

Hong Kong Licensed Vessels (as at Year End)

Type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Class I										
Ferry Vessel	60	59	60	57	51	50	49	50	48	48
Floating Restaurant	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Launch	242	225	228	239	240	237	233	230	232	235
Multi-purposes Vessel	15	16	16	16	17	17	20	19	19	16
Primitive Vessel	77	76	70	69	69	69	70	67	70	71
Stationary Vessel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	396	378	376	382	379	375	374	368	371	372
Class II										
Crane Barge	2	4	4	5	7	7	13	15	9	11
Dangerous Goods Carrier	31	30	27	31	30	30	30	29	29	29
Dredger	2	0	1	3	2	1	7	9	5	5
Dry Cargo Vessel	199	157	132	121	115	115	107	104	106	105
Dumb Lighter	530	480	457	453	458	480	487	507	529	511
Edible Oil Carrier	20	20	19	18	18	16	17	14	14	12
Flat-top Work Barge	49	48	61	60	70	73	69	73	65	72
Floating Dock	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Floating Workshop	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gas Carrier ⁽²⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hopper Barge	20	19	18	31	33	28	38	32	35	30
Landing Platform	36	38	37	40	39	41	38	44	43	43
Landing Pontoon	31	33	39	36	40	45	46	52	58	69
Noxious Liquid Substance Carrier	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	1	2	1
Oil Carrier	163	159	174	179	173	173	171	165	162	162
Pilot Boat	12	15	18	18	20	21	21	20	19	21
Special Purpose Vessel	1	1	2	5	6	7	9	10	6	20
Stationary Vessel	149	137	144	135	144	143	148	142	138	117
Transportation Boat	35	33	32	26	25	27	26	30	30	27
Transportation Sampan	93	90	84	78	83	84	88	79	81	75
Tug	182	165	151	162	157	168	166	168	168	171
Water Boat	24	23	21	19	22	20	20	19	20	20
Work Boat	333	306	295	299	298	299	311	305	303	284
Sub-total	1 920	1 766	1 723	1 725	1 746	1 785	1 819	1 822	1 826	1 789
Class III										
Fish Carrier	2	2	3	19	21	17	23	25	26	31
Fishing Sampan	911	859	865	846	922	1 184	1 604	1 958	1 997	1 982
Fishing Vessel	1 922	1 791	2 122	2 126	2 208	2 166	2 137	2 003	2 030	1 997
Outboard Open Sampan	2 654	2 550	2 559	2 580	2 698	2 835	2 772	2 613	2 575	2 621
Sub-total	5 489	5 202	5 549	5 571	5 849	6 202	6 536	6 599	6 628	6 631
Class IV										
Auxiliary Powered Yacht	481	503	561	630	675	725	742	753	776	786
Cruiser	1 757	1 799	1 950	2 085	2 221	2 326	2 447	2 507	2 614	2 651
Open Cruiser	3 476	3 666	3 962	4 209	4 589	4 869	5 302	5 699	6 066	6 311
Sub-total	5 714	5 968	6 473	6 924	7 485	7 920	8 491	8 959	9 456	9 748
Total⁽¹⁾	13 519	13 314	14 121	14 602	15 459	16 282	17 220	17 748	18 281	18 540

