



# **Housing in Figures**

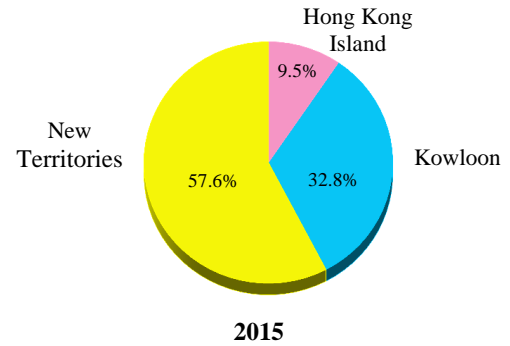
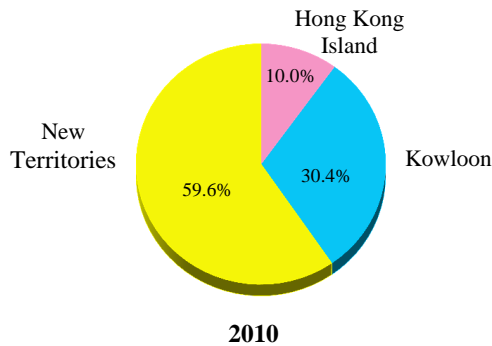
2016

**Hong Kong Housing Authority**

## Population by type of housing<sup>1</sup>

	%		
	2005	2010	2015
Public permanent housing <sup>2</sup>	48.7	47.0	45.6
<i>Rental housing</i>	30.4	29.3	29.2
<i>Subsidised sale flats</i>	18.3	17.7	16.4
Private permanent housing <sup>3</sup>	50.6	52.4	53.9
Temporary housing <sup>4</sup>	0.7	0.7	0.5

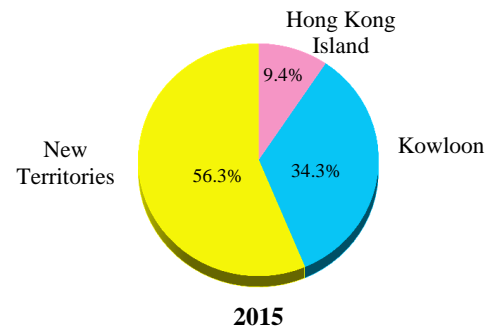
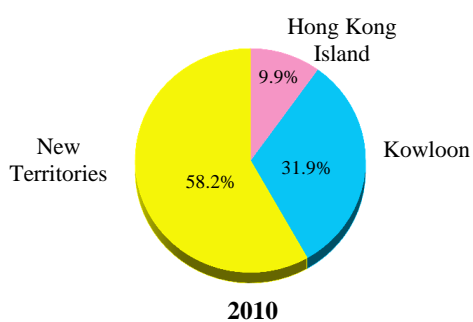
### Population in public permanent housing of the HA by district



## Domestic households by type of housing<sup>1</sup>

	Thousands ('000)		
	2005	2010	2015
<b>Overall</b>	<b>2 197</b>	<b>2 325</b>	<b>2 468</b>
Public permanent housing <sup>2</sup>			%
<i>Rental housing</i>	46.5	46.4	45.9
<i>Subsidised sale flats</i>	30.0	30.1	30.7
<i>Subsidised sale flats</i>	16.5	16.3	15.2
Private permanent housing <sup>3</sup>	52.5	52.8	53.5
Temporary housing <sup>4</sup>	0.9	0.8	0.6

### Domestic households in public permanent housing of the HA by district



As at 31 March 2016, there were some 137 700 elderly households (i.e. all household members were aged 60 or above) in HA PRH flats, representing 19% of all households in HA PRH flats.

