業學院／理工學院證書／文憑課程」則包括在「專上教育：非學位課程」內。

Note: (1) The figures include the equivalent educational attainment (highest level attended) of "Technician level (other further non-advance education)" in the 1996 Population By-census and "Diploma/certificate courses in Institute of Vocational Education / former polytechnics" in the 2001 Population Census. However, the similar group "Diploma/certificate courses in technical institutes / polytechnics" was included under "Tertiary: Non-degree course" in the 1991 Population Census.

表二 一九九一年、一九九六年及二零零一年按年齡組別及性別劃分的就學比率
Table 2 School Attendance Rates by Age Group and Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001

年齡組別 Age Group	1991			1996			2001		
	男性 Male	女性 Female	合計 Both Sexes	男性 Male	女性 Female	合計 Both Sexes	男性 Male	女性 Female	合計 Both Sexes
3 – 5	94.9	94.9	94.9	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.7	94.7
6 – 11	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9
12 – 16	91.8	95.6	93.6	95.2	96.8	96.0	96.9	98.0	97.5
17 – 18	54.3	62.7	58.3	59.5	68.7	63.9	68.0	74.1	71.0
19 – 24	16.2 (16.2)	13.9 (14.3)	15.1 (15.3)	21.5 (21.6)	20.5 (21.7)	21.0 (21.6)	26.8 (26.8)	26.1 (29.4)	26.4 (28.0)
25+	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3

註釋：(1) 括號內數字是把有關年齡及性別組別人口中的外籍家庭傭工扣除後，編製的就學比率。

Note: (1) Figures in brackets are school attendance rates compiled with foreign domestic helpers excluded from the populations in the respective age-sex groups.

表三 一九九一年、一九九六年及二零零一年按專上教育類別及性別劃分的曾受專上教育的人口
Table 3 Population with Tertiary Education by Type of Tertiary Education and Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001

年份 Year	專上教育類別 Type of Tertiary Education	男性 Male		女性 Female		合計 Both Sexes	
		數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %
1991 ⁽¹⁾							
	非學位課程 Non-degree courses						
	高級文憑／文憑／證書課程 Higher diploma/diploma/certificate courses	75 630	26.3	48 967	24.0	124 597	25.4
	院士銜或同等課程 Associateship or equivalent courses	7 750	2.7	3 079	1.5	10 829	2.2
	其他課程 Other courses	43 109	15.0	56 377	27.7	99 486	20.3
	學位課程 Degree courses						
	學士學位課程 First degree courses	147 584	51.4	89 913	44.2	237 497	48.4
	深造課程 Postgraduate courses	13 186	4.6	5 296	2.6	18 482	3.8
	總計 Total	287 259	100.0	203 632	100.0	490 891	100.0
1996							
	非學位課程 Non-degree courses						
	高級文憑／文憑／證書課程 Higher diploma/diploma/certificate courses	66 635	15.5	33 388	9.8	100 023	13.0
	院士銜或同等課程 Associateship or equivalent courses	6 295	1.5	3 116	0.9	9 411	1.2
	其他課程 Other courses	55 316	12.9	78 254	23.0	133 570	17.4
	學位課程 Degree courses						
	學士學位課程 First degree courses	252 025	58.8	203 216	59.8	455 241	59.2
	深造課程 Postgraduate courses	48 313	11.3	21 962	6.5	70 275	9.1
	總計 Total	428 584	100.0	339 936	100.0	768 520	100.0
2001							
	非學位課程 Non-degree courses						
	高級文憑／文憑／證書課程 Higher diploma/diploma/certificate courses	63 380	13.2	49 981	11.4	113 361	12.3
	院士銜或同等課程 Associateship or equivalent courses	8 405	1.7	6 168	1.4	14 573	1.6
	其他課程 Other courses	32 371	6.7	49 573	11.4	81 944	8.9
	學位課程 Degree courses						
	學士學位課程 First degree courses	300 687	62.4	285 033	65.3	585 720	63.8
	深造課程 Postgraduate courses	77 016	16.0	45 886	10.5	122 902	13.4
	總計 Total	481 859	100.0	436 641	100.0	918 500	100.0

註釋：(1) 一九九一年的數字包括達到「工業學院／理工學院證書／文憑課程」的教育程度（最高就讀程度）的人士。

Note: (1) The 1991 figures include persons with educational attainment (highest level attended) of "Diploma/certificate courses in technical institutes/polytechnics".

表四 一九九一年、一九九六年及二零零一年按修讀科目及性別劃分的曾受專上教育的人口⁽¹⁾
Table 4 Population with Tertiary Education⁽¹⁾ by Field of Education and Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001

