

Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
%	16.27	15.33	16.22	17.18	17.20	20.82	21.63	20.35	20.73	20.63	21.96	19.90	17.72	16.39
Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
%	15.62	19.95	18.51	18.05	19.94	19.64	21.39	18.77	19.52	19.87	19.06	20.24		

Operational Definitions

The public expenditures as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). With the exception of the figure for 1981, public expenditures includes government expenditure, total expenditure of the trading funds, the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Provisional Urban and Regional Councils, and payments from the Lotteries Fund.

Footnote

Figures for 1999 onwards are collected from Census and Statistics Department. Figure for 1984, 1989 and 1995 are collected from Information Service Department.