

Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
No.	687	703	1337	1843	1697	1564	1408	1068	1169	1944	1555	1295	1287	1186	1298
Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016						
No.	1296	1370	1571	1581	1878	1945	1996	2065	2196						

## **Operational Definitions**

The number of classified films approved for exhibition annually. Since 1988, films for public exhibition have to be approved by the Film Censorship Authority under the Film Censorship Ordinance. Before 1988, films also needed to be examined before they were exhibited, but under a different regulatory regime.

## Footnote

Figures before 2012 were collected from Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority. Figures after 2012 were collected from the Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration.

Figures for the years of 1981 and 1986 were extracted from Hong Kong Report.