

ICAC Annual Survey 2018

A. Public Attitude towards Corruption

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Tolerance of corruption in Hong Kong				
0 (Total intolerance)	82.4%	79.1%	79.8%	84.7%
Mean score	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Willingness to report corruption				
– Willing	78.8%	78.1%	78.0%	81.7%
– Unwilling	5.7%	5.1%	6.2%	3.1%
– Depending on circumstances	14.0%	14.8%	13.7%	12.9%
– Don't know/no opinion	1.6%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%

Scenario-type Behaviours	Acceptance level				Whether the act is illegal		
	Acceptable	Depend on circumstances	Unacceptable	Don't know/no comment	Yes	No	Don't know/no comment
(i) A civil servant helps his/her relative to bid the department's works project tender by providing the relative with internal information.	1.2%	0.2%	97.1%	1.5%	94.7%	2.5%	2.8%
(ii) A cleaning (or construction) company supervisor accepts money from job seekers in return for assisting them to secure employment as workers.	1.7%	0.8%	96.2%	1.2%	92.3%	4.0%	3.7%
(iii) An employee claims from his company business entertainment expenses higher than the actual amount.	1.9%	2.8%	93.0%	2.3%	86.8%	6.8%	6.4%
(iv) A candidate of the District Council Election offers to residents in the district a free one-day local tour during which he/she mentions that he/she is going to stand for election and appeals to the residents to vote for him/her.	6.3%	1.3%	90.7%	1.8%	82.9%	10.8%	6.3%

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Perceived prevalence of corruption in Hong Kong				
– Not quite common/very uncommon	65.5%	64.4%	64.5%	64.2%
– Very common/quite common	28.1%	29.6%	28.2%	28.3%
– Don't know/no opinion	6.5%	6.0%	7.4%	7.5%

B. Public Concern over Corruption Problem

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Perceived importance of keeping Hong Kong corruption-free to overall development of Hong Kong				
– Very important/quite important	99.0%	99.2%	99.2%	98.7%
– Not quite important/very unimportant	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
– Don't know/no opinion	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	1.2%
Perceived changes in the overall situation of corruption in Hong Kong next year *				
– Will improve				11.4%
– Will worsen				12.3%
– More or less the same as at present				67.3%
– Don't know/no opinion				9.1%

*This question was amended in 2018.

C. Public Opinion towards the Work of the ICAC

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Effectiveness of ICAC's anti-corruption work				
– Very effective/quite effective	80.3%	80.1%	78.8%	79.0%
– Not quite effective/very ineffective	12.4%	12.7%	13.2%	11.3%
– Don't know/no opinion	7.4%	7.2%	7.9%	9.7%
Support for the ICAC				
– Deserved	97.0%	96.2%	96.8%	97.0%
– Not deserved	1.0%	1.7%	1.5%	0.9%
– Don't know/no opinion	2.0%	2.2%	1.7%	2.1%
Whether respondents had seen or heard of information concerning the ICAC in the past 12 months *				
– Yes				93.2%
– No				6.8%

*This question was amended in 2018.

D. Public Behaviour and Experience in Reporting Corruption

	2018
Whether respondents had come across corruption personally in the past 12 months *	
– Yes	1.3%
– No	98.4%
– Don't know/no opinion	0.3%

*The question was amended in 2017 and further refined in 2018. The finding cannot be directly compared with those recorded in the previous years.

	2018
Whether respondents who had come across corruption personally in the past 12 months had reported to the ICAC	
– Yes	5.6%
– No	84.9%
– Unwilling to reveal	9.5%
Sample size	(20)*

*The estimates should be interpreted with caution owing to a small base.

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Whether friends and relatives of respondents had come across corruption in the past 12 months				
– Yes	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.3%
– No	95.1%	95.0%	94.5%	95.6%
– Don't know/no opinion	3.9%	4.0%	4.5%	3.1%