

Thematic Household Survey Report No. 79 published

The Thematic Household Survey Report No. 79 is published by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) today (June 6).

This publication contains key findings on Hong Kong population's pattern of smoking based on the Thematic Household Survey conducted from May to August 2023.

The survey results showed that there were some 577 300 daily conventional cigarette smokers in 2023, accounting for 9.1% of all persons aged 15 and over in Hong Kong, compared with the corresponding percentage of 9.5% in 2021. Daily conventional cigarette smokers consumed on average about 12 sticks of conventional cigarettes a day in 2023, while the corresponding figure in 2021 was about 13 sticks.

Including persons who consumed other forms of tobacco or related products (e.g. heated tobacco product, e-cigarette, cigar, hand-rolled cigarette, pipe-smoking, snuff/snus and water pipe), there were some 592 100 daily smokers in 2023, accounting for 9.4% of all persons aged 15 and over in Hong Kong, whereas the corresponding percentage in 2021 was 9.8%. There were some 11 600 daily smokers who consumed e-cigarettes, accounting for 0.2% of all persons aged 15 and over in Hong Kong, while the corresponding percentage in 2021 was 0.3%.

Other information

The survey successfully enumerated target respondents in some 10 100 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 browse and download the publication at the website of the C&SD (www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1130201&scode=453).

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