

Thematic Household Survey Report No. 74 published

The Thematic Household Survey Report No. 74 is published by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) today (December 30).

This publication contains key findings of the Thematic Household Survey conducted during November 2020 to March 2021. The survey collected information on various topics, including the utilisation of health services, medical benefits provided by employers/companies, coverage of individually purchased medical insurance and views on organ donation of Hong Kong residents.

In view of the emergence of the COVID-19 epidemic in Hong Kong since early 2020, the services throughput and the utilisation across a wide range of health services have been affected to different extents. As such, relevant figures should be interpreted with care when compared to the results of similar surveys conducted in the past.

Findings of the survey revealed that some 1 195 600 persons (16.9%) had consulted a doctor during the 30 days before enumeration. While 85.3% of them had consulted practitioners of Western medicine, 18.6% had consulted practitioners of Chinese medicine, including practitioners of Chinese medicine (general practice), bone-setters and acupuncturists, during that period.

Some 3 587 900 persons (50.8%) were entitled to medical benefits provided by employers/companies or were covered by individually purchased medical insurance or had both kinds of medical protection. Among them, 1 146 900 persons (32.0%) were entitled to medical benefits from employers/companies only, including 328 400 persons entitled to medical benefits provided by civil service/Hospital Authority only. While another 1 353 000 persons (37.7%) were covered by individually purchased medical insurance only, the remaining 1 087 900 persons (30.3%) had both kinds of medical protection.

Among some 4 698 400 persons aged 18 to 64 covered in the survey, some 1 302 800 persons (27.7%) were willing to donate their organs after death whereas about 711 000 persons (15.1%) were not willing; and over half of them (57.1%) had not yet decided/considered to do so or refused to answer questions on organ donation.

Other information

The survey successfully enumerated target respondents in some 10 000 households in accordance with a scientific sampling scheme to represent the population of Hong Kong.

Detailed findings of the survey, together with the population coverage

and concepts/definitions of key terms, are presented in the publication. Users can download the publication at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?scode=453&pcode=B1130201).

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