



Year	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
%	3.97	3.65	4.05	4.58	5.16	5.59	5.53	6.27	6.73	6.88	7.39	8.01	8.23	8.27	8.80

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
%	9.13	9.31	8.93	8.89	8.78	8.64	9.04	8.63	8.85	8.58

### Operational Definitions

The percentage of children living in single parent households. They are based on the data collected from Census and By-census for 1986, 1991, and 1996 and compiled by the Census and Statistics Department at the request of Social Welfare Department on the socio-economic characteristics of the single parents, the housing and household particulars of the single parent families and particulars of children living in these families. Population size is extracted from Census and By-census reports. The definition of single parent was revised as “a mother or father who was widowed, divorced or separated, with child(ren) aged under 18 living with her/him in the same household”.

### Footnote

All figures are collected from Census and Statistics Department since 1986.

According to C&SD (25Sep2009), starting from the year 2001, annual figures derived from the General Household Survey (GHS) may be different from those in the earlier edition. For the previous edition, the annual figures are compiled based on the average data for the four quarters of the year concerned. Starting from this edition, these statistics are compiled based on data collected in the General Household Survey in January to December each year as well as the mid-year population estimates by District Council district compiled jointly by the Census and Statistics Department and an inter-departmental Working Group on Population Distribution Projections.