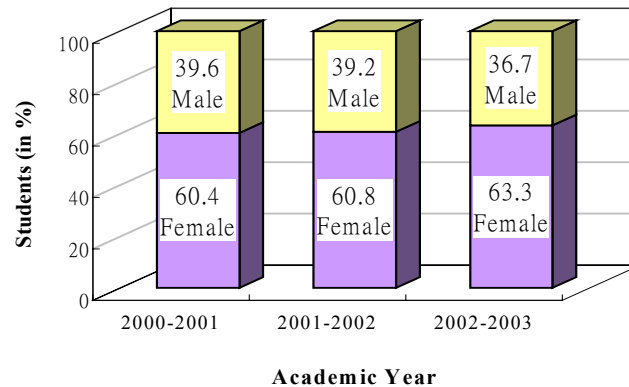


First-Year Student Survey in Capsule 2002-2003

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.

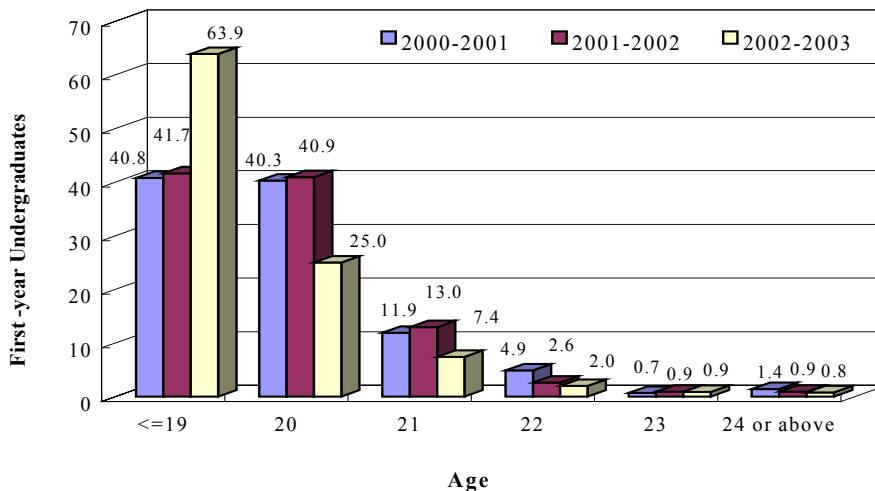
A total of 1,197 first-year students responded to the Survey, representing a response rate of 87.7% (1,197 out of 1,365), the same response rate as obtained last year. Below is the summary of the data collected.

Sex Profile



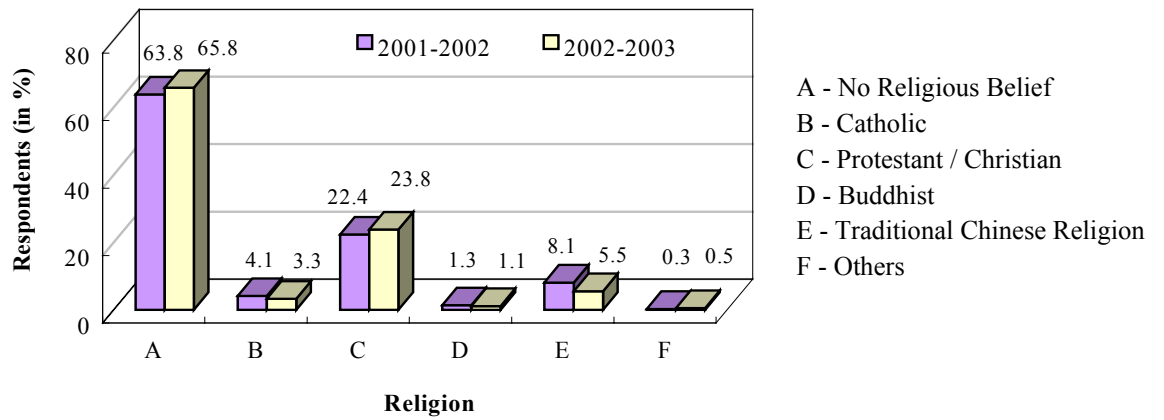
Like the past few years, the 2002-03 FYFD cohort has more female than male. The ratio of male to female is 1:1.72 (1:1.55 in 2001-02)

Age Profile



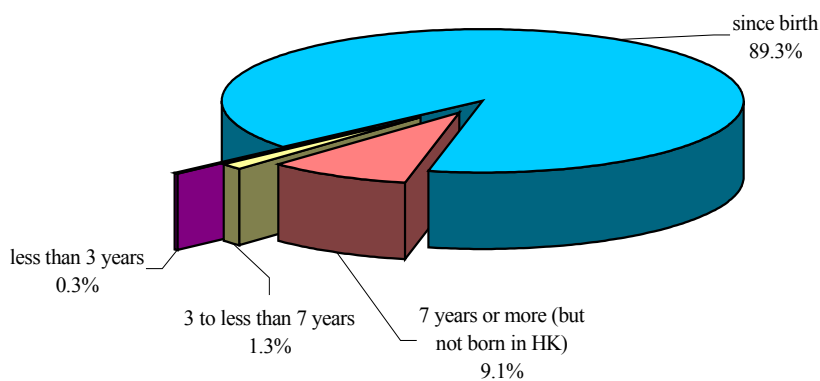
The majority of the respondents (88.9%) are aged 20 or below (82.6% in 2001-02).

