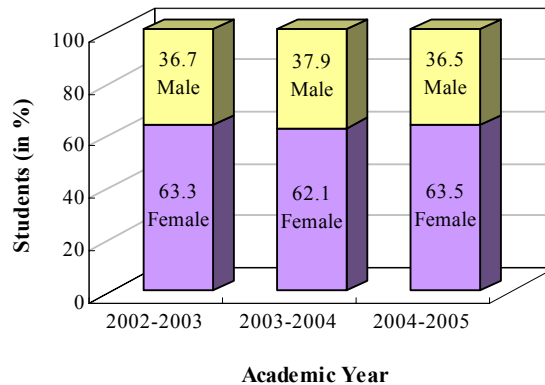


First-Year Student Survey in Capsule 2004-2005

This survey is conducted through web interface every year during the University-Life Workshop. First-year students are asked to complete the questionnaire when they attend one of the Workshop sessions.

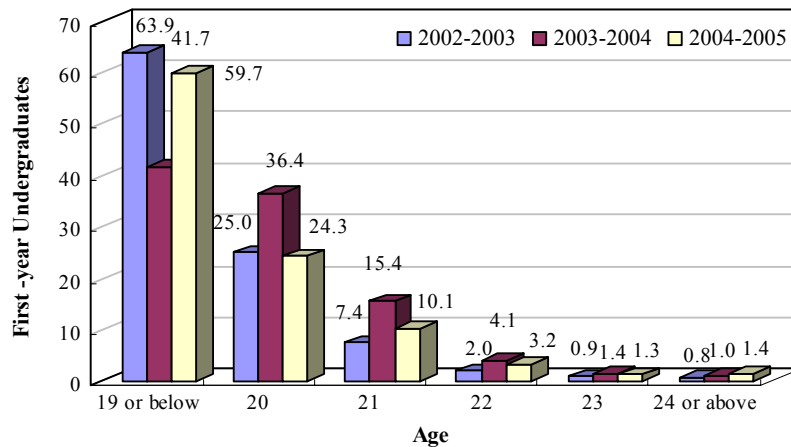
A total of 1,289 first-year students responded to the Survey, representing a response rate of 84.6% (1,289 out of 1,524), compared with 80.5% of last year. Below is the summary of the data collected.

Sex Profile



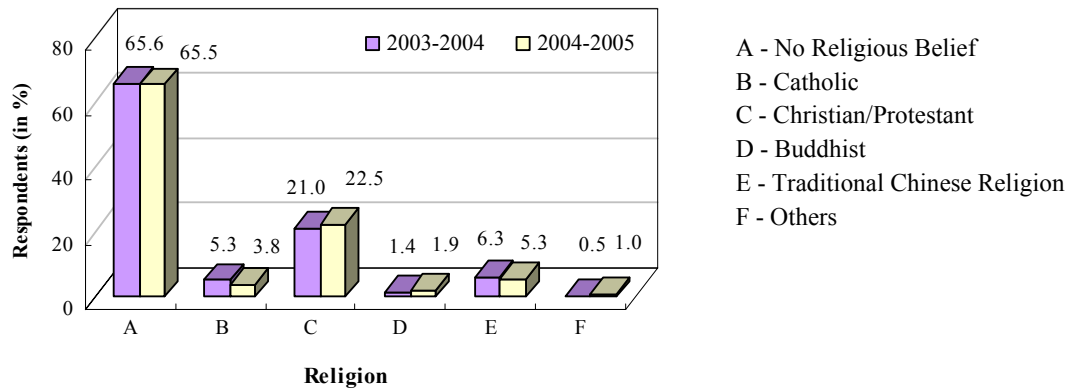
Like the past few years, the 2004-05 FYFD cohort has more female than male. The ratio of male to female is 1:1.74 (1:1.64 in 2003-04)

Age Profile



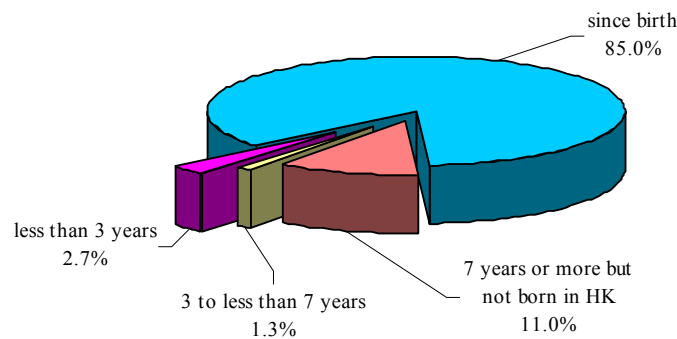
The majority of the respondents (84%) are aged 20 or below (78.1% in 2003-04).

