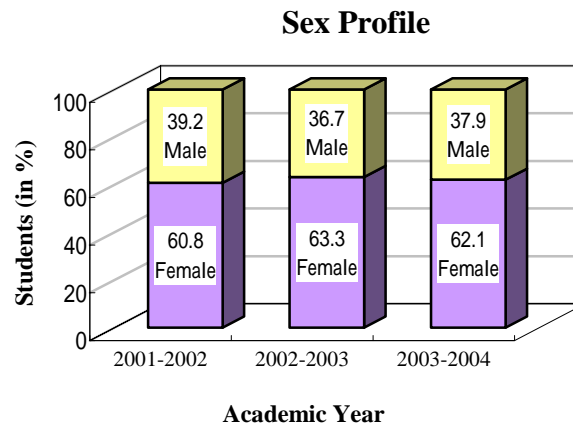


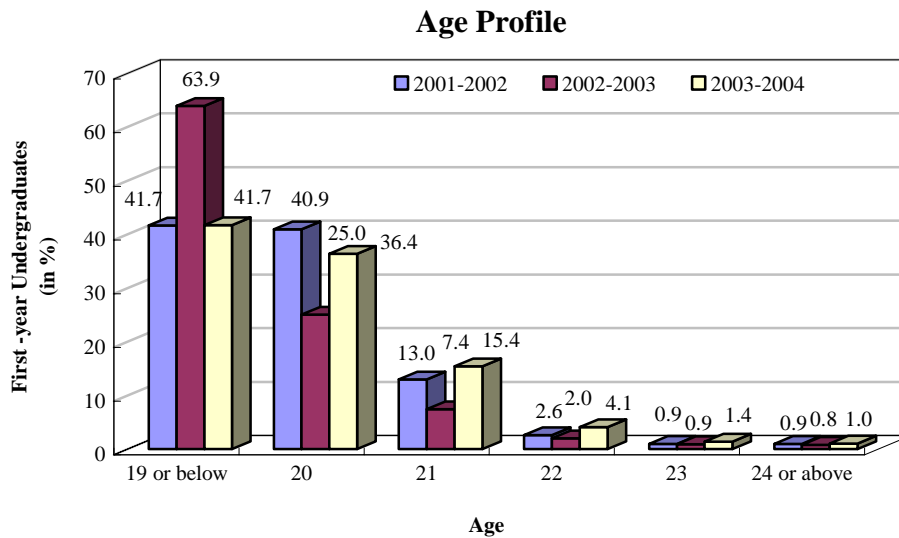
First-Year Student Survey in Capsule 2003-2004

This year's survey was conducted through web interface. First-year students were asked to complete the questionnaire when they attended one of the University Workshop sessions.

A total of 1,163 first-year students responded to the Survey, representing a response rate of 80.5% (1,163 out of 1,445), compared with 87.7% of last year. Below is the summary of the data collected.

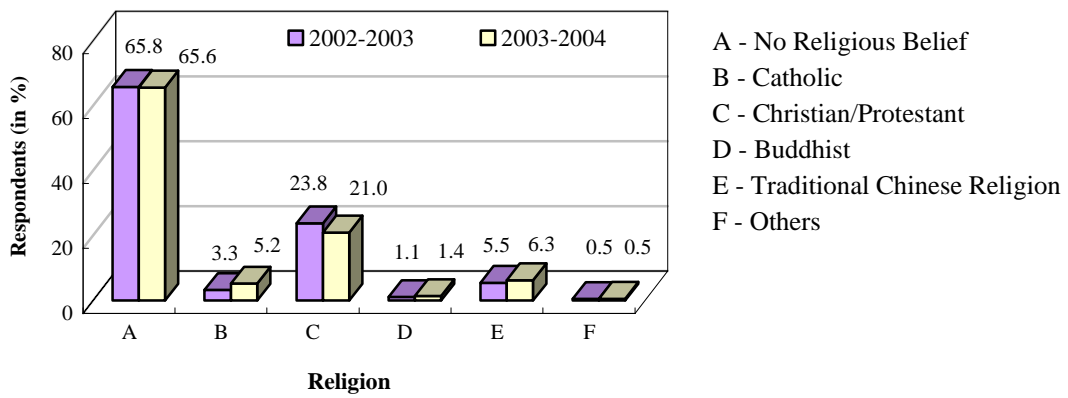


Like the past few years, the 2003-04 FYFD cohort has more female than male. The ratio of male to female is 1:1.64(1:1.72 in 2002-03)



