

# Thematic Household Survey Report No. 80 published

The Thematic Household Survey Report No. 80 is published by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) today (June 27).

This publication contains key findings on Internet and personal computer (PC) penetration based on the Thematic Household Survey conducted from May to August 2023.

The survey results showed that the majority of households (96.6%) had Internet access at home in 2023. Among these households, smartphone was the most popular type of device used for Internet connection at home (99.9%), followed by PC (77.0%).

Usage of the Internet remained popular. The rate of persons aged 10 and over having used the Internet during the 12 months before enumeration was 96.0% in 2023, while the corresponding rate in 2022 was 95.6%. It is noteworthy that the rate of persons aged 65 and over having used the Internet increased noticeably from 81.8% in 2022 to 84.2% in 2023.

Findings of the survey also showed that the popularity of smartphones remained at a high level. The smartphone penetration rate was 96.4% in 2023, comparable with the corresponding rate in 2022.

The usage of mobile payments was also common in Hong Kong. The survey revealed that in 2023, 64.9% of persons aged 15 and over had used mobile payments during the 12 months before enumeration, while the corresponding figure in 2022 was 60.2%. Among others, the implementation of the Consumption Voucher Scheme by the Government should have promoted the wider use of electronic payment.

## 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](http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/EIndexbySubject.html?pcode=B1130201&scode=453)).

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