Religion Status



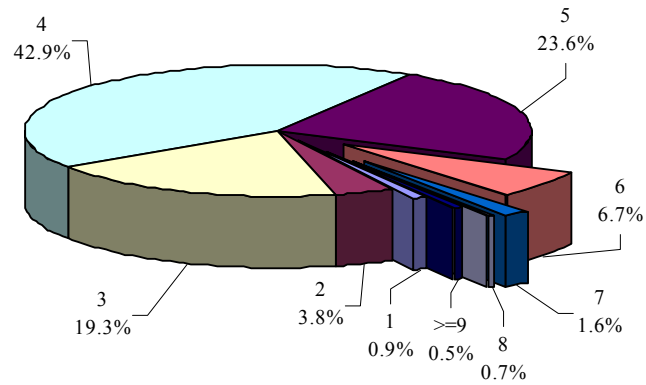
Same as last year, over 65% of the respondents have no religious belief. Among those who have, 22.5% of them are Christian/Protestant.

Years of Residence in Hong Kong



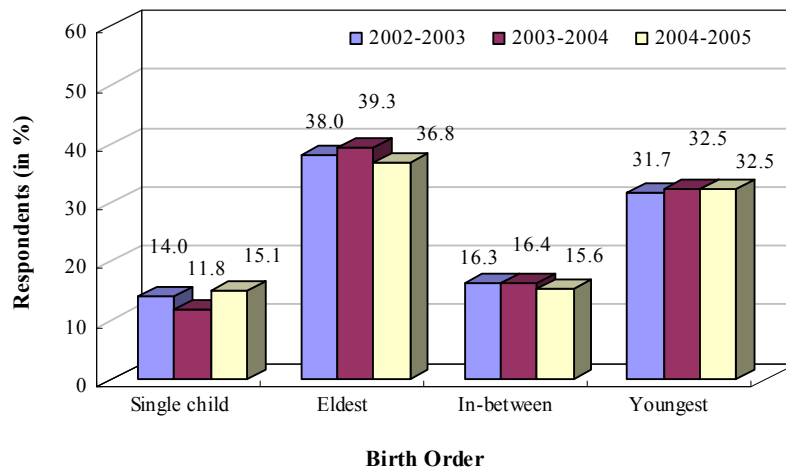
An overwhelming majority (85%) of the respondents were born in Hong Kong. Last year, less than 2% of the first-year students have lived in Hong Kong for less than 7 years while this year, they represent 4% of the total respondents.

Number of Family Members



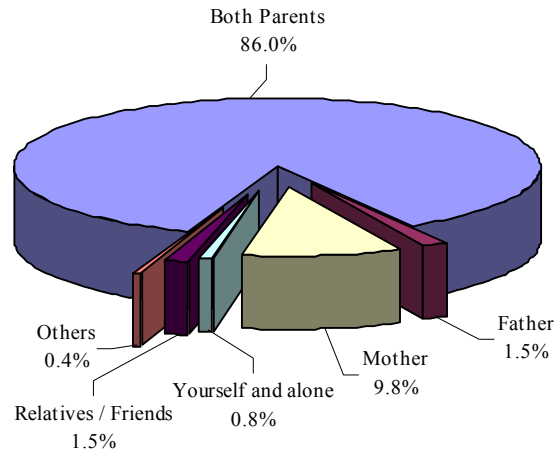
85.8% of the first-year students come from a family with three to five members.

