

**Average Monthly Operating Cost for
Urban and Lantau Taxis**

(A) Urban Taxis

Rentee-Driver (for one shift)

For a rentee-driver, the cost of operating taxi service comprises mainly taxi rental and fuel cost. The average monthly operating costs for an urban rentee-driver (for one shift) over the past ten years are set out below.

	Average Monthly Operating Cost		
	1998	2004	2008 (Jan. - Mar.)
Rental	\$7,658	\$8,559	\$9,009
Fuel	\$3,735	\$1,829	\$2,948
Total	\$11,393	\$10,388	\$11,957

(table 1)

Taxi Owner (for one taxi)

2. The operating cost borne by a taxi owner includes parking, maintenance, insurance and other miscellaneous costs. The average monthly operating costs for an urban taxi borne by the owner over the past ten years are set out below.

	Average Monthly Operating Cost		
	1998	2004	2008 (Jan. - Mar.)
Maintenance cost	\$3,417	\$1,932	\$2,119
Parking, insurance and other miscellaneous costs	\$4,643	\$4,924	\$4,817
Total	\$8,060	\$6,856	\$6,936

(table 2)

3. While the actual amount of cost borne by each individual owner may vary from one to another depending on the actual circumstances such as the way of financing the purchase of taxi licence, the total cost should have been indirectly reflected in the taxi rental paid by the rentee-drivers as shown in table 1 above.

(B) Lantau Taxis

Rentee-Driver (for one shift)

4. For a rentee-driver, the cost of operating taxi service comprises mainly taxi rental and fuel cost. The average monthly operating costs for a Lantau rentee-driver (for one shift) over the past ten years are set out below.

	Average Monthly Operating Cost		
	1998	2004	2008 (Jan. - Mar.)
Rental	\$9,509	\$14,127	\$15,300
Fuel	\$5,859	\$3,213	\$7,650
Total	\$15,368	\$17,340	\$22,950

(table 3)

Taxi Owner (for one taxi)

5. The operating cost borne by a taxi owner includes parking, maintenance, insurance and other miscellaneous costs. The average monthly operating costs for a Lantau taxi borne by the owner over the past ten years are set out below.

	Average Monthly Operating Cost		
	1998	2004	2008 (Jan. - Mar.)
Maintenance cost	\$2,910	\$2,676	\$3,396
Parking, insurance and other miscellaneous costs	\$3,810	\$4,939	\$5,347
Total	\$6,720	\$7,615	\$8,743

(table 4)

6. While the actual amount of cost borne by each individual owner may vary from one to another depending on the actual circumstances such as the way of financing the purchase of taxi licence, the total cost should have been indirectly reflected in the taxi rental paid by the rentee-drivers as shown in table 3 above.

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