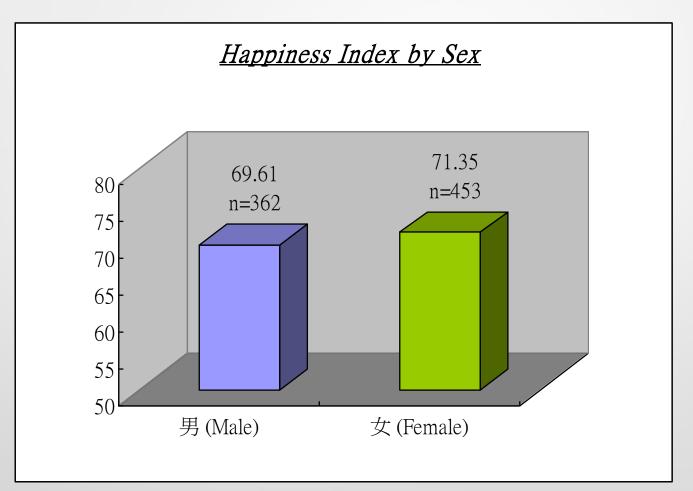
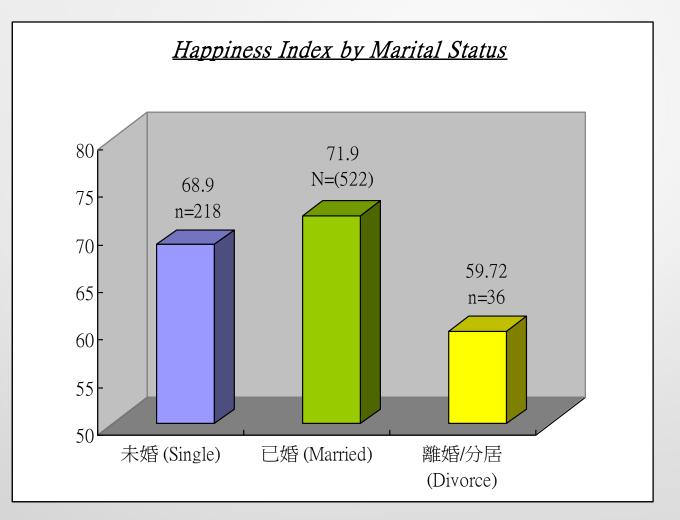
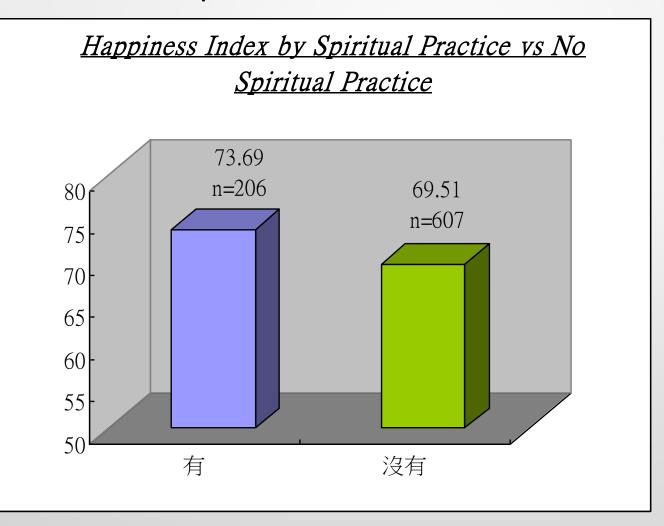
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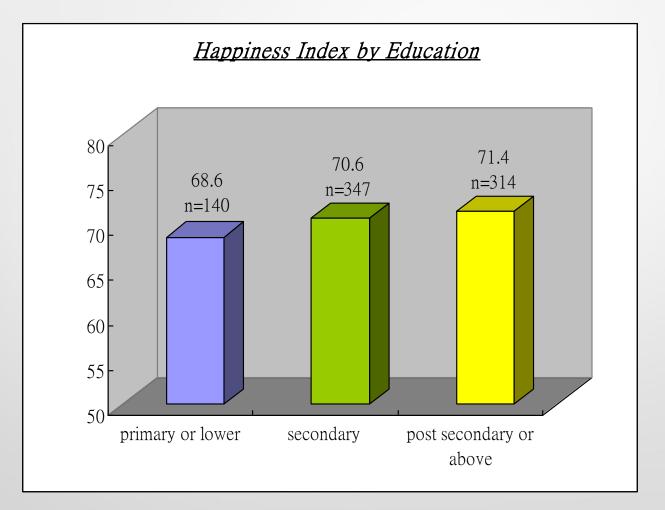
## Happiness Index by Marital Status



