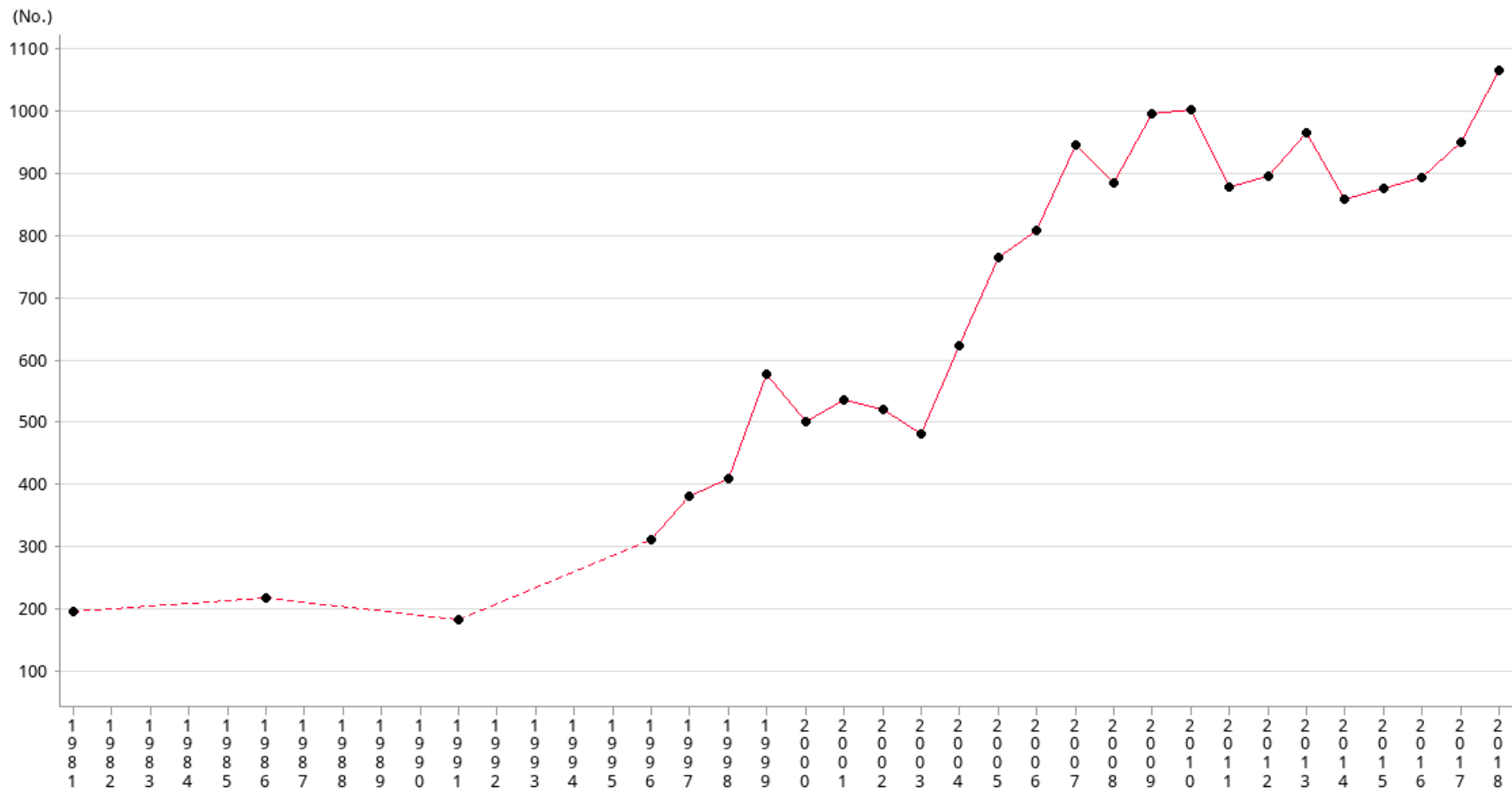


Social Indicators of Hong Kong
 Number of newly reported child abuse cases (by SWD)



Year	1981	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
No.	196	218	182	311	381	409	575	500	535	520	481	622	763	806	944

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
No.	882	993	1001	877	894	963	856	874	892	947	1064

Operational Definitions

The number of active cases as at July 1983, which is extracted from the Study on Child Abuse conducted by the Research and Statistics Unit of Social Welfare Department, is used as a proxy for 1981. It includes cases handled by the CPSU, Family Service Centres and the Probation Offices of the Social Welfare Department. refer to abusers as parent, family member, step-parent, adoptive parent, relative, caregiver. Abusers as teacher, unrelated person, co-tenant and unidentified person are not counted (SWD 10/26/71, dated 30 Sep 2003).

Footnote

All figures are collected from Social Welfare Department since 1981.

Figure for 1981 is not available, since the Child Protection Services Unit (CPSU) had not set up until 1983.

It is noted that the 2003 source is different from Code 29.7, which is based on no. of reported child abuse cases (Family & Child Welfare Section of SWD). Hence, data from 1996 to 2002 are replaced by figures from Code 29.7. Data source: (data 1986, 91, 96-2000) Social Welfare Department, October 19, 2001 (letter) SWD 10/15/26/71; (data 2001-2002) Jun 9, 2003 (with same ref no. above); and (data 2003-2008) Sep 16, 2009 (email).