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Seeing Taipei

Taipei City, as the hub of the Asia-Pacific region, is Taiwan's political, economic, and cultural capital. It is thrived on business and meta-culture activities, and is getting excellent reviews on every international rating.

As the trend of globalization moves forward, every city on this planet is competing with each other. Taipei City Government implements six policies to maintain its advantages for future competitions, and they are “increasing industrial efficiency and supporting industrial innovation”, “Improving business zoning and encouraging Industrial aggregations”, “Driving city renovation and fulfilling city functions”, “Building an intelligent city and doubling capital investments”, “Attracting private investments and boosting major constructions” and “Optimizing one-stop services and enhancing service efficiency”. These policies are creating a convenient and friendly environment for enterprises to settle in, building a city with plenty of business opportunities, and leading the development of key industries such as ICT (Information and Communication Technology), biotechnology, cultural innovation, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions), and medical care.

Setting the goal to build an “intelligent city in new economy”, Taipei is dedicated to developing a new economy based on digitalization, intelligence, and environment-friendly. The Nankang Software Industrial Park, the Neihu Technological Park, and the Beitou-Shilin Technological Park (in development) are the bases for Taipei's industrial development. Taipei is injecting innovation energies into city promotion, tourism, medical care, and education. These efforts increase the quality of life for citizens, encourage more business investments, and drive the energy of industrial development.

Taipei is not only known as a city with convenient, safe, healthy, and cultural enrichment lifestyle, but also a place with superior geographical position, highly competent human resources, and comprehensive infrastructure, and it has attracted many well-known international enterprises to setup branch offices for business. In order to aid more international enterprises to

see Taipei's competitiveness and business opportunities, we have compiled this "Taipei Index 2024" handbook. This handbook introduces Taipei from four different viewpoints, including economic development, social culture, city spaces, and governance. It provides key statistic information regarding industrial motivation, human resources, and quality of life.

In the future, Taipei will keep improving its infrastructure and providing better incentives for investments. It will also develop a more diverse lifestyle and become the most influential "Capital of Innovation" in the Asia-Pacific region. We hereby warmly welcome you to visit Taipei, and to feel the unique dynamism, charm, and friendliness of this city. Furthermore, we welcome you to set a forward base in Taipei for global business competition and share a prosperous future with us.

Taipei Index 2024

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Summary

Goal

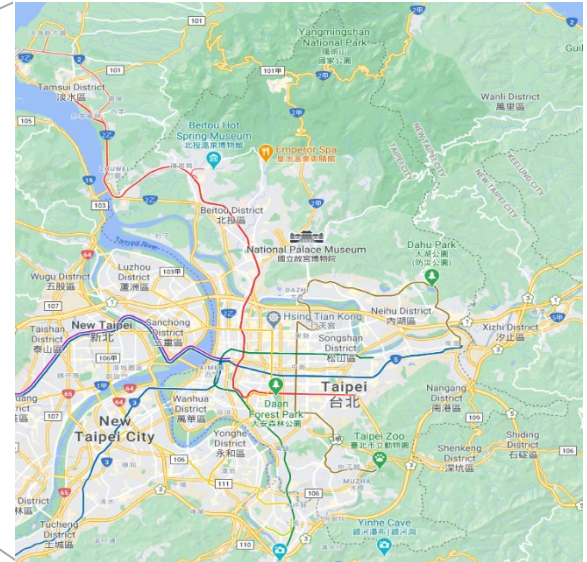
Present the current state of industrial development, human resources, economy, and lifestyle in Taipei through statistic information.

Composition of the Indexes

Well-functioned indicators can objectively reflect trends of local economy and society development. The features of statistic data are measurable, achievable, and result oriented. This handbook is compiled by verified data of economic and lifestyle assessment indexes.

Area	Index
Economy	Employment
	Income and Expenditure
	Industry
	Industry Cluster
	Innovation and Entrepreneurship
	Office Space
Society	Population and Professionals
	Culture and Art
	Quality of Health and Safety
Place	Land Use and Living
	Traffic
	Environment
Governance	Finance
	Civil Participation

Overview of Taipei



Total Area / 271.8 sq. km

Population / 2.4 million

Employed population / 1.169 million

Profit-seeking businesses / 251,798

Profit-seeking business total Revenue / US\$59.31 billion

(Data current as of September 2025)

Taipei City is located in the northern part of Taiwan, and is the political, economic, and cultural development center of the island. It has 12 administrative districts and, together with the neighboring New Taipei City and Keelung City, makes up the Taipei Metropolitan Area. The total population of this area is about 7 million. Since Taipei has quite comprehensive infrastructure, a well-developed traffic network, and located in the heart of the Asia-Pacific region (3 hours flight to cities such as Shanghai, Seoul, and Tokyo), it is an important linkage to local markets of Japan, Korea, and the rising Asia-Pacific areas.

The competitiveness of investment as well as entrepreneurial environment in Taipei is on top of the line. The profit-seeking business income tax is as low as 20%, and the government gives out tax incentives to encourage enterprises to invest more in R&D, to hire more employees, and to cooperate further in business development. In addition, Taipei City Government provides incentives for R&D activities, brand promotions, and Innovation Incubation Subsidy.

Why Taipei

International Assessments of Taipei

Based on the evaluations of international organizations, this chapter evaluates Taipei City and other important cities in Asia on important overall indicators such as World's Best Cities, Global Cities Outlook, Global Cities Competitiveness Index, Smart City Index and City in Motion Index, and ranks Taipei City, Seoul, Tokyo, Singapore, Shanghai, and Hong Kong.

1. World's Best Cities

Country	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Singapore	Shanghai	HongKong
Ranking	76	16	4	5	61	97

Source: Resonance Consultancy, 2025 World's Best Cities

2. Global Cities Outlook

Country	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Singapore	Shanghai	HongKong
Ranking	41	5	11	20	69	76

Source: Kearney, The 2024 Global Cities Index rankings

3. Global Power City Index

Country	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Singapore	Shanghai	HongKong
Ranking	30	6	3	5	11	18

Source: The Mori Memorial Foundation, Global Power City Index 2024

4. Smart City Index

Country	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Singapore	Shanghai	HongKong
Ranking	23	13	108	9	15	19

Source: IMD, IMD Smart City Index 2025

5. City in Motion Index

Country	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Singapore	Shanghai	HongKong
Ranking	35	11	4	9	27	33

Source: IESE, IESE Cities in Motion Index 2025

In order to present the diverse aspects of Taipei City, the following four aspects of Economic Development, Technological Development, City Life, and Freedom are used to present the appearance of Taipei City in various international evaluations.

Economic Development

■ No.62 Sustainable Cities Index 2024 / Arcadis

Comparing 28 indexes of the social, environment, and economic side, Arcadis, a British consulting company, assessed 100 cities, and published the Sustainable Cities Index, where Taipei was #62 in overall rankings, which is better than Washington, Houston, and Kuala Lumpur.

■ No.70 GFCI 2025 / Z/Yen Group

The well-known British think tank, Z/Yen Group, assessed the overall competitiveness of 119 global cities with financial centers, and published the Global Financial Centres Index , GFCI 2024. The assessment categories include business environment, finance industry development, basic infrastructure, human capital, etc. Taipei was the 70th of the 119 cities in global, and 20th in the Asia-Pacific region, which is better than Bangkok, Jakarta, and Nanjing.

Technological Development

■ No.23 2025 Smart City Index /IMD

International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Switzerland, announced the 2025 Smart City Index, which was evaluated in 5 areas, including health and safety, mobility, activities, opportunities, and governance. Among 146 cities in the world, Taipei was ranked 23rd in the world and 7th in Asia, surpassing well-known cities such as Munich, Vienna, and Sydney.

■ No.35 IESE Cities in Motion Index 2025 / IESE Business School

The Spanish IESE Business School assessed 92 countries, 183 cities around the world, and developed the IESE Cities and Motion Index based on nine dimensions and 113

detailed indicators. Taipei ranked 35th and 7th in Asia, outperforming Osaka, Nagoya, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and other cities, with outstanding performance.

City Life

■ No.1 The National Health Care Systems in 2025 / CEOWorld

According to the ranking published by the well-known global magazine CEOWorld, which focuses on national health care systems of 110 countries around the world, Taiwan ranked 1st.

■ No.7 Safety Index 2025/ Numbeo

The global database website Numbeo released the Safety Index 2025, and Taipei ranked 7th in the world among 381 cities with a score of 83.5 in May.

■ No.8 2025 Happy City Index / Institute of Quality of Life

According to the Institute of Quality of Life's Happy City Index, which includes citizens, economy, governance, health, environment and mobility, Taipei ranks 8th out of 200 cities in the world and 3rd in Asia. Closely behind Singapore and Seoul.

■ No.13 Quality of Life Index Asia 2025 / Numbeo

According to the global statistics storehouse Numbeo's Quality of Life Index 2025, Taipei was the 13th among the 62 Asian cities that were taken into consideration in May. This was higher than Singapore, Seoul, and Hong Kong. In the field of health care, Taipei ranked 1st among the 47 Asian cities.

■ No.85 Quality of Living Rankings 2024 / Mercer

Mercer, the most widely distributed human resources management consulting organization, assessed global cities based on political stability, medical treatment quality, educational systems, city crime and convenience of traffic in their Quality of Living Rankings 2024. Out of the 241 cities, Taipei placed 85th, higher than Kuala Lumpur, Busan, Shanghai and Bangkok.

Freedom

■ No.2 in Asia Freedom House 2025

According to Freedom House 2024, assessed the countries based on political rights and civil liberties, Taiwan was listed as a free country. Out of a score of 100, Taiwan's freedom level earned a 94, which was next to 96 obtained by Japan and higher than the 84 obtained by the U.S.

Asia Macroeconomic Outlook

This chapter mainly compares the key investment indicators such as Average Grade A Rent, GDP Per Capita, Unemployment Rate, Labor Participation Rate, Growth GDP Rate in 2025 Q3, and Consumer Price Index in 2025 Q3 for Taipei City and major cities in the Asia-Pacific region to facilitate potential foreign investors to understand the investment environment of Taipei City.

1. Asia Pacific Average Grade A Rent

Unit: USD/psm/year

Cities	Taipei	HongKong	Tokyo	Bejing	Singapore	Shanghai	Seoul	Bangkok
Rental	581.25	721.18	904.17	527.43	1,227.09	430.56	653.01	387.50

Source: CBRE, 2025Q3

2. GDP Per Capita

Unit: USD

Countries	Taiwan	Vietnam	Singapore	Japan	South Korea	Thailand	Hong Kong	Philippines	China
GDP Per Capita	34,426	6,290	92,932	33,956	34,642	9,098	56,031	6,283	18,617

Source: IMF, 2025

3. Unemployment Rate

Unit: %

Countries	Taiwan	Vietnam	Singapore	Japan	South Korea	Thailand	Hong Kong	Philippines	China
Unemployment Rate	3.4	1.9	2.0	2.6	3.0	1.0	3.5	4.5	5.1

Source: IMF, 2025

4. Labor Participation Rate

Unit: %

Countries	Taiwan	Vietnam	Singapore	Japan	South Korea	Thailand	Hong Kong	Philippines	China
Labor Participation Rate	59.5	68.6	68.2	64.2	65.0	66.5	57.1	64.5	65.4

Source: Trading Economics, 2025

5. Growth GDP Rate in 2026 Q1

Unit: %

Countries	Taiwan	Vietnam	Singapore	Japan	South Korea	Thailand	Hong Kong	Philippines	China
Growth GDP Rate (2023)	0.5	6	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.9	1	0.8

Source: Trading Economics, GDP Forecast 2025

6. Consumer Price Index in 2026 Q1 (Base Year: 2021)

Unit: points

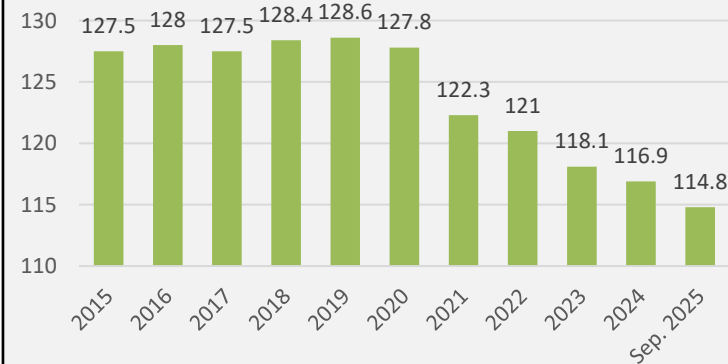
Countries	Taiwan	Vietnam	Singapore	Japan	South Korea	Thailand	Hong Kong	Philippines	China
CPI	111.9	122.9	103.0	114.1	118.3	110.1	110.0	131.4	104.1

Source: Trading Economics, CPI Forecast 2025

Economy

Employment

2015 - Sep. 2025 Taipei City Employment
(Unit: 10,000 people)



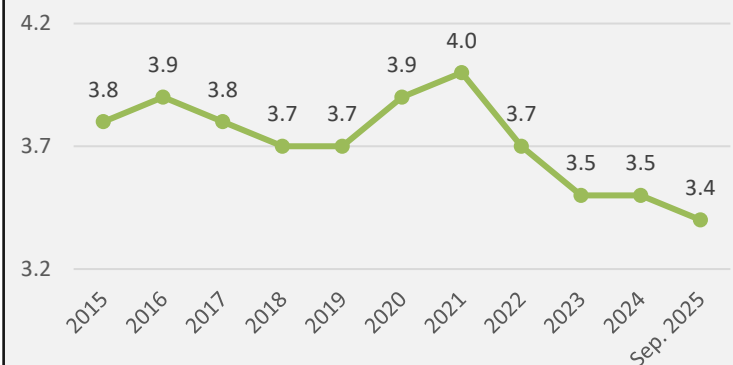
The employment market of Taipei is quite strong; the number of employed populations is very high. Currently 9.9% of Taiwan's total employed population are working in Taipei, while the city is keeping its unemployment rate below 4%.

