Hong Kong Construction Industry Performance Report for 2013
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a construction industry performance report published by the Construction Industry Council (CIC). The information in this report, verified by Rider Levett Bucknall Limited, provides an overview of the performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry in terms of productivity, health & safety, environment, manpower and dispute resolution over the last 13 years (2001 ~ 2013).

PRODUCTIVITY

In 2013, the Builder’s Works Tender Price Index reached the highest level over the past 13 years. Both the percentage of gross value of construction works to Gross Domestic Product and the percentage contribution of construction activities to Gross Domestic Product at basic prices have been increasing since 2008 after a continuous decreasing trend from 2002. The recent increase was mainly due to the increase in the number of new projects in the public sector. The gross value of construction works per capita has been increasing since 2009, largely due to the increase in gross value of the public sector construction works per capita. It also recorded the highest level over the past 13 years. Correspondingly, the number of manual workers employed per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works has been decreasing over the same period, followed by a rebound in 2013.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A generally decreasing trend of industrial accident rate / number was recorded in the last 13 years. Whilst there was an improving performance in most categories or sectors in this aspect, improvement in fatal accident rate was not obvious. There was a general trend of improvement in terms of summonses under the Factory and Industry Undertaking Ordinance and Occupational Safety & Health Ordinance before 2011, but in 2012 and 2013, the numbers rebounded significantly in all sectors. In general, the public sector demonstrated a better performance than the private sector in this area.

ENVIRONMENT

The consumption of resources and energy in the construction industry fluctuated between 2001 and 2012. The building energy use in the Residential and Commercial
sectors showed an increasing trend in the recent years while that of the Industrial sector has been decreasing gradually since 2004. For the construction waste generated from the Hong Kong construction industry, there has been an improvement since 2006 and kept at a low level in the recent years.

**MANPOWER**

The salaries of craft and related workers / elementary occupations were lower than the Hong Kong median monthly earnings and also the industry median earnings, while the managers and administrators / professionals / associate professionals as well as the industry median monthly earnings had a higher median salary than the Hong Kong median monthly earnings. In 2013, the median salary in the construction industry increased by 12.5% compared to 2012.

Just over 30% of the currently registered workers are under the age of 40. The number of registered workers in this age group has been decreasing steadily over the last 6 years although the number of registered workers with mandatory basic safety training course (green card) in the same age group has remained largely unchanged. There has been an improvement trend between 2007 and 2012 in the retention rate of graduates for the basic craft courses and Construction Supervisor / Technician Programme provided by the CIC. The retention rate showed a drop by 8.8% in 2013, compared to the year before.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The number of construction related court cases registered at the High Court Registry had been decreasing gradually from 2003 to 2009. A rebound happened in 2010, while the number decreased again in the recent years and recorded the lowest level in 2013, over the past 13 years. The number of arbitration cases in construction industry handled by Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) increased significantly in 2006 and was kept at a high level during 2007 and 2008. There has been a drastic decreasing trend since 2009. In 2011, the number decreased by 51.9% compared to the year before. The number of labour disputes in construction industry handled by Labour Department (each case involves more than 20 employees) has been decreasing since 2003.
1. BACKGROUND

Section 5 of the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587) governs the functions of the Construction Industry Council. Sub-section 5(k) provides:

“(k) To assess improvements made by the construction industry through the compilation of performance indicators.”

Initiated and being steered by the Committee on Environment and Technology established under the Construction Industry Council, the CIC Secretariat has reviewed the local and overseas practices of the construction industry performance benchmarking and developed a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Hong Kong construction industry.

After several rounds of consultation with various Committees (including the Committee on Construction Safety, Committee on Procurement and Sub-contracting as well as Committee on Productivity and Research) and the Council, the KPIs for the Hong Kong construction industry have been established and approved based on the following criteria:

(a) KPIs should be relevant and important to the construction industry;
(b) KPIs should be able to improve external accountability and verification;
(c) KPIs must be quantifiable;
(d) Supply of data for deriving the KPIs should be recurrent instead of one-off;
(e) KPIs should focus on those closely related to the industry performance;
(f) KPIs should reflect the future development of the industry;
(g) KPIs should be subdivided into new works, RMAA works, civil works, building works, private sector works and public sector works.
2. INTRODUCTION OF KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

The KPIs for the Hong Kong Construction Industry are classified into 5 areas and presented in 4 categories and 2 sectors as listed in Table 1. Descriptions of the KPIs are provided in Table 2.

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During the data collection exercise for KPIs, further division of the KPIs has been found necessary due to some deviation of the available data coverage from the original intention. Such further division of the KPIs and their descriptions are provided in Table 3.

The KPIs will be launched by stages based on availability of data and the programme for new data collection.

The performance of the Hong Kong Construction Industry in terms of KPIs (P3 ~ P7, HS1 ~ HS3, E1 ~ E3, M1 ~ M3 and DR1 ~ DR3) over the last 13 years (2001 ~ 2013) is presented in this report. The data used for the computation of KPIs has been verified by Rider Levett Bucknall Limited.
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<td>P1</td>
<td>(On site) Man-days per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works</td>
<td>Indication of productivity</td>
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<td>P2</td>
<td>(On site) Man-days per gross floor area</td>
<td>Indication of productivity</td>
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<td>Construction cost Indices</td>
<td>Indication of cost trend of construction works</td>
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<td>P3.1, P3.2 &amp; P3.3</td>
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<td>P4</td>
<td>Percentage of gross value of construction works to GDP</td>
<td>Measurement of the economic significance of the construction industry</td>
<td>P4.1 ✓</td>
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<td>Measurement of the economic significance of the construction industry</td>
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<td>Number of manual workers engaged per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works at construction sites</td>
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<td>Number of manual workers engaged per 1,000 sq. m. gross floor area</td>
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<td>HS1</td>
<td>Industrial accident number / rate (reportable industrial accidents per 1,000 manual workers)</td>
<td>Measurement of safety performance</td>
<td>HS1.1 (Number)</td>
<td>HS1.2 (Rate)</td>
<td>HS1.3 (Number)</td>
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<td>HS2</td>
<td>Fatal accident number / rate (fatal accidents per 100,000 manual workers)</td>
<td>Measurement of safety performance</td>
<td>HS2.1 (Number)</td>
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<td>HS3</td>
<td>Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works</td>
<td>Indication of degree and effectiveness of legal enforcement</td>
<td>HS3.1 ✓</td>
<td>HS3.2 ✓</td>
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<td>Consumption of resources and energy per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works</td>
<td>Indication of environmental impacts of construction works</td>
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<td>Construction waste to landfill per day per HK$1,000,000,000 gross value of construction works</td>
<td>Indication of C&amp;D waste generated from construction works</td>
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<td>Workers’ wage index</td>
<td>Indication of the trend of workers’ wages</td>
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<td>Workers’ aging index (% of registered workers under and above the age of 40)</td>
<td>Indication of the aging mix of the workers</td>
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<td>M3</td>
<td>Retention rate of graduates (basic craft courses and construction supervisor/technician programme provided by the CIC) (% of graduates remaining in the industry after 12 months from works)</td>
<td>Indication of the retention rate of graduates</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>DR1</td>
<td>Number of construction court cases</td>
<td>Indication of the trend of contractual dispute resolution through litigation</td>
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<td>×</td>
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<td>Number of construction arbitration cases</td>
<td>Indication of the use of alternative dispute resolution in construction contracts</td>
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<td>DR3</td>
<td>Number of construction labour disputes</td>
<td>Indication of the trend of labour disputes</td>
<td>✓</td>
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Legend:
1. ✓ - to be provided. × – KPI not applicable, not necessary or data not available.
2. Data of the proposed KPI would be launched and released by stages. The following shading indicated the timing of data release:

