

State of Happiness in Hong Kong 2006

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How happy are HK people?

Question:

Overall, How happy are you?

0 indicates very unhappy

10 indicates very happy

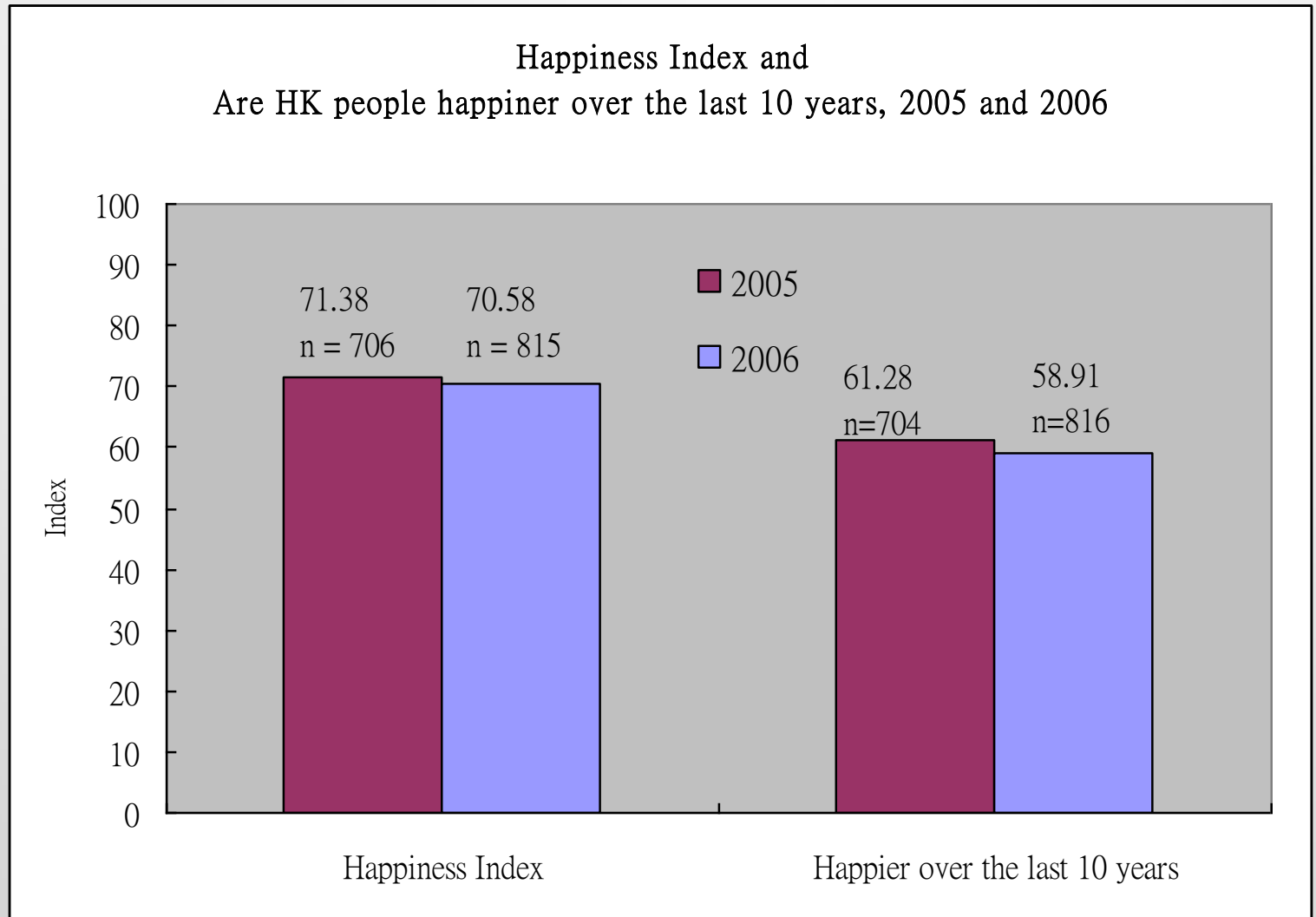
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Are you happier over the last 10 years?