Since the majority of Taipei population are young adults, the supply of workforce is

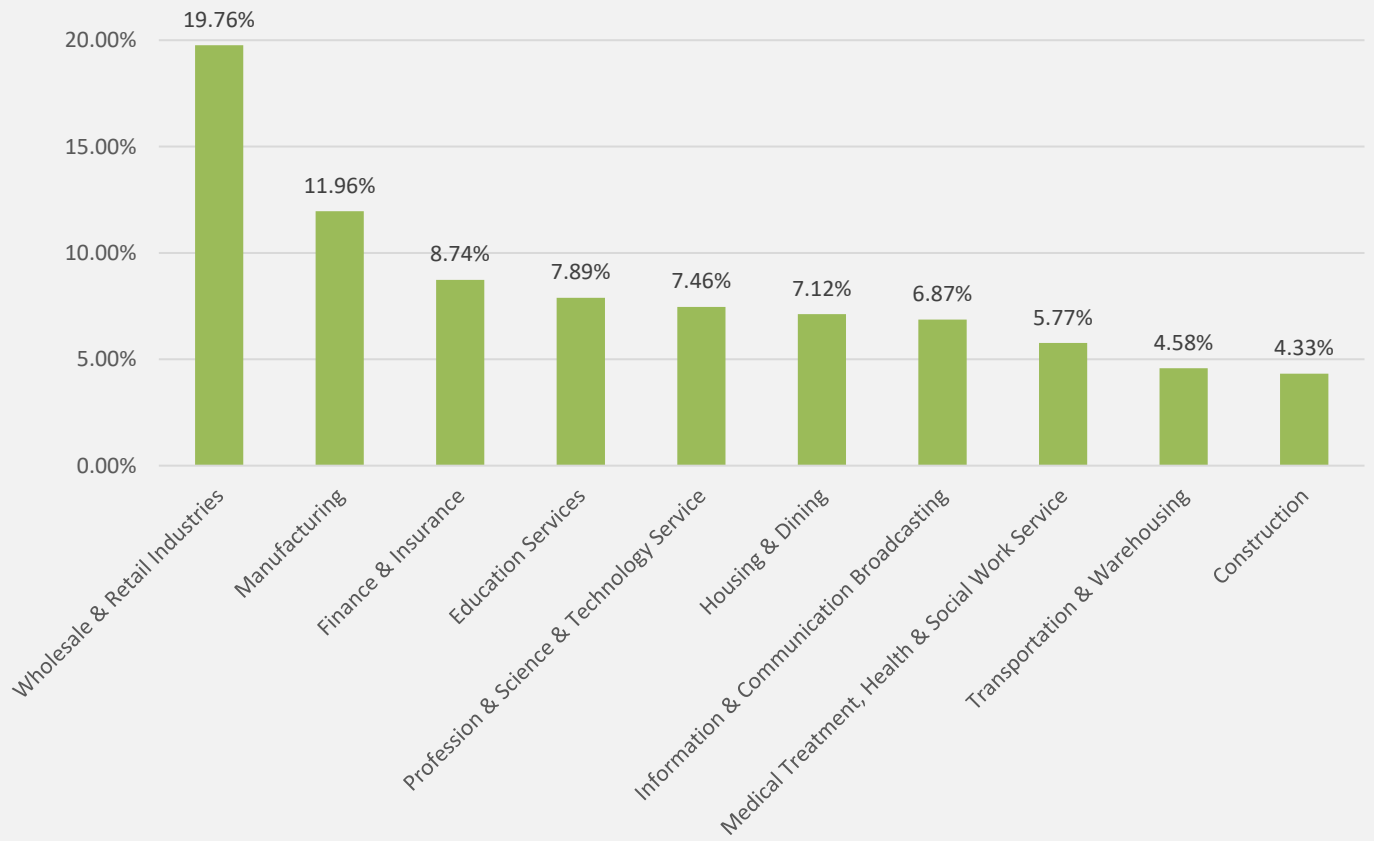
abundant. The labor force is exceeding 1.14 million, and it will reach to 2.4 million if includes the labor force who commute to Taipei from Taipei Metropolitan Area.

Based on the 2024 data of labor force distribution in industrial sectors, the majority of workforce, 81.51%, was in Tertiary industry sector (services); the next was in secondary industry sector (manufacturing), 18.32%; primary industry sector (agriculture and fishing) made up the lowest population ratio, 0.17%. From the data of different industries, the top 3 industries with majority labor force were Retail and Wholesale, Manufacturing, and Finance and Insurance.

2015 - Sep. 2025 Taipei City Unemployment Rate
(Unit: %)



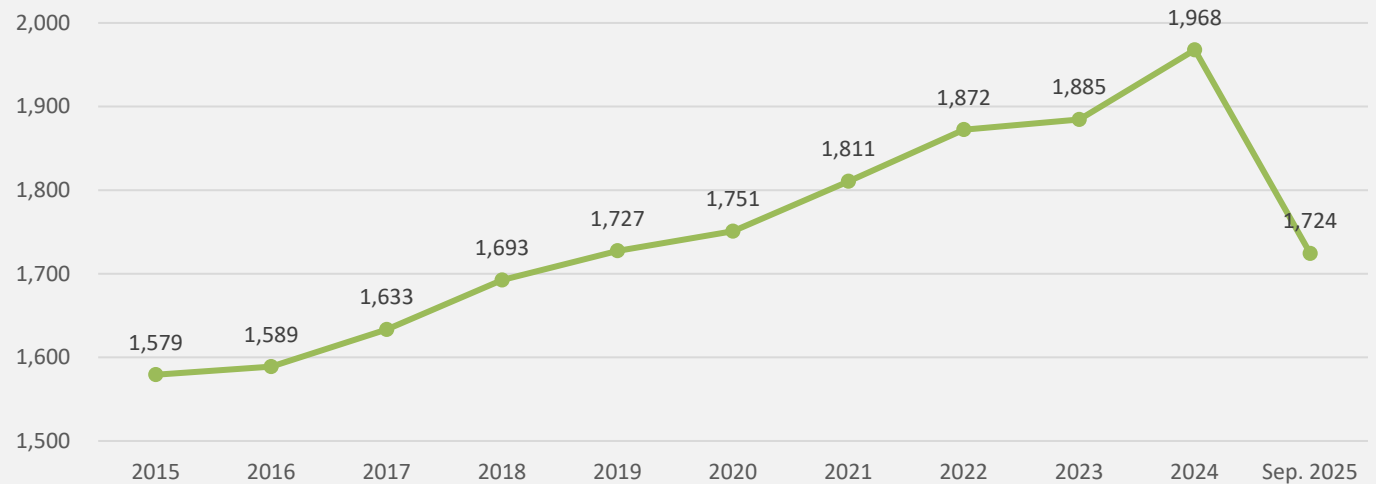
2024 Taipei Workforce Distribution: Top 10 industries (Unit: %)



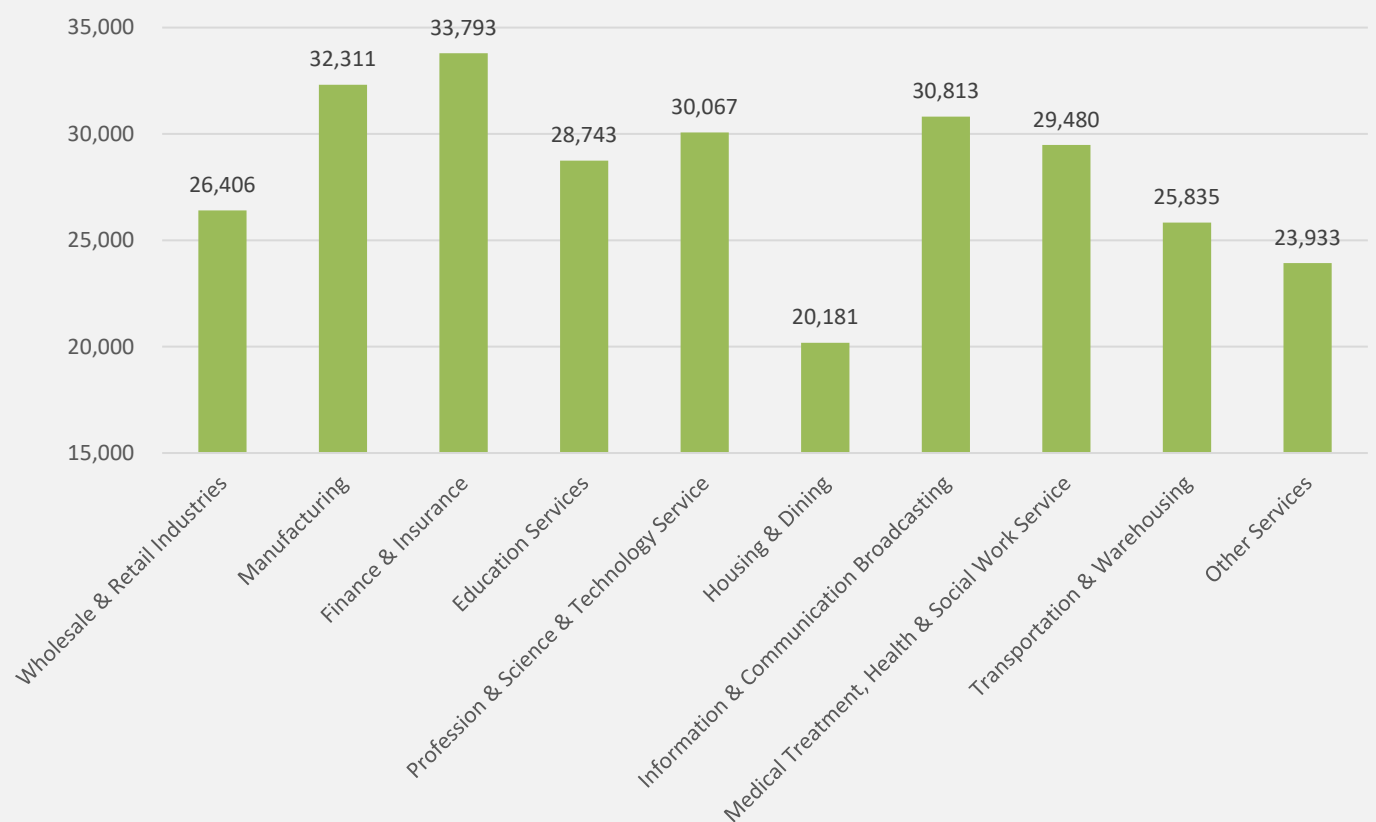
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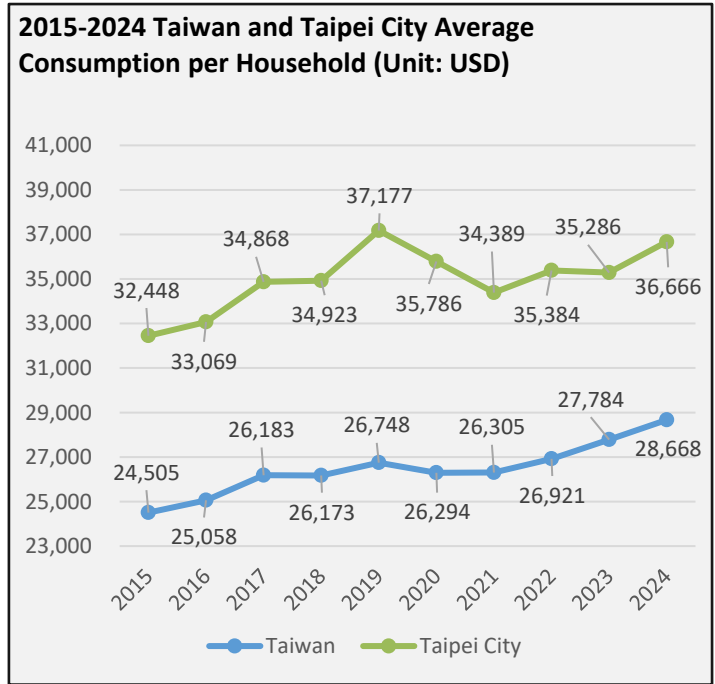
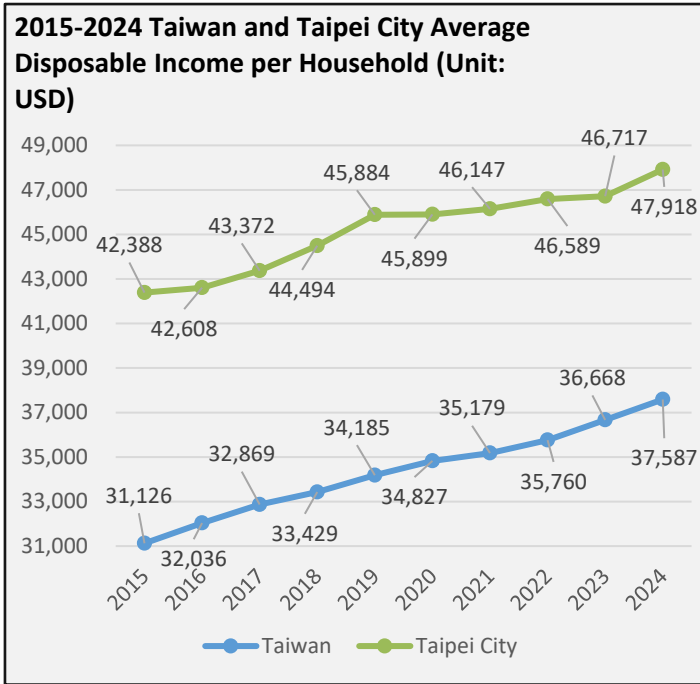
Income and Expenditure