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<th>Early 2013</th>
<th>Early 2014</th>
<th>Mid 2014</th>
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3. The need for further division of the future stage KPIs will be subject to review when data become available.
**Table 3 – Further Division of Third Stage KPIs**

### P3 Construction Cost Indices
- **P3.1** Builder's Works Tender Price Index (RLB) (4Q 1968=100)
- **P3.2** Building Works Tender Price Index (ArchSD) (1Q 1970 = 100)
- **P3.3** Building Services Tender Price Index (ArchSD) (new base schedule 2007)

### P4 Percentage of Gross Value of Construction Works to GDP
- **P4.1** Whole Industry
- **P4.2** Civil Works (Structures & Facilities)
- **P4.3** New Building Works (Buildings)
- **P4.4** RMAA Works
- **P4.5** Public Sector Construction Site
- **P4.6** Private Sector Construction Site

### P4a Percentage Contribution of Construction Activities to GDP at Basic Prices

### P5 Gross value of Construction Works per Capita
- **P5.1** Whole Industry
- **P5.2** Civil Works (Structures & Facilities)
- **P5.3** New Building Works (Buildings)
- **P5.4** RMAA Works
- **P5.5** Public Sector Construction Site
- **P5.6** Private Sector Construction Site

### P6 Number of Manual Workers Engaged per HK$1,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works (at Construction Sites)
- **P6.1** Whole Industry (except RMAA Works)
- **P6.2** Civil Works (at Civil Engineering Sites)
- **P6.3** New Building Works (at Building Sites)
- **P6.4** Public Sector Construction Site
- **P6.5** Private Sector Construction Site

### P7 Number of Manual Workers Engaged per 1,000 sq. m. Gross Floor Area
- **New Private Building Works (at Private sector)**

#### HS1 Industrial Accident Number / Rate (Reportable Industrial Accidents per 1,000 Manual Workers)
- **HS1.1** Whole Industry *(Number)*
- **HS1.2** New Works *(Rate)*
- **HS1.3** RMAA Works *(Number)*
- **HS1.4** Public Sector Sites *(Rate)*
- **HS1.5** Private Sector Sites *(Rate)*

#### HS2 Fatal Accident Number / Rate (Fatal Accidents per 100,000 Manual Workers)
- **HS2.1** Whole Industry *(Number)*
- **HS2.2** New Works *(Rate)*
- **HS2.3** RMAA Works *(Number)*
- **HS2.4** Public Sector Sites *(Rate)*
- **HS2.5** Private Sector Sites *(Rate)*

#### HS3 Number of Summonsces Convicted per HK$100,000,000 Gross Value Of Construction Works
- **HS3.1** Whole Industry
- **HS3.2** New Works
- **HS3.3** RMAA Works
- **HS3.4** Public Sector
- **HS3.5** Private Sector

#### E1 Consumption of Resources and Energy per HK$1,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works
- **E1.1** Whole Industry
- **E1.2** Civil Works
- **E1.3** New Building Works

#### E2 Building Energy Use
- **E2.1** Residential Building
- **E2.2** Commercial Building
- **E2.3** Industrial Building

#### E3 Construction Waste (tonnes) to Landfill per day per HK$1,000,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works
- **E3.1** Whole Industry
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3. PRODUCTIVITY KPIs
P3.1 – Builder’s Works Tender Price Index (RLB) (4Q1968=100)

**Category:** Buildings  
**Sector:** Private

The quarterly report as published by Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB) shows that the tender price index for builder’s works in the private sector increased steadily between 2004 and 2008. Following a fall in the fourth quarter of 2008, the tender price index went up again in the third quarter of 2009. The indices in the fourth quarter of 2012 and 2013 were up by 7.4% and 9.0% respectively over the year before.

P3.2 – Builder’s Works Tender Price Index (ArchSD) (1Q1970=100)

**Category:** Buildings (excluding building services)  
**Sector:** Public (undertaken by Architectural Services Department)

The public builder’s works tender price index increased between 2005 and 2008. Following a fall in the fourth quarter of 2008, the tender price index recovered in the third quarter of 2009. The index in the fourth quarter of 2013 was up by 6.3% over the year before.
P3.3 – Building Services Tender Price Index (ArchSD) (new base schedule 2007)

**Category:** Buildings (Building Services)

**Sector:** Public (undertaken by Architectural Services Department)

The public building services tender price index showed a drop in the fourth quarter of 2008. It remained steady in 2009 and started to rise in 2010. The indices in the fourth quarter of 2012 and 2013 were up by 16.0% and 7.9% respectively compared to the year before.

*Note: The index numbers before 2008 have not been included as the method for calculating the index numbers has changed since 2008.*
P4.1 – Whole Industry

Category: Whole Industry
Sector: N/A

The percentage of gross value of construction works to GDP had been decreasing continuously since 2002 and started to increase in 2008. The percentage was 8.3% in 2013. The percentage of gross value of construction works in the private sector has remained fairly steady since 2005. The increase in the percentage since 2008 has been mainly from the public sector.

Note 1 – Percentage of Gross Value of Construction Works to GDP

\[
\frac{\text{Gross value of construction works (whole Industry / respective categories or sectors)}}{\text{GDP (overall; at current market prices)}}
\]

Note 2 – Gross value of construction works (Whole Industry) = Gross value of construction works (at construction sites) + Gross value of construction works (at locations other than sites = RMAA Works).

Note 3 – Gross value of construction works (at construction sites) can be calculated by using the formulas below:

a) Gross value of construction works (Civil Works (Structure & Facilities)) + Gross value of construction works (New Building Works (Buildings)) or;

b) Gross value of construction works (Public sector construction sites) + Gross value of construction works (Private sector construction sites)

Note 4 – The GDP of recent years may be further revised in a later publication.
**PRODUCTIVITY KPIs**

**P4 Percentage of Gross Value of Construction Works to GDP**

**P4.2 – Civil Works (Structures & Facilities)**

**Category:** Civil Works (Structures & Facilities)  
**Sector:** N/A

Output of Civil Works (Structures & Facilities) has shown an increasing trend since 2008. In 2013, the percentage increased by 16.5%, compared to the year before.

**P4.3 – New Building Works (Buildings)**

**Category:** New Buildings Works (Buildings)  
**Sector:** N/A

The decreasing trend for New Building Works stopped in 2006. The percentage remained at around 2% - 3% in recent years. In 2013, the percentage decreased by 6.6%, compared to the year before.