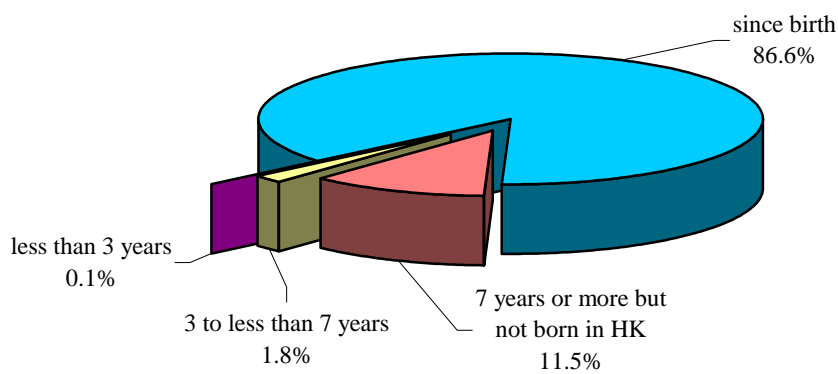
The majority of the respondents (78.1%) are aged 20 or below (88.9% in 2002-03).

Religion Status



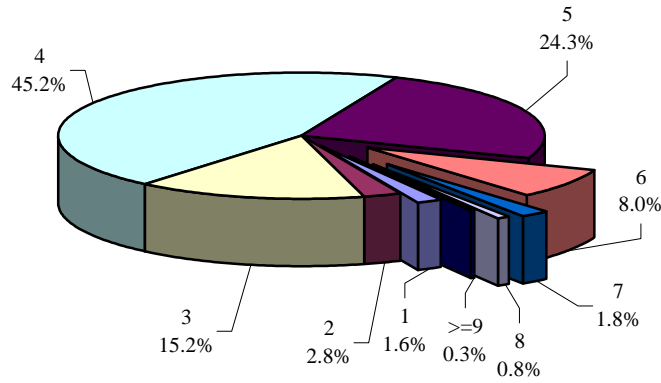
Same as last year, over 65% of the respondents have no religious belief. Among those who have, 21.0% of them are Christian/Protestant.

Years of Residence in Hong Kong



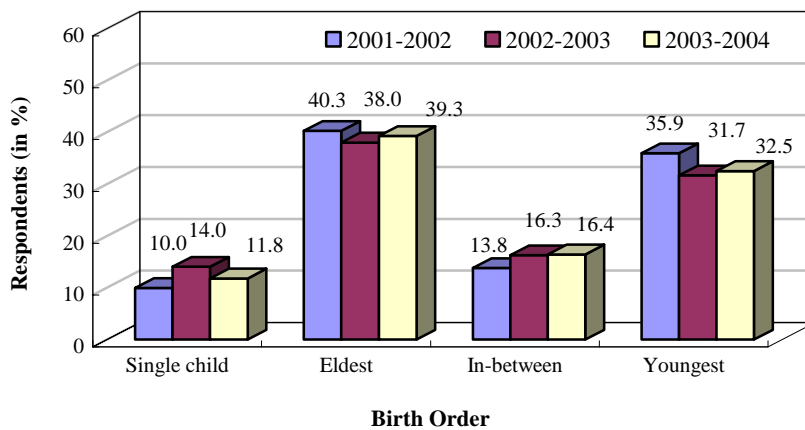
An overwhelming majority (86.6%) of the respondents were born in Hong Kong. Less than 2% of the first-year students have lived in Hong Kong for less than 7 years.

Number of Family Members



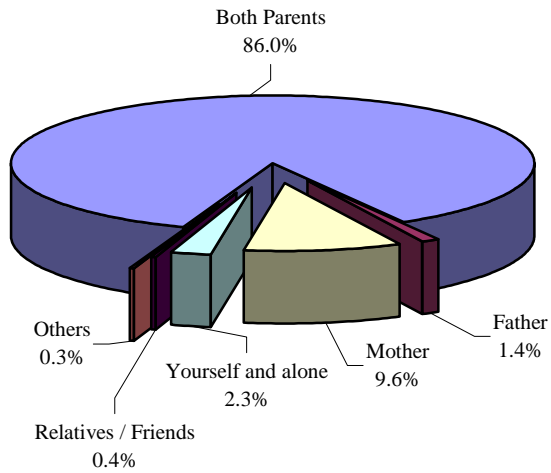
84.7% of the first-year students come from a family with three to five members.

Birth Order in Family



39.3% of the respondents are the eldest child while 32.5% of them are the youngest in the family.

Sharing Accommodation with Family Members



The majority of the respondents (86.0%) live with both parents.