Taiwan 2015 - Sep. 2025 Employed Workers' Average Salary
(Unit: USD)



2024 10 Industries with the Most Disposable Income (Unit: USD)





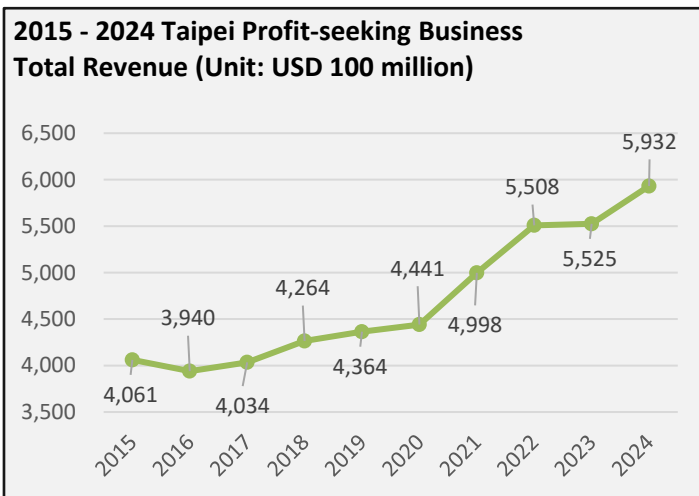
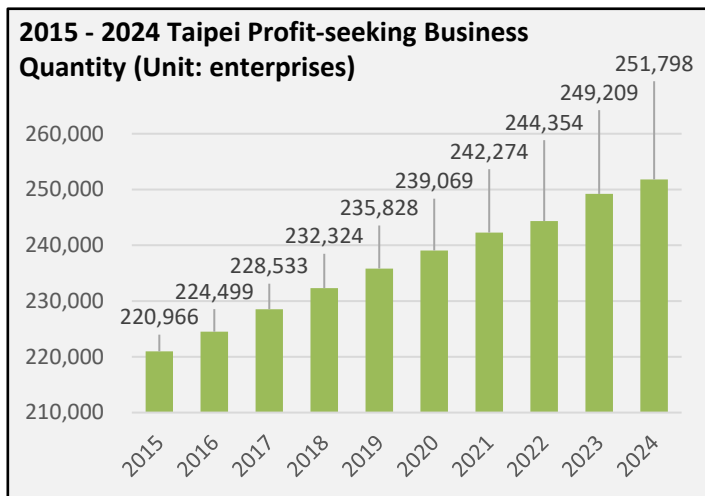
The potential of purchasing power of Taipei City residents cannot be underestimated. The average disposable income of a family in Taipei was 1.3 times above the national average in 2024. For the annual disposable income, it was USD 23,804 per resident in average. If we distinguished the individual income level of the Taipei City residents by industry sectors, the top 3 income earners were from Finance and Insurance (USD 33,793), Manufacturing (USD 32,311), and Information & Communication Broadcasting (USD 30,813).

The change in the top three industries with the highest individual income for Taipei citizens has undergone some changes. The top three places were “Finance and Insurance”, “Medical Treatment, Health, and Social Work Services”, and “Professional and Science and Technology Services” in 2016. They then became “Real Estate Activities”, “Manufacturing” and “Finance and Insurance” in 2024. It is evident that “Finance and Insurance” maintained the top three industries in the past six years.

The average household expenditure on goods and services was also 1.3 times above the national average. The average annual expenditure per resident was USD 13,021.

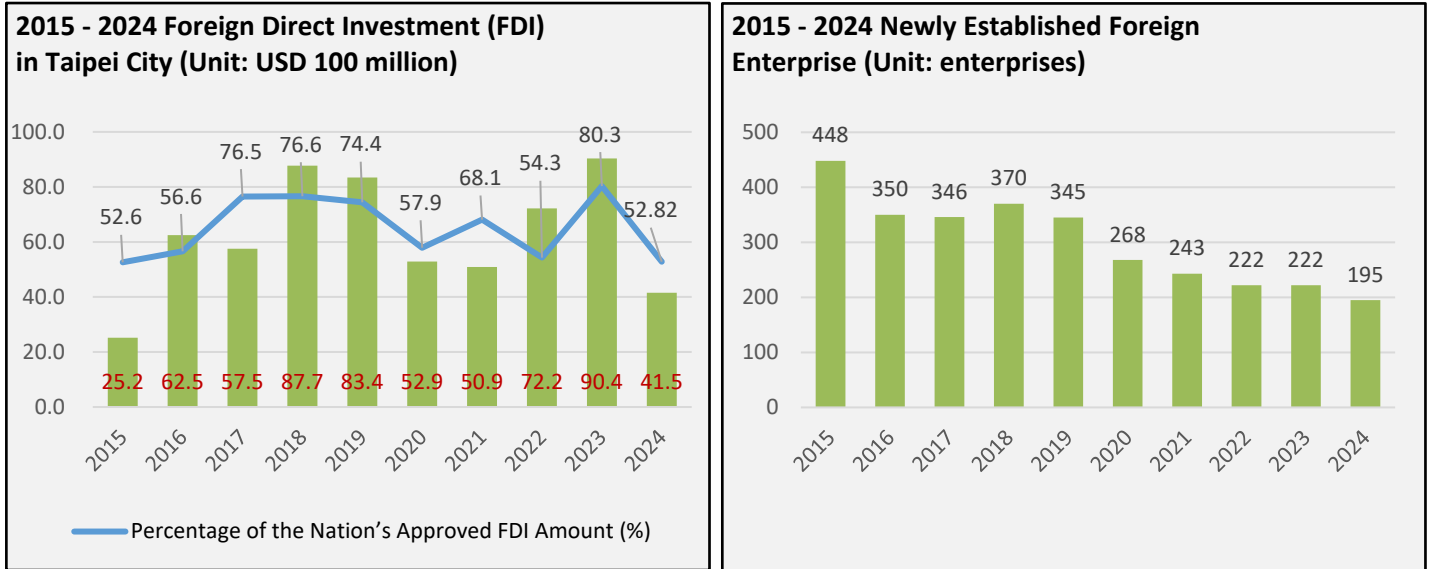
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Industry



Industrial power is plentiful, and the number of overall profit-seeking enterprises grows steadily. The number of profit-seeking enterprises nationwide was approximately 1.67 million in 2024, in which 251,798 enterprises were in Taipei City, accounting for approximately 15.05%. The three major industries were wholesale and retail sales businesses (44.89%), Accommodation and Food Service (9.47%) and Professional, Scientific and Technical Service (8.43%), accounting for a total of 62.80%.

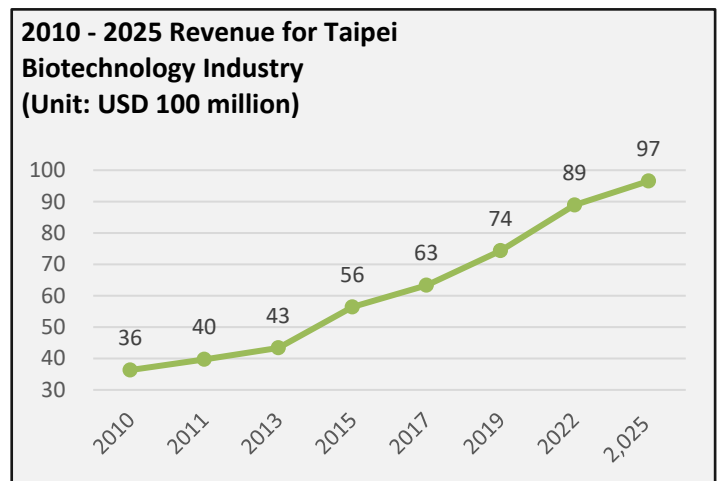
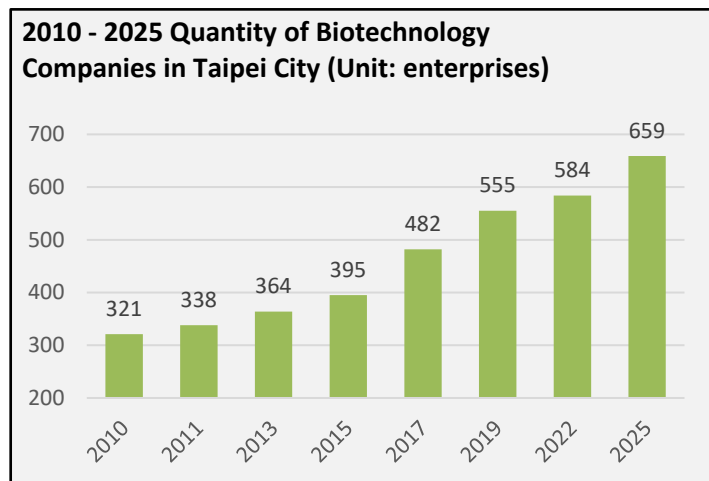
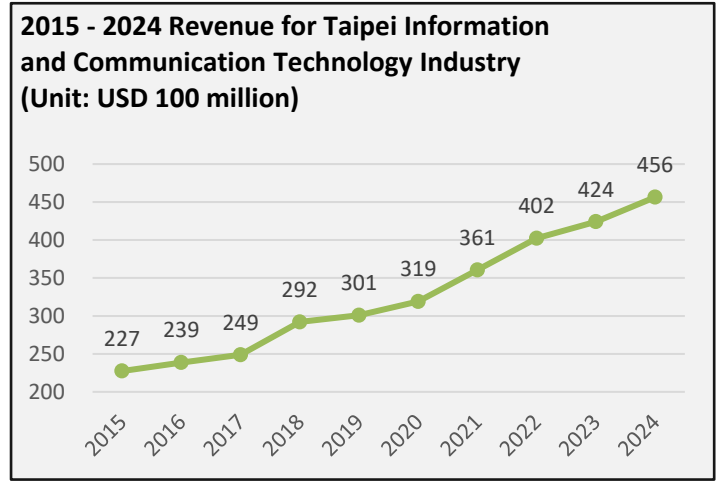
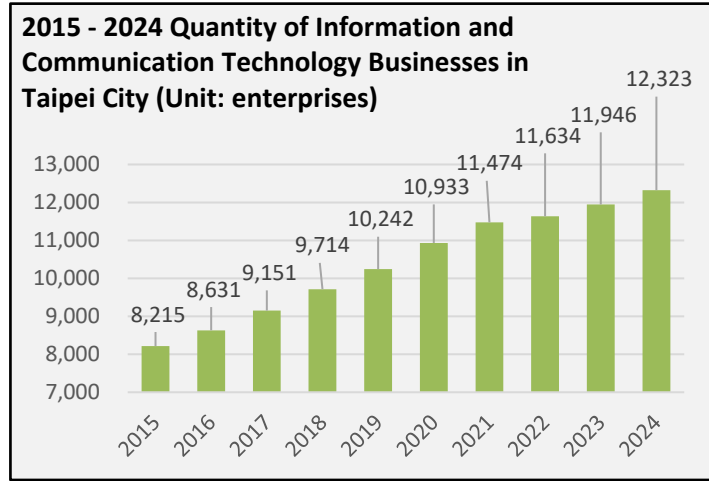
The average monthly total sales amount of profit-seeking enterprise was 49 billion USD in 2024, with 2.36 million USD per enterprise per year.



