



Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
%	0.71	0.82	0.95	1.46	1.58	2.02	2.15	2.11	2.28	2.45	2.65	2.53	2.36	2.23	2.11

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
%	2.30	2.44	2.28	2.24	2.25	2.59	2.58	2.71	2.74	2.64	3.19

## Operational Definitions

### Public Expenditures on Social Welfare Services as Percentage of Gross Domestic Product

The public expenditures on social welfare services as percentage of Gross Domestic Product. Public expenditure, also known as Consolidated Public Sector expenditure, 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. Public expenditure for social welfare therefore includes any of these expenditures for social welfare.

## Footnote

All figures are collected from Information Services Department and Finance Bureau since 1981. Figure for 1998 is a provisional figure subject to further refinement by Controlling Officers.