**P4.4 – RMAA Works**

**Category:** RMAA Works (Construction works at locations other than sites)  
**Sector:** N/A

Output of RMAA Works showed a gradual increasing trend between 2002 and 2006, but levelled off in recent years. In 2013, it increased by 8.2%, compared to the year before.
**PRODUCTIVITY KPIs**

**P4 Percentage of Gross Value of Construction Works to GDP**

**P4.5 – Public Sector Construction Sites**

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Public (construction sites)

Public works output has shown a rapid increasing trend since 2009. In 2013, the percentage increased by 9.2%, compared to 2012.

![Chart: Percentage of gross value of construction works to GDP - Public Sector Construction Sites](source: Census and Statistics Department)

**P4.6 – Private Sector Construction Sites**

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Private (construction sites)

The percentage of gross value of construction works in private sectors has remained steady at around 2% since 2005.

![Chart: Percentage of gross value of construction works to GDP - Private Sector Construction Sites](source: Census and Statistics Department)
PRODUCTIVITY KPIs

P4a  Percentage Contribution of Construction Activities to GDP at Basic Prices

Category: Whole Industry
Sector: N/A

The overall contribution of construction activities to GDP at basic prices had been decreasing since 2002 until 2007 and started to rise in 2008. The overall contribution of construction activities to GDP at basic prices was 3.9% in 2013.

Note 1 – GDP of construction activities = Gross value of construction works (Whole Industry) – Intermediate consumption
Note 2 – The intermediate consumption of the construction industry comprises the expenses on consumption of building materials and supplies on sites and sundry supplies in business operation, rentals, expenses on repair and maintenance and other services such as transportation, technical consultancy, insurance, etc. Consumption of materials and supplies is obtained by adjusting the value of purchases by changes in inventories net of price appreciation. Payments to labour-only sub-contractors are included in compensation of employees.
Note 3 – GDP at basic prices excludes taxes products and statistical discrepancy.
Note 4 – Percentage contribution of construction activities to GDP at basic prices of recent years may be further revised in a later publication.
P5.1 – Whole Industry

Category: Whole Industry  
Sector: N/A

The gross value of construction works per capita demonstrated a decreasing trend between 2001 and 2006 except the RMAA Works (i.e. repair, maintenance, alteration and addition works) which showed a gradual increase. During 2009 to 2013, the output of Civil Works was the major driver to the increase of gross value of construction works per capita. The gross value of construction works per capita at Public Construction Sites reached HK$6,738 in 2013.

Note 1 – Gross Value of Construction Works per capita  
\[\text{Gross Value of construction works (Whole Industry / Respective categories or sectors) (at constant (2000) market prices)} / \text{Capita (overall)}\]

Note 2 – Gross value of construction works (Whole Industry) = Gross value of construction works (at construction sites) + Gross value of construction works (at locations other than sites = RMAA Works).

Note 3 – Gross value of construction works (at construction sites) can be calculated by using the formulas below:

a) Gross value of construction works (Civil Works (Structure & Facilities)) + Gross value of construction works (New Building Works (Buildings)) or;

b) Gross value of construction works (Public sector construction sites) + Gross value of construction works (Private sector construction sites)
PRODUCTIVITY KPIs

P5  Gross Value of Construction Works per capita

P5.2 – Civil Works (Structures & Facilities)

Category: Civil Works (Structures & Facilities)  
Sector: N/A

The decreasing trend in this category stopped in 2007 and the gross value of civil works per capita had rebounded since 2008 and increased rapidly in 2010. In 2013, the output increased by 17.7%, compared to that in 2012.

Source: Census and Statistics Department

P5.3 – New Building Works (Buildings)

Category: New Building Works (Buildings)  
Sector: N/A

The decreasing trend in this category stopped in 2006 and the gross value of new building works per capita remained steady until 2011. In 2012, the output per capita showed a significant increase and was up by 19.0%, compared to the year before. In 2013, the output decreased by 9.6%, compared to that in 2012.

Source: Census and Statistics Department

P5.4 – RMAA Works

Category: RMAA Works  
Sector: N/A

The gross value of RMAA works per capita showed an increasing trend between 2001 and 2006. There has been a gradual decrease since 2007 and remained steady at around HK$6,200 in the recent years.

Source: Census and Statistics Department
**PRODUCTIVITY KPIs**

**P5  Gross Value of Construction Works per capita**

**P5.5 – Public Sector Construction Sites**

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Public (Construction Sites)

Public works output has shown a rapid increasing trend since 2009. In 2013, the output per capita was up by 10.6%, compared to the year before.

![Graph showing Gross Value of Construction Works per capita for Public Sector Construction Sites]

**Source:** Census and Statistics Department

**P5.6 – Private Sector Construction Sites**

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Private (Construction Sites)

Private works output has been fluctuating over the past 13 years. In 2013, the output per capita decreased by 7.2%, compared to the year before.

![Graph showing Gross Value of Construction Works per capita for Private Sector Construction Sites]

**Source:** Census and Statistics Department
P6.1 – Whole Industry (except RMAA Works)

**Category:** Whole Industry  
**Sector:** N/A

The number of manual workers engaged per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works (at construction sites) has shown a decreasing trend since 2006. The numbers of manual workers in civil engineering works sites and public sector construction sites decreased significantly in recent years. There was a rebound in number of manual workers per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works in the whole industry in 2013 compared to the year before.

Source: Census and Statistics Department

**Note 1**— Number of manual workers engaged per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works (at construction sites)  
= Average number of manual workers engaged for each year at construction sites (Whole Industry (except RMAA works) / Respective categories or sectors)  
HK$1,000,000 Gross value of construction works (at construction sites) (Whole Industry (except RMAA works) / Respective categories or sectors) at constant (2000) market prices

**Note 2**— Number of manual workers before 2003 excludes E&M workers and those workers work at the sites under the charge of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the Environmental Protection Department but the data includes those workers after 2003.

**Note 3**— Number of manual workers excludes the workers work for RMAA works. For sites under the charge of Government departments, manual workers in some 40 selected major occupations at the skilled and semi-skilled levels are covered in the administrative returns furnished by the respective Government departments.

**Note 4**— No of manual workers engaged at construction sites (Whole Industry) can be calculated by the formulas below:  
a) No of manual workers engaged at construction sites (Civil Works (at Civil Engineering sites)) + No of manual workers engaged at construction sites (New Building Works (at Building sites)) or;  
b) No of manual workers engaged at construction sites (Public sector construction site) + No of manual workers engaged at construction sites (Private sector construction site).
PRODUCTIVITY KPIs

P6 Number of Manual Workers Engaged per HK$1,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works (at Construction Sites)

P6.2 – Civil Works (at Civil Engineering Sites)

Category: Civil Engineering (Construction Sites)
Sector: N/A

The number of manual workers engaged for HK$1,000,000 gross value of civil engineering construction works has shown a decreasing trend since 2008, followed by a rebound in 2013.

P6.3 – New Building Works (at Building Sites)

Category: Building (Construction Sites)
Sector: N/A

The increasing trend of the number of manual workers engaged for HK$1,000,000 gross value of new building works stopped in 2011. In 2012, it decreased by 9.1%, compared to the year before, followed by a rebound in 2013.
PRODUCTIVITY KPIs

**P6 Number of Manual Workers Engaged Per HK$1,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works (at Construction Sites)**

### P6.4 – Public Sector Construction Sites

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Public (Construction Sites)

The number of manual workers per HK$1,000,000 gross value of public works has shown a decreasing trend since 2009 and remained steady at about 0.7 in recent years.