Taipei City is very attractive to foreign investments. Out of the 343 foreign businesses that came to Taiwan in 2024, 195 of them chose to settle in Taipei, a 57.02% of total. The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Taipei City had reached 52.82% of the national total. Taipei City Government has been aggressively attracting foreign investments, especially in knowledge-intensive industries such as Medical Care, Biotech, and ICT. According to the statistics, the top three industries which attracted the most FDI in Taipei City were “Investment Management Consulting” and “Information Technology Services” in 2024. Taipei was successfully aiding key industries to attract attentions from investors all over the world.

The amendment in the Statute for Industrial Innovation was passed in 2025, supporting industries in adopting artificial intelligence and energy-saving, carbon-reduction technologies. It includes investment tax credits, incentives for investing in startups, increased fundraising opportunities for new ventures, and measures to prevent the outflow of critical technologies.

Statute for Industrial Innovation	
Tax Benefits for Limited Partnership	■ For a venture capital enterprise incorporated in accordance with the Limited Partnership Act, if the total capital contributed exceeds NTD 150 million, and using each year's funds equal to at least 50% of the aggregate capital contributions received in that year within the territory of the R.O.C., and the accumulated sum invested in innovative startups accounts for 30 percent or more of the total capital contribution received by the enterprise or reaches NT\$300 million, pass-through taxation can be applied on this limited partnership.
Tax Benefits for Angel Investor	■ An individual invests in domestic innovative startups which have been incorporated for less than five years, and acquires and holds the new shares issued by the company for two years, up to 50 percent of the investment may be excluded from the individual's consolidated income for the year. The aggregate amount excludable from an individual's consolidated income each year in accordance with this paragraph shall not exceed NTD 5 million.
Tax deferral for Stock-based employee compensation	■ Stock-based employee compensation (includes shares issued as employee compensation, employee stock options at cash capital increase, treasury shares redeemed for issuance to employees, share subscription warrants issued to employees, and new restricted stock award shares issued to employees) will be subject to be declared for income tax assessment when the shares are transferred or delivered to securities depository accounts.
Tax deferral for shares acquired by creators of domestic academic or research institution	■ To encourage the utilization of the results on scientific research, shares acquired by or distributed to the creators (such as professors, R&D members) of a domestic academic or research institution are only subject to income taxation until those shares are transferred to the other buyers.
Innovation procurement	■ A government agency/institution may specify in the tender documentation that priority shall be given to procurement of software, innovative products or services.
Intangible assets evaluation System	■ To promote the circulation and utilization of the results of innovation or R&D sponsored by the government agency/institution, establish and manage valuation databases of intangible assets, and promote the investment in or financing with intangible assets.

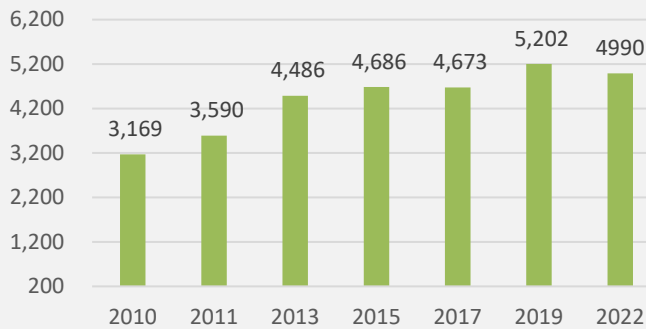


Due to aggregation effect and enormous investment in R&D activities, the key industries of the nation, ICT and biotech, have seen continuously increase in the quantity of enterprises as well as employees. The quantity of information and communication technology businesses in Taipei City had exceeded 10,000 in 2024, and the gross revenue had exceeded USD 47 billion. The quantity of biotechnology companies in Taipei City had exceeded 650 in 2025, and the gross revenue had exceeded USD 9 billion. Taipei has the most sophisticated traffic network on the island, and has successfully combining resources of international exhibitions with tourism activities to build up a unique environment for MICE industry. It brought in over USD 1.41 billion in economic benefit to Taipei in 2023, and the performance in 2024 even exceeded the pre-pandemic output value. In addition, as the most vigorous city of cultural event and arts development in Chinese community, Taipei City has attracted many domestic and foreign tourists each year, and it has brought in huge business opportunities for its culture and innovative industries.

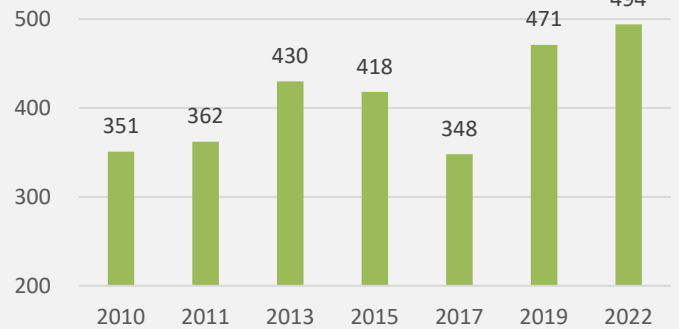
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Industry Cluster

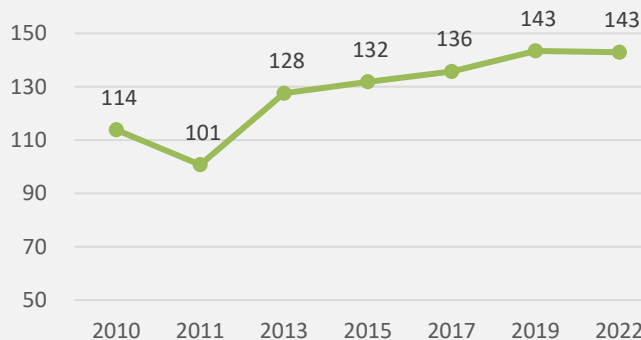
2010 - 2022 Quantity of Enterprises in Neihu Technology Park (Unit: enterprises)



2010 - 2022 Quantity of Enterprises in Nankang Software Park (Unit: enterprises)



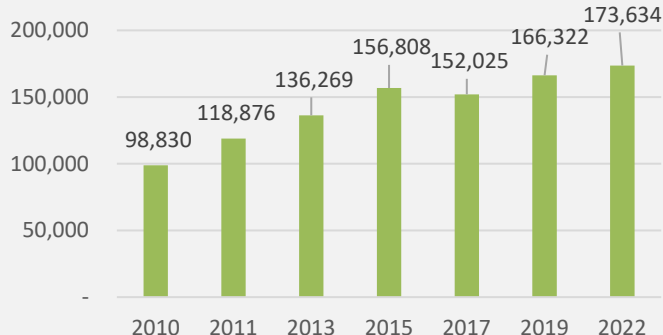
2010 - 2022 Operating Revenue of Neihu Technology Park (Units: billion USD)



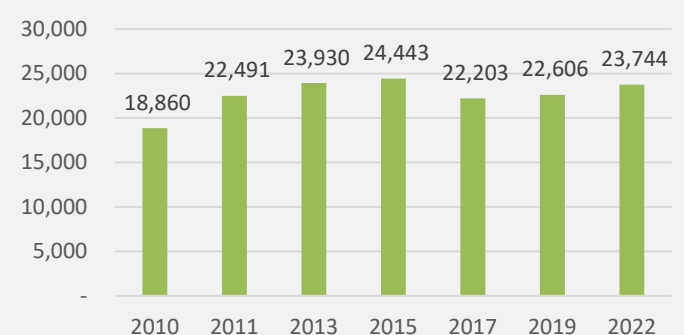
2010 - 2022 Operating Revenue of Nankang Software Park (Unit: USD billion)



2010 - 2022 Employee headcounts of Neihu Technology Park (Unit: employees)



2010 - 2022 Employee headcounts Nankang Software Park (Unit: employees)



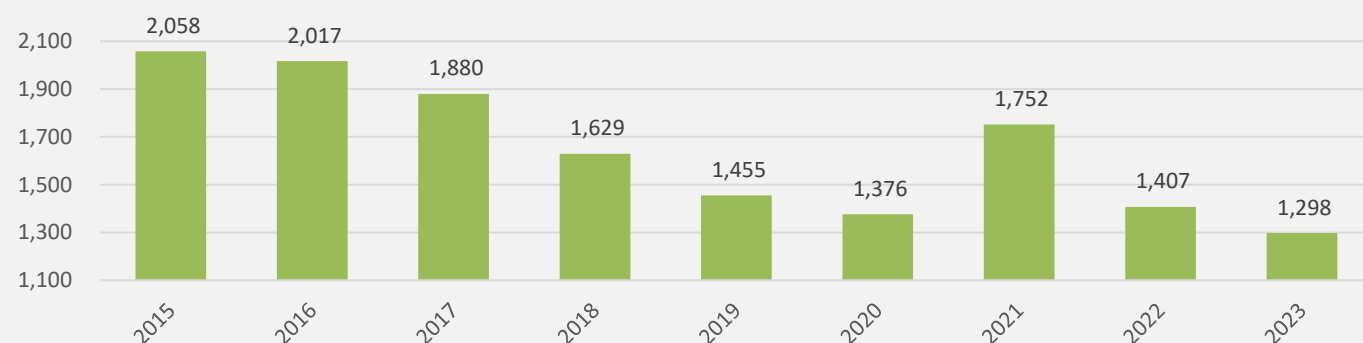
In order to catch the upward wind of the industrial globalization, Taipei City Government makes a plan for the Taipei Technology Park, a zone that connects key industries, such as ICT and biotech, into a network, and creates more opportunities and advantages for these industries to face the global competition.

The Taipei Technology Park is comprised by the Nankang Software Park, the Neihu Technological Park and the South Dawan Industrial Park. The Neihu Technological Park has the largest area among all, and it currently occupies 149.72 hectares. Since it was developed at the earliest, many enterprises chose the Neihu Technological Park to set up their headquarters and R&D centers. The Nankang Software Park is set to be the “Software Development Center of Asia-Pacific Region”, and most of the companies resided in this area are in biotech, IC design, or digital content/software industries. The Nankang Software Park has 9.67 hectares; it provides a fully functional business environment, and constantly introduce companies provided supportive services into this park to improve its functions even further. The residential quantity, the employee worked in, and the overall annual revenue of the companies in both the Neihu and Nankang parks are continuously setting new record every year, and the scale of the industries and business opportunities are growing as well. In the future, the implementation of the Eastern District Project and the completion of the Nankang Mega Station will be the center of this developing area, with the National Biotechnology Research Park of Academia Sinica and Nankang Biotechnology Park surrounded. The energy of this area will fuel the Taipei City with new economic power.

