

Year	Total number of arrivals on the strength of one-way permit	Number of arrivals under the age of 18 on the strength of one-way permit (as a proportion of the total number of arrivals)
2003	53,507	17,037 (31.8%)
2004	38,072	12,827 (33.7%)
2005	55,106	18,789 (34.1%)
2006	54,170	22,788 (42.1%)
2007	33,865	12,676 (37.4%)
2008	41,610	15,073 (36.2%)
2009	48,587	14,659 (30.2%)
2010	42,624	12,960 (30.4%)
2011	43,379	11,757 (27.1%)
2012	54,646	10,502 (19.2%)*

- * Starting from 1 April 2011, the Mainland authorities allow eligible Mainland overage children of Hong Kong residents to apply for one-way permit for reunion with natural parents in Hong Kong. Overage children with one-way permit approved gradually arrived in Hong Kong, resulting in decrease in proportion of those under the age of 18 among arrivals on the strength of one-way permit.