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Census and Statistics (2001 Population  
Census) Order

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 9 of the  
Census and Statistics Ordinance (Cap. 316))

1. Census to be taken

(1) The Commissioner shall take a census of population to obtain particulars  
of---

(a) persons dwelling in Hong Kong other than---

(i) naval, military or air force personnel; and

(ii) subject to paragraph (b), persons dwelling on board any vessel;

(b) persons dwelling on board any vessel in Hong Kong or in the waters of Hong Kong  
and to which the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) applies other than---

(i) any vessel for the time being used by the Government of the Hong Kong Special  
Administrative Region;

(ii) any warship; or

(iii) any ship for the time being used by the Central People's Government or  
the Government of any foreign state;

(c) premises in Hong Kong which are not a vessel and are occupied by any person for  
dwelling purposes, and households in any such premises; and

(d) vessels on board of which persons dwelling are subject to census under paragraph  
(b), and households on board any such vessel.

(2) In this section, "premises" (處所) includes any staircase, corridor and any  
unsheltered place.

2. Sampling methods may be used

The Commissioner may use sampling methods for the collection of information  
relevant to the census.

3. Purpose of census

The purpose of the census is to obtain information on the demographic, social  
and economic characteristics of the population in Hong Kong at the time the census  
is taken.

4. Occupants to give particulars in accordance with schedules

(1) For the census taken under this Order, each person aged 15 or above occupying  
any premises subject to census under section 1(1)(c) or dwelling on board any vessel  
subject to census under section 1(1)(d) shall give to the Commissioner the particulars  
specified in the Schedule in respect of himself, the premises or the vessel and the

household in such premises or on board such vessel.

(2) Each such person shall also give to the Commissioner the particulars specified in the Schedule in respect of any person who occupies the premises or dwells on board the vessel and who is aged below 15 under his guardianship or is unable to give the particulars by reason of sickness, disablement, absence or other sufficient cause.

(3) The particulars referred to in subsections (1) and (2) shall be given in such schedules as the Commissioner may issue for the purpose.

5. Dates for taking census

The Commissioner shall take the census from 15 to 27 March 2001 (both dates inclusive).

6. Date for destruction of schedules

The Commissioner shall destroy all completed schedules collected or received by census officers for the census, and all copies of the schedules, not later than 14 March 2002.

SCHEDULE [s. 4]

Particulars Required to be Given

A. Persons

Year and month of birth

Sex

Whether a member of the household

Relationship to head of household

Number of months in Hong Kong in the past 6 months

Number of months expected to be in Hong Kong in the next 6 months

Whereabouts at 3:00 a.m. on 14 March 2001 ("census reference moment")

Whether usually living at the same premises or on board the same vessel during the 6-month period preceding the census reference moment

Whether expecting to be usually living at the same premises or on board the same vessel during the 6-month period following the census reference moment

If not a member of the household, whether living at another premises in Hong Kong or on board another vessel in Hong Kong

If not usually living in Hong Kong---

whether usually living on the Mainland of China or in Macau

whether a two-way permit holder from the Mainland of China

reason for usually living outside Hong Kong

Marital status

School attendance

Educational attainment---

highest level attended

highest level completed

Place of study

Mode of transport to place of study

Field of education

Usual language

Ability to speak other languages/dialects

Place of birth

Nationality

Ethnicity

Duration of residence in Hong Kong

Place of residence 5 years ago

Economic activity status

Industry

Occupation

Place of work

Mode of transport to place of work

Earnings from main employment

Whether having secondary employment

Earnings from secondary employment

Cash income from rent

Other cash income

Whether owner of premises

B. Households

Type of household

Household size

Household composition

Household income

C. Premises (other than vessels)

Type of premises

Occupancy of premises

Number of households in premises

Number of occupants in premises

Type of accommodation

Number of living/dining rooms

Number of bedrooms

Number of kitchens

Number of bathrooms/toilets

Number of other rooms  
Tenure of accommodation  
Rent  
Rates, Government rent and management fee  
Mortgage payment  
Outstanding mortgage or loan period

D. Vessels

Type of vessel  
Occupancy of vessel  
Number of households on board vessel  
Number of occupants on board vessel

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Explanatory Note

This Order authorizes the Commissioner for Census and Statistics to carry out a general population census in Hong Kong in 2001 to obtain particulars of persons dwelling, and households based, on land or on any vessel in the waters of Hong Kong other than vessels used by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or ships used by the Central People's Government or the Government of any foreign state.