Questions for discussion

Transport

- How to aggregate urban and rural statistics to form a country indicator?

- Any comparability problems on the indicators between economies given their diversified geographical characteristics?

Housing
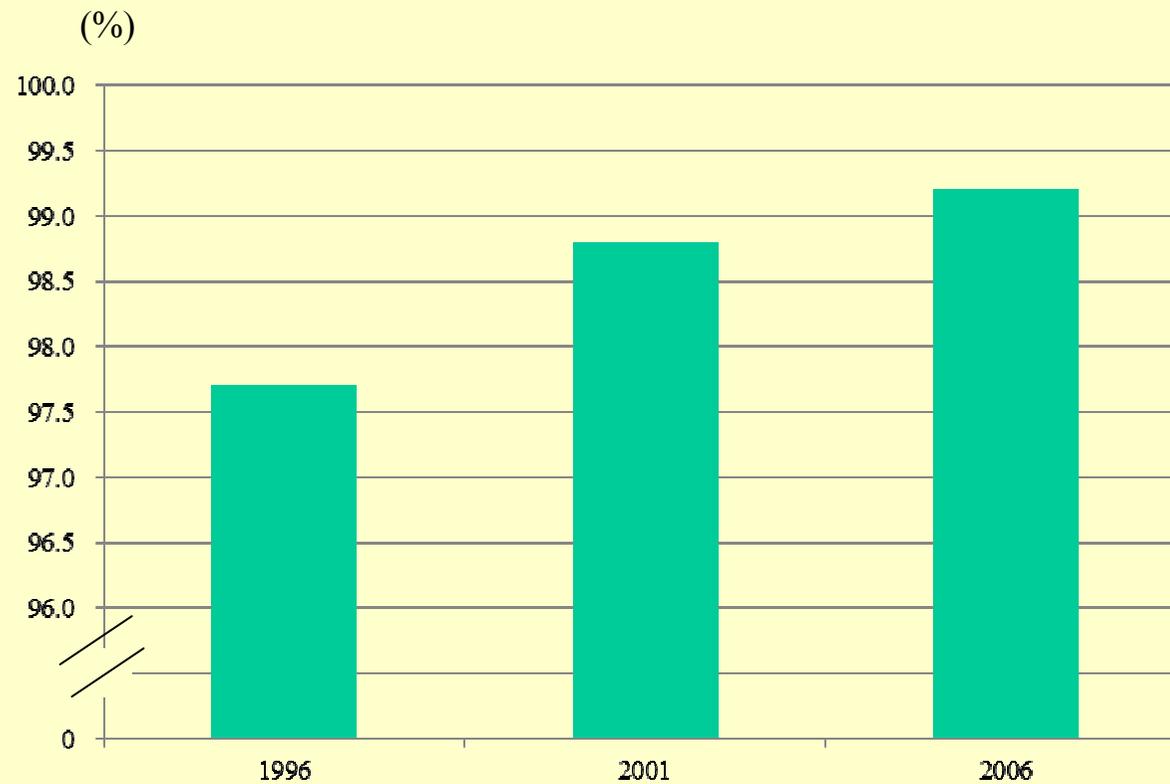
Measuring well-being in housing:

Decent Home, Affordability, Home Ownership
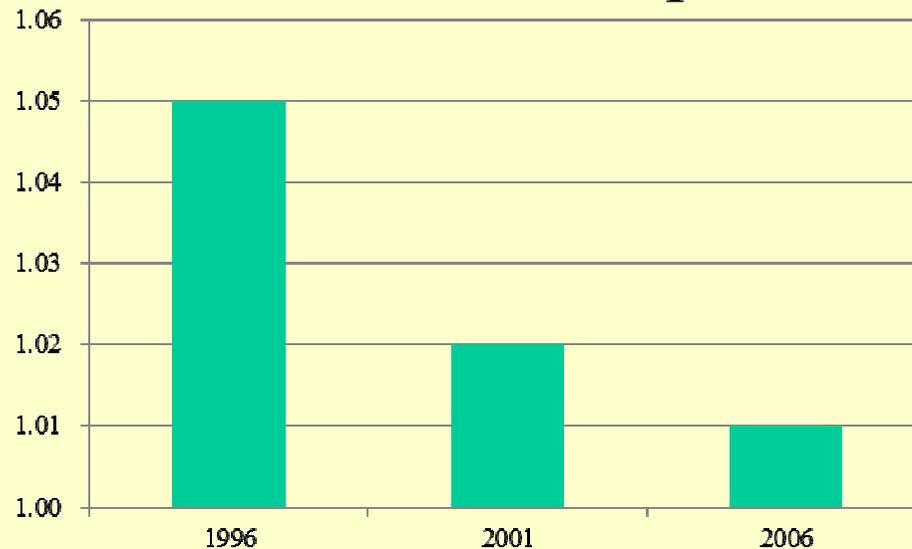
Housing

