Statistics of the Specified Groups of Persons

		Number of persons		
	Specified groups of persons	2004	2008	2012
Figures from the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD)				
(i)	Youth aged $18 - 24^1$	642 400	646 000	676 400
				(Projected)
(ii)	Home-makers aged 18 and above ²	643 500	676 700	Not available
(iii)	Older persons aged over 60^1	999 500	1 105 500	1 291 300
	-			(Projected)
(iv)	Ethnic minorities aged 18 and	301 865	305 857	Not available
	above ³	(2001)	(2006)	
(v)	Persons aged 18 and above with	Not	344 400	Not available
	disabilities ⁴	available	(2007)	
(vi)	Small and Medium Enterprises	250 800	254 600	Not available
	(Services) with fewer than 50 employees			
(vii)	Small and Medium Enterprises	14 300	12 600	Not available
	(Manufacturing) with fewer than			
	100 employees			
Figures from the Correctional Services Department				
(viii)	Discharged prisoners aged 18	10 161	9 614	8 880
	and above ⁵			(Projected)

- Notes: (1) The numbers of youth and the elderly in 2004 and 2008 were based on the population estimates of the Hong Kong Resident Population released by C&SD, while the figures for 2012 are based on the results of the population projections released by C&SD in 2007.
 - (2) Home-makers refer to persons who do not have a job and look after the home without pay. The figures were compiled based on the results of the General Household Survey conducted by C&SD in the corresponding years.
 - (3) The number of ethnic minorities was compiled based on the results of the 2001 Population Census and the 2006 Population By-census conducted by C&SD.
 - (4) The number of persons with disabilities was compiled based on the results of the Survey on Persons with Disabilities in 2007 conducted by C&SD.
 - (5) This indicates the number of local persons discharged from penal institutions in that particular year.