



Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
No.	52473.69	59035.41	58165.44	55936.11	55618.49	56575.48	58801.32	60381.40	63376.12	62903.79
Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No.	63714.35	67270.87	59570.23	57793.25	60342.43	58700.63	59489.45	61749.88	63799.52	62420.42
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016						
No.	61977.36	61650.97	65033.56	62744.79						

Operational Definitions

The number of children aged 2-6 enrolled in kindergarten or child care centers, as reported in the Hong Kong Annual Digest of Statistics per 100,000 children aged 2-6. Child care centers include subvented /aided/government full day nursery, residential nursery, mixed centres; non-profit-making full day nursery, half-day nursery, half-day playgroup; and private full day nursery, half day nursery, half-day playgroup and mixed centres. Enrolment in child care centers are estimated as 90% of the number of places in these centers.

Footnote

All figures are collected from annual Digest since 1981.

According to Annual Digest, upon the implementation of the Harmonisation of Pre-primary Services on 1 September 2005, the definition of child care centres has been re-defined as service for children aged 0 to 3. All day nurseries (serving children aged 2 to 6) and day nursery-cum-day crèches (serving children 0 to 6) have been converted into kindergarten-cum-child care centres under the monitoring of the Education and Manpower Bureau. Meanwhile, the provision of child care centres, special child care centres and residential child care centres remain under the monitoring of the Social Welfare Department. Thus, from 2006 onwards, figures of this indicator are calculated by summing up

(1) the no. of enrolment in kindergarten (Annual Digest 12.5);

(2) the estimated no. of places in Subvented/aided/gov't Day Centre (2-3 yr) & Residential Child Care Centre (0-6 yr), Non-profit-making Residential Child Care Centre (0-6 yr), private Day Centre (2-3 yr) & Residential Child Care Centre (0-6 yr) Data Source: Census and Statistics Department, 1991a, 1995b, 1998b and 1999g.