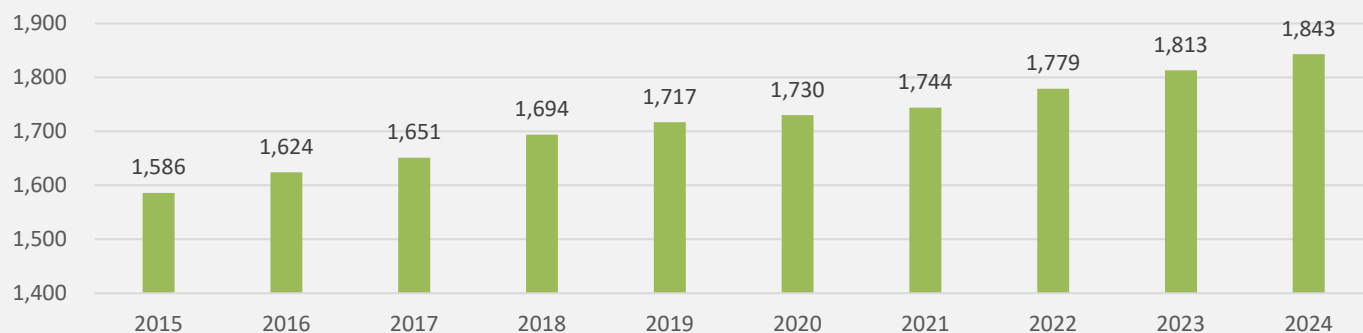
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Innovation and Entrepreneurship

2015 - 2023 Quantity of Taipei City Patent Registrations (Unit: number)



2015 - 2024 Quantity of IPO filings in Taiwan (Unit: number)

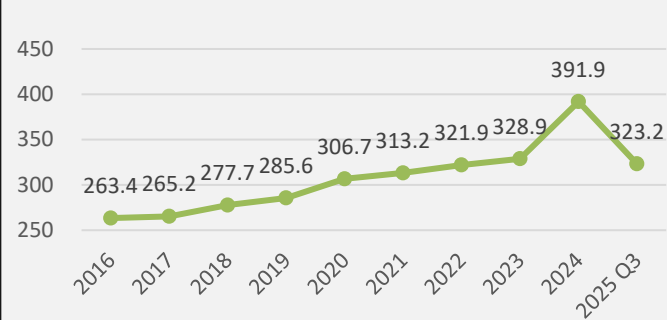


To improve its product quality, process usually invest large amount of capital and manpower in order to achieve technology breakthrough. For the entrepreneurship activities, there are 327 venture capital firms located in Taiwan, about 80% of venture capital firms registered in Taipei City until October 2024.

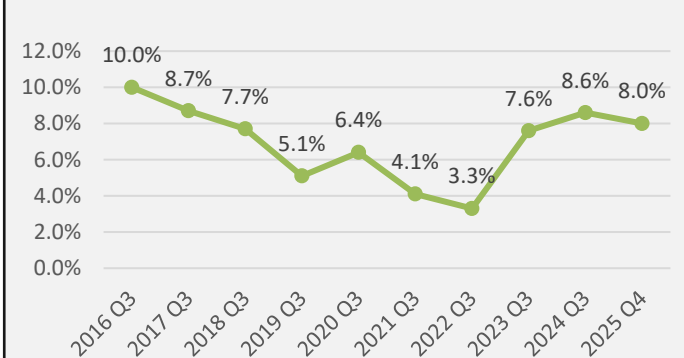
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Office Space

2016 - 2025 Q3 Taipei Grade A / Top Grade Office Rents (Unit: USD/square meter/month)



2016 - 2025 Q3 Vacancy Rate of Taipei Grade A Office (Unit: %)



The demand for commercial offices in Taipei City mainly focusses on financial, electronic, and medical industries. Although affected by COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, many companies are downsizing, but the vacancy rate of Taipei Grade A office is still low and the average of office rents continue to rise. At the same time, the rent of Taipei Grade A office in 2025 is cheaper than that in Seoul, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo.

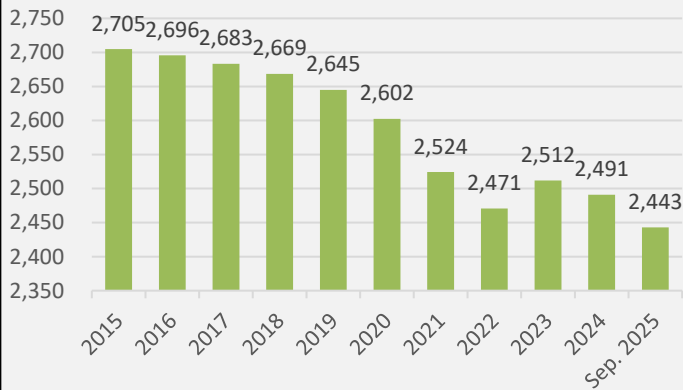
While the rent and demand of the overall commercial offices in the city have grown steadily in recent years, with an average rental amount of USD\$323 per square meter.

The infrastructure in Taipei City is also complete and the water supply is stable with an average unit price of USD\$0.30 per degree and the business electricity is USD\$0.12 per degree on average, which is lower than that in Japan and Korea. Both the operational costs and environment are competitive.

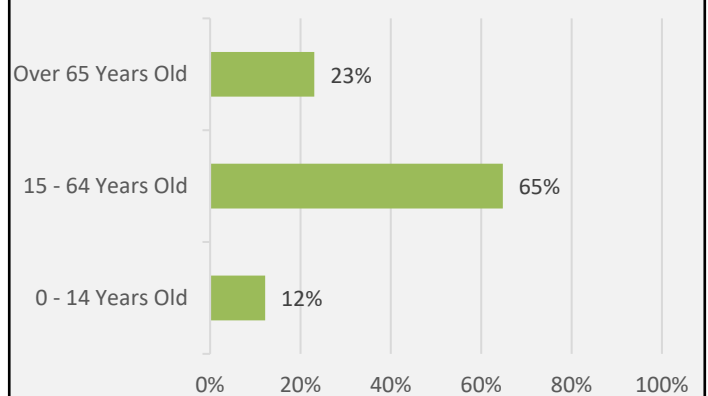
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Population and Professionals

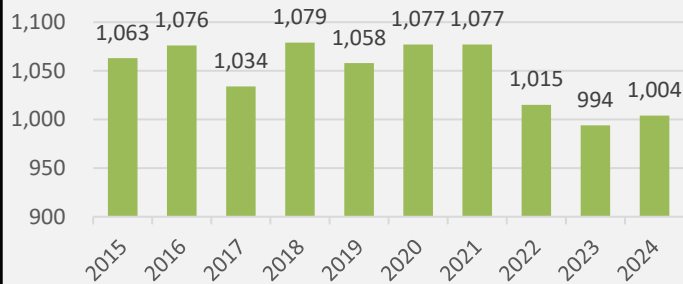
2015 - Sep. 2025 Population of Taipei City
(Unit: 1,000 people)



2024 Taipei City Residents Age Distribution
(Unit: %)



2015 - 2024 Headcounts of Employees in Taipei who Possess a College Degree or Higher
(Unit: 1,000 people)



Taipei City has a total population of approximately 2.4 million. Over the past five years, the population structure has shifted modestly: the proportion of older adults aged 65 and above increased from 18% to 23%; the share of children under age 15 declined slightly from 13% to 12%; and the working-age population (age 15-64) decreased from 69% to 65%.

In terms of labor market participation, as of 2024 the city's labor force participation rate reached 55.6%, including a female labor force participation rate of 49.5%.

Higher education is a common resource in Taipei. 77% of the Taipei residents have had higher education or further, and the ratio is 1.5 times above the national average. The education resource is also abundant in Taipei, and the quantity of university and college is 23. Taipei City has attracted the most outstanding people in the nation, and gathers many professionals with high-tech talent. Until 2024, the workforce with college degree or higher had exceeded 1 million in Taipei. The professionals in ICT, science, and medical fields were as many as 240,000. They are the core strength of technology innovation and business profit in Taipei.

Taipei is one of the most important cities in Asia. It has attracted professionals from many countries to work and stay, and this enriches the diversity of professional workers in Taipei. According to the Ministry of Labor, there are 55,912 foreign professionals working in Taiwan at the end of September 2025. To see the working location, Taipei City accounted for the 36.62%, followed by New Taipei City (12.50%) and Taichung City (12.37%); three together accounted for 61.50%.

In order to attract more international professionals to live and work in Taiwan, the Legislative Yuan passed the “Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals” on February 8, 2018. It loosens the original restrictions to foreigners for work, visa, and residency permission in Taiwan, and also it lays out the plan for retirement, health insurance, and tax benefits. The goals are to assist domestic enterprises to deploy globally, to enhance the technology innovation of local industries, to expand the international vision of the domestic residents, and to increase job opportunities.

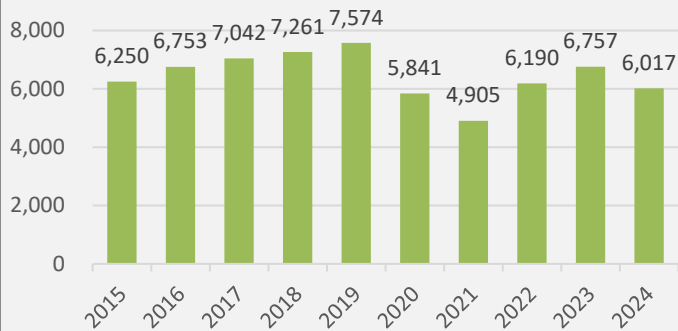
Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals	
Relaxation on Job, Visa, and Residency Regulations	■ For a foreign professional who plans to engage in professional work in Taiwan, and who needs a long period to seek employment, issue an “employment seeking visa” to grant him/her to stay for up to a maximum period of six months ■ For a foreign professional who has been approved for permanent residence, relax the requirement to reside in Taiwan for at least 183 days each year.
Relaxation on Special Professional Requirements	■ A foreign special professional who plans to engage in professional work within the State may apply to the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior, for a four-in-one Employment Gold Card that combines work permit, resident visa, Alien Resident Certificate and re-entry permit. ■ The employment permit of a foreign special professional hired to engage in professional work shall be for a term of up to five years. When continuation of the employment is necessary, the employer may apply for an extension.
Residency of Parent, Spouse, and Children	■ Where a foreign senior professional applies for permanent residency, the person’s spouse and minor children may apply for permanent residency. A lineal ascendant of a foreign special professional or the person’s spouse may apply for a visitor visa, and the length of stay may be extended to a maximum of one year.

Retirement Guarantee	Foreign professionals who are hired to engage in professional work, and who have been approved for permanent residence, shall be included in the retirement pension system. A foreign professional who is currently employed as a full-time, qualified, paid teacher within the authorized manning strength of a public school, and who has been approved for permanent residency, shall have his/her retirement governed by the retirement regulations for public school teachers, and may opt for either a one-time lump sum pension payment or a monthly pension.
Health Insurance	A foreign professional's spouse and minor children, and children over twenty years old who are unable to live independently due to physical or mental disability, having obtained documentary proof of residence, shall participate in National Health Insurance without being subject to the requirement of a full six months of residence.
Tax Benefit	A foreign special professional who has for the first time been approved to reside in Taiwan for the purpose of work, and having salary income of more than NTD 3 million, then within 5 years the part of salary income above NTD 3 million shall be halved in amount in the computation of total income for the assessment of individual income tax liability.