## Average household size<sup>1</sup>

	No. of persons		
	2005	2010	2015
<b>All types of housing</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Public permanent housing <sup>2</sup>	3.2	3.0	2.9
<i>Rental housing</i>	3.1	2.9	2.7
<i>Subsidised sale flats</i>	3.4	3.2	3.1
Private permanent housing <sup>3</sup>	2.9	2.9	2.9
Temporary housing <sup>4</sup>	2.3	2.5	2.5

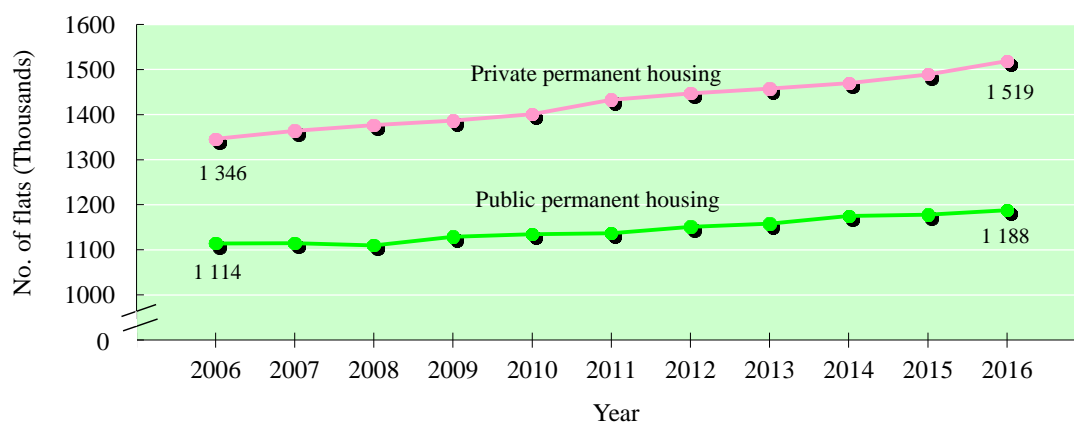
## Stock of flats by type of permanent housing

(as at end March of the year)

	Thousands ('000)		
	2006	2011	2016
<b>Overall</b>	<b>2 460</b>	<b>2 570</b>	<b>2 707</b>
Public permanent housing <sup>5</sup>	1 114	1 137	1 188
<i>Rental housing</i>	722	746	789
<i>Subsidised sale flats</i>	392	391	399
Private permanent housing <sup>6</sup>	1 346	1 433	1 519

## Stock of flats in public and private permanent housing

(as at end March of the year)

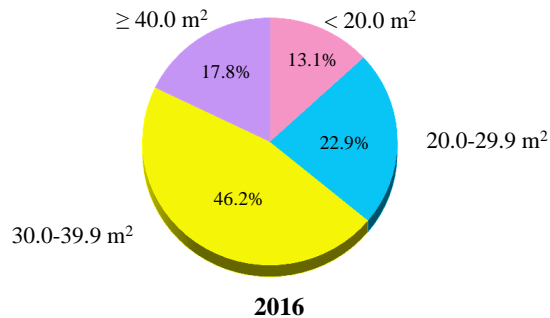
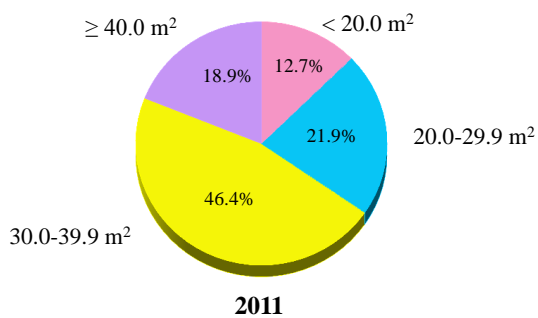