Birth Order in Family



36.8% 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	7.8%	9.1%
Primary Education	39.6%	43.7%
Secondary Education/ Matriculation (F.6, F.7)	43.8%	42.4%
Post-secondary/ University	8.8%	4.8%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

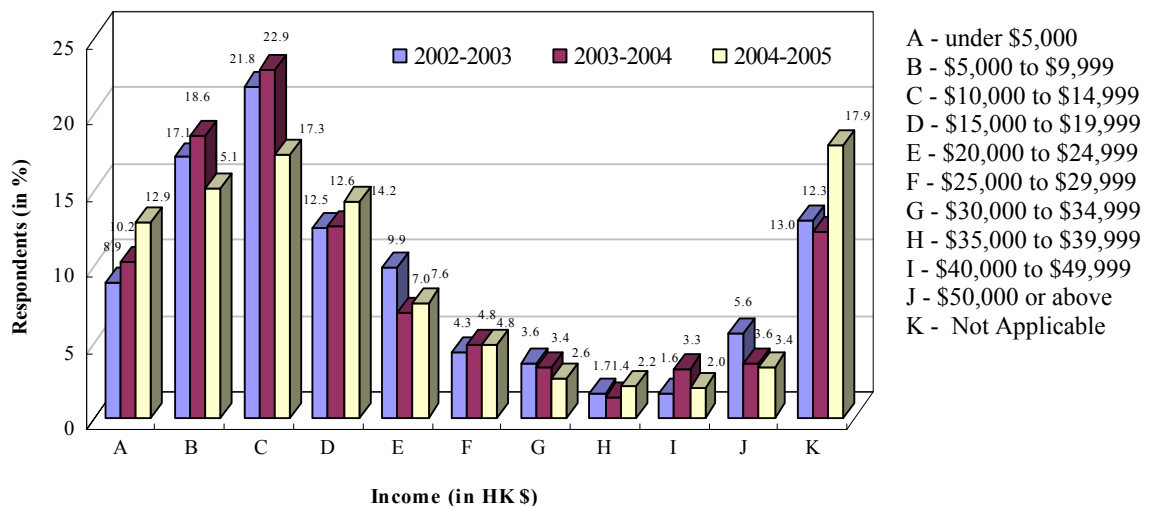
Only 8.8% of fathers and 4.8% of mothers have attained post-secondary/ University education.

Parents' Occupation

Occupation	Father	Mother
Professional	6.8%	4.3%
Service worker	19.2%	10.8%
Skilled/ semi-skilled worker	21.1%	4.5%
Business proprietor/ shop owner	11.2%	3.5%
Administrator/ executive	3.2%	1.6%
Labourer	4.4%	4.9%
Hawker	0.3%	0.4%
Clerical & other support staff	2.9%	6.7%
Salesman	1.6%	2.3%
Retired/ unemployed/ housekeeper	10.2%	41.4%
Others	19.1%	19.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Most fathers are skilled/semi-skilled workers (21.1%) or work in the service sector (19.2%) while 41.4% of their mothers are either retired, unemployed or housekeeper. 11.2% of the fathers and 3.5% of the mothers are business proprietors or shop owners.

Household Income

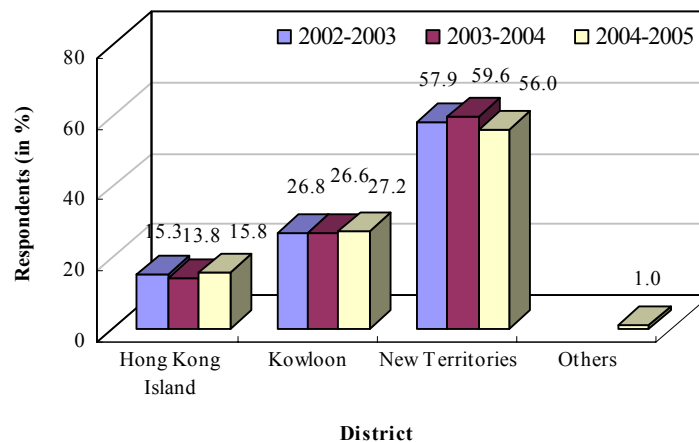


59.5% of the first-year students have a monthly household income below HK\$20,000.

