



Year	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
%	8.60	5.70	8.60	7	18.60	26.50	20.80	22.50	30	32.80	29.10	25.30	22.10	18.80

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
%	17.20	23.50	20.10	17.10	16	15.90	15.90	14.40	15.50	15.30	13.80

Operational Definitions

The unemployment rate of persons in low-income domestic households, based on the General Household Survey which covers the land-based non-institutional population of Hong Kong. Low-income households refer to those domestic households with monthly household income less than or equal to half of the median monthly domestic household income of the corresponding household size.

Footnote

All figures are collected from Census and Statistics Department since 1986. Figure for 1981 is not available.

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 from January to December of the year concerned as well as mid-year population estimates.