## Happiness Index by Spiritual Practice vs No Spiritual Practice



### Happiness Index by Education 2006



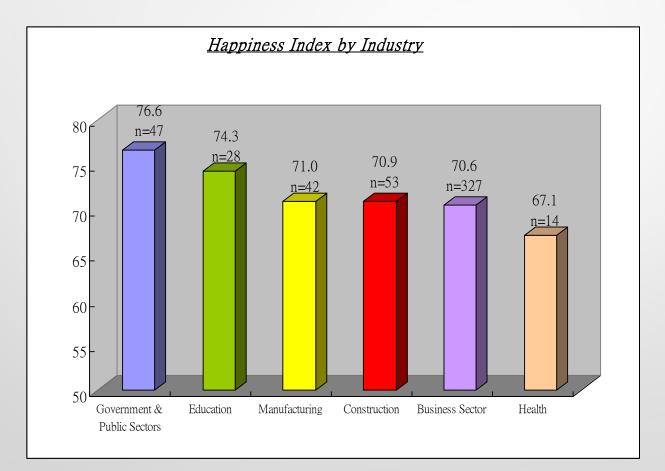
## Happiness Index by Education and Income

	Low Personal Income	High Personal Income
Primary or below	67.96	70.38
Secondary	68.78	71.77
Post-secondary	70.00	71.59

