

Press Conference @CSRP, HKU







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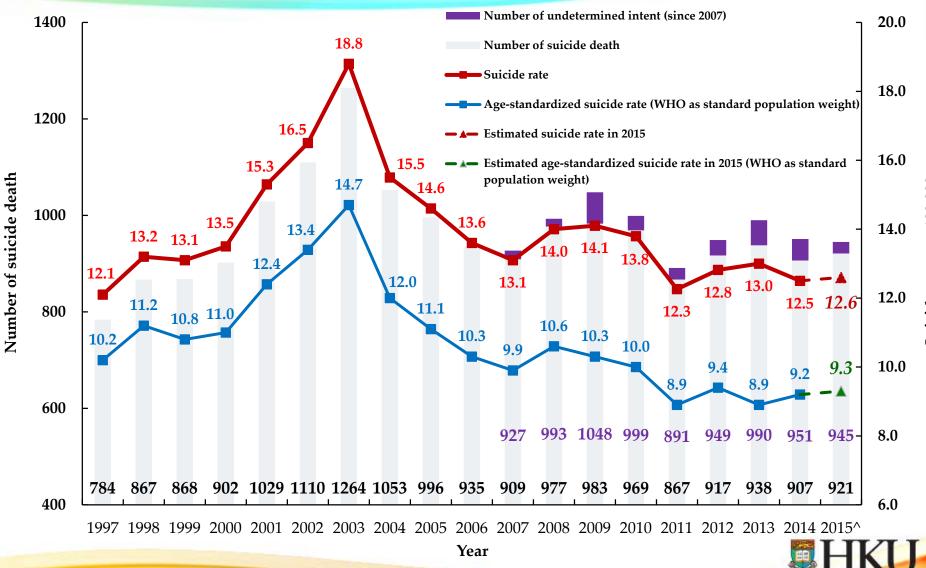
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SUICIDE RATES IN HONG KONG