Highest Education Attainment of Parents

Education Level	Father	Mother
No Formal Education	8.6%	8.9%
Primary Education	34.7%	38.3%
Secondary Education	45.2%	45.9%
Matriculation	7.2%	4.7%
Post-secondary / University	4.3%	2.2%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

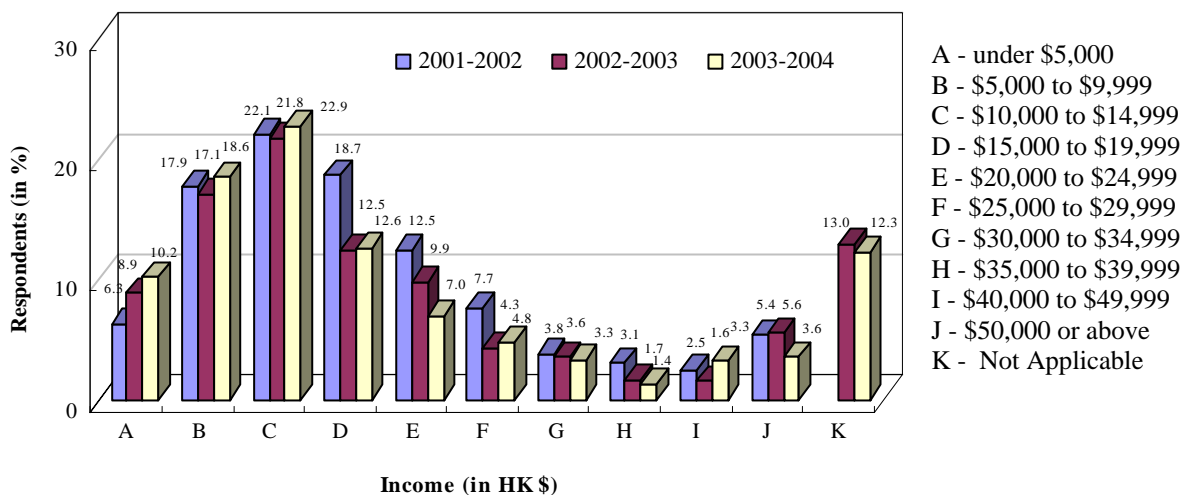
Only 11.5% of fathers and 6.9% of mothers have attained post-secondary-five education.

Parents' Occupation

Occupation	Father	Mother
Professional	5.2%	4.5%
Service worker	21.5%	13.5%
Skilled/ semi-skilled worker	21.5%	5.6%
Business proprietor/ shop owner	10.1%	3.0%
Administrator/ executive	3.1%	2.1%
Labourer	6.5%	4.5%
Hawker	1.0%	0.3%
Clerical & other support staff	2.8%	5.8%
Salesman	1.5%	2.2%
Retired/ unemployed/ housekeeper	11.8%	41.1%
Others	15.0%	17.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Most fathers work in the service sector (21.5%) or are skilled/semi-skilled workers (21.5%) while 41.1% of their mothers are either retired, unemployed or housekeeper. Around 10% of the fathers and 3% of the mothers are business proprietors or shop owners.

Monthly Household Income

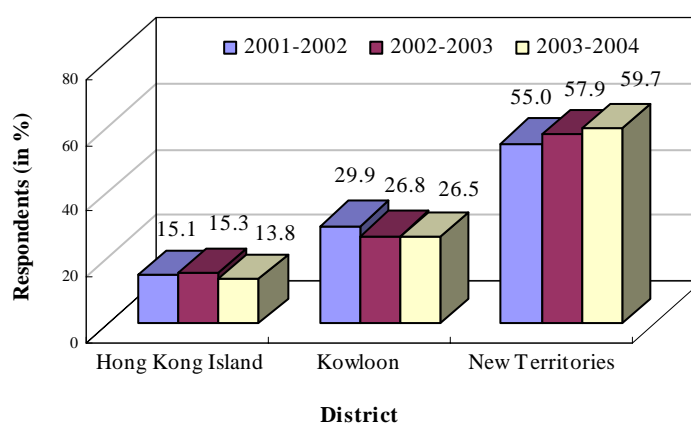


64.3% of the first-year students have a monthly household income below HK\$20,000.