![Graph showing number of manual workers per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works (at construction sites) for public sector construction sites.](source: Census and Statistics Department)

### P6.5 – Private Sector Construction Sites

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Private (Construction Sites)

The number of manual workers per HK$1,000,000 gross value of private works increased by 16.9% in 2013, compared to the year before.

![Graph showing number of manual workers per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works (at construction sites) for private sector construction sites.](source: Census and Statistics Department)
**PRODUCTIVITY KPIs**

**P7 Number of Manual Workers Engaged per 1,000 sq. m. Gross Floor Area**

**Category:** New Building Works (at private sector construction sites)

**Sector:** Private (Construction sites)

In general, the number of manual workers engaged per 1,000 sq. m. gross floor area showed an increasing trend. In 2011, however, the number decreased significantly by 18.2%, compared to the year before. The number rebounded in 2012, by 21.5% compared to 2011.

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**Note 1** – Number of manual workers engaged per 1,000 sq. m. gross floor area
- Average number of manual workers engaged for each year at construction sites (Private sector construction site)
- Gross floor area (completed and under construction) in a year / 1,000 sq. m.

**Note 2** – Number of manual workers before 2003 excludes E&M workers and those workers work at the sites under the charge of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the Environmental Protection Department but the data includes those workers after 2003.

**Note 3** – Number of manual workers excludes the workers work for RMAA works. For sites under the charge of Government departments, manual workers in some 40 selected major occupations at the skilled and semi-skilled levels are covered in the administrative returns furnished by the respective Government departments.

**Note 4** – Gross floor area in a year = gross floor area completed at the end of the year + gross floor area under construction in the year

**Note 5** – The data for 2013 is not available.
4. HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs
HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs

HS1 Industrial Accident Number / Rate (Reportable Industrial Accidents per 1,000 Manual Workers)

HS1.1 Whole Industry (Number)

Category: Whole Industry
Sector: N/A

The industrial accident number for the Whole Industry showed a rapid decrease from 2001 to 2004. This rapid decreasing trend also happened in the industrial accident rates for New Works and Private Sector Sites. For RMAA Works, the industrial accident number has remained steady until 2011. The industrial accident rate for Public Sector Sites has also been kept at a comparatively low rate over the past 13 years. In general, the public sector demonstrated a better performance than the private sector.

Note 1 – Industrial accidents rate = \[
\frac{\text{Number of industrial accidents (Respective categories / sectors)}}{\text{Average number of manual workers engaged for each year at construction sites (Respective categories / sectors)}} \times 1,000
\]

Note 2 – Number of reportable industrial accidents (Whole Industry) = Reportable industrial accidents (New Works includes both Civil and Building Works) + Reportable industrial accidents number (RMAA Works)

Note 3 – Reportable industrial accidents (New Works includes both Civil and Building Works) = Reportable industrial accidents (Public Sector Sites) + Reportable industrial accidents (Private Sector Sites).

Note 4 – Number of manual workers before 2003 excludes E&M workers and those workers work at the sites under the charge of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the Environmental Protection Department but the data includes those workers after 2003.

Note 5 – Number of manual workers excludes the workers work for RMAA works. For sites under the charge of Government departments, manual workers in some 40 selected major occupations at the skilled and semi-skilled levels are covered in the administrative returns furnished by the respective Government departments.

Note 6 – The industrial accident rates for Whole Industry and RMAA Works are not available due to the exclusion of workers for RMAA Works in the overall number of manual workers as mentioned in Note 5 above. Hence, only the total number of industrial accidents is presented for these two categories.
HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs

HS1 Industrial Accident Number / Rate (Reportable Industrial Accidents per 1,000 Manual Workers)

HS1.2 – New Works (Rate)

**Category:** New Works (both Civil and Buildings)

**Sector:** N/A

The safety performance improved rapidly from 2001 to 2004 and has generally kept on improving in subsequent years, but levelled off in recent years.

![Graph showing HS1.2 - Industrial accident rate per 1000 manual workers (excludes RMAA Works) - New Works includes both Civil and Building Works](source)

**Source:** Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department

HS1.3 – RMAA Works (Number)

**Category:** RMAA Works

**Sector:** N/A

The safety performance improved rapidly from 2001 to 2003, and has remained steady until 2011. In 2012, the number of reportable industrial accidents decreased by 15.6% compared to 2011 and remained steady until 2013.

![Graph showing HS1.3 - Number of reportable industrial accidents - RMAA Works](source)

**Source:** Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department
HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs

HS1 Industrial Accident Number / Rate (Reportable Industrial Accidents per 1,000 Manual Workers)

HS1.4 – Public Sector Sites (Rate)

Category: N/A
Sector: Public Sector Sites

The safety performance has been improving since 2001. In 2013, the industrial accident rate per 1,000 manual workers in the Public Sector Sites decreased by 37.4% compared to 2012.

HS1.5 – Private Sector Sites (Rate)

Category: N/A
Sector: Private Sector Sites

The safety performance improved rapidly from 2001 to 2003, and has kept on improving until 2009. It rebounded slightly in recent years. In 2013, the industrial accident rate per 1,000 manual workers in the Private Sector Sites increased by 1.7% compared to 2012.
HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs

HS2 Fatal Accident Number / Rate (Fatal Accidents per 100,000 Manual Workers)

HS2.1 Whole Industry (Number)

Category: Whole Industry
Sector: N/A

The fatal accident rate and number fluctuated over the past 13 years. The number of fatal accidents for the Whole Industry was below 30 in each year. The fatal accident number for Private Sector Sites fluctuated between 0 and 21 in the past 13 years, whilst the number for the Public Sector Sites maintained below 10.

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Source: Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department

Note 1 – Fatal accidents rate = Number of fatal accidents (Respective categories / sectors) / Average number of manual workers engaged for each year at construction sites (Respective categories / sectors) / 100,000

Note 2 – Number of fatal accidents (Whole Industry) = Fatal accidents (New Works includes both Civil and Building Works) + Fatal accidents number (RMAA Works)

Note 3 – Fatal accidents (New Works includes both Civil and Building Works) = Fatal accidents (Private Sector Sites) + Fatal accidents (Public Sector Sites)

Note 4 – Number of manual workers before 2003 excludes E&M workers and those workers work at the sites under the charge of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the Environmental Protection Department but the data includes those workers after 2003.

Note 5 – Number of manual workers excludes the workers work for RMAA works. For sites under the charge of Government departments, manual workers in some 40 selected major occupations at the skilled and semi-skilled levels are covered in the administrative returns furnished by the respective Government departments.

Note 6 – The fatal accident rates for Whole Industry and RMAA Works are not available due to the exclusion of workers for RMAA Works in the overall number of manual workers as mentioned in Note 5 above. Hence, only the total number of industrial accidents is presented for these two categories.
HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs

HS2 Fatal Accident Number / Rate (Fatal Accidents per 100,000 Manual Workers)

HS2.2 – New Works (Rate)

Category: New Works (both Civil and Buildings)
Sector: N/A

Performance fluctuated in the last 13 years, but showed a significant improvement in 2010. In 2013, the fatal accident rate per 100,000 manual workers in New Works decreased by 34.1% compared to a year before.