## Stock of HA PRH flats by age of block

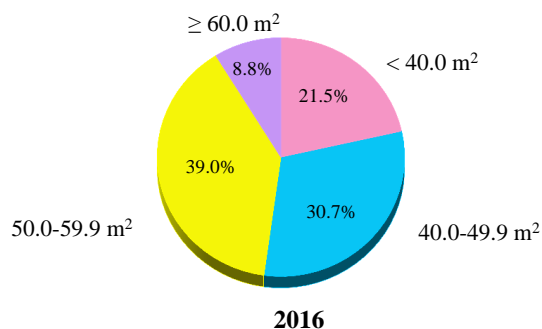
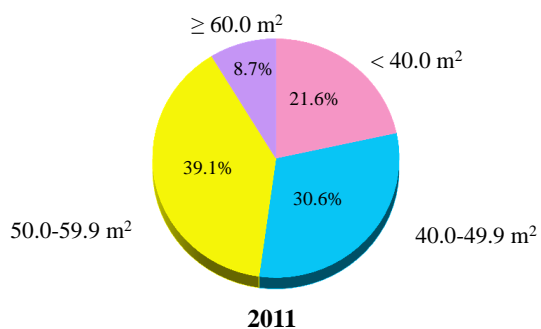
(as at end March of the year)

	Thousands ('000)		
	2006	2011	2016
<b>Overall</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>750</b>
0 - 5 years	158	74	71
6 - 10 years	85	141	68
11 - 15 years	92	85	140
16 - 20 years	83	90	84
21 - 25 years	132	69	86
26 years and over	133	248	302

**Stock of HA PRH flats by flat size (m<sup>2</sup>, IFA)**  
(as at end March of the year)



**Stock of HA HOS flats<sup>7</sup> by flat size (m<sup>2</sup>, SA)**  
(as at end March of the year)



**Production of flats by type of permanent housing**

	Thousands ('000)		
	2005	2010	2015
<b>Overall</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Public permanent housing	25	7	11
<i>Rental housing</i>	25	6	10
<i>Subsidised sale flats<sup>8</sup></i>	0	1	1
Private permanent housing (excluding village houses)	17	13	11

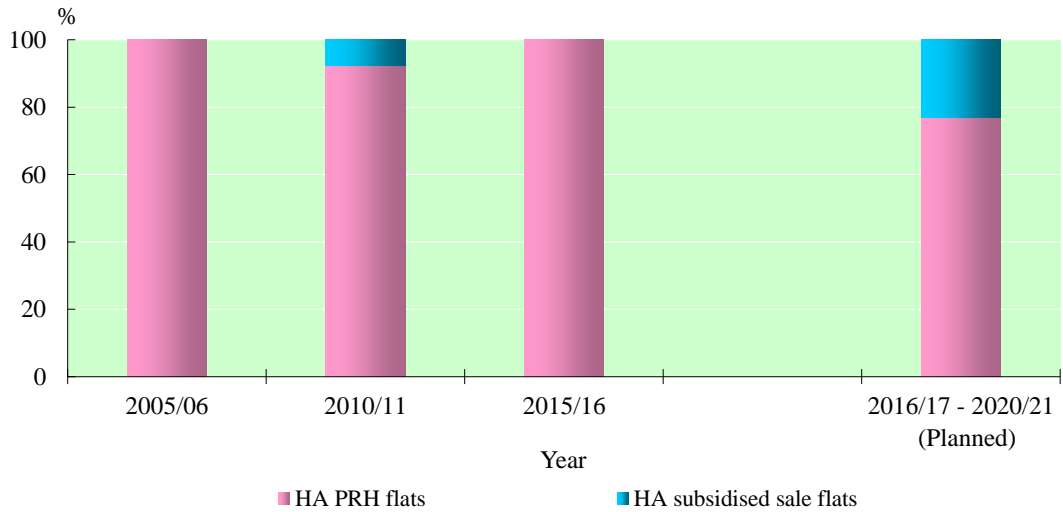
	Thousands ('000)		
	2005	2010	2015
<b>Production of HA PRH flats<sup>9</sup> by district</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Overall</b>			%
Hong Kong Island	11.7	25.1	0.0
Kowloon	7.7	74.9	5.6
New Territories	80.6	0.0	94.4