Distribution of Residence and Average Travelling Time

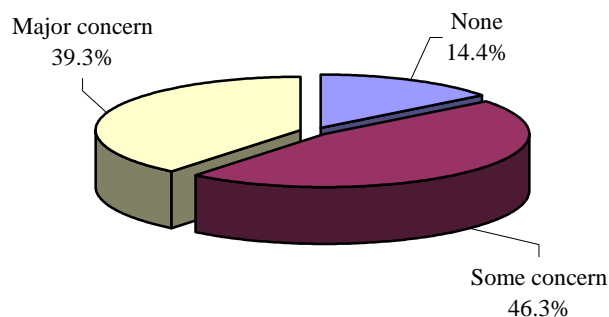
Area	District	Survey	Average Travelling Time (min.)
Hong Kong Island	Eastern	7.2%	54.3
	Wanchai	1.5%	48.5
	Central & Western	2.2%	60.0
	Southern	2.9%	68.8
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>57.7</i>
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	9.1%	42.2
	Wong Tai Sin	6.3%	18.7
	Kowloon City	4.4%	28.5
	Shamshuipo	4.0%	27.8
	Mongkok	1.8%	30.7
	Yaumatei/Tsimshatsui	0.9%	34.1
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	<i>26.5%</i>	<i>31.1</i>
New Territories	Northern	7.5%	60.2
	Shatin	12.3%	37.9
	Tai Po	7.1%	45.7
	Sai Kung	4.3%	47.4
	Tsuen Wan	5.2%	54.0
	Kwai Chung/Tsing Yi	6.2%	47.9
	Yuen Long	6.4%	91.2
	Tuen Mun	9.8%	88.7
	Outlying Islands	0.9%	72.0
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	<i>59.7%</i>	<i>59.3</i>
	<i>Total/ Average</i>		<i>100.0%</i>

Resident District



Over half of the first-year students (59.7%) live in the New Territories, with a higher portion living in Shatin. The average travelling time (single journey from home to University) for all students is around 49 minutes.

Concern about Financing University Education

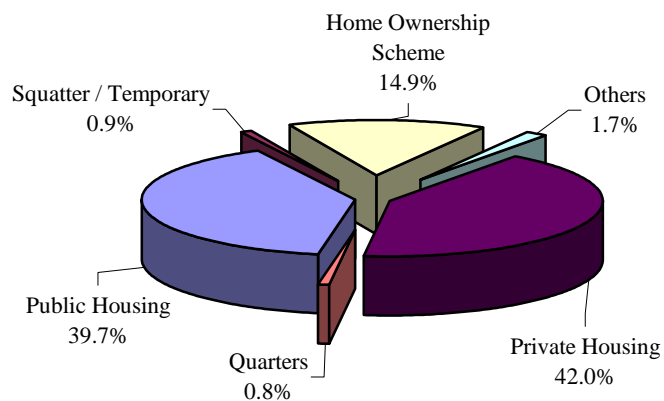


Type of Financial Support by Importance of Support

Importance of Support	Type of Financial Support					
	Family Support	Personal Savings	Part-time Job	Financial Aids	Scholarship/ Prizes	Others
20% or under	26.8%	96.7%	94.7%	54.1%	97.1%	98.3%
21-40%	11.6%	2.7%	3.6%	10.8%	1.5%	0.8%
41-60%	18.1%	0.4%	1.2%	17.4%	0.8%	0.4%
61-80%	14.2%	0.0%	0.4%	9.1%	0.4%	0.1%
81-100%	29.3%	0.2%	0.1%	8.6%	0.2%	0.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

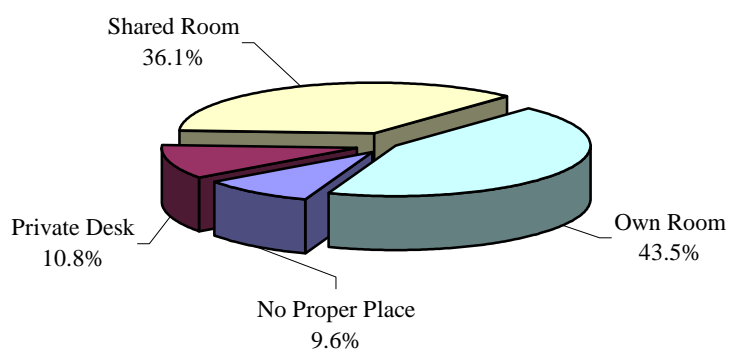
Only 14.4% of the first-year students do not have concern about financing their university education. The most important source of finance for university education still comes from the family, same as last year.

Type of Residence



54.6% of our students live in Government housing schemed flats (Government housing estates and properties purchased through Government Home Ownership Scheme). Same as last year, about 40% of their residence has a size ranging from 400 to 599 sq.ft.

Study Place at Home



Only 43.5% of the first-year students have their own room.