Religion Status



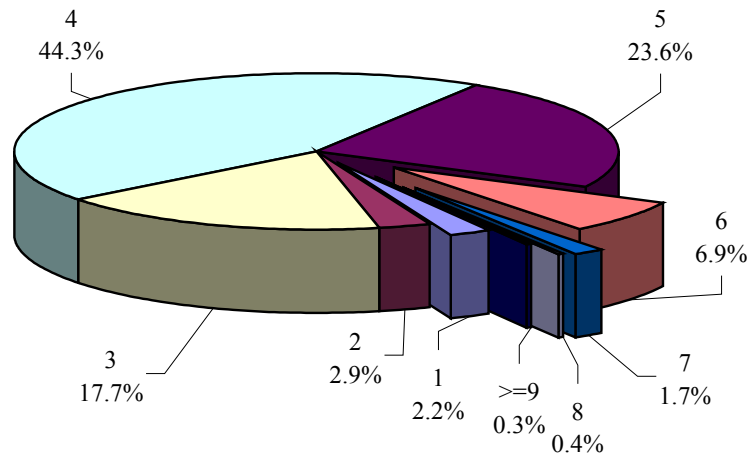
Over 65% of the respondents have no religious belief. Among those who have, 23.8% of them are Christian/Protestant.

Years of Residence in Hong Kong



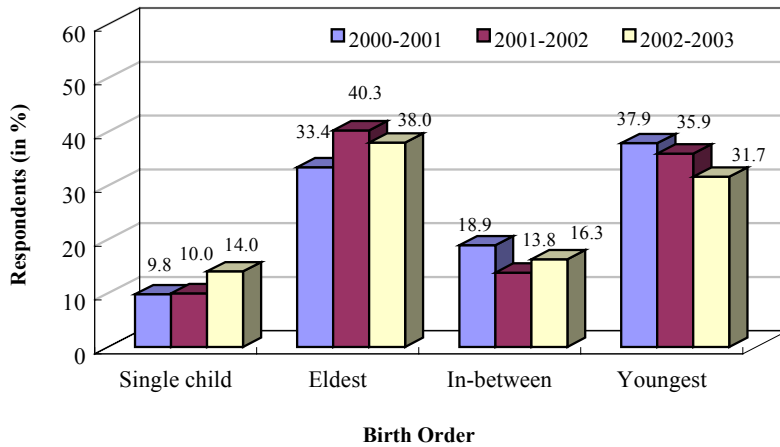
An overwhelming majority (89.3%) of the respondents were born in Hong Kong. Less than 2% of the first-year students have lived in Hong Kong for less than 7 years.

Number of Family Members



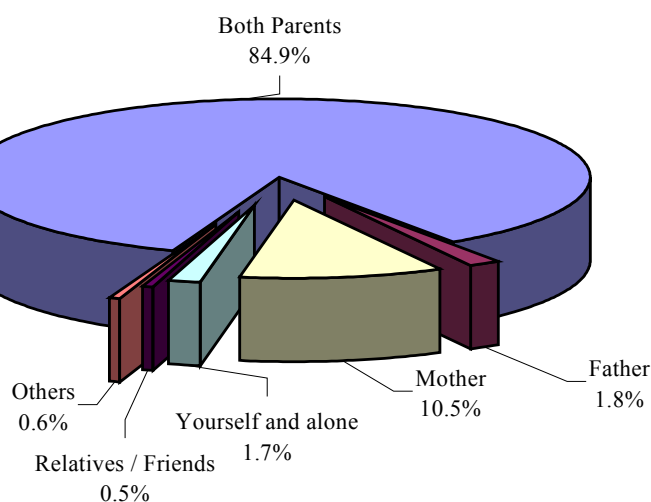
85.6% of the first-year students come from a family with three to five members.

Birth Order in Family



38.0% of the respondents are the eldest while 31.7% of them are the youngest child in the family.

Sharing Accommodation with Family Members



The majority of the respondents (84.9%) live with both parents.