Distribution of Residence and Average Travelling Time

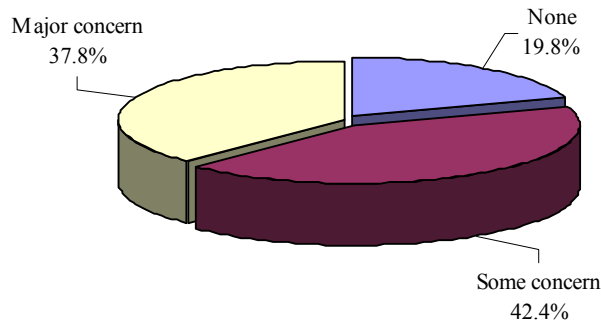
Area	District	Survey	Average Travelling Time (min.)
Hong Kong Island	Eastern	7.9%	60.6
	Wanchai	1.2%	47.0
	Central & Western	3.6%	63.5
	Southern	3.1%	73.5
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	15.8%	62.8
Kowloon	Kwun Tong	8.0%	40.9
	Wong Tai Sin	6.1%	25.3
	Kowloon City	5.5%	28.9
	Shamshuipo	5.0%	30.5
	Yaumatei/Tsimshatsui	2.6%	34.4
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	27.2%	32.4
	New Territories	Northern	6.2%
Shatin		11.1%	37.2
Tai Po		6.7%	51.3
Sai Kung		4.9%	47.9
Tsuen Wan		5.2%	51.3
Kwai Tsing		5.9%	51.3
Yuen Long		6.5%	83.2
Tuen Mun		8.7%	86.5
Outlying Islands		0.8%	75.0
<i>Total/ Average</i>		56.0%	58.6
Others		Marine	0.1%
	Not applicable	0.9%	45.0
	<i>Total/ Average</i>	1.0%	47.5
<i>Total/ Average</i>		100.0%	50.3

Resident District



Over half of the first-year students (56%) 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 50 minutes.

Concern about Financing University Education

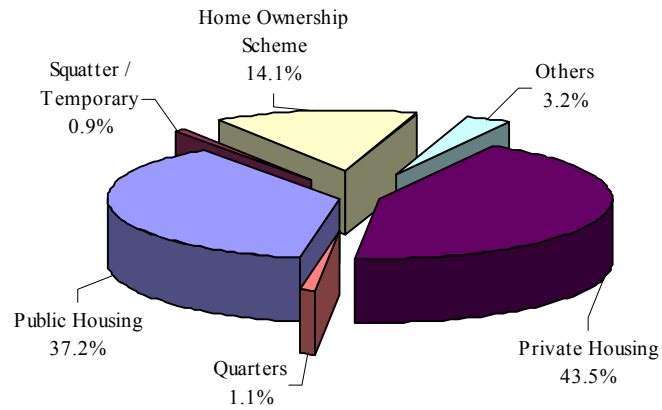


Type of Financial Support by Importance of Support

Importance of Support	Type of Financial Support					
	Family Support	Personal Savings	Part-time Job	Financial Aids	Scholarship/ Prizes	Others
20% or under	26.4%	97.4%	96.0%	55.7%	97.2%	98.3%
21-40%	12.3%	1.6%	2.5%	8.7%	0.5%	0.8%
41-60%	15.7%	0.6%	1.1%	14.6%	1.0%	0.6%
61-80%	11.6%	0.1%	0.1%	11.5%	0.4%	0.1%
81-100%	34.0%	0.3%	0.3%	9.5%	0.9%	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>

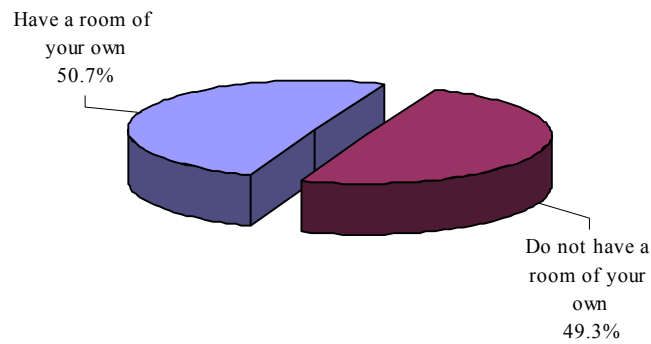
Only 19.8% of the first-year students do not have concern about financing their university education. The most important source of finance for university education still comes from the family, same as last year.

Type of Residence



51.3% 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 58.1% of their residence has a size ranging from 200 to 599 sq.ft.

Study Place at Home



Only 50.7% of the first-year students have their own room.