(I) Decent Home

•Proportion of population living in permanent housing

(%)

Source: Population Censuses/By-censuses, Hong Kong

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Housing

(I) Decent Home

•[Measure of crowding] Area of living space per person

•[Measure of crowding] Degree of sharing --- Average number of domestic households per unit of quarters

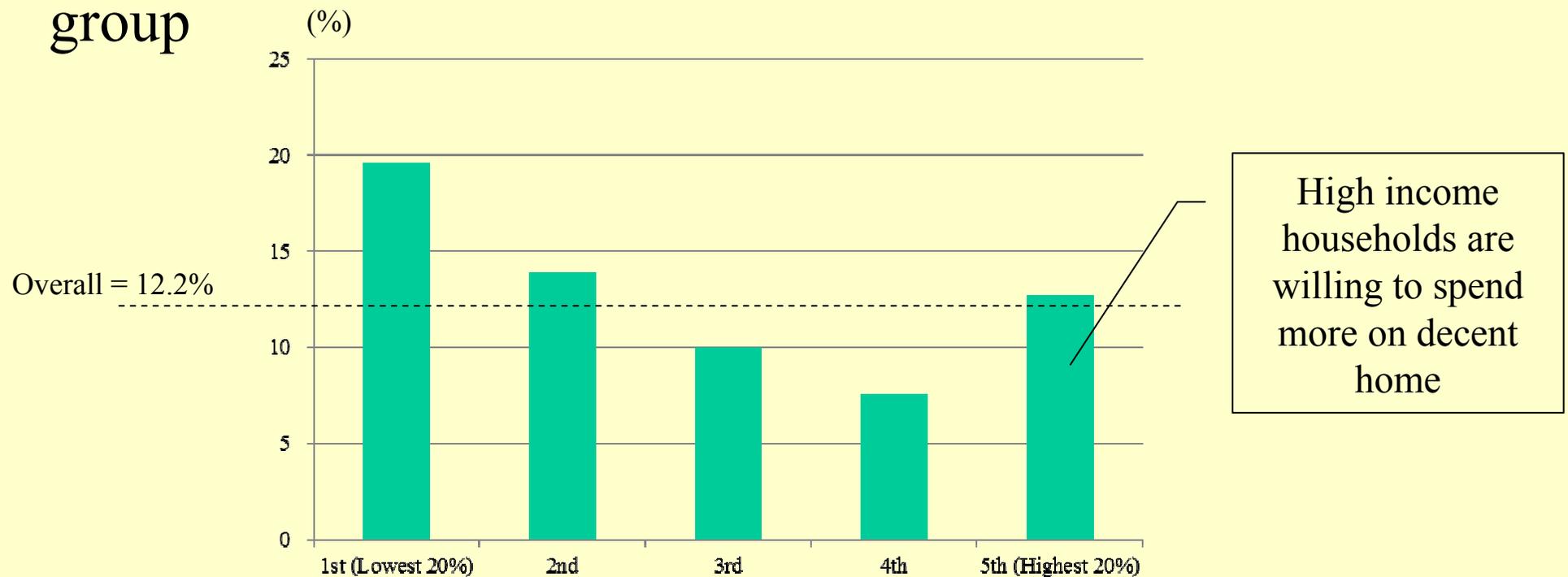Source: Population Censuses/By-censuses, Hong Kong

Housing

(I) Decent Home

•[Access to modern facilities] Percentage of households with modern facilities, such as cable TV, internet access, water, electricity

•[Access to necessities] Percentage of households with easy access to household necessities (e.g. supermarket, school, hospital)

•Concealed households --- Living with parents even after getting married due to financial constraints, need of parents' care, etc.

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(II) Affordability

- Median rent to household income ratio by quintile income group

(%)

Overall = 12.2%

1st (Lowest 20%) | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th (Highest 20%)

High income households are willing to spend more on decent home

Source: 2010 General Household Survey, Hong Kong

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(III) Home ownership

- Sense of security --- No more uncertainty on potential rental rise

- Sense of belonging --- Devoted to the society

- Investment --- Most important investment in life

(In Hong Kong, of the 1.25 million households residing in private buildings in Hong Kong in 2010, about 70% owned their properties.)

Source: General Household Survey

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Housing

- Meaningful comparison of housing needs across economies? Basic shelter vs decent home?

- How to measure overcrowding across economies? A family of 4 (parents, son and daughter) with less than 3 bedrooms may be considered as overcrowding in one place but very decent in another place.

Thank you