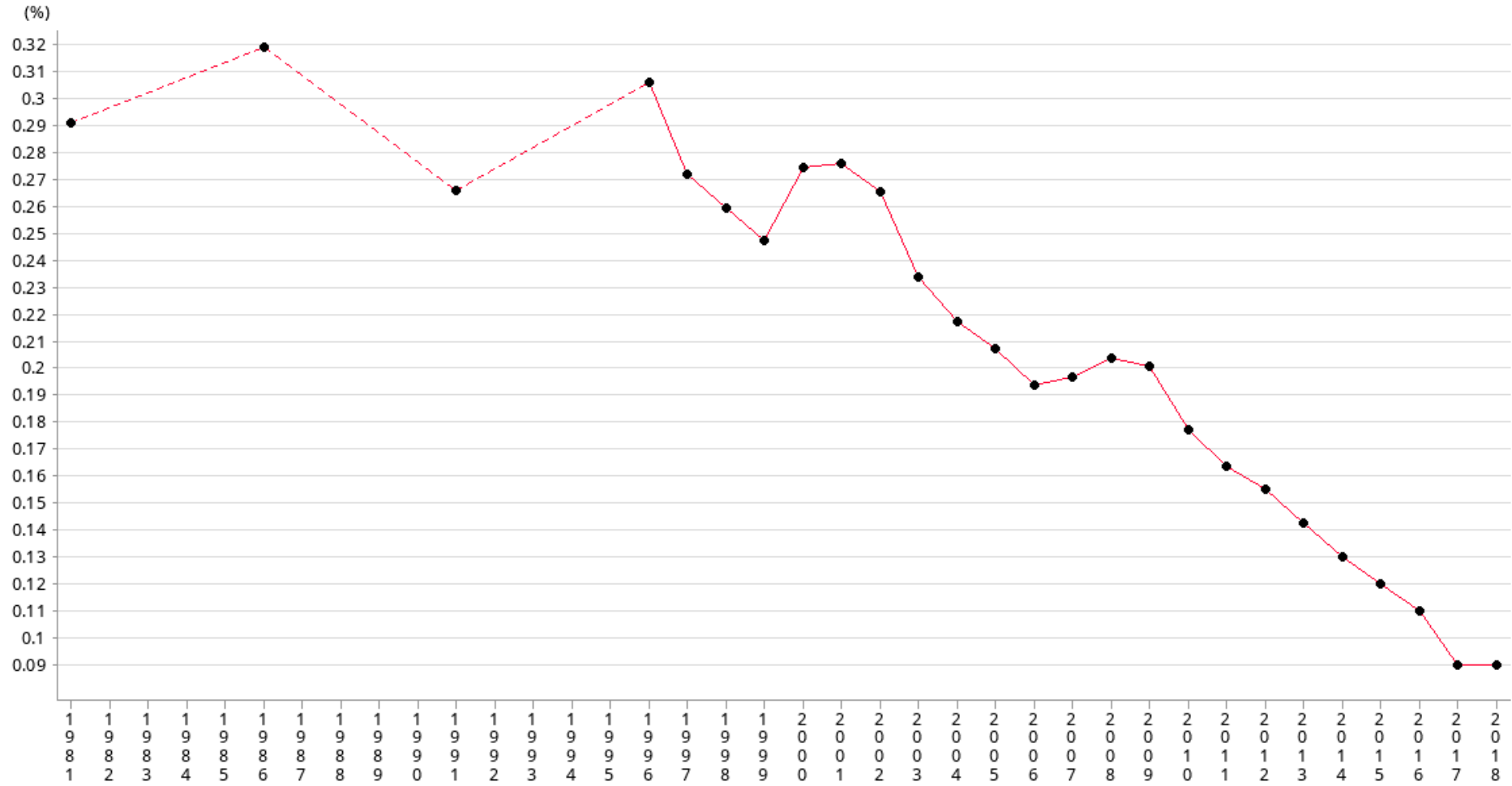


Social Indicators of Hong Kong
 Percentage of population abusing restricted drugs



Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
%	0.29	0.32	0.27	0.31	0.27	0.26	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.26	0.23	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.20
Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018				
%	0.20	0.20	0.18	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.09				

Operational Definitions

The percentage of population who are drug abusers reported to the Central Registry of Drug Abuse (CRDA), based on mid-year estimate of population. The definition of drug abuse is the taking of drugs which harms or threatens to harm the physical, mental or social well-being of an individual, in doses above or for periods beyond those normally regarded as therapeutic. Reported drug abusers refer to number of persons (all ages) known to the CRDA as at end of year.

Footnote

Some figures are collected from Security Bureau since 1999.

Data can also be obtained from Central Registry of Drug Abuse, 1996 and 1998.