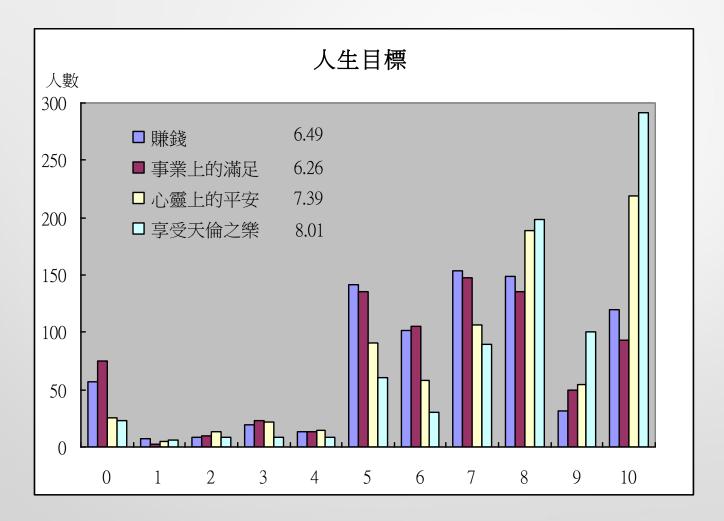
Low personal income = <\$6999

High personal income = >\$7000

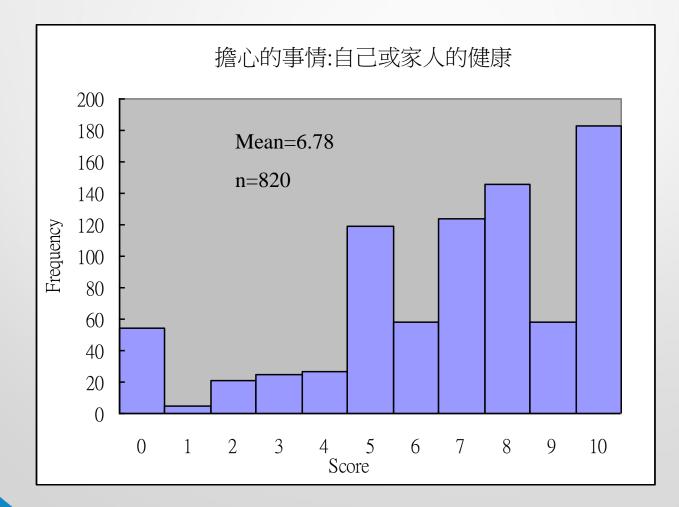
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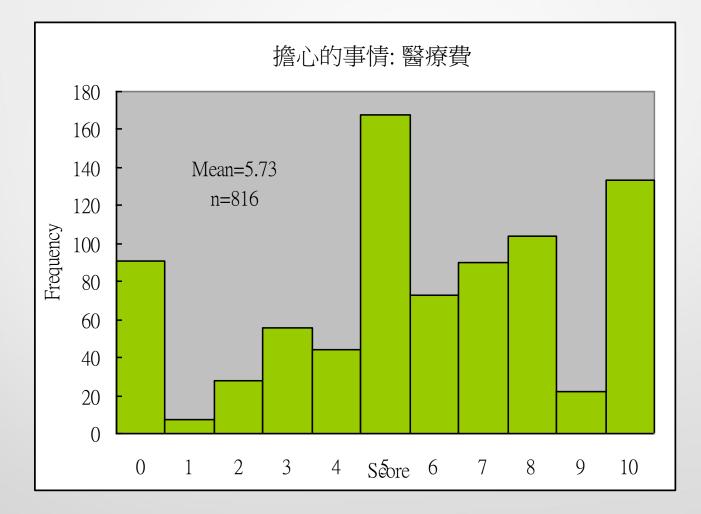
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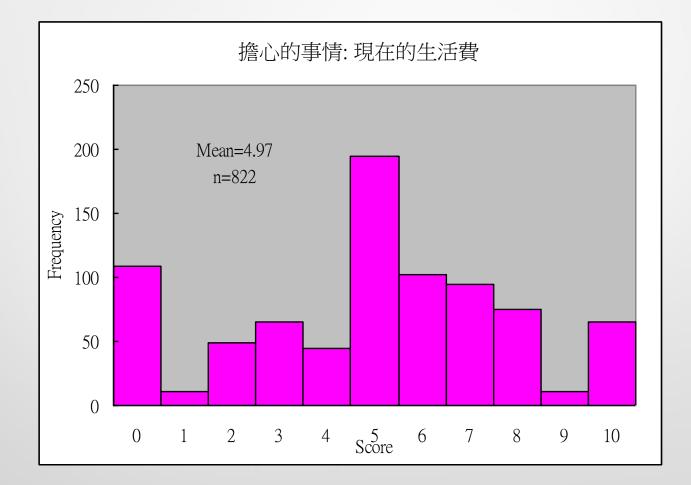
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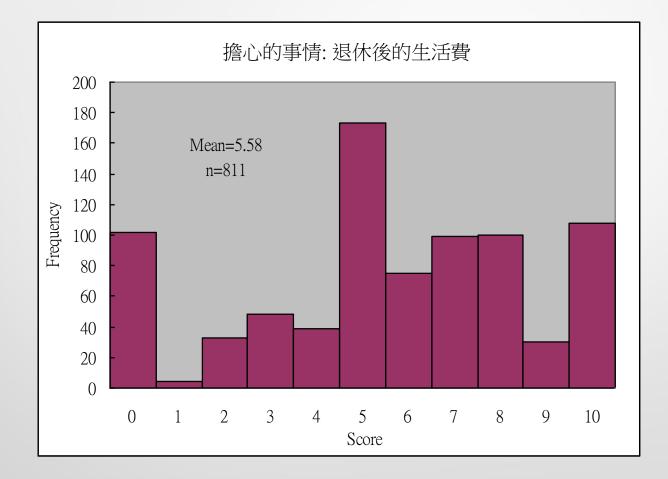
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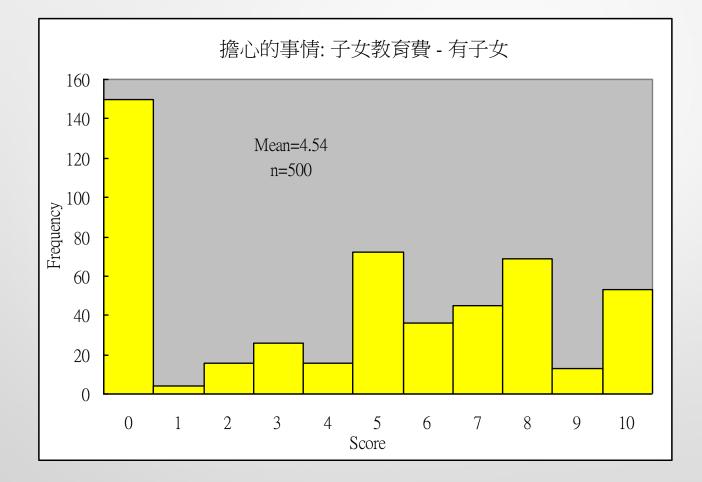