Highest Education Attainment of Parents

Education Level	Father	Mother
No Formal Education	6.9%	7.6%
Primary Education	32.1%	41.3%
Secondary Education	46.4%	43.8%
Matriculation	7.8%	5.0%
Post-secondary / University	6.8%	2.3%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

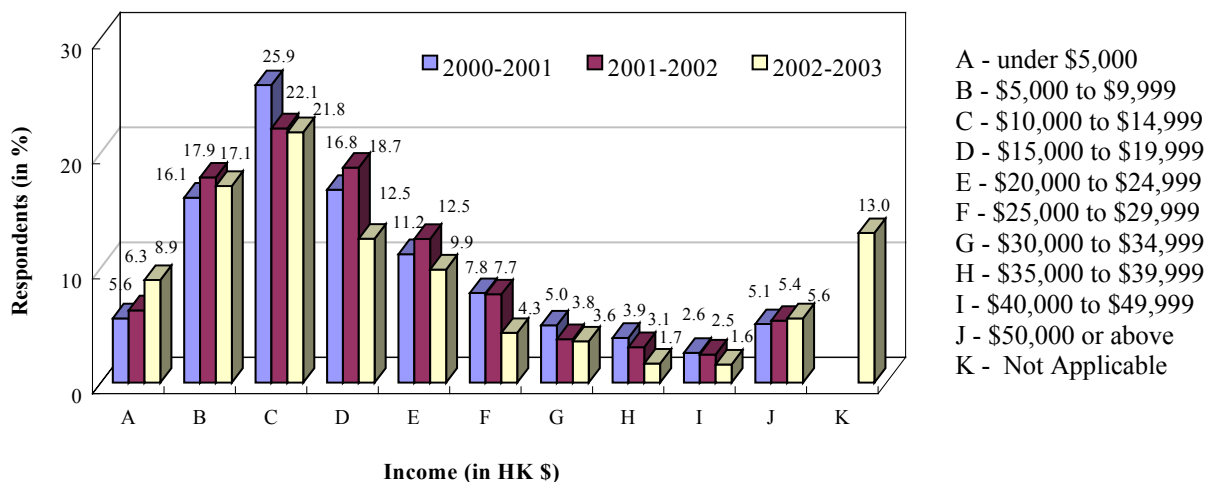
Only 14.6% of fathers and 7.3% of mothers of first-year students have attained post-secondary-five education.

Parents' Occupation

Occupation	Father	Mother
Professional	6.7%	3.9%
Service worker	20.1%	10.4%
Skilled/ semi-skilled worker	21.7%	7.3%
Business proprietor/ shop owner	9.9%	2.8%
Administrator/ executive	4.7%	2.3%
Labourer	3.9%	4.6%
Hawker	0.8%	0.5%
Clerical & other support staff	3.9%	7.4%
Salesman	2.2%	2.6%
Retired/ unemployed/ housekeeper	12.5%	44.5%
Others	13.6%	13.7%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Most fathers of first-year students work in the service sector (20.1%) or are skilled/semi-skilled workers (21.7%) while 44.5% 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.

Household Income

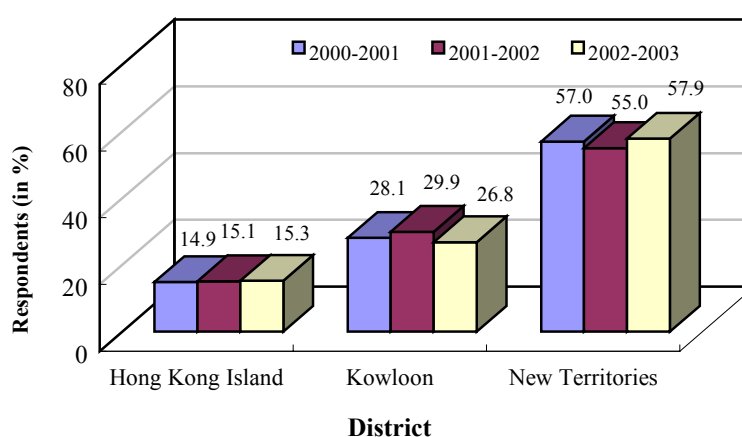


60% of the first-year students have a household income below HK\$20,000.