	Thousands ('000)		
	2005	2010	2015
<b>Production of private permanent housing (excluding village houses) by district</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Overall</b>			%
Hong Kong Island	24.7	8.5	21.8
Kowloon	22.4	25.5	16.7
New Territories	52.9	66.0	61.5

## HA Production Programme<sup>10</sup>

	Thousands ('000)	
	2011/12 - 2015/16	2016/17 - 2020/21
HA PRH flats	63	71
HA subsidised sale flats	0	21

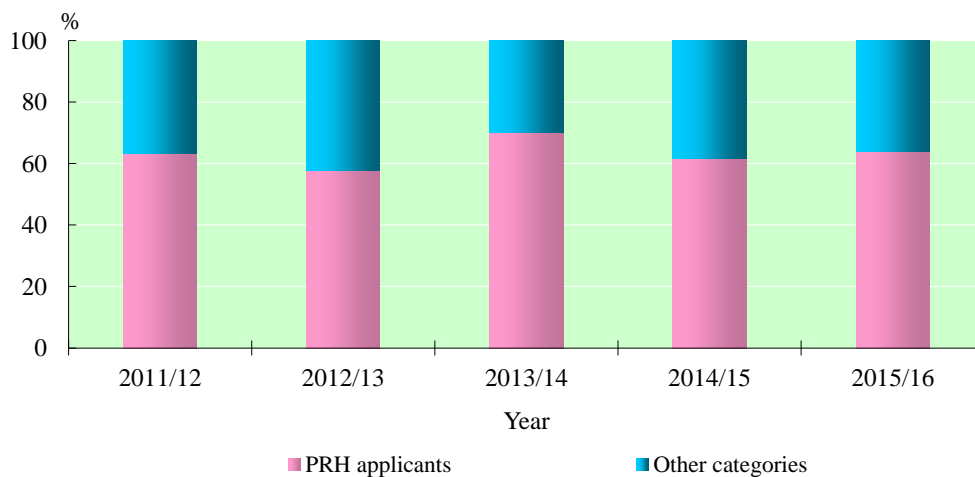
### Production of public permanent housing of the HA



## Allocation of HA PRH flats

	Thousands ('000)		
	2005/06	2010/11	2015/16
<b>Overall</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>By rehousing category</b>			
PRH applicants	27	16	14
Other categories <sup>11</sup>	14	10	8

### Allocation of HA PRH flats



## PRH applicants

(as at end March of the year)

	Thousands ('000)		
	2006	2011	2016
General applicants	97	89	151
QPS applicants <sup>12</sup>		63	134

The average waiting time for the general applicants housed to HA PRH flats in the year 2015/16 was 3.9 years.<sup>13</sup>  
 For 2016/17, the monthly income limit and asset limit for a 4-person household are HK\$26,690 and HK\$500,000 respectively.

## Living space of HA PRH tenants

(as at end March of the year)

	m <sup>2</sup> (IFA)		
	2006	2011	2016
Average living space per person <sup>14</sup>	12.0	12.8	13.1
Proportion of households with living space per person below 5.5 m <sup>2</sup>	0.8	0.5	0.5

## Rent of public and private permanent housing

### Rent of HA PRH flats

(average monthly rent as at end March of the year)

	HK\$ / m <sup>2</sup> (IFA)		
	2006	2011	2016
Hong Kong Island	47	46	55
Kowloon	51	49	61
New Territories	42	40	49

### Rent of private permanent housing<sup>15</sup>

(average monthly rent of flats <70 m<sup>2</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year)

	HK\$ / m <sup>2</sup> (SA)		
	2006	2011	2016
Hong Kong Island	192	287	377
Kowloon	148	230	298
New Territories	108	165	227