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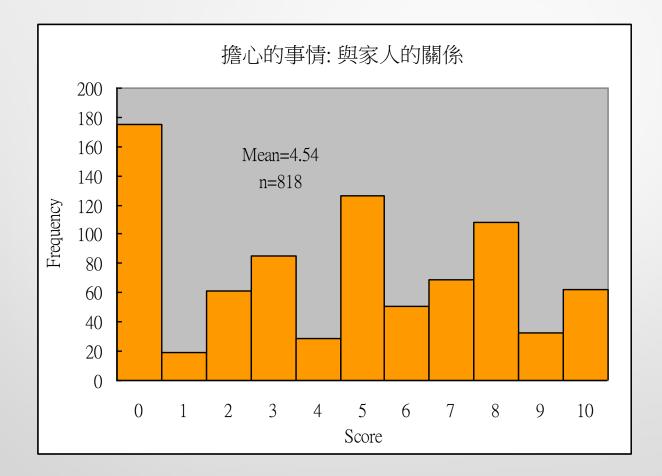
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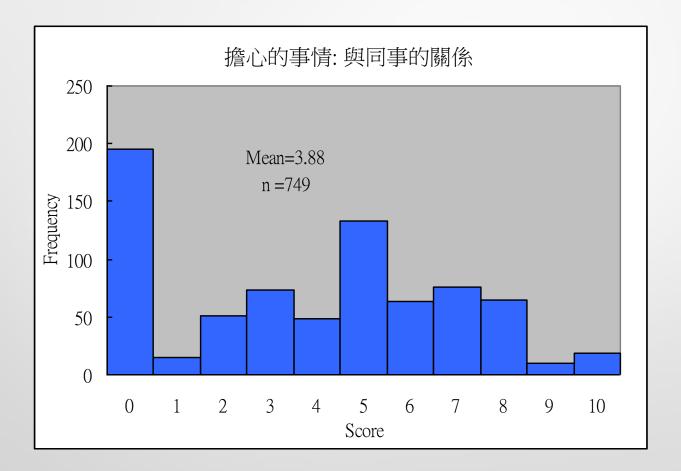
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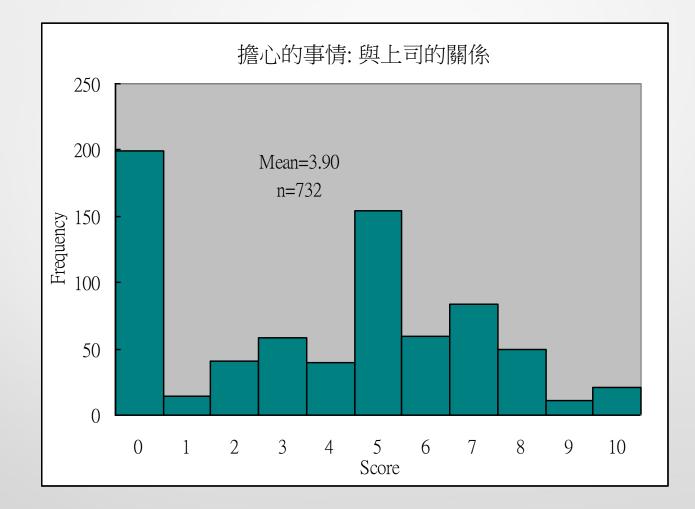
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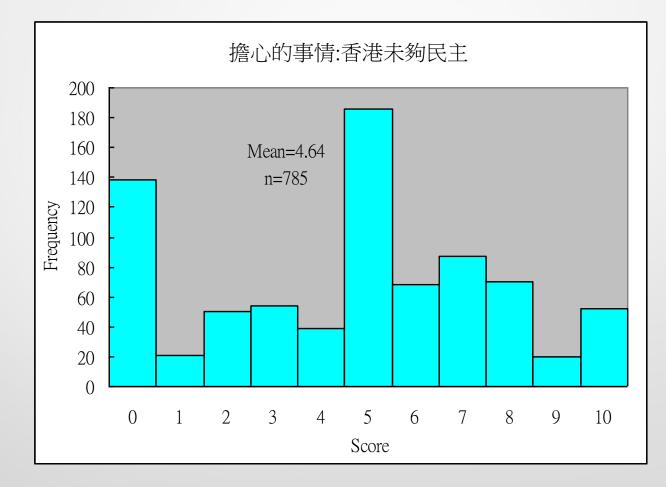
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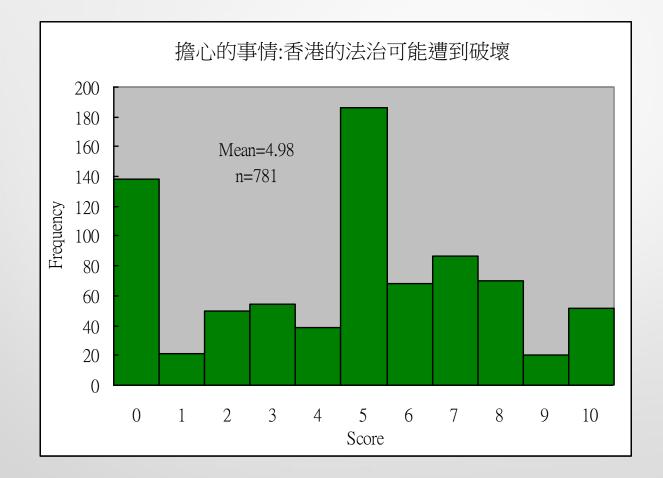
## Relations with Superiors at Work: Generally Not a Concern