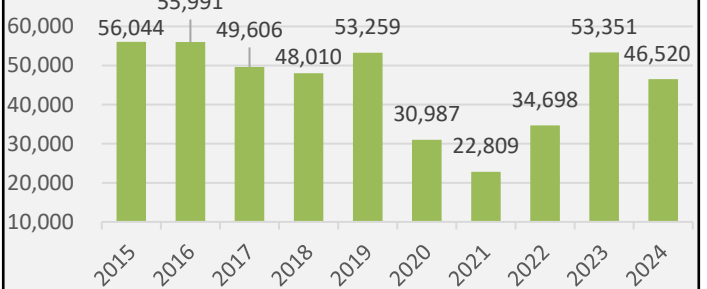
Society

Culture and Art

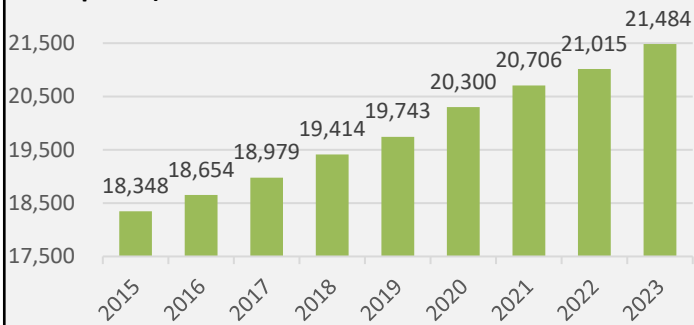
2015 - 2024 Taipei City Art and Culture Performances (Unit: sessions)



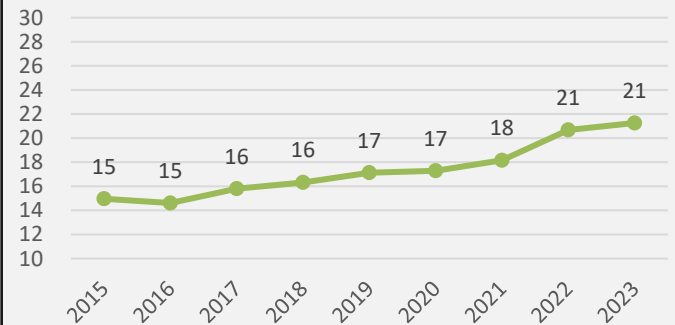
2015 - 2024 Taipei City Art and Culture Performance Attendance (Unit: 1,000 attendees)



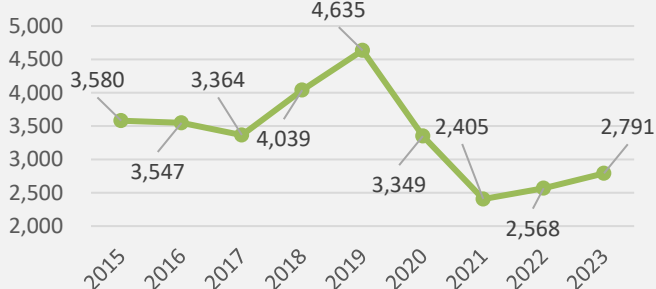
2015 - 2023 Quantity of Art and Creative Industry Businesses in Taipei City (Unit: enterprises)



2015 - 2023 Revenue for Taipei City Art and Creative Industry (Unit: USD 100 million)



2015 - 2023 Taipei City Family Leisure, Cultural, and Education Expenditure (Unit: USD)



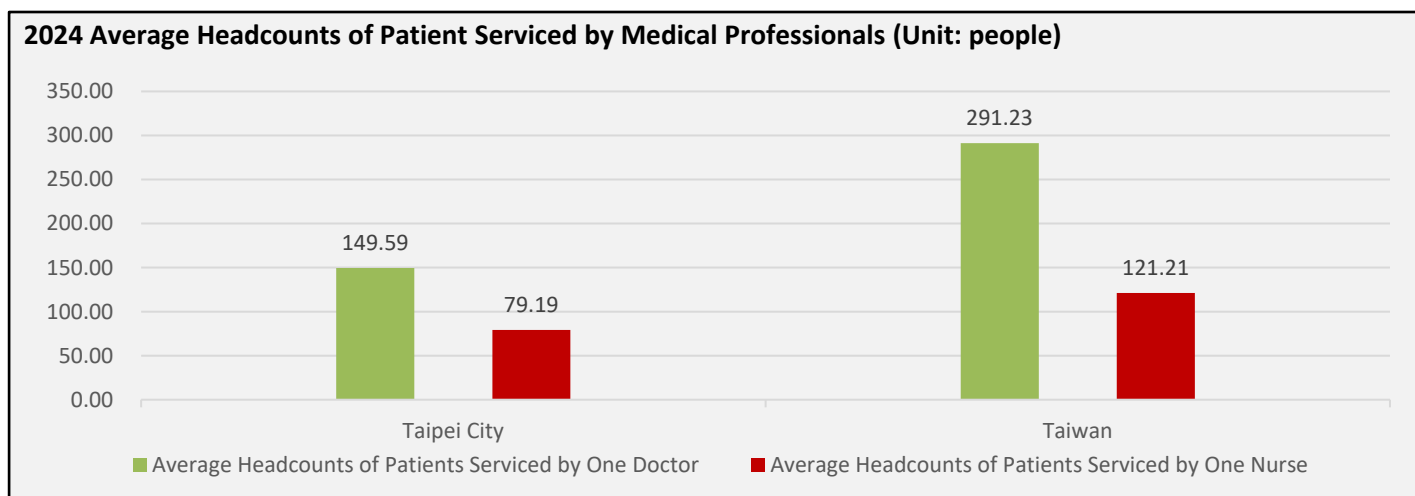
Taipei has been the center of the art and cultural activities in Taiwan for years, and it is the city where culture flourishes the most in the Chinese community. Art villages in Taipei provide places for intercultural communication, and multiple cultural attractions, such as the Taipei Arena, the National Theater, the National Concert Hall, and several cultural creativity

parks, have provided performing stages for art and culture events. Taipei also hosts several art and cultural ceremonies which are very influential in Chinese community. For example, the Golden Horse Awards, the first and the most prestigious Chinese movie awards in the world, and the Golden Melody Awards, the music awards for Mandarin music and performers.

As Taiwan's capital of art and cultural activities, the quantity of companies in the cultural and creative industry in Taipei have been continuously growing for several years, and so is their revenue. In 2024, 10% of the art and cultural events were taken place in Taipei, and the attendees of these events were 15% of the national total. The expenditure on leisure, cultural, and educational activities of a Taipei family was 1.4 times the national average, 7.91% of the total household expenditure, and 6% of the household income. The residents in Taipei enjoy the art and cultural events very much.

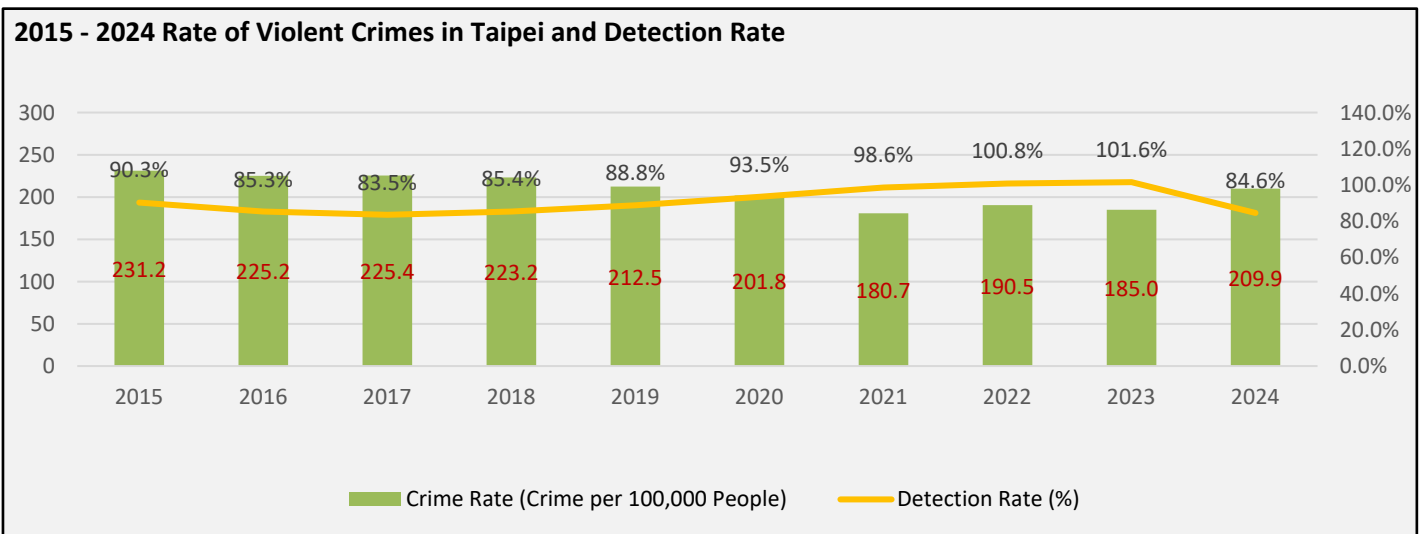
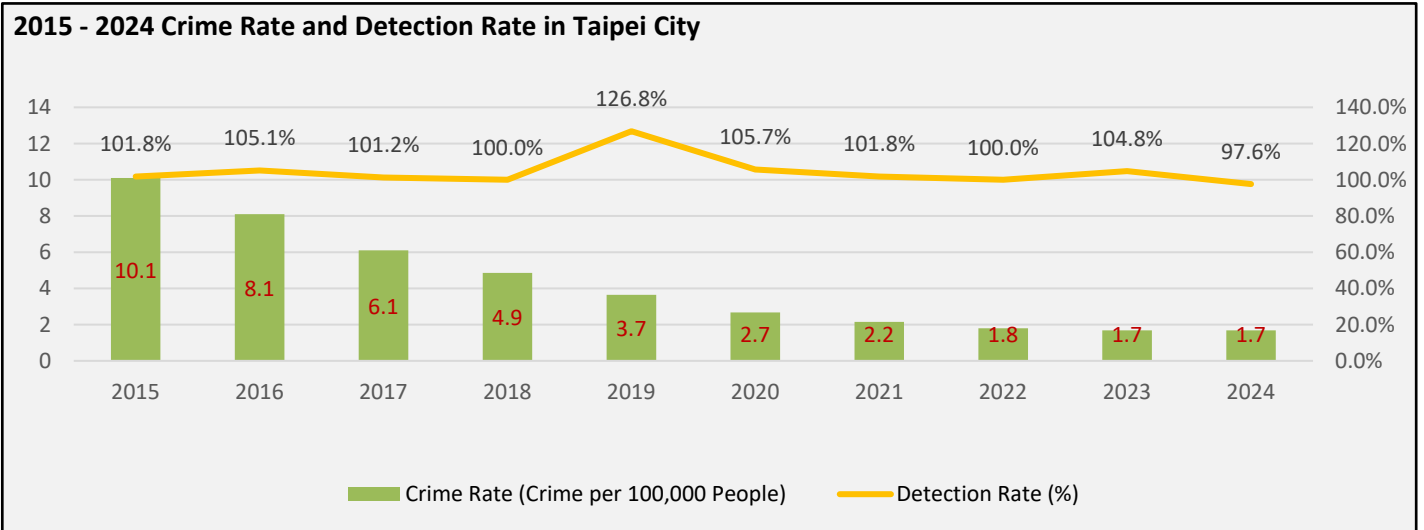
Society

Quality of Health and Safety



There are 36 hospitals, 10 of them are medical centers, and 3,928 clinics located in Taipei City. The quantity of the medical practices in Taipei is 16.4% of national total. In average, there are 261.65 medical professionals to serve every 10,000 residents, and it is 1.7 times the national average. There are up to 239.78 medical professionals per square kilometer, a density far exceeding the national average of 10.23 per square kilometer. On average, each practicing physician serves 149.59 residents, and each nurse serves 79.19 residents, placing Taipei City first nationwide in the availability of medical resources.

National Health Insurance Plan is a mandated social benefit administrated by Taiwan government. The coverage of the health insurance is 99% nationwide, and the coverage for Taipei residents has exceeded 99.88%. For a non-resident, one is eligible to be covered by the National Health Insurance Plan when the length of stay has exceeded 6 months. For a foreigner who is legally hired to work in Taiwan, one can be covered by the National Health Insurance Plan on the first day of the employment, and share the same medical resources and benefits as any Taiwan citizen.