## Price of private permanent housing<sup>16</sup>

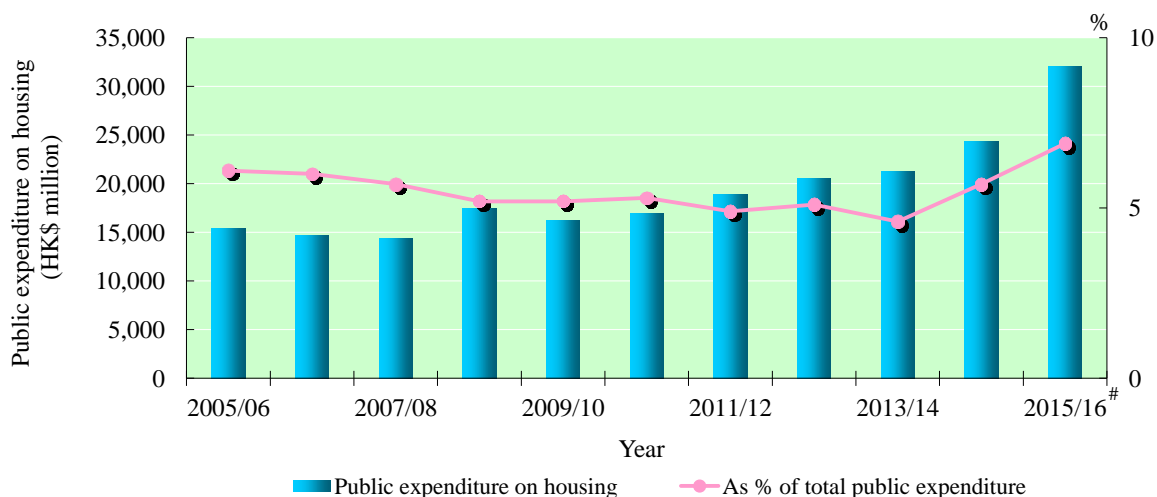
(average price of flats <70 m<sup>2</sup> of the year)

	HK\$ / m <sup>2</sup> (SA)		
	2005	2010	2015
Hong Kong Island	46,333	83,332	147,652
Kowloon	36,061	64,697	119,935
New Territories	32,129	47,239	96,426

## Public expenditure on housing<sup>17</sup>

	HK\$ million		
	2005/06	2010/11	2015/16 <sup>#</sup>
Public expenditure on housing	15,405	16,938	32,092
As % of total public expenditure	6.1	5.3	6.9

### Public expenditure on housing



# **Explanatory Notes**

1. Data source : Census and Statistics Department  
Figures on **population, domestic households** and **average household size** are compiled based on the results of the General Household Survey of the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) as well as the mid-year population estimates by District Council district prepared jointly by the C&SD and the inter-departmental Working Group on Population Distribution Projections. The General Household Survey covers the land-based non-institutional population of Hong Kong. Land-based non-institutional population includes Hong Kong Resident Population (i.e. usual residents, home-based and non home-based mobile residents) but excludes inmates of institutions and persons living on board vessels.
2. **Public permanent housing** covers the following :
  - (a) **Rental housing** which includes :
    - (i) PRH flats and IH flats of the HA; and
    - (ii) Rental flats and SEN flats of the HS.
  - (b) **Subsidised sale flats** which includes :
    - (i) Flats under the TPS of the HA;
    - (ii) Flats under the HOS, PSPS, MIHS, BRO and MSS of the HA; and
    - (iii) Flats under the FFSS, SCHS and SSFP of the HS.