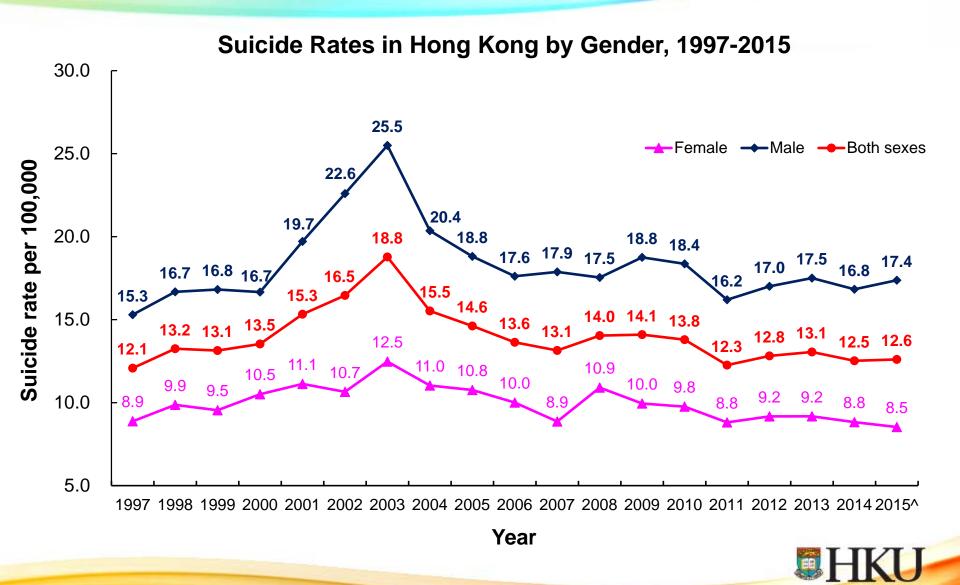


Number of Suicides and Suicide Rates in Hong Kong, 1997-2015



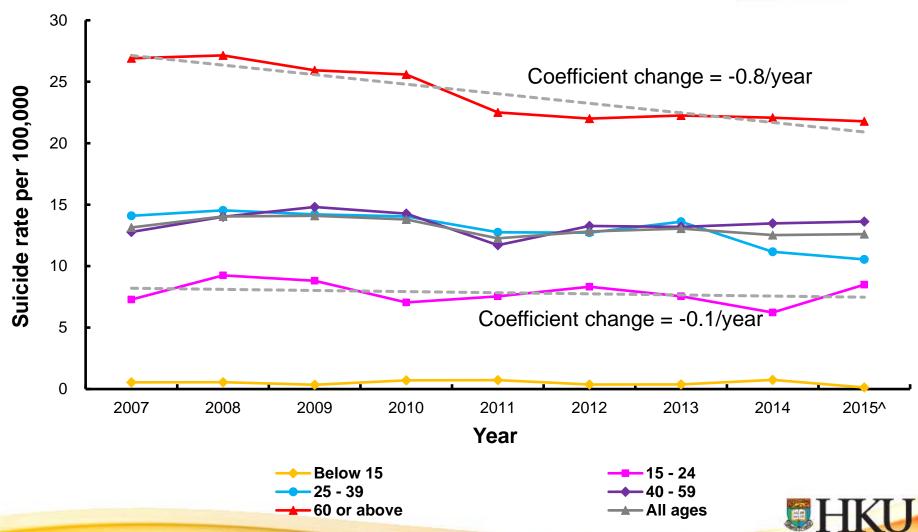
^ According to data from the Coroner's Court, with registered death date up to 30 June 2016, there were 858 (880) suicide cases in 2015.

^ From the CSRP experience, there will be more cases to be confirmed in 2015. We estimated that there were about 921 (945) cases in 2015 by adjustment with 2014.