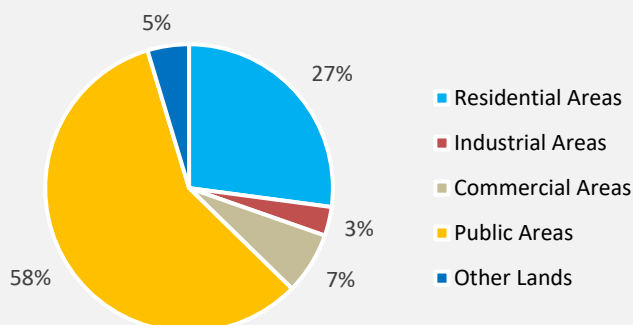


The crime rates of violence and theft in Taipei are gradually dropping in recent years. The detection rate of violent crime is keeping above 100% (including cases from other jurisdictions). The detection rate for theft also reaches 84.6%. There are more than 9,000 police officers assigned in Taipei City, which is 15% of the nation's police force. In average there are 31.13 police officers for every 10,000 residents. Therefore, the urban security index in the 2025 Numbeo database revealed that Taipei City was ranked 7th, which indicated that Taipei is a very safe place to stay and work.

Place

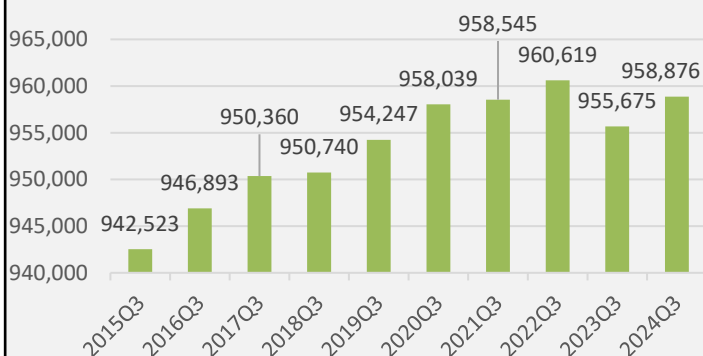
Land Use and Living

2024 Taipei City Development District Area Ratio (Unit: %)

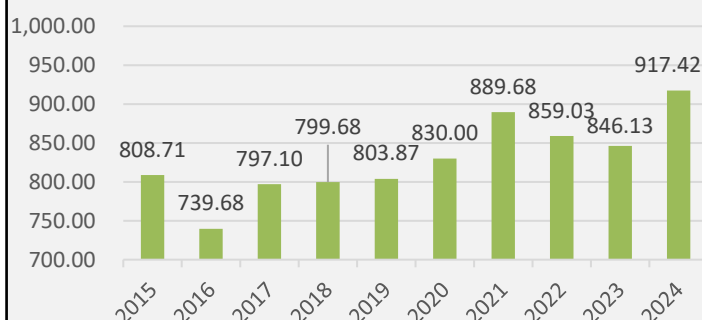


Taipei City has the highest population density in Taiwan, with a total area of approximately 272 km² and 9,164 persons per km² on average. The urban planning area is divided into land for public facilities (58%), residential areas (27%), commercial areas (7%), industrial areas (3%), and other lands (5%) based on the position, use model, and future development trend.

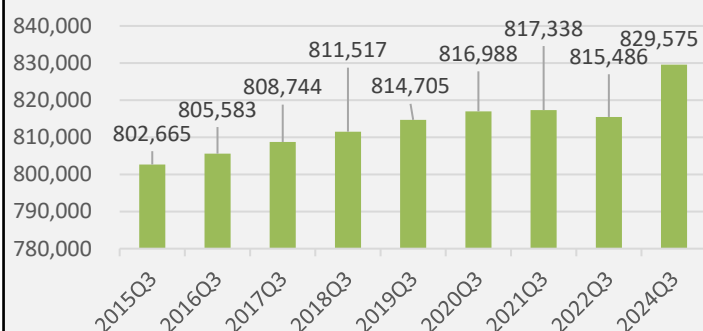
2015Q3 - 2024Q3 Quantity of Houses in Taipei (Unit: number)



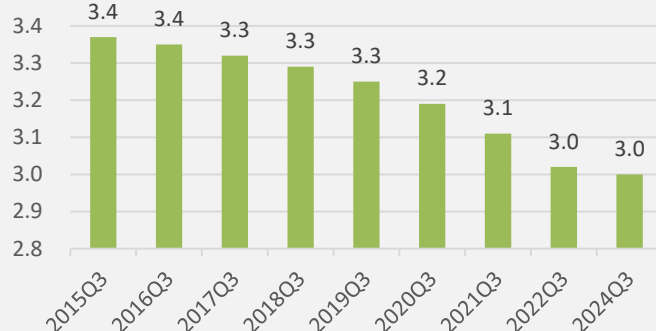
2015 - 2024 Average Housing Prices in Taipei City (Unit: USD 1,000)



2015Q3 - 2024Q3 Quantity of Houses in Taipei (Unit: number)



2015Q3 - 2024Q3 Average Headcounts of People in Taipei Families with Household Registration (Unit: people)



The rise in the total price of residences in Taipei City has been slower in recent years. The residence number with households registered in Taipei City has gradually increased from 2015 to 2024 Q3, but a slight decrease in the third quarter of 2022.

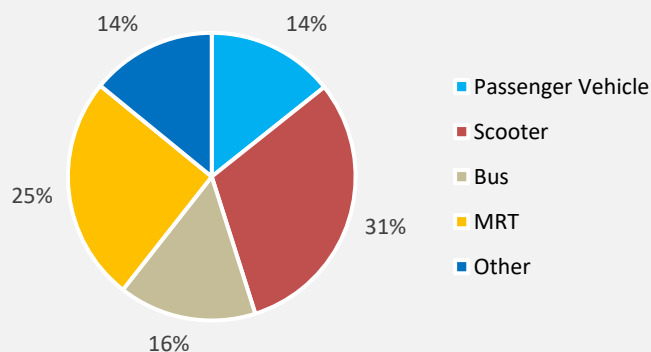
The total quantity of house available in the third quarter of 2023 was decreased compared to the same period in a year before. The total quantity of house under new construction, expansion, remodeling, and repairs was 3,746 units, which increased 64.08% compared to the same period in a year before. The real estate transactions were increased 18.94% compared to the same period in a year before.

As for the rental market, using 2021 as the baseline, the domestic rental index in October 2025 was increased to 109.50, a new record high. The rent of a studio in Taipei was USD 46.29 per ping per month in average in 2023.

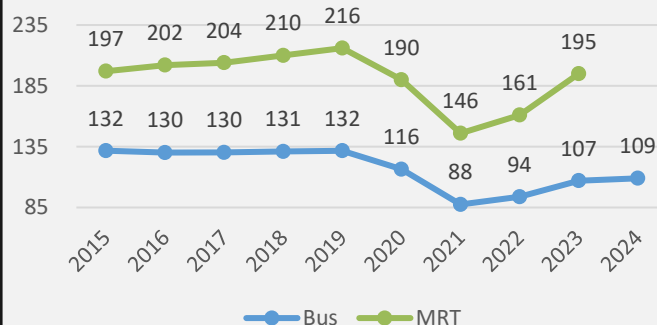
Place

Traffic

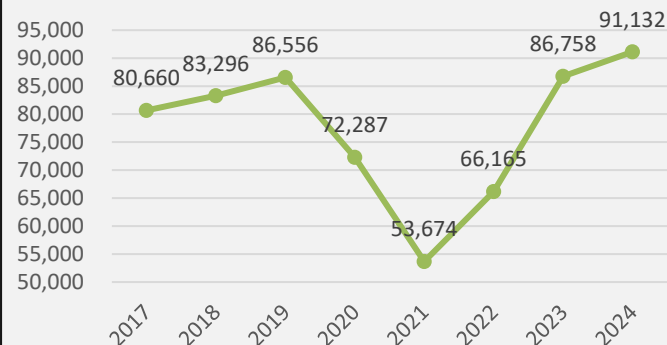
2024 Public Transportation Usage Ratio in Taipei City (Unit: %)



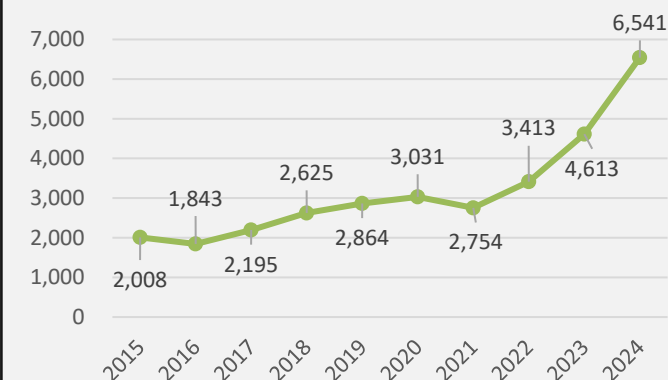
2015 - 2024 Taipei Metropolitan Area Average headcounts of MRT and Bus Users Per Day (Unit: 10,000 people)



2017 - 2024 Average Number of Daily High Speed Rail Users at Taipei Station (Unit: people)



2015 - 2024 Counts of Bicycle Rentals in Downtown Taipei (Unit: 10,000 counts)



Taipei City has a convenient and advanced public transportation system. Based on a 2024 survey, 43.4% of the Taipei residents were taking public transportation as their major transport method for travel. It was the highest ratio among cities in Taiwan. The most frequent used transport systems were MRT and city bus, and usage rate for both systems was as high as 41.0%. The MRT route network covers all districts in Taipei City and some districts in New Taipei City. The total length of the MRT routes is around 152.3 kilometers, and the punctuality rate is more than 99%. City bus system has organized more than 280 routes around the city and the neighboring areas, and it creates a highly-developed transportation network within the Taipei Metropolitan Area.

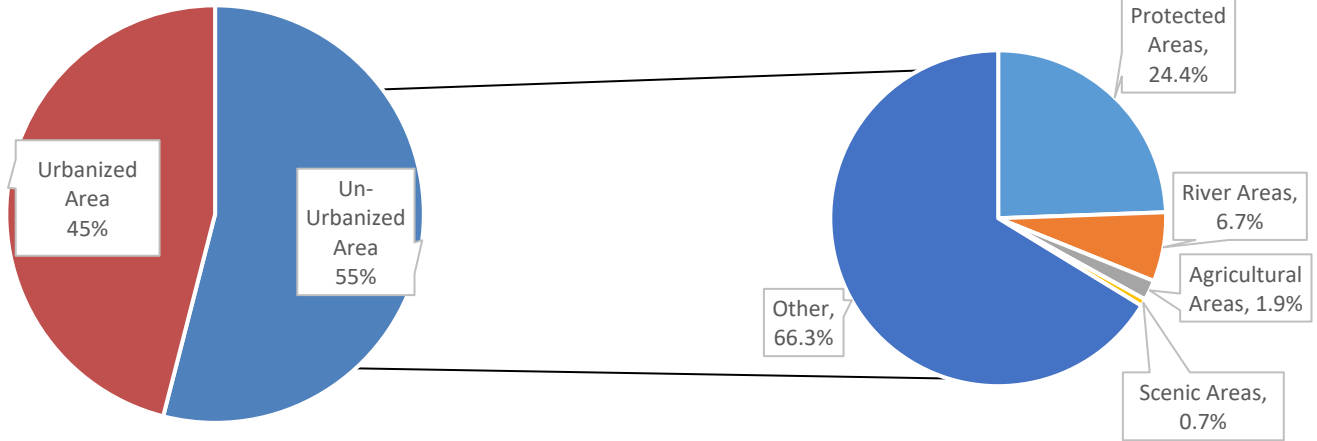
Aside from MRT and city bus, the major public transportation to other cities are railways (TRA) and Taiwan High Speed Rail (HSR). Both systems are passing through Taipei, and they connect major cities and towns within Taiwan. The TRA and HSR stations in Taipei City are the busiest stations of all, and have more daily passengers than other stations. It reveals that many commuters are traveling between Taipei City and the neighboring areas every day.

Taipei also owns a well-designed bicycle sharing system and bicycle trails. There are currently 1,514 bicycle sharing stops (U-Bike) within the city, and more than 24,000 bicycles available for sharing. The total length of the bicycle trails in Taipei is 519.9 kilometers. It reveals the determination of the Taipei City Government to carry out its green transportation policy.