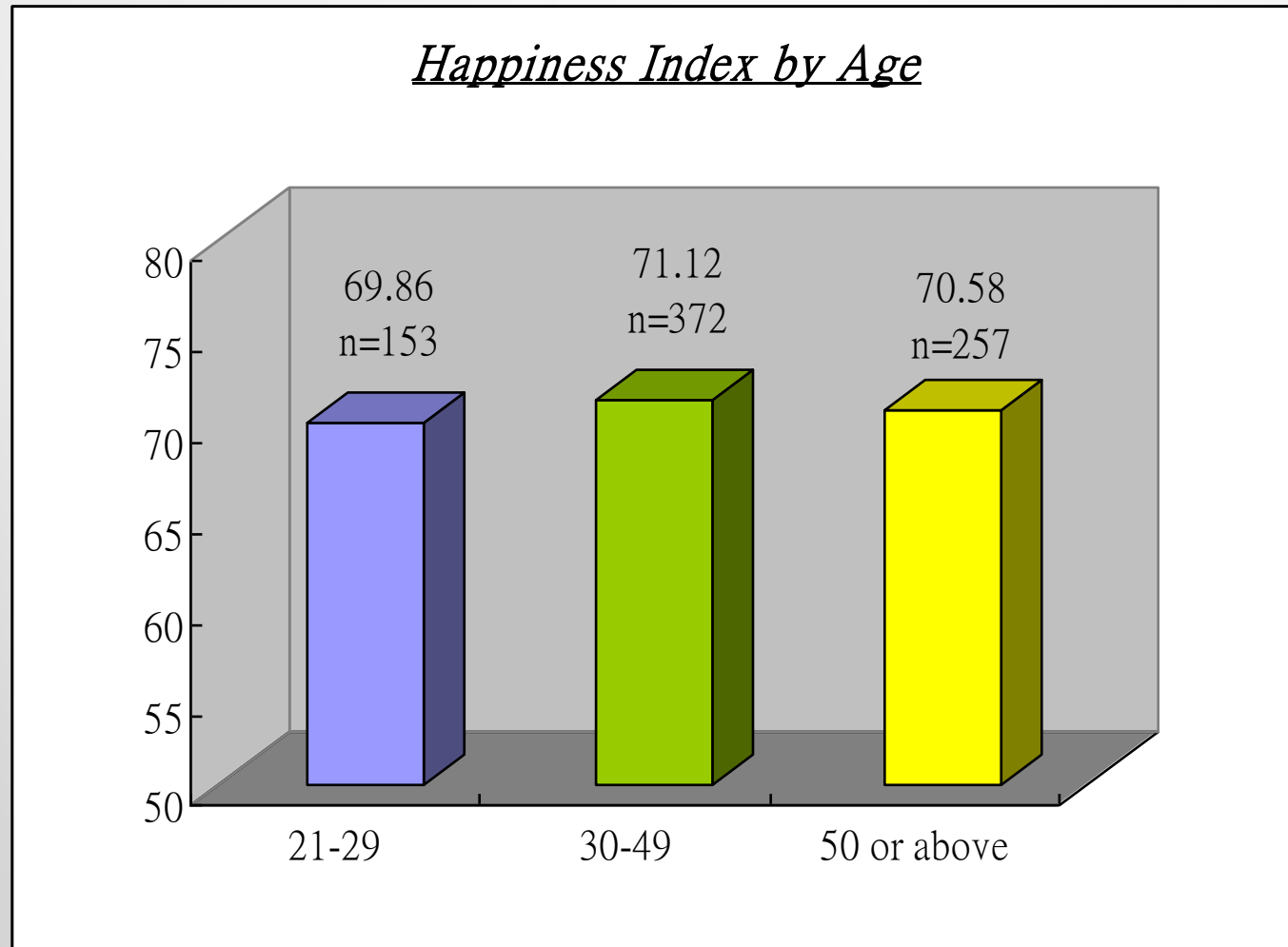
- Question:
- Are you happier over the last 10 years?
- 0 ----- 5 -----> 10
(Happiness Decreased a lot) (No change) (Increased a lot)