Source: Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department

HS2.3 – RMAA Works (Number)

Category: RMAA Works
Sector: N/A

Performance fluctuated over the past 13 years. The highest number of fatal accidents was 12 in 2005, whilst the lowest number was 4 in 2001. The number of fatal accidents in the RMAA Works rebounded since 2011.

Source: Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department
**HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs**

**HS2 Fatal Accident Number / Rate (Fatal Accidents per 100,000 Manual Workers)**

**HS2.4 – Public Sector Sites (Rate)**

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Public Sector Sites

Performance fluctuated over the past 13 years. The fatal accident rate for Public Sector Sites fluctuated from 0 to 34.5. In 2013, it decreased by 26.8% compared to 2012.

![Graph](source)

**Source:** Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department

**HS2.5 – Private Sector Sites (Rate)**

**Category:** N/A  
**Sector:** Private Sector Sites

There was a great improvement between 2001 and 2002 but the performance has been fluctuating since 2003. In 2013, it decreased by 38.9% compared to a year before.

![Graph](source)

**Source:** Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department
**HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs**

**HS3 Number of Summonses Convicted per HK$100,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works**

**HS3.1 Whole Industry**

**Category:** Whole Industry  
**Sector:** N/A  

Overall performance demonstrated an improving trend before 2011 except RMAA works. In 2012, the numbers increased in all sectors compared to 2011. Performance in the public sector was generally better than that in the private sector in the last few years. The rate for Public Sector was kept below 0.5 over the past 9 years.

![Graph showing number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works](image)

**Source:** Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department

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**Note 1** – Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works  
\[
\text{Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works} = \frac{\text{Number of summonses convicted (Whole Industry / Respective categories or sectors)}}{\text{Gross value of construction works (Whole Industry / Respective categories or sectors) (at constant (2000) market prices) / 100,000,000}}
\]

**Note 2** – Number of summonses convicted (Whole Industry) can be calculated by the formulas below:  
- a) Number of summonses convicted (New Works includes both Civil and Building Works) + Number of summonses convicted (RMAA Works), or;  
- b) Number of summonses convicted (Private Sector) + Number of summonses convicted (Public Sector)

**Note 3** – Gross value of construction works (Whole Industry) = Gross value of construction works (at construction sites) + Gross value of construction works (at locations other than sites = RMAA Works).

**Note 4** – Gross value of construction works (at construction sites) can be calculated by using the formulas below:  
- a) Gross value of construction works (Civil Works (Structure & Facilities)) + Gross value of construction works (New Building Works (Buildings)) or;  
- b) Gross value of construction works (Public sector construction sites) + Gross value of construction works (Private sector construction sites)

**Note 5** – Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works (Whole Industry), Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works (New Works) and Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works (RMAA Works) are calculated by the number of summonses convicted divided by the HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works in respective work type x 100,000,000.

**Note 6** – Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works (Public sector) and Number of summonses convicted per HK$100,000,000 gross value of construction works (Private sector) are calculated by the number of summonses convicted divided by the gross value of construction works (Whole industry) instead of the respective sector due to the different in the coverage for RMAA Works.

**Note 7** – Based on notes 5 & 6 above, index group of those for Whole Industry, New Works and RMAA Works cannot be compared directly with the index group for Public Sector and Private Sector.

**Note 8** – Data for 2001 to 2004 is not available.
HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs

HS3 Number of Summons Convicted per HK$100,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works

HS3.2 – New Works

Category: New Works (both Civil and Buildings)
Sector: N/A

There has been an improving trend since 2008 for New Works. The rate rebounded in 2012. It increased by 46.2% in 2013 compared to a year before.

Source: Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department

HS3.3 – RMAA Works

Category: RMAA Works
Sector: N/A

Performance has been fluctuating over the past nine years. The rate increased since 2010. In 2013, the rate increased by 60.6% compared to 2012.

Source: Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department
HEALTH & SAFETY KPIs

HS3 Number of Summons Convicted per HK$100,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works

HS3.4 – Public Sector

Category: N/A
Sector: Public Sector

Significant improvement was noted in recent years but with a slightly rebound since 2012. The rate for Public Sector was kept below 0.4 over the past 9 years.

Source: Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department

HS3.5 – Private Sector

Category: N/A
Sector: Private Sector

The rate for Private Sector increased from 2005 to 2007. Performance has been improving until 2011 and with a rebound since 2012. It increased by 56.3% in 2013 compared to a year before.

Source: Census and Statistics Department and Labour Department
5. ENVIRONMENT KPIs
E1.1 – Whole Industry

Category: Whole Industry
Sector: N/A

The consumption of resources and energy per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works aims at indicating the environmental impacts of construction works. The consumption of resources and energy in the Whole Industry fluctuated between 2001 and 2012. In 2008, it reached the highest level, followed by a decrease in 2009 and 2010, and rebounded in 2011 and 2012.

Note 1 – Consumption of resources and energy per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works
Consumption of materials and supplies, fuels, electricity and water, and maintenance services (whole industry/respective categories or sectors)

Gross value of construction works performed (All construction activities/respective categories or sectors) / 1,000,000 (in nominal term)

Note 2 – The construction works of all construction activities include construction of buildings, civil engineering, demolition & site preparation, building services installation and maintenance activities and building finishing & other specialised construction activities.

Note 3 – Consumption of resources and energy and Gross value of construction works performed were obtained from the Key Statistics on Business Performance and Operating Characteristics of the Building, Construction and Real Estate Sectors published by Census and Statistics Department (C&SD).

Note 4 – As confirmed by C&SD, the values in the report are in nominal term.

Note 5 – “Civil works” were based on “Civil Engineering” in the publication. “Civil Engineering” includes construction of civil engineering projects and miscellaneous civil engineering works.

Note 6 – “New Building works” were based on “Construction of Buildings” in the publication. “Construction of Buildings” includes construction of buildings includes erection of architectural superstructures, structural steel framework erection, and other new building construction, structural alteration & addition works, erection of other superstructures, erection of temporary structures and combined & other miscellaneous new building construction works.

Note 7 – The data for 2013 is not available.

Note 8 – In the publication of 2009, C&SD adopted the revised Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification (HSIC), i.e. HSIC Version 2.0, to reflect significant changes in the structure of the Hong Kong economy and the emergence of new economic activities. Due to the change in classification, data of New Building Works and Civil Works for 2001 to 2006 are not available.
ENVIRONMENT KPIs

E1 Consumption of Resources and Energy per HK$1,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works

E1.2 – Civil Works

**Category:** Civil Works  
**Sector:** N/A

It is revealed that the consumption of resources and energy in the Civil Works showed an increasing trend since 2009.

![E1.2 - Consumption of resources and energy per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works - Civil Works](source: Census and Statistics Department)

E1.3 – New Building Works

**Category:** New Building Works  
**Sector:** N/A

The consumption of resources and energy in the New Building Works gradually increased since 2007. In 2012, it increased by 5.9% compared to a year before.

![E1.3 - Consumption of resources and energy per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works - New Building Works](source: Census and Statistics Department)
ENVIRONMENT KPIs
E2 Building Energy Use

E2.1 – Residential Building

Category: N/A  
Sector: N/A  

The building energy use in the Residential Buildings showed a mild increasing trend since 2002 and kept at a high level in the recent years.

