



Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
%	3.90	2.80	1.80	2.80	2.20	4.70	6.20	4.90	5.10	7.30	7.90	6.80	5.60	4.80	4

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
%	3.50	5.30	4.30	3.40	3.30	3.40	3.30	3.30	3.40	3.10

Operational Definitions

The proportion of unemployed in the labour force, with gender and age breakdown. The unemployed population refers to those persons aged 15 or over who have not had a job, have not performed any work for pay or profit, have been available for work during the seven days before enumeration and have sought work during the thirty days before enumeration. It also include person without a job who have sought work but unavailable for work because of temporary sickness; and persons without a job who are available for but not seeking work because they: i) have made arrangements to take up a new job or to start business at a subsequent data; or ii) are expecting to return to their original jobs; or iii) believe that work is not available to them.

Footnote

All figures are collected from Census and Statistics Department since 1981. Figure for 1981 is the average of the estimates obtained from the 2 quarterly reports of the General Household Survey that cover the last few months of 1981.

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 in January to December each year as well as the mid-year population estimates by District Council district compiled jointly by the Census and Statistics Department and an inter-departmental Working Group on Population Distribution Projections.