The score is then multiplied by 100

Happiness Index & Are HK people happier over the last 10 years, 2005 & 06



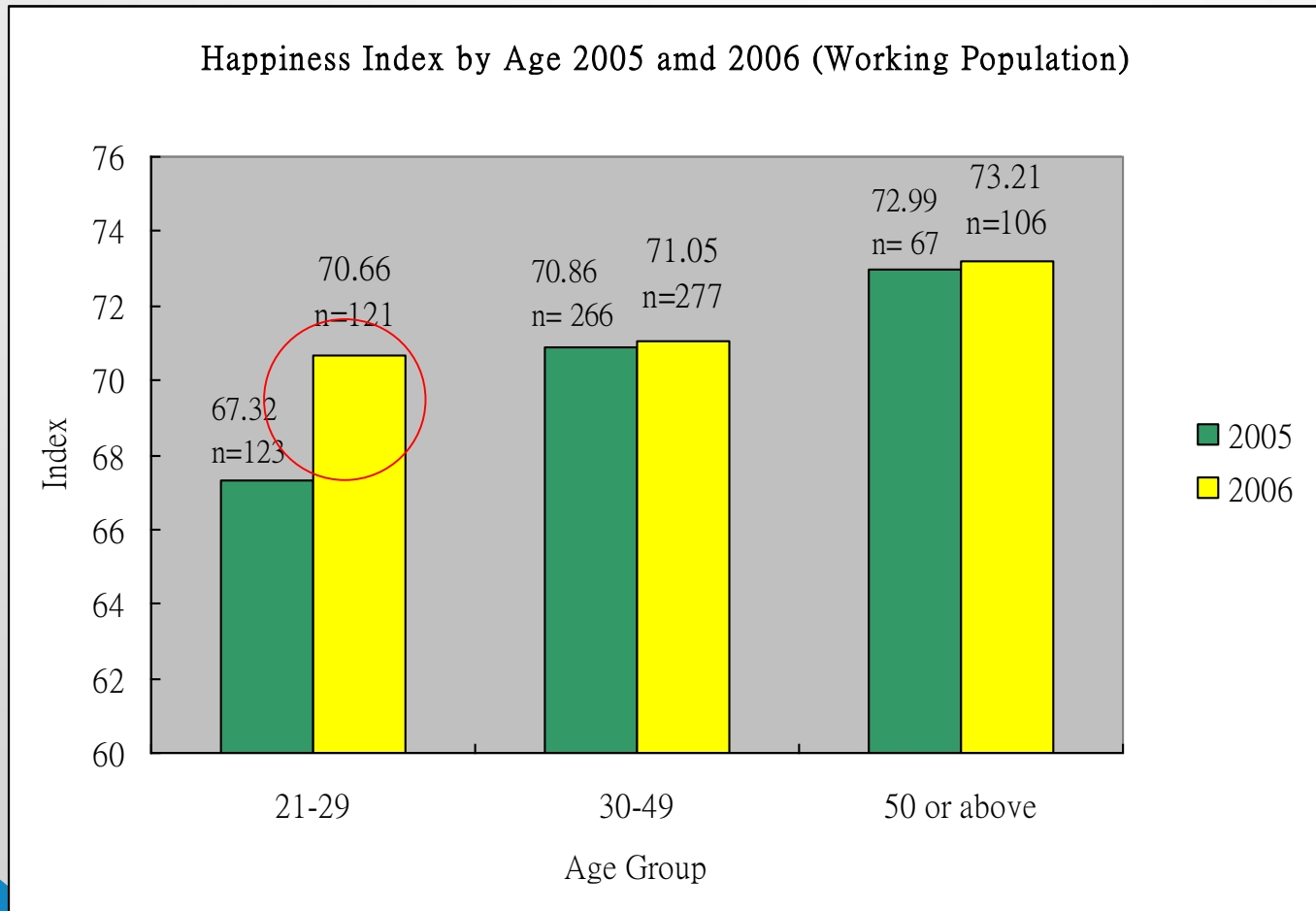
Happiness Index by Age Groups 2006



Main Findings in 2006 Survey

- Overall reading is 70.58, still a very good result by international standards. Working population happier than last year; non-working population less happy than last year.
- Young people in their 20s clearly happier than last year, at 69.86, as compared to 67.39.

Happiness Index by Age Groups (Working Population only) 2005 and 06



Inequality-adjusted happiness index

- Adjusted with reference to the dispersion of happiness indices across groups
- We have not done the adjustment; but disparity has narrowed across age groups in 2006

Table 1
Inequality-Adjusted Happiness in nations in the 1990
 Scores on 0-100 *LAH*-index; some illustrative cases

<i>Top 5</i>		<i>Middle 5</i>		<i>Bottom 5</i>	
Malta	74	USA	55	Armenia	29
Denmark	73	Philippines	54	Ukraine	28
Switzerland	73	Iran	51	Moldova	27
Iceland	72	South Korea	49	Zimbabwe	23
The Netherlands	71	India	48	Tanzania	20

Full list of nations on Appendix C

Source: World Database of Happiness, Distributional Findings in Nations, Rank Report 2004/4c

