

Press release

LCQ3: Household income data Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Following is a question by the Hon Lee Cheuk-yan and a written reply by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor K C Chan, in the Legislative Council today (March 21):

Question:

Regarding the household income data collected from the 2001 Population Census, the 2006 Population By-census and the 2011 Population Census, will the Government provide the following data for 2001, 2006 and 2011:

(a) the range, median and mean of the household income for each of the 10 decile groups obtained by dividing the number of all Hong Kong households according to their household income in each of the aforesaid three years (list in ascending order);

(b) the range, median and mean of the per capita household income for each of the 10 decile groups obtained by dividing the number of all Hong Kong people according to their per capita household income in each of the aforesaid three years (list in ascending order); and

(c) the respective Gini coefficients compiled on the basis of household income and per capita household income in each of the aforesaid three years?

Reply:

President,

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) has published the summary results of the 2011 Population Census (11C) in late February this year,

but detailed statistical data (including the distribution of household income and the related computation of Gini Coefficients) are still being compiled and will be released in mid-2012. Therefore, at this stage, C&SD can only compare the relevant results of the 2001 Population Census and those of the 2006 Population By-census. The comparisons are set out below:

(a) Monthly Domestic Household Income by Decile Group in 2001 and 2006

2001:

Decile Group	Monthly Domestic Household Income (HK\$)		
	Range	Median	Mean
1st	0 - 5,000	2,980	2,570
2nd	5,000 - 8,460	6,750	6,700
3rd	8,460 - 11,300	10,000	9,900
4th	11,300 - 15,000	13,000	13,070
5th	15,000 - 18,710	16,500	16,610
6th	18,710 - 23,000	20,500	20,680
7th	23,000 - 29,000	25,710	25,800
8th	29,000 - 37,670	32,560	32,810
9th	37,670 - 55,000	44,650	45,090
10th	>=55,000	80,000	121,390
Overall		18,710	29,460

2006:

Decile Group	Monthly Domestic Household Income (HK\$)		
	Range	Median	Mean
1st	0 - 4,200	2,400	2,170
2nd	4,200 - 7,500	6,000	5,920
3rd	7,500 - 10,100	9,000	8,900
4th	10,100 - 13,600	12,000	11,880
5th	13,600 - 17,250	15,300	15,400
6th	17,250 - 21,500	19,500	19,380
7th	21,500 - 27,400	24,250	24,330
8th	27,400 - 36,000	31,000	31,260
9th	36,000 - 53,750	42,900	43,360
10th	>=53,750	78,000	115,010
Overall		17,250	27,760

Note: Decile groups are demarcated using domestic households as units.

(b) Per Capita Monthly Domestic Household Income by Decile Group in 2001 and 2006

2001:

Decile Group	Per Capita Monthly Domestic Household Income (HK\$)		
	Range	Median	Mean
1st	0 - 2,120	1,540	1,390
2nd	2,120 - 3,000	2,500	2,540
3rd	3,000 - 3,750	3,330	3,350
4th	3,750 - 4,670	4,180	4,190
5th	4,670 - 5,670	5,130	5,150
6th	5,670 - 6,900	6,250	6,270
7th	6,900 - 8,570	7,640	7,680
8th	8,570 - 11,200	9,750	9,760
9th	11,200 - 17,250	13,480	13,700
10th	>= 17,250	25,100	35,100
Overall		5,670	8,910

2006:

Decile Group	Per Capita Monthly Domestic Household Income (HK\$)		
	Range	Median	Mean
1st	0 - 2,000	1,380	1,230
2nd	2,000 - 2,830	2,450	2,420
3rd	2,830 - 3,700	3,250	3,260
4th	3,700 - 4,670	4,170	4,170
5th	4,670 - 5,700	5,130	5,160
6th	5,700 - 7,000	6,300	6,310
7th	7,000 - 8,740	7,750	7,790
8th	8,740 - 11,500	10,000	9,990
9th	11,500 - 17,700	13,900	14,120
10th	>= 17,700	25,870	36,060
Overall		5,700	9,050

Note: Decile groups are demarcated using resident population in domestic households as units.

(c) Gini Coefficients in 2001 and 2006

	2001	2006
Computed on the basis of monthly household income	0.525	0.533
Computed on the basis of post-tax post-social transfer monthly household income	0.470	0.475
Computed on the basis of per capita monthly household income	0.491	0.502
Computed on the basis of post-tax post-social transfer per capita monthly household income	0.421	0.427

Ends