

Statistical / Administrative Registers and Register-based Statistics in Hong Kong

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Statistical Register maintained by Census and Statistics Department (C&SD)

1. Central Register of Establishments

- Business register
- Established in the 1980s
- Unit: Establishment
- Coverage: All establishments in Hong Kong
- Main administrative data source:
Business registration office for start and close
of establishments

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2. Central Register of Establishments (*Cont'd*)

- Business Registration Ordinance requires every person who carries on a business in Hong Kong to apply for business registration within a month from the date of commencement of the business
- If cease, the business operator has to notify the Business Registration Office within 1 month
- Renew every year

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2. Central Register of Establishments (*Cont'd*)

- Identifier: Unique business registration number assigned by the Business Registration Office
- Contents: Name, Address (physical address and mailing address), Industry, Employment size, etc.

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2. Central Register of Establishments (*Cont'd*)

- Operating status and employment size are not available in the administrative records from the Business Registration Office. Industry is also subject to change after the business starts.
- Updating mechanism:
 - Survey for updating these information are conducting continuously. This survey covers all newly created establishments and also samples among existing establishments

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2. Central Register of Establishments (*Cont'd*)

- Updating mechanism (*Cont'd*):
 - Feedback from economic surveys
- Mainly serve as sampling frame for economic surveys conducted by C&SD

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2. Register of Quarters

- Address register
- Unit: Buildings and unit of quarters
- Coverage: All buildings and units of quarters in Hong Kong
- Main administrative data sources:
Occupation permits and demolition consents issued by Buildings Department

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Statistical Register maintained by Census and Statistics Department (C&SD)

2. Register of Quarters (*Cont'd*)

- A unit of quarters is an enclosed space in various type of buildings:
 - Internally connected
 - Externally accessible

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Statistical Register maintained by Census and Statistics Department (C&SD)

2. Register of Quarters (*Cont'd*)

- Mainly serve as sampling frame for household surveys conducted by C&SD, government departments and academia
- Also produce register-based statistics on stock of living quarters by district by type of quarters
- Structure and updating mechanism of this register will be introduced in greater details in my next presentation



Register-based Statistics published by C&SD and Other Government Departments in Hong Kong

Main register-based statistics compiled by C&SD

- Population estimates
- Vital statistics, marriage statistics, etc.
- Merchandised trade statistics
C&SD is responsible for enforcing regulation under the Import and Export Ordinance relating to the lodgement of complete and accurate Import/Export Declarations and compilation of statistics



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Register-based statistics compiled by other departments

- Include education, housing, health, social welfare, law and order, and transport, etc.
- Example
 - Enrolment statistics in schools
 - Population living in public rental housing
 - Health statistics
 - Crime statistics
 - No. of motor vehicles by class of vehicles

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Register-based Statistics published by C&SD and Other Government Departments in Hong Kong

- Government Statistical Service of Hong Kong
 - C&SD together with the statistical units established in various government bureaux and departments (outposted statistical units) form the Government Statistical Service
 - Outposted statistical units produce specific purpose statistics from administrative records maintained by government bureaux and departments to which they are posted

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Register-based Statistics published by C&SD and Other Government Departments in Hong Kong

- **Government Statistical Service of Hong Kong**
 - Staff in outposted statistical units are responsible to the bureaux / departments to which they are posted
 - C&SD provides professional guidance and advice whenever required. Moreover, the outposted statistical staff come under C&SD in such matters as recruitment, training, posting and promotion

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Thank you!

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