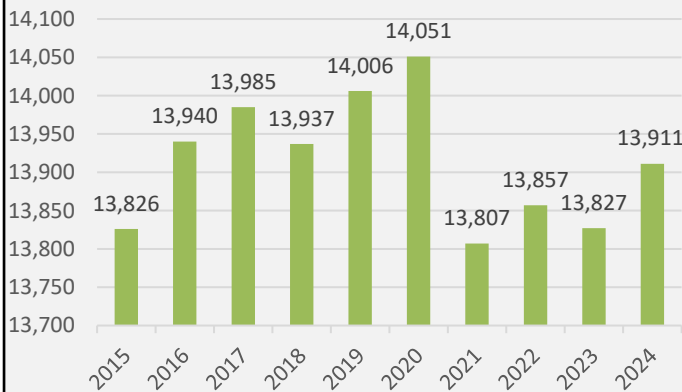
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Environment

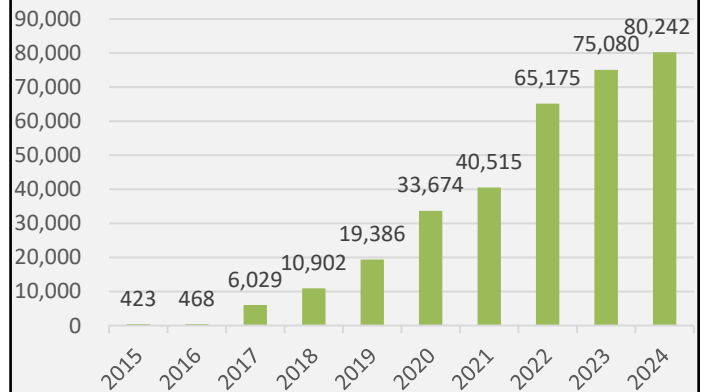
Taipei City Land Use (Unit: %)



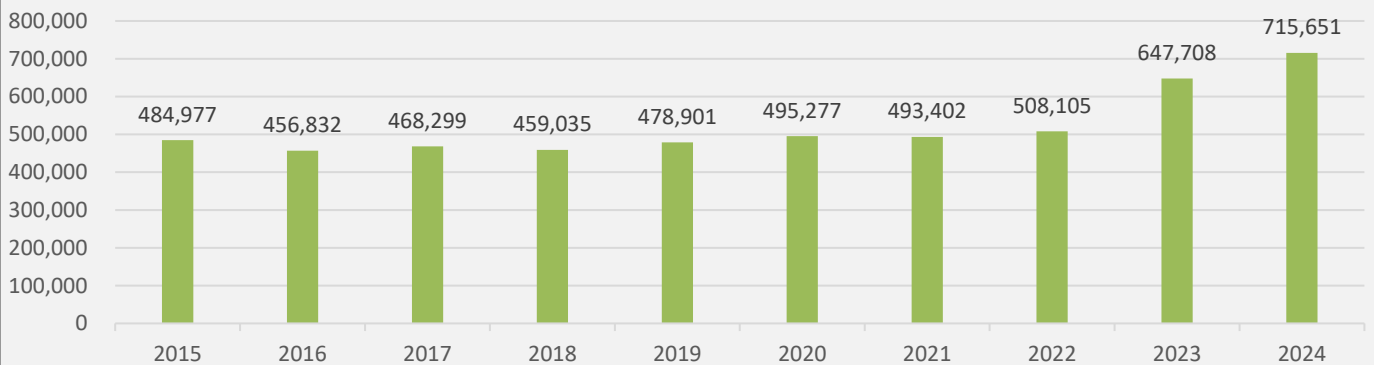
2015 - 2024 Area of Taipei Green Lands (Unit: HA)



2015 - 2024 Capacity of Taipei Solar Power Equipment (Unit: kW)



2015 - 2024 Quantity of Recycled Resources in Taipei (Unit: metric tons)



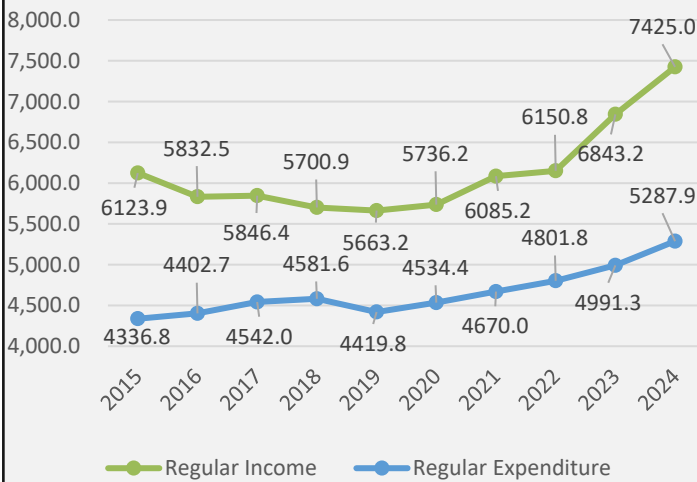
The green lands of a city, including parks, grasslands, sports fields, educational playgrounds, riverside parks, scenic areas, and national parks, are places for residents to relax and rest. The quantity of green lands in the city is somewhat reflected the quality of life of the city residents, and it is the more the better. Around half of the lands in Taipei City is categorized as non-urban land, such as mountains or hills, and it is further categorized as protected area, river area, and scenic area. The total area of green lands in Taipei City increased in 2024 comparing to 2023. In average every 10,000 residents can enjoy 55.85 hectares of green space. As for waste disposal, the disposal rate of garbage is 100% in Taipei, the quantity of recycled resources is 715,651 metric tons, and the recycling rate of recyclable waste is more than 66%. To reach the goal of reducing waste quantity, Taipei City Government implements the policies of collecting waste disposal fee by selling special-purpose trash bag, and enhancing the recycling sorting process. The rate of sewage treatment is over 89%. As for the air quality, the density of particulate matter in Taipei was 30.50 microgram per cubic meter in 2024, lower than the national average of 38.00 microgram per cubic meter.

Taipei City Government has been aggressively pushing for saving energy and reducing CO₂ emissions these years. It encourages both residents and enterprises to install solar power generation equipment, and provides funding for those installation projects. The policy successfully increases the solar power generation capacity as 80,242 kW in Taipei.

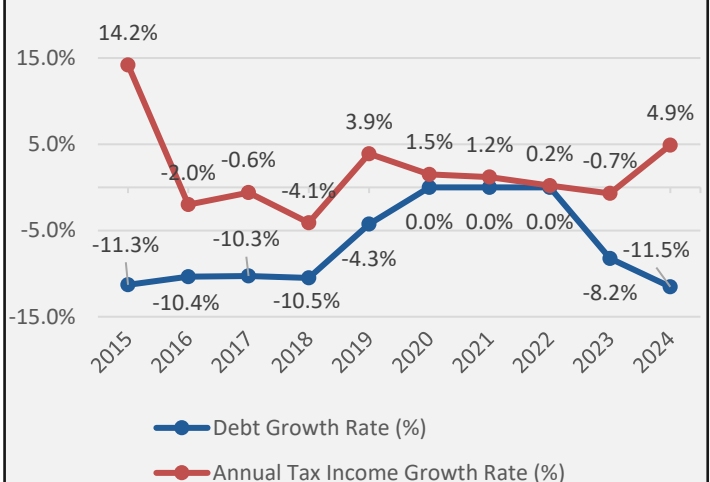
Governance

Finance

2015 - 2024 Taipei City Government Regular Income and Expenditure (Unit: USD million)



2015 - 2024 Taipei City Government Tax Income and Debt Growth Rate (Unit: %)



The Taipei City Government is dedicated to increase income and cut costs. The amount of municipal debt is under crucial scrutiny and control. Taipei is the financially healthiest city in Taiwan. Along with creating a competitive environment for trade and entrepreneurship, the Taipei City Government is also dedicated to encourage citizen to participate more actively on public affairs, to expand the communication channels of public policies, and to enhance the efficiency of civil service.

Governance

Civil Participation

The governance of Taipei City Government is a combination of participatory democracy and digital service. It changes the old pattern of policy making and replaces it with a new model.

Participatory Budget

Taipei residents can initiate a process for project proposal, review, and polling. The Chief of Village and Councilmen can join in any stage, communicate with the participants, and provide evaluation and suggestion for the agenda. When a project has passed the final stage, it will be carry out in the same fiscal year if the budget is feasible, otherwise the project will be placed in the budget review process for next year.

i-Voting Internet Voting

Taipei residents can participate in municipal policy making via i-Voting system. The pattern of participation includes proposed a motion, seconded a motion, and joined discussion. The final polling of the motion will be submitted to responsible authority for policy reference.

Advisors

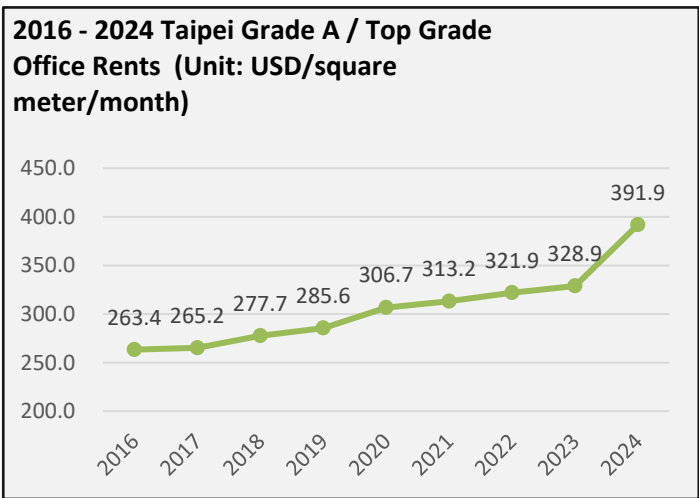
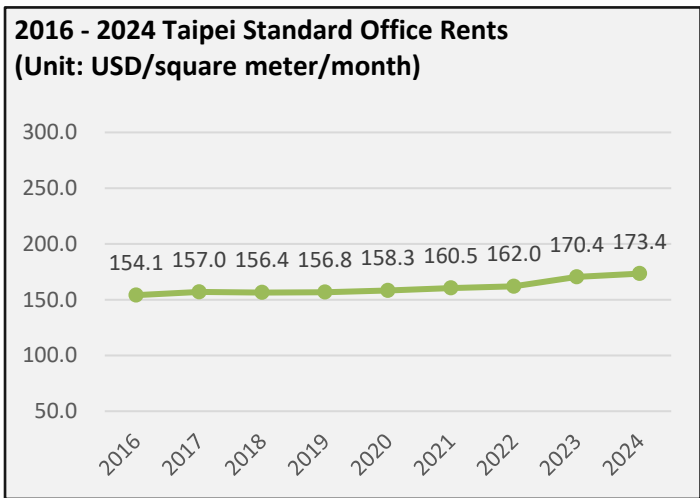
To implement policies and enhance governance quality, Taipei City Government has appointed several academic scholars and community leaders as advisors for consultation on city governance.

Appendix A: Investment Promotion Offices

Service Center	Services	QR Code
Invest Taipei Office Website: http://invest.taipei Tel: (02) 2757-4518 / (02) 2757-4519	■ Enterprise Investment Consulting ■ Resource Integration ■ Investment Obstacle Removal	
Taipei Smart City Project Management Office Website: https://smartcity.taipei/ Tel: (02) 2720-8889 #1515 call transfer 290、288	■ Innovative Technology Application ■ Resource Integration ■ Opening Experimental Spaces	

Appendix B: Operating Costs in Taipei

Operating Costs	
Standard Office Rent	173.4 USD/m ²
Grade A / Top Grade Office Rent	391.9 USD/m ²
Cost of Water	0.31 USD/Unit
Cost of Electricity for Business Use	0.12 USD/kwH
Profit-seeking Business Income Tax	Highest: 20%
Individual Income Tax	Highest: 40%
Undistributed Earnings Tax	5%



(Data current of the end of 2024)

Standard of Data Formation

1. This handbook uses the ratio of 1 USD: 31.00 NTD to calculate dollar values.
2. Percentage calculations are carried out to 1 place after the decimal and rounded to whole number.

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