HOS/PSPS/MIHS/BRO/MSS/TPS/FFSS/SCHS flats that can be traded in the Open Market (i.e. flats sold prior to HOS Phase 3B or flats with premium paid) are classified as private permanent housing and are excluded from subsidised sale flats.
3. **Private permanent housing** covers the following :
  - (a) Private housing blocks;
  - (b) Flats built under the UIS of the HS;
  - (c) Villas/bungalows/modern village houses;
  - (d) Simple stone structures; and
  - (e) HOS/PSPS/MIHS/BRO/MSS/TPS/FFSS/SCHS flats that can be traded in the Open Market.
4. **Temporary housing** includes such temporary structures as roof-top structures, huts and places not intended for residential purposes (e.g. staircases, corridors).
5. Figures on **stock of flats in public permanent housing** are based on the administrative records of the HA and the HS. They cover rental flats and subsidised sale flats of the HA and the HS. Please refer to Note 2 for details.
6. Figures on **stock of flats in private permanent housing** are based on the frame of quarters maintained by the C&SD. Please refer to Note 3 for details.
7. **HA HOS flats** include flats under the HOS, PSPS, MIHS, BRO and MSS of the HA. Figures on **stock of HA HOS flats by flat size** include flats that can be traded in the Open Market (i.e. flats sold prior to HOS Phase 3B or flats with premium paid).
8. Figures on **production of subsidised sale flats** do not include the 323 subsidised sale flats provided by the URA on a one-off basis in 2015/16.
9. Figures on **production of HA PRH flats** include the production of PRH flats and flats of projects transferred from HOS to PRH. Production of IH flats and projects built as rental housing but subsequently transferred to BRO/MSS housing are not included.
10.
  - (a) Figures relating to the **HA production programme for 2011/12 to 2015/16** refer to the actual production. For those HOS/PSPS flats completed during 2002 to 2004 and subsequently put up for sale by phase as from 2007, the first time when they were put up for sale was taken as the time of production.
  - (b) Figures relating to the **HA production programme for 2016/17 to 2020/21** are based on the Public Housing Construction Programme as at June 2016 prepared by the Housing Department, and include a project under the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Pilot Scheme (GSH).



11. **Other categories** include “clearance from Government Clearance Projects and URA”, “estate clearance and major repairs”, “compassionate rehousing”, “transfers”, “emergency rehousing” and “junior civil servants and pensioners”.
12. While the **QPS** was introduced in September 2005, information on the number of the applicants is only available as from April 2006.
13. **Waiting time** refers to the time taken between registration for PRH and first flat offer, excluding any frozen period during the application period (e.g. the applicant has not yet fulfilled the residence requirement, the applicant has requested to put his/her application on hold pending arrival of family members for family reunion, the applicant is imprisoned). The **average waiting time for general applicants** refers to the average of the waiting time of those general applicants who were housed to PRH in the past 12 months.
14. **Average living space per person** is calculated by taking the average of the living space per person of all PRH households. The living space per person of each PRH household is defined as the ratio of the internal floor area of the PRH flat occupied by the PRH household and the number of authorized persons in that household.
15. Data source : Rating and Valuation Department  
**Rent of private permanent housing** refers to market rent of fresh lettings of private residential flats.
16. Data source : Rating and Valuation Department  
**Price of private permanent housing** refers to the transactions which took place during the reference periods and have been scrutinized by the Rating and Valuation Department for stamp duty purposes.
17. Data source : Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau  
**Public expenditure on housing** comprises government expenditure (expenditure charged to the General Revenue Account and financed by the Government’s statutory funds) and expenditure by the HA.
18. Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

### **Abbreviations**

BRO	Buy or Rent Option Scheme
FFSS	Flat-For-Sale Scheme
HA	Hong Kong Housing Authority
HOS	Home Ownership Scheme
HS	Hong Kong Housing Society
IFA	Internal Floor Area
IH	Interim Housing
MIHS	Middle Income Housing Scheme
MSS	Mortgage Subsidy Scheme
PRH	Public Rental Housing
PSPS	Private Sector Participation Scheme
QPS	Quota and Points System
SA	Saleable Area
SCHS	Sandwich Class Housing Scheme
SEN	Senior Citizen Residences Scheme
SSFP	Subsidised Sale Flats Projects
TPS	Tenants Purchase Scheme
UIS	Urban Improvement Scheme
URA	Urban Renewal Authority