

## INFORMATION NOTE

### Statistics on Public Rental Housing of the Hong Kong Housing Authority

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this information note is to provide the Panel on Housing of the Legislative Council with statistical information on public rental housing of the Hong Kong Housing Authority for the period 1999-2000 to 2008-09.

**Table 1 – Overview of public rental housing statistics in 2003–04**

Block type / estate	Year of completion	Stock of flats		Internal floor area	Monthly rent	Monthly rent per sq m
		Number of units	% <sup>(1)</sup>	sq m	HK\$	HK\$
<i>Estates completed after the establishment of the Housing Authority in 1973</i>						
Urban <sup>(2)</sup>	Post-1973	250 454	38.6	9.41 – 67.91	381 – 3,810	34.1 – 69.8
New Towns and Extended Urban <sup>(3)</sup>		219 299	33.9	9.41 – 68.38	312 – 3,620	32.9 – 67.4
The New Territories <sup>(4)</sup>		131 407	20.3	9.41 – 67.91	281 – 2,606	22.6 – 46.7
New Housing Authority estates (converted blocks)		2 662	0.4	11.09 – 55.30	361 – 2,021	32.4 – 37.4
<i>Estates completed before the establishment of the Housing Authority in 1973</i>						
Former Housing Authority estates (old type)	1958 – 1965	20 100	3.1	19.51 – 69.20	764 – 2,987	37.4 – 48.0
Former Housing Authority estates (new type)	1966 – 1973	12 731	2.0	24.00 – 39.85	932 – 1,725	38.8 – 46.6
Former government low cost housing estates (new type)	1967 – 1973	5 479	0.8	21.09 – 35.02	732 – 1,216	31.7 – 35.1
Former resettlement estates (V)	1968 – 1971	5 406	0.8	8.15 – 39.39	252 – 1,178	28.9 – 30.9
Former resettlement estates (IV)	1965 – 1968	906	0.1	12.70 – 37.20	400 – 1,170	31.3 – 31.5

Remarks:

- (1) Individual figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
- (2) Urban refers to Hong Kong Island and Kowloon.
- (3) New Towns and Extended Urban include Tsuen Wan, Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Sha Tin, Ma On Shan, Tai Po, Tseung Kwan O and Tung Chung.
- (4) The New Territories include Fanling, Sheung Shui, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tin Shui Wai and outlying islands.

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Table 2 — Production of public rental flats between 1999–2000 and 2003–04**

Year	Number
1999–2000	27 785 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
2000–01	55 492 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
2001–02	31 709 <sup>(2)</sup>
2002–03	22 590 <sup>(3)</sup>
2003–04	15 148

Remarks:

- (1) Including Interim Housing.
- (2) The figures for the period 1999-2000 to 2001-02 are different from the previously published figures because they have been revised by excluding those flats under the Buy or Rent Option Scheme / Mortgage Subsidy Scheme which are now classified as subsidized sales flats.
- (3) The figure for 2002-03 has been revised by including 4 300 units converted to Public Rental Housing units from surplus Home Ownership Scheme projects, namely Hiu Lam Court, Ko Cheung Court and Yau Mei Court.

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Table 3 — Forecast of production<sup>(1)</sup> of public rental flats between 2004–05 and 2008–09**

Year	Number
2004–05	22 000 <sup>(2)</sup>
2005–06	20 000
2006–07	9 600 <sup>(3)</sup>
2007–08	18 400
2008–09	18 700

Remarks:

- (1) Production forecasts which are subject to regular reviews are based on the Public Housing Construction Programme updated in September 2004.
- (2) The figure includes the project of Lam Tin Phase 6 with 720 units. This project is classified as a Home Ownership Scheme project in the September 2004 Public Housing Construction Programme but has subsequently been converted to a Public Rental Housing estate.
- (3) The relatively low production in 2006-07 is due to the deferral of the planned public housing project at South East Kowloon Development Area, following the Government's decision to review the planning of the area. Nonetheless, some 9 000 Interim Housing flats would be transferred to Public Rental Housing flats.

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Table 4 — Stock of public rental flats by district council district in 2003–04**

District council district	2003–04	
	Number	% <sup>(1)</sup>
Kwun Tong	94 030	14.5
Kwai Tsing	87 538	13.5
Wong Tai Sin	74 934	11.6
Yuen Long	55 634	8.6
Tuen Mun	53 623	8.3
Sha Tin	50 305	7.8
Sham Shui Po	43 883	6.8
Sai Kung	33 550	5.2
Eastern	32 715	5.0
Southern	32 052	4.9
Tai Po	22 309	3.4
North	19 992	3.1
Tsuen Wan	17 865	2.8
Kowloon City	14 295	2.2
Islands	13 019	2.0
Yau Tsim Mong	2 062	0.3
Central & Western	638	0.1
	648 444	100.0

Remark: (1) Individual figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Table 5 — Average living space of public rental flat tenants between 1999–2000 and 2003–04**

Year	Average living space per person (internal floor area in sq m)	Proportion of households with living space below 5.5 sq m per person (%)
1999–2000	10.4	3.7
2000–01	10.7	3.1
2001–02	11.1	2.0
2002–03	11.3	1.4
2003–04	11.5	1.2

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Table 6 – Number of applicants on Waiting List between 1999–2000 and 2003–04**

Year	Number of live applicants	Number of applicants on Waiting List being allocated a public rental flat	Average waiting time to be allocated with public rental flats (years)
1999–2000	108 000	23 000	5.3 <sup>(1)</sup>
2000–01	108 000	28 000	4.4 <sup>(1)</sup>
2001–02	86 000	42 000	3.2
2002–03	92 000	31 000	2.3
2003–04	91 000	28 000	2.1

Remark: (1) Revised figures.

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Table 7 – Number of applicants on Waiting List by size of household as at end of March 2004**

Size of household	Number	%
1 person	32 700	35.9
2 persons	28 200	31.0
3 persons	18 900	20.8
4 persons	8 800	9.7
5 persons	1 800	2.0
6 persons	500	0.5
7 persons or more	100	0.1

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Table 8 – Distribution of public rental flats by internal floor area<sup>(1)</sup> between 1999–2000 and 2003–04 (in percentage)**

Year	< 20.0 sq m	20.0 – 29.9 sq m	30.0 – 39.9 sq m	> 40.0 sq m
1999–2000	13.4	25.7	45.4	15.4
2000–01	13.6	24.5	44.7	17.2
2001–02	11.0	23.7	45.7	19.6
2002–03	11.8	23.3	45.3	19.7
2003–04	11.1	22.8	46.0	20.2

Remark: (1) Internal floor area refers to the area of a flat measured to the internal face of the flat's enclosing and / or party walls. In respect of the allocation of public rental housing, dual allocation standards have been adopted by the Housing Authority since 1 December 1991: (a) a minimum allocation standard of 5.5 sq m internal floor area per person with a median rent-income ratio not exceeding 15%; or (b) a minimum allocation standard of 7 sq m internal floor area per person with a median rent-income ratio not exceeding 18.5%.

Source: Hong Kong Housing Authority.

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