E2.2 – Commercial Building

Category: N/A  
Sector: N/A  

The building energy use in the Commercial Buildings had been increasing gradually since 2002. The energy use in 2012 increased by 1.9% compared to a year before.
ENVIRONMENT KPIs

E2 Building Energy Use

E2.3 – Industrial Building

Category: N/A  
Sector: N/A

The energy use in the Industrial Buildings showed a decreasing trend since 2002 and remained steady in 2011 and 2012.

Note 1 – The “building energy use” was based on “energy end-use data” which includes “Electricity”, “Town Gas and Liquefied Petroleum Gas”, “Oil and Coal Products”. The energy end-use data from year 2010 also includes renewable energy data.

Note 2 – The energy end-use data was based on the Hong Kong Energy End-use Data published by Electrical & Mechanical Services Department.

Note 3 – The data for 2001 and 2013 are not available.
E3 Construction Waste (tonnes) to Landfill per day per HK$1,000,000,000 Gross Value of Construction Works

**E3 – Whole Industry**

**Category:** Whole Industry  
**Sector:** Whole Industry

The construction waste to landfill is aimed to show the construction and demolition waste generated from construction works. The disposal of construction waste to landfills has reached a low level since 2006. In 2012, it decreased by 11.6% compared to a year before.

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**Note 1** – Construction waste (tonnes) to landfill per day per HK$1,000,000,000 gross value of construction works

\[
\text{Construction waste (tonnes)} = \frac{\text{Overall construction waste (Average daily quantity)}}{ \text{Gross value of construction works (Whole Industry / Respective categories or sectors) at constant (2000) market prices) / 1,000,000,000}}
\]

**Note 2** – Overall construction waste was obtained from Monitoring of Solid Waste in Hong Kong published by Environmental Protection Department.

**Note 3** – Overall construction waste is a mixture of waste or surplus materials arising from construction activities such as site clearance, excavation, refurbishment, renovation, demolition and road works. It also includes waste concrete that is generated from concrete batching plants and cement plaster/mortar manufacturing plants not set up inside construction sites. Overall construction waste may comprise a fraction of inert materials such as debris, rubble, earth and concrete, which, after proper sorting, can be recycled for use in site formation, land reclamation and construction.

**Note 4** – The data for 2013 is not available.
6. MANPOWER KPIs
The salaries of craft and related workers/elementary occupations were lower than the Hong Kong median monthly earnings and also the industry median monthly earnings, whilst the managers and administrators/professionals/associate professionals as well as the industry median monthly earnings had a higher salary than the Hong Kong median monthly earnings. The industry median monthly earnings recorded 10.7% higher than the quarterly mean of the Hong Kong median monthly earnings in 2013.
MANPOWER KPIs

M2 Workers’ Aging Index - % of Registered Workers Under and Above the Age of 40

M2.1 – Whole Industry

Category: Whole Industry  
Sector: N/A

The workers’ aging index aims to keep track of the aging situation for the purpose of manpower planning. It is revealed that just over 30% of the current registered workers are under the age of 40.

M2.2 – Registered Workers with Mandatory Basic Safety Training Course (Green Card)

Category: Whole Industry  
Sector: N/A

It is revealed that just around 35% of the registered workers with mandatory basic safety training course (green card) are under the age of 40 over the last 6 years

Note 1 – The data was provided by Construction Workers Registration Board.

Note 2 – Data for each year was counted from 1 January to 31 December

Note 3 – Data for year 2001 to 2007 is not available.
MANPOWER KPIs

**M3 Retention Rate of Graduates** (Basic craft courses and Construction Supervisor / Technician Programme provided by the CIC)

**Category:** Whole Industry  
**Sector:** N/A

The response rate fluctuated over the past years. The graduates’ retention rate had been decreasing since 2000 until 2005. The graduates’ retention rate showed a significant improvement between 2007 and 2012. The retention rate showed a drop in 2013 by 8.8% compared to the year before.

![M3 - Retention rate of graduates](chart)

*Source: Construction Industry Council*

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**Note 1** – The data was obtained from the CIC.

**Note 2** – Retention rate of graduates after 12 months of graduation was calculated based on results of graduate survey on basic craft courses and Construction Supervisor / Technician Programme provided by the CIC. However, it is understood that the graduates should also cover the adult short courses. Retention rate of graduates of short courses after 3 months of graduation may be provided in future for further reference.

**Note 3** – The response rate means the number of survey returned and the retention rate was calculated based on the returned survey but not the number of all the graduates.

**Note 4** – Year represents the year of graduation of the workers.

**Note 5** – Data for years 2002 to 2004, 2006 and 2010 is not available.
7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION KPIs
DISPUTE RESOLUTION KPIs

DR1 Number of Construction Court Cases

Category: Whole Industry
Sector: N/A

The number of construction related court cases which were registered at the High Court Registry had been decreasing gradually from 2003 to 2009. After a rebound in 2010, the number dropped again in 2011 and reached the lowest number of 49 in 2013.

Source: High Court Registry

Note 1 – The data was based on the Construction and Arbitration Proceedings as recorded in the Cause Book Information and as obtained from High Court Registry.

Note 2 – The number as presented in the graph above represents the number of construction related court cases as registered at the High Court Registry.
DISPUTE RESOLUTION KPIs

DR2 Number of Construction Arbitration Cases

Category: Whole Industry
Sector: N/A

The number of arbitration cases in construction industry handled by Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre fluctuated over the past 9 years. The number increased significantly in 2006 and was kept at a high level in 2007 and 2008. There has been a drastic decreasing trend since 2009. In 2011, the number decreased by 51.9% compared to the year before.

Source: Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre

Note 1 – The data was obtained from Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
Note 2 – The data for 2001 to 2002, 2012 and 2013 is not available.
Note 3 – The numbers as presented in the graph above represent the arbitration cases handled by HKIAC only. There are some cases handled by other parties and have not yet been incorporated in this study.
Note 4 – The numbers as presented in the graph above include both international and domestic arbitration cases.
DISPUTE RESOLUTION KPIs

**DR3 Number of Construction Labour Disputes**

*Category:* Whole Industry  
*Sector:* N/A

The number of labour disputes in construction industry handled by Labour Department (each case involves more than 20 employees) has been decreasing since 2003. The number has been kept below 50 since 2008.