年份 Year	修讀科目 Field of Education	男性 Male		女性 Female		合計 Both Sexes	
		數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %
1991 ⁽²⁾	商科課程 Business and commercial studies	55 625	19.4	56 460	27.7	112 085	22.9
	文學及社會科學 Arts and social science	47 658	16.6	45 237	22.2	92 895	18.9
	機械、電機、電子及輪機工程 Mechanical, electrical, electronic and marine engineering	58 352	20.3	8 800	4.3	67 152	13.7
	電腦課程 Computer studies	14 619	5.1	5 068	2.5	19 687	4.0
	建築及營造工程 Architecture and construction engineering	30 533	10.6	4 929	2.4	35 462	7.2
	純科學 Pure science	23 831	8.3	10 138	5.0	33 969	6.9
	醫療衛生課程 Medical and health related studies	15 789	5.5	22 533	11.1	38 322	7.8
	教育 Education	10 659	3.7	24 709	12.1	35 368	7.2
	紡織、設計及其他工業技術 Textile, design and other industrial technology	11 564	4.0	8 242	4.0	19 806	4.0
	其他科目 Other fields	18 629	6.5	17 516	8.6	36 145	7.4
	總計 Total	287 259	100.0	203 632	100.0	490 891	100.0
	1996	商科課程 Business and commercial studies	89 803	21.0	107 739	31.7	197 542
文學及社會科學 Arts and social science		63 684	14.9	78 462	23.1	142 146	18.5
機械、電機、電子及輪機工程 Mechanical, electrical, electronic and marine engineering		85 296	19.9	5 482	1.6	90 778	11.8
電腦課程 Computer studies		32 628	7.6	10 851	3.2	43 479	5.7
建築及營造工程 Architecture and construction engineering		48 043	11.2	7 237	2.1	55 280	7.2
純科學 Pure science		34 761	8.1	17 334	5.1	52 095	6.8
醫療衛生課程 Medical and health related studies		19 345	4.5	32 775	9.6	52 120	6.8
教育 Education		12 405	2.9	34 410	10.1	46 815	6.1
紡織、設計及其他工業技術 Textile, design and other industrial technology		15 224	3.6	12 342	3.6	27 566	3.6
其他科目 Other fields		27 395	6.4	33 304	9.8	60 699	7.9
總計 Total		428 584	100.0	339 936	100.0	768 520	100.0

表四 一九九一年、一九九六年及二零零一年按修讀科目及性別劃分的曾受專上教育的人口⁽¹⁾ (續)
Table 4 Population with Tertiary Education⁽¹⁾ by Field of Education and Sex, 1991, 1996 and 2001 (Cont'd)

年份 Year	修讀科目 Field of Education	男性 Male		女性 Female		合計 Both Sexes	
		數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %	數目 Number	百分比 %
2001	商科課程 Business and commercial studies	116 661	24.2	147 122	33.7	263 783	28.7
	文學及社會科學 Arts and social science	70 032	14.5	102 243	23.4	172 275	18.8
	機械、電機、電子及輪機工程 Mechanical, electrical, electronic and marine engineering	73 742	15.3	8 177	1.9	81 919	8.9
	電腦課程 Computer studies	56 314	11.7	20 301	4.6	76 615	8.3
	建築及營造工程 Architecture and construction engineering	54 262	11.3	12 014	2.8	66 276	7.2
	純科學 Pure science	39 835	8.3	24 392	5.6	64 227	7.0
	醫療衛生課程 Medical and health related studies	21 025	4.4	38 067	8.7	59 092	6.4
	教育 Education	11 978	2.5	36 990	8.5	48 968	5.3
	紡織、設計及其他工業技術 Textile, design and other industrial technology	6 936	1.4	5 821	1.3	12 757	1.4
	其他科目 Other fields	31 074	6.4	41 514	9.5	72 588	7.9
	總計 Total	481 859	100.0	436 641	100.0	918 500	100.0

註釋： (1) 這些數字指教育程度（最高就讀程度）為「專上教育」的人士。
 (2) 一九九一年的數字包括達到「工業學院／理工學院證書／文憑課程」的教育程度（最高就讀程度）的人士。

Note: (1) The figures refer to persons with educational attainment (highest level attended) as "Tertiary Education".
 (2) The 1991 figures include persons with educational attainment (highest level attended) of "Diploma/certificate courses in technical institutes / polytechnics".

表五 二零零一年按教育程度（最高就讀程度）及是否在居住地區內上課劃分的就讀於香港全日制學校或教育機構的人口

Table 5 Persons Studying Full-time in Schools or Educational Institutions in Hong Kong by Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended) and Whether Studying in the Same District Council District, 2001

教育程度（最高就讀程度） Educational Attainment (Highest Level Attended)	上課地點 Place of Study					總計 Total
	在居住地區上課 Studying in the Same District Council District	非在居住地區上課 Not Studying in the Same District Council District			小計 Sub-total	
		香港島 Hong Kong Island	九龍 Kowloon	新界 New Territories		
	數目（百分比 ⁽¹⁾ ） Number (Percentage ⁽¹⁾)					
幼稚園 Kindergarten	182 791 (81.4)	10 108 (4.5)	25 266 (11.3)	6 397 (2.8)	41 771 (18.6)	224 562 (100.0)
小學 Primary	423 008 (81.2)	25 049 (4.8)	56 442 (10.8)	16 247 (3.1)	97 738 (18.8)	520 746 (100.0)
初中 Lower secondary	186 287 (72.9)	19 429 (7.6)	34 621 (13.5)	15 258 (6.0)	69 308 (27.1)	255 595 (100.0)
高中 Upper secondary	115 732 (64.7)	15 571 (8.7)	32 267 (18.0)	15 263 (8.5)	63 101 (35.3)	178 833 (100.0)
預科 Matriculation	41 101 (43.8)	14 453 (15.4)	25 715 (27.4)	12 642 (13.5)	52 810 (56.2)	93 911 (100.0)
專上教育 Tertiary	18 204 (21.0)	17 112 (19.7)	31 919 (36.8)	19 608 (22.6)	68 639 (79.0)	86 843 (100.0)
總計 Total	967 123 (71.1)	101 722 (7.5)	206 230 (15.2)	85 415 (6.3)	393 367 (28.9)	1 360 490 (100.0)

註釋：(1) 括號內的數字顯示在總人數中所佔的百分比。

Note: (1) Figures in brackets represent the percentages in respect of the total.