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Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Class I								
Ferry Vessel	47	49	46	46	47	46	47	59
Floating Restaurant	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Launch	241	242	255	261	266	265	267	266
Multi-purposes Vessel	16	15	16	14	17	15	15	13
Primitive Vessel	69	66	62	64	64	63	63	59
Stationary Vessel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	375	373	381	386	396	390	393	398
Class II								
Crane Barge	9	5	9	8	7	9	5	5
Dangerous Goods Carrier	28	27	27	26	27	27	26	28
Dredger	3	16	14	13	13	3	7	5
Dry Cargo Vessel	98	105	111	115	118	111	102	104
Dumb Lighter	524	525	529	562	535	517	504	463
Edible Oil Carrier	13	12	11	10	9	10	10	9
Flat-top Work Barge	68	62	66	62	63	59	58	60
Floating Dock	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1
Floating Workshop	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gas Carrier ⁽²⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hopper Barge	30	28	32	33	30	22	19	25
Landing Platform	45	44	43	46	45	47	48	47
Landing Pontoon	69	74	69	72	73	82	80	78
Noxious Liquid Substance Carrier	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oil Carrier	161	170	167	170	170	161	163	153
Pilot Boat	23	22	22	21	25	24	24	25
Special Purpose Vessel	80	89	78	82	80	72	62	61
Stationary Vessel	121	121	121	125	132	127	131	131
Transportation Boat	29	28	25	32	29	26	27	26
Transportation Sampan	73	64	60	58	59	52	53	55
Tug	190	192	193	210	216	188	193	181
Water Boat	19	18	18	20	16	17	17	17
Work Boat	299	309	298	306	306	288	281	280
Sub-total	1 887	1 915	1 897	1 975	1 956	1 845	1 814	1 756
Class III								
Fish Carrier	30	26	29	26	21	19	23	19
Fishing Sampan	1 942	1 961	1 892	1 908	1 861	1 832	1 829	1 811
Fishing Vessel	1 949	1 899	1 874	1 680	1 626	1 384	1 486	1 364
Outboard Open Sampan	2 581	2 619	2 599	2 776	2 868	2 904	2 922	2 931
Sub-total	6 502	6 505	6 394	6 390	6 376	6 139	6 260	6 125
Class IV								
Auxiliary Powered Yacht	780	769	756	745	761	795	807	828
Cruiser	2 709	2 767	2 711	2 775	2 821	2 917	2 949	2 914
Open Cruiser	6 459	6 624	6 829	7 360	8 185	8 666	8 797	8 583
Sub-total	9 948	10 160	10 296	10 880	11 767	12 378	12 553	12 325
Total⁽¹⁾	18 712	18 953	18 968	19 631	20 495	20 752	21 020	20 604

Notes: (1) Figures exclude dwelling vessels licensed under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Dwelling Vessels) Regulation (Cap. 548A).

The number of dwelling vessels was 5 in 2007, 4 from 2008 to 2019, and 3 from 2020 to 2024.

(2) A gas carrier was added under Class II vessels w.e.f. 5 May 2023.

**Statistics on Hong Kong Licensed Vessels (with Valid Licence)
(Old Series Prior to 2 January 2007)**

Vessel Type	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Launches and Ferries										
Plying within Specified Shelter Waters	34	22	21	22	23	23	21	18	18	17
Plying within River Trade Limits / Waters of Hong Kong	745	646	661	685	645	627	602	602	583	567
Sub-total	779	668	682	707	668	650	623	620	601	584
Miscellaneous Crafts										
Class I Passenger Sampans	177	169	158	147	128	118	114	112	109	102
Class II Lighters and Barges	1 341	1 258	1 271	1 280	1 266	1 161	1 153	1 146	1 117	1 086
Class III Stationary Vessels	189	218	208	215	229	219	215	216	207	196
Class IV Fishing	1 172	1 084	1 050	1 077	1 085	1 053	1 137	1 072	1 001	958
Steel Fishing	2	13	12	14	11	21	26	26	57	64
Miscellaneous	516	500	521	526	565	528	551	545	531	517
Outboard Open Sampans	2 596	2 387	2 471	2 595	2 599	2 603	2 703	2 749	2 803	2 792
Class V Trading Vessels	59	51	52	42	43	42	41	41	43	40
Class VI Fishing	2 359	2 256	2 352	2 311	2 160	2 259	2 278	2 363	2 138	1 983
Class VII Floating Dock/Workshop	7	7	5	6	5	5	5	4	4	4
Class VIII Floating Restaurant	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sub-total	8 421	7 946	8 103	8 215	8 093	8 011	8 225	8 276	8 012	7 744
Pleasure Vessels	4 678	4 426	4 200	4 416	4 246	4 515	4 719	4 997	5 281	5 464
Sub-total - Hong Kong Licensed Vessels (excluding Dwelling Vessels)	13 878	13 040	12 985	13 338	13 007	13 176	13 567	13 893	13 894	13 792
Dwelling Vessels	23	19	16	14	9	6	6	6	6	6
Total	13 901	13 059	13 001	13 352	13 016	13 182	13 573	13 899	13 900	13 798