

Numbers of NCSC staff and their proportion to the total manpower in LCSD

	Number as at the following dates				
	1 January 2010	1 January 2009	1 January 2008	1 January 2007	1 January 2006
Civil service strength	7 389 (84%)	7 082 (84%)	6 939 (82%)	6 765 (79%)	6 927 (80%)
Full-time ^{Note} NCSC staff	1 359 (16%)	1 303 (16%)	1 525 (18%)	1 816 (21%)	1 784 (20%)
Total	8 748 (100%)	8 385 (100%)	8 464 (100%)	8 581 (100%)	8 711 (100%)

[Note: “Full-time” means the employment is on a “continuous contract” under the definition of the Employment Ordinance. According to the Employment Ordinance, an employee who works continuously for the same employer for four weeks or more, with at least 18 hours in each week, is regarded as working under a continuous contract.]