![Bar chart showing number of labour disputes handled by Labour Department from 2001 to 2012](chart.png)

*Source: Labour Department*

*Note 1 –* The data was obtained from Labour Department  
*Note 2 –* Number of labour disputes refer to those cases which involve more than 20 employees  
*Note 3 –* The data for 2013 is not available.
## Annex A – Data Sources

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<td>P3.3 Architectural Services Department – Quarterly update – Building Services Tender Price Index (BSTPI) <a href="http://www.archsd.gov.hk/en/reports/the-building-services-tender-price-index.aspx">http://www.archsd.gov.hk/en/reports/the-building-services-tender-price-index.aspx</a></td>
<td>Indication of the level of tender prices for major building services installations in new building works undertaken by Architectural Services Department</td>
<td>Adopt data from 1Q2008 to 4Q2013 based on the new base schedule 2007 BSTPI based on old base schedule 1998 has not been included</td>
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<td>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</td>
<td>P4 (includes P4.1 to P4.6)</td>
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<td>P4.1 (Table 1A – Gross value of construction works in nominal terms performed by contractors analysed by broad trade group – Overall total of Main Contractor)</td>
<td>Construction Industry Annual Situation and adopt data (HK$ Million) from 2001 to 2013 Information collected through survey forms The survey covers all construction establishments engaged in all new architectural and civil engineering works, as well as demolition, repair and maintenance works at existing structures Statistics provide prompt indications of current output levels and trends in the construction industry “Overall total” is defined as “Whole Industry” “Construction Works at construction sites” excludes construction works at locations other than sites (named RMAA Works)</td>
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“Buildings” is defined as “New Building Works” |
| P4.4/ P5.4 | Same report as P4.1/5.1/6.1 | **P4.4**  
(Table 1A – Gross value of construction works in nominal terms performed by contractors analysed by broad trade group – Construction works at locations other than sites) | Construction Industry Annual Situation and adopt data (HK$ Million) from 2001 to 2013  
Construction works at locations other than sites include:- General trades – decoration, repair and maintenance, and construction works at minor work locations such as site investigation, demolition, and structural alternation and addition works  
- Special trades – carpentry, electrical equipment, ventilation, gas and water fitting installation and maintenance, etc.  
“Construction works at locations other than sites” is defined as “RMAA Works” which means repair, maintenance, alteration and additions. |
| | | **P5.3 and P6.3**  
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Includes projects commissioned by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, MTR Corporation Limited and Airport Authority. Projects under the Home Ownership Scheme, which are commissioned by the Housing Authority, are also included. |
| P4.6/ P5.6/ P6.5 | Same report as 4.1/5.1/6.1 | **P4.6**
(Table 1A – Gross value of construction works in nominal terms performed by contractors analysed by broad trade group – Private sector construction sites) | Construction Industry Annual Situation and adopt data (HK$ Million) from 2001 to 2013
Include projects commissioned by private developers. Projects under the Private Sector Participation Scheme are also included. |
| Percentage contribution of construction activities to GDP at basic prices | P4a | Same report as P4 | Hong Kong Annual Situation
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<td>Based on the population benchmark from the results of the 2011 Population Census, the population figures for end-2006 to mid-2013 have been revised</td>
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<td>Number of Manual Workers</td>
<td>P6, P7, HS1.2, 1.4-1.5, HS2.2, 2.4-2.5</td>
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<td>(Table 1 – Number of construction sites, manual workers engaged, vacancies and job opportunities in public and private sector sites analysed by type of site –All sites – Total)</td>
<td>Average the data for every March, June, September and December in each year</td>
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<td>- Private sector sites where the contracting party is a private company and registered with the Buildings Department</td>
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<td>- Public sector sites - site under the control of Government departments or under the control of Airport Authority (AA) and the MTR Corporation Limited (MTR) (except superstructures registered with Buildings Department on MTR sites)</td>
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P6.5 | Same report as 6.1 | (Table 1 – Number of construction sites, manual workers engaged, vacancies and job opportunities in public and private sector sites analysed by type of site – Private sector sites – Total) | houses in the New Territories, and minor alternations, repairs, maintenance and interior decoration of existing buildings are NOT included. Term maintenance contracts and term contractors for maintenance works or repair are also EXCLUDED. - Number of manual worker before 2003 excludes E&M workers and those workers work at the sites under the charge of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the Environmental Protection Department but the data includes those workers after 2003 |

P7 | Same report as 6.1 | (Table 1 – Number of construction sites, manual workers engaged, vacancies and job opportunities in public and private sector sites analysed by type of site – Total) |

Gross floor area (new building projects) | P7 | Census and Statistics Department – Annual publication – Key Statistics on Business Performance and Operating Characteristics of the Building, Construction and Real Estate Sectors (2001 to 2012 reports) | Hong Kong Annual Situation (Table 4.4 – Land Area and Gross Floor Area of Real Estate Projects by Status of Project at end of the year – Total Gross floor area of buildings when completed) | Adopt data from 2001 to 2012 |


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<td>Number of reportable industrial accidents</td>
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<td>Labour Department – data obtained through email enquiry (dated 1/11/2011 for 2010 data, 19/4/2011 for 2000-2009 data, 8/11/2012 for 2011 data, 25/3/2014 for 2012 data, 4/9/2014 for 2013 data)</td>
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<td>New Works – refers to those construction sites where new development or redevelopment works are being carried out. This includes but not limited to, building, piling, demolition, site formation and civil engineering works. RMAA Works – means repair, maintenance, alteration &amp; addition and refers to those minor works such as construction projects for village type houses in the N.T., minor alternations, repairs maintenance and interior decoration of existing buildings.</td>
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<td>Consumption of resources and energy per HK$1,000,000 gross value of construction works</td>
<td>E1</td>
<td>Census and Statistics Department – Key Statistics on Business Performance and Operating Characteristics of Building, Construction and Real Estate Sectors (2001 to 2012 Report) &lt;br&gt; Remarks: The data series includes consumption of materials and supplies, fuels, electricity and water, and maintenance services. &lt;br&gt; <a href="http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp330_tc.jsp?productCode=B1080011">http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/hkstat/sub/sp330_tc.jsp?productCode=B1080011</a></td>
<td>Table 1.1 – Principal statistics for all establishments in the construction sector by industry division/ group</td>
<td>Adopt data from 2001 to 2012 for Whole Industry &lt;br&gt; As confirmed by C&amp;SD, the gross value of construction works performed is in nominal term.</td>
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<td>Workers’ wages Index</td>
<td>M1</td>
<td>1) Census and Statistics Department – Quarterly Publication – Quarterly Report on General Household Survey (2008 to 2013 reports) and 2) Median monthly employment earnings in construction industry by occupation as provided by C&amp;SD through email enquiry (dated 20/11/2012 for 2011 data, 28/2/2013 for 2008 to 2010 data, 27/6/2013 for 2012 data and 8/10/2014 for 2013 data)</td>
<td>Section 4 – <strong>Summary Statistics</strong> – Median monthly employment earnings (HK$)</td>
<td>As confirmed by C&amp;SD, Median monthly employment earnings in the report are nominal values not subject to any adjustment. It includes Chinese New Year bonus/double pay. Construction – including building construction, civil engineering, demolition and site preparation, building services installation and maintenance; and decoration and repair.</td>
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<td>Registered Workers under and above 40</td>
<td>M2</td>
<td>Construction Workers Registration Board – data obtained through email enquiry (dated 1/11/2011 for 2007 to 2010 data, 19/10/2012 for 2011 data and 31/7/2013 for 2012 data, 10/10/2014 for 2013 data) and the following website.</td>
<td>Total Number of Valid Registered Workers in Designated Trades (by applicants &amp; by principle trades) - Year-end Report</td>
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<td>Number of construction graduate</td>
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<td>Number of construction court cases</td>
<td>DR1</td>
<td>High Court Registry – Cause Book of Information “Construction and Arbitration Proceedings” (collected by hand from the reception of High Court Registry by CIC for 2001 to 2012 data in January 2014 and for 2013 data in September 2014)</td>
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<td>Number of construction arbitration cases</td>
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<td>Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre – data obtained through email enquiry (dated 29/8/2013 for 2003 to 2011 data)</td>
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<td>Limited to the cases handled by HKIAC</td>
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<td>Number of construction labour disputes</td>
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<td>Labour Department - data obtained through email enquiry (dated 31/10/2013)</td>
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<td>Each case involves more than 20 employees</td>
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### Annex B – Terms and Definitions

| Civil Works | Following the Report on the Quarterly Survey of Construction Output, civil works refer to construction works performed by main contractors at construction sites by end-use group nature named “Structures and facilities” which include transport, other utilities & plant, environment and sports & recreation.  
  