## Worried about inadequate democracy: a significant minority- some 6.6 % most worried



## Judicial Independence and Lawfulness: 11.2 % Most Worried



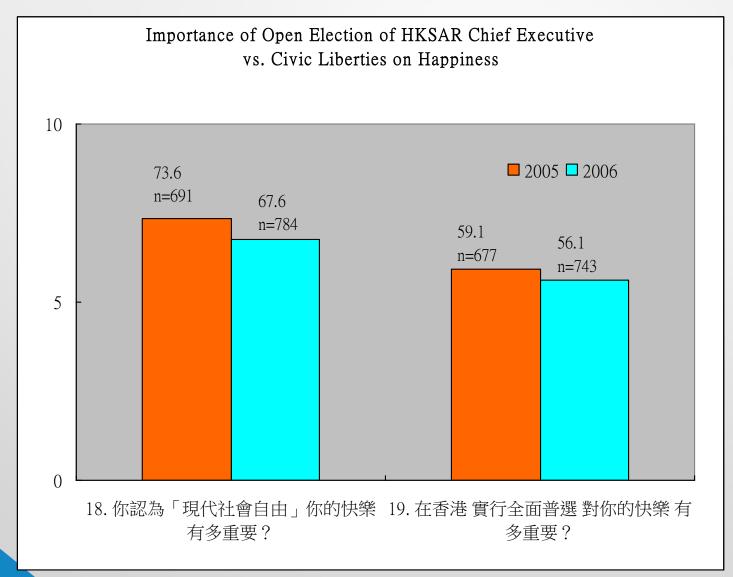
### **Regression Analysis**

#### **Dependent variable: Happiness Index**

Independent Variables	Coefficient	Significance level
Constant	43.36	15.58***
Harmonious Family Relations	1.279	4.35***
Financial Success	-0.518	-1.87*
Career Achievement	0.035	0.13
Spiritual Satisfaction	0.443	1.71*
Satisfied with current economic state (Yes)	2.782	11.32***

\* = 10% Sig. and \*\*\* = 1% Sig.

#### Importance of Open Election of HKSAR Chief Executive vs. Civic Liberties on Happiness



### Conclusions

- Hong Kong people are generally happy
- Young people much happier over last year
- Loving, caring people are the happiest;
- Love starts from the family;
- Spiritually inclined people happier than those after material gains;
- Unemployment, medical spending, retirement concerns, relations with family members are key sources of unhappiness in HK: Policy relieving these worries will promote happiness
- Educated people usually happier, but effect is mainly through the effects of education attainment on income

### Conclusions

- Public policy should make a serious attempt to alleviate these worries;
- Schools should teach students how to cope with life's challenges; they do not seem to have done a good job in this regard;
- Young people are much happier in 2006, benefiting from the brighter economic prospects;
- Long work-hours probably are making nonworking members of the family unhappy;
- Hong Kong still a very attractive place to live in.