Distribution of Residence and Average Travelling Time

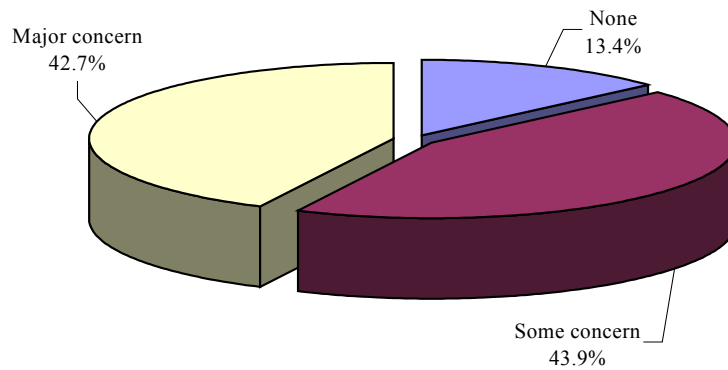
Area	District	Survey	Average Travelling Time (min.)
Hong Kong Island	Eastern	8.6%	57.5
	Wanchai	1.1%	51.9
	Central & Western	2.4%	63.6
	Southern	3.2%	73.4
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	<i>15.3%</i>	<i>61.4</i>
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	8.6%	43.3
	Wong Tai Sin	6.1%	21.6
	Kowloon City	4.1%	27.9
	Shamshuipo	4.4%	27.5
	Mongkok	2.2%	30.0
	Yaumatei/Tsimshatsui	1.4%	36.2
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	<i>26.8%</i>	<i>31.9</i>
New Territories	Northern	5.8%	58.0
	Shatin	13.6%	35.4
	Tai Po	6.2%	46.6
	Sai Kung	4.4%	50.1
	Tsuen Wan	4.5%	55.0
	Kwai Chung/Tsing Yi	7.1%	52.8
	Yuen Long	5.6%	96.5
	Tuen Mun	9.9%	94.2
	Outlying Islands	0.8%	88.3
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	<i>57.9%</i>	<i>60.3</i>
<i>Total/ Average</i>		<i>100.0%</i>	<i>51.2</i>

Resident District



Over half of the first-year students (57.9%) live in the New Territories, with a higher portion living in Shatin. The average travelling time (single journey from home to University) is around 51 minutes.

Concern about Financing University Education

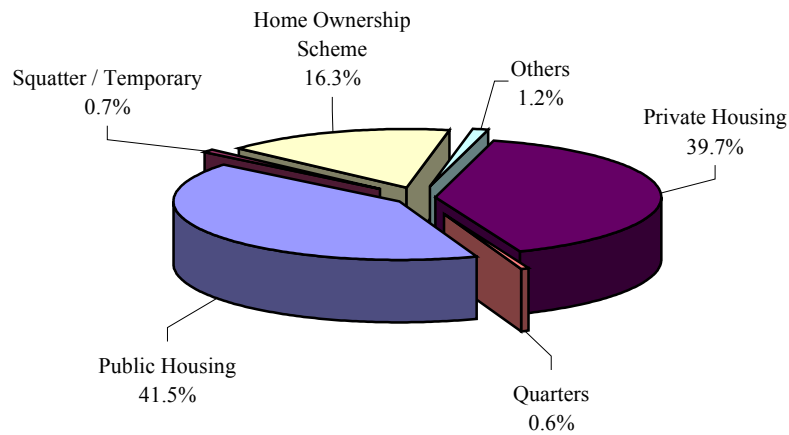


Type of Financial Support by Importance of Support

Importance of Support	Type of Financial Support					
	Family Support	Personal Savings	Part-time Job	Financial Aids	Scholarship/ Prizes	Others
20% or under	23.8%	96.8%	95.4%	54.3%	97.9%	99.0%
21-40%	14.6%	2.3%	3.0%	10.8%	1.2%	0.60%
41-60%	17.1%	0.5%	1.1%	16.0%	0.5%	0.1%
61-80%	13.6%	0.1%	0.3%	10.9%	0.2%	0.1%
81-100%	30.9%	0.3%	0.2%	8.0%	0.2%	0.2%
<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>

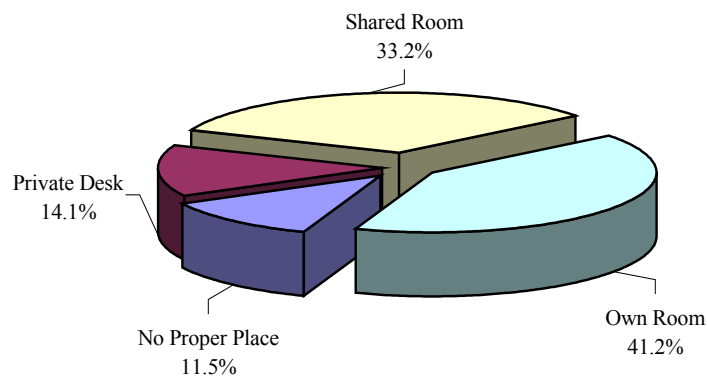
Only 13.4% of the first-year students do not have concern about financing their university education. The most important source of finance for university education still comes from the family, same as last year.

Type of Residence



57.8% of our students live in Government housing schemed flats (Government housing estates and properties purchased through Government Home Ownership Scheme). About 40% of their residence has a size ranging from 400 to 599 sq.ft.

Study Place at Home



Only 41.2% of the first-year students have their own room.