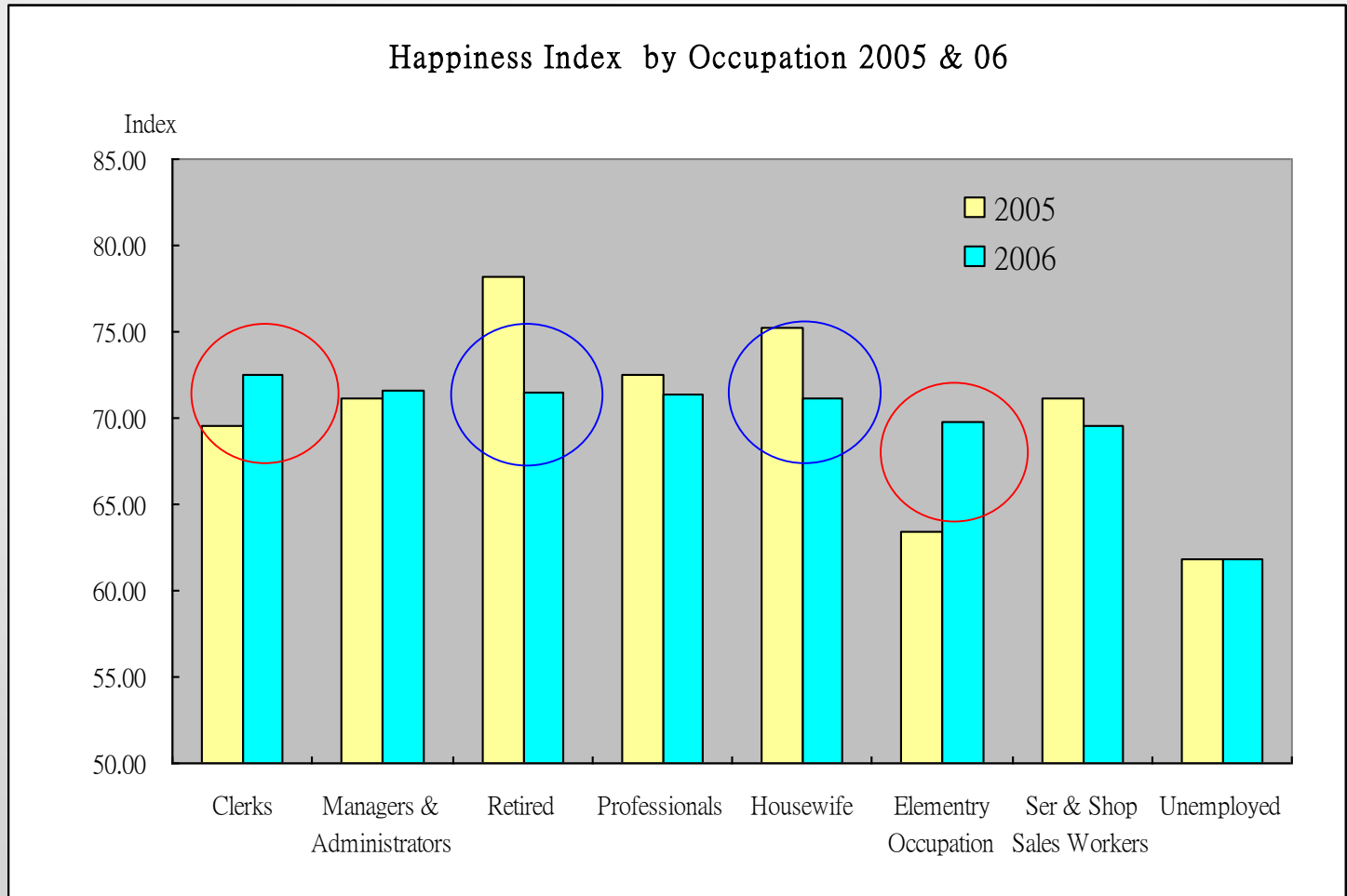
Personal Income by Age Groups 2005

Age		Personal Income Group		Total
		Personal income < 6999	Personal income > 7000	
21-29	Count	24	95	119
	% within Age	20.17	79.83	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	40.68	26.24	28.27
	% of Total	5.70	22.57	28.27
30-49	Count	21	223	244
	% within Age	8.61	91.39	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	35.59	61.60	57.96
	% of Total	4.99	52.97	57.96
50 or above	Count	14	44	58
	% within Age	24.14	75.86	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	23.73	12.15	13.78
	% of Total	3.33	10.45	13.78
Total	Count	59	362	421
	% within Age	14.01	85.99	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	100.00	100.00	100.00
	% of Total	14.01	85.99	100.00

Personal Income by Age Groups 2006

Age Group		Personal Income Group		Total
		Personal Income < \$6999	Personal Income > \$7000	
21-29	Count	16	102	118
	% within Age Group	13.56	86.44	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	28.57	27.49	27.63
	% of Total	3.75	23.89	27.63
30-49	Count	21	196	217
	% within Age Group	9.68	90.32	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	37.50	52.83	50.82
	% of Total	4.92	45.90	50.82
50 or above	Count	19	73	92
	% within Age Group	20.65	79.35	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	33.93	19.68	21.55
	% of Total	4.45	17.10	21.55
Total	Count	56	371	427
	% within Age Group	13.11	86.89	100.00
	% within Personal Income Group	100.00	100.00	100.00
	% of Total	13	86	100

Happiness Index by Occupation 2005 & 06



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Occupation	2005		2006	
	Mean	Sample	Mean	Sample
Clerks	69.5	101	72.5	100
Managers & Administrator	71.09	92	71.6	143
Retired	78.17	60	71.5	100
Professionals	72.46	61	71.4	74
Housewife	75.25	118	71.2	110
Elementary Occupation	63.45	29	69.8	41
Services & Shop Sales Workers	71.18	68	69.5	65
Unemployed	61.84	38	61.9	27

Sources of Changes?

- Improving job market for young people (Compared with last year, more young people move to higher income category)
- Happiness index for clerical staff and elementary occupation also increased significantly this year. This reflects the labour market in 2006 is much better.
- Possible factors that trouble the elderly people and housewife :
less company with family members busy with their work?