



Year	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
%	1.70	1.60	1.60	1.10	2.50	2.90	2.80	2.50	3	3.50	3.30	2.70	2.40	2.20	1.90

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
%	2.30	2	1.70	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.40	1.40	1.20	1.10

Operational Definitions

The proportion of underemployed persons in the labour force. The criteria for an employed person to be classified as underemployed are: involuntarily working less than 35 hours during the seven days before enumeration; and either (a) has been available for additional work during the seven days before enumeration; or (b) has sought additional work during the thirty days before enumeration. Working short hours is considered as involuntary if it is due to slack work, material shortage, mechanical breakdown and inability to find a full-time job.

Footnote

All figures are collected from Census and Statistics Department since 1986.

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.