

# Schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between February and May 2020. The schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2020 was provided to the media in September 2019. No change has been made to the original schedule.

## February 2020

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Date	Press Release
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3	Advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product for fourth quarter and the whole year of 2019 (Note 1)
4	Retail sales statistics for December 2019
5	Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for fourth quarter 2019
18	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for December 2019
18	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for November 2019 – January 2020
18	Year-end population for 2019
20	Consumer Price Index for January 2020
25	External merchandise trade statistics for January 2020
26	Revised figures on Gross Domestic Product for fourth quarter and the whole year of 2019: data contained in the Budget supporting documents (Note 1)

## March 2020

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Date	Press Release
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2	Retail sales statistics for January 2020

3	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for fourth quarter 2019
10	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for fourth quarter 2019
12	Construction output statistics for fourth quarter 2019
12	Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for fourth quarter 2019
13	Index of industrial production and producer price index for the industrial sector for fourth quarter 2019
16	Gross National Income and external primary income flows for fourth quarter 2019
17	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for December 2019 – February 2020
19	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for January 2020
19	Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for fourth quarter 2019
20	Employment and vacancies statistics for December 2019
23	Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for fourth quarter 2019
23	Consumer Price Index for February 2020
26	External merchandise trade statistics for February 2020
26	Wage and payroll statistics for December 2019
31	Retail sales statistics for February 2020

April 2020

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Date	Press Release
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16	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for February 2020
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20 Unemployment and underemployment statistics for January –  
March 2020

23 Consumer Price Index for March 2020

24 Business expectations for second quarter 2020

27 External merchandise trade statistics for March 2020

May 2020

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Date Press Release

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4 Advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product for first  
quarter 2020 (Note 2)

5 Retail sales statistics for March 2020

6 Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for first  
quarter 2020

14 Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade  
for March 2020

15 Revised figures on Gross Domestic Product for first quarter  
2020 (Note 2)

19 Unemployment and underemployment statistics for February –  
April 2020

21 Consumer Price Index for April 2020

25 External merchandise trade statistics for April 2020

Note 1: The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) will issue press releases on quarterly advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The C&SD will compile and release revised figures on GDP in the "Gross Domestic Product (Quarterly) Report" when more data become available. The revised GDP figures for the fourth quarter and the whole year of 2019, together with other supporting materials, will also be released along with the Financial Secretary's "Budget Speech". According to the Financial Secretary's Office, the Budget is scheduled to be delivered on 26 February 2020. No separate press release will be issued by the C&SD in respect of the revised GDP figures.

Note 2: The C&SD will issue press releases on quarterly advance estimates on Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The C&SD will compile and release revised figures on GDP in the "Gross Domestic Product (Quarterly) Report" when more data become available. The revised GDP figures for the first quarter of 2020 will be included in the press release and the "First Quarter Economic Report 2020" to be issued by the Office of the Government Economist under the Financial Secretary's Office on the economic situation in the first quarter of 2020 and first update of GDP and prices forecasts for 2020. No separate press release will be issued by the C&SD in respect of the revised GDP figures.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2020 can be downloaded from the website of the Census and Statistics Department ([www.censtatd.gov.hk/press\\_release/index.jsp](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp)).