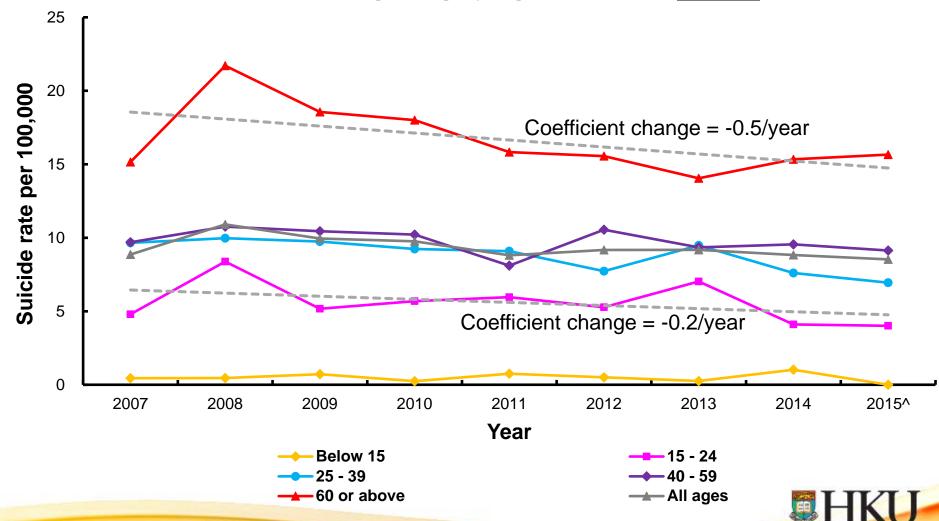


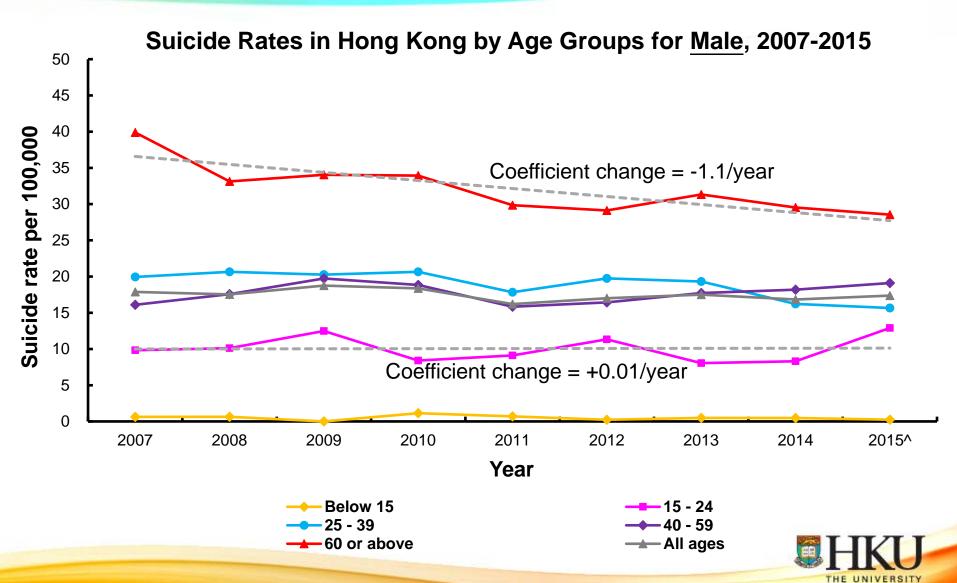


Suicide Rates in Hong Kong by Age Groups, 2007-2015

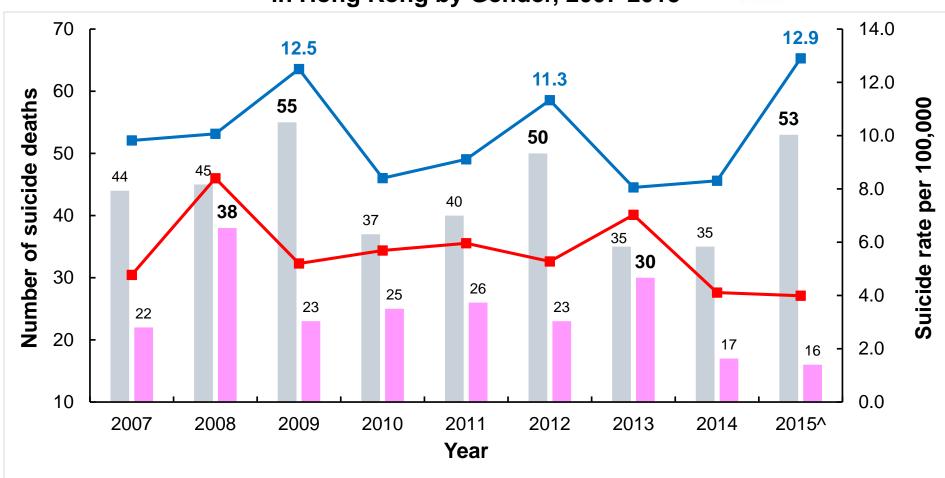


Suicide Rates in Hong Kong by Age Groups for Female, 2007-2015





Number of Suicides and Suicide Rates of Youths (Aged 15-24) in Hong Kong by Gender, 2007-2015



Number of male suicides

Number of female suicides

--- Male suicide rate

---Female suicide rate



Student vs Non-student Suicides among Youths (Aged 15-24), 2014 & 2015

	Both Genders		М	Male		Female	
	2014	2015^	2014	2015^	2014	2015^	
Number of youth suicides	57	70	38	54	19	16	
Number of full-time student suicides	17	23	12	16	5	7	
Proportion of full-time student suicides among all youth suicides	29.8%	32.9%	31.6%	29.6%	26.3%	43.8%	
Number of youth	835 200	808 800	421 400	407 800	413 800	401 000	
Proportion of full-time students* among all youths	62.3%	55.8%	62.6%	56.8%	62.1%	54.8%	

^{*}Estimation based on General Household Survey, Census & Statistics Department.



^{*}Include all students attending full-time courses in schools or educational institutions.

^{*}Exclude students attending secondary day courses operated by private institutes.

[^] Registered death date up to 30 June 2016. Estimation of suicide death in 2015 by adjustment with 2014.

MESSAGES FROM SUICIDE STUDENTS



Messages from suicide students — to be cont'd

- Text analysis on suicide notes by students (2013/14 ~ 2015/16 school years)
 - Based on documents provided by the Police Force, Coroner's Court, and EDB
 - 34 suicides by primary and secondary school students were confirmed, 8 of them left 17 suicide notes.
 - 15 suicides by post-secondary students were confirmed, 5 of them left 9 suicide notes.
 - Removed specific names, dates, and other words that may identify an individual.
 - Removed words that only appeared once.



Messages from suicide students

- Size of word is proportional to the average rate of each word's appearance in each suicide note.
- Words with average rate lower than 1/1000 were removed.





by primary and secondary school students

by post-secondary school students

JASON' S SHARING:

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Contents:

- story sharing
- debunking suicide misconceptions
- warning signs of suicide
- communication skills with people having suicidal thoughts
- suicide risk factors and protective factors
- suicide prevention hotlines
- latest suicide data
- psychological assessments



"Suicide is a public health problem and suicide prevention is everyone's business."







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