Following the definition under the Report on the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, civil engineering works include railways, roads, highways, bridges, airport, port works, water works, drainage, reclamation, excavation works, site formation, rest gardens, open spaces, sport grounds, other urban services facilities, service stations and plant and other related construction project.  
  
Following the definition under the Key Statistics on Business Performance and Operating Characteristics of the Building, Construction and Real Estate Sectors, civil engineering includes construction of civil engineering projects and miscellaneous civil engineering works. |
| New Building Works | Following the Report on the Quarterly Survey of Construction Output, new building works refer to the construction works performed by main contractors at construction sites by end-use group nature named “Buildings” which include residential, commercial, industrial & storage and service.  
  
Following the definition under the Report on the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, building works include residential buildings, commercial buildings, industrial buildings and general superstructure erection depending on its nature of works or the end-use of the construction project.  
  
Following the definition under the Key Statistics on Business Performance and Operating Characteristics of the Building, Construction and Real Estate Sectors, construction of buildings includes erection of architectural superstructures, structural steel framework erection, other new building construction, structural alteration & addition works, erection of minor architectural superstructures, erection of temporary structures and combined & other miscellaneous new building construction works. |
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<td>RMAA works</td>
<td>Following the Report on the Quarterly Survey of Construction Output, RMAA works refers to the construction works at locations other than sites, including general trades and special trades. General trades include decoration, repair and maintenance and construction works at minor work locations such as site investigation, demolition, and structural alteration and addition works. Special trades include carpentry, electrical equipment, ventilation, gas and water fitting installation and maintenance etc. Labour Department defines RMAA works as those repair, maintenance, alteration &amp; addition works and also refer to those minor works such as construction projects for village type houses in the N.T., minor alterations, repairs, maintenance and interior decoration of existing buildings.</td>
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<td>New Works</td>
<td>Labour Department defines New Works as those construction sites where new development or re-development works are being carried out. This included, without limited to, building, piling, demolition, site formation and civil engineering works.</td>
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<td>Construction Site</td>
<td>It refers to a demarcated locality where one or more stages of construction work are being carried on.</td>
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<td>Public Sector</td>
<td>Following the Report on the Quarterly Survey of Construction Output, public sector construction works includes project commissioned by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, MTR Corporation Limited and Airport Authority. Projects under the Home Ownership Scheme, which are commissioned by Housing Authority, are also included. Following the Report on the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, public sector sites refer to those under the control of Government departments, the Airport Authority and the MTR.</td>
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<td>Private Sector</td>
<td>Following the Report on the Quarterly Survey of Construction Output, private sector construction works includes projects commissioned by private developers. Project under the Private Sector Participation Scheme are also included. The private sector data in Table 3 includes those construction works carried out at locations other than sites, i.e. decoration, repair and maintenance, works at minor works location, etc. Following the Report on the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, private sector sites refer to those registered with the Buildings Department, including superstructure on sites above the MTR Stations.</td>
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<td><strong>Intermediate consumption</strong></td>
<td>The intermediate consumption of the construction industry comprise the expenses on consumption of building materials and supplies on sites and sundry supplies in business operation, rentals, expenses on repair and maintenance and other services such as transportation, technical consultancy, insurance, etc. Consumption of materials and supplies is obtained by adjusting the value of purchases by changes in inventories net of price appreciation. Payments to labour-only sub-contractors are included in compensation of employees.</td>
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<td><strong>Public Sector Site (H&amp;S indicators)</strong></td>
<td>Public sector sites include sites under the Development Bureau, Housing Authority, other government departments, MTR Corporation Limited and Airport Authority.</td>
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<td><strong>Private Sector Site (H&amp;S indicators)</strong></td>
<td>Private sector sites refer to sites other than public sector sites (Development Bureau, Housing Authority, other government departments, MTR Corporation Limited and Airport Authority).</td>
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<td><strong>Manual Workers</strong></td>
<td>Following the Report on the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies at Construction Sites, manual workers at construction site are people either directly employed by the main contractor, or being called upon by sub-contractors or gangers to work in the construction site on the survey reference date. They include skilled, semi-skilled and general workers. Professional and administrative personnel such as architects, engineers, surveyors, contract managers, site agents, clerks of works, technicians, site foremen and general clerical staff are EXCLUDED. Number of manual workers also excludes the workers work for RMAA works. For sites under the charge of Government departments, manual workers in some 40 selected major occupations at the skilled and semi-skilled levels are covered in the administrative returns furnished by the respective Government departments.</td>
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| **Construction and Arbitration Proceedings / List** | Following the Practice Direction – 6.1 “Construction and Arbitration List ("the List"), the List was established to facilitate the disposal of specialized classes of civil action. The classes of action within the List include (but are not limited to) cases concerning the following:  
(1) civil or mechanical engineering;  
(2) building or other construction work;  
(3) claims by or against engineers, architects, surveyors and other professional persons or bodies engaged in matters relating to the construction industry; and  
(4) applications relating to arbitration whether arising under the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 341), Rules of High Court ("RHC"), Order 73 or otherwise.  
There shall be a Judge in charge of the List. Other Judges ("designated Judges") may also be designated to hear proceedings within the List from time to time. |
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<td>Consumption of Resources and Energy</td>
<td>Following the definition under the <strong>Key Statistics on Business Performance and Operating Characteristics of the Building, Construction and Real Estate Sectors</strong>, consumption of resources and energy refers to the consumption of materials and supplies, fuels, electricity and water and maintenance services.</td>
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<td>Building Energy Use</td>
<td>Following the Report on Hong Kong Energy End-use Data, the building energy use refers to the energy end-use data, including Electricity, Town Gas &amp; Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Oil &amp; Coal Products. Electricity includes the electricity generated from coal-fired, and natural gas units. Since 2010, it includes also the electricity generated from wind and solar power. Town Gas &amp; Liquefied Petroleum Gas include town gas, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and bio-gas. Oil &amp; Coal Products include gasoline, diesel, kerosene, aviation fuel, charcoal, anthracite, coking coal, semi-coking coal and bio-diesel.</td>
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<td>Overall Construction Waste</td>
<td>Following the Report on Monitoring of Solid Waste in Hong Kong, overall construction waste refers to a mixture of waste or surplus materials arising from construction activities such as site clearance, excavation, refurbishment, renovation, demolition and road works. It also includes waste concrete that is generated from concrete batching plants and cement plaster/ mortar manufacturing plants not set up inside construction sites. Overall construction waste may comprise a fraction of inert materials such as debris, rubble, earth and concrete, which, after proper sorting, can be recycled for use in site formation, land reclamation and construction.</td>
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