

**Number of athletes receiving training & support from the HKSI and  
the sports concerned, as well as number of retired athletes and  
average retirement ages**

		2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Number of athletes	Elite sports <sup>1</sup>	450	581	484	466	655
	Non-elite sports <sup>2</sup>	95	125	182	234	208
Number of sports	Elite sports	13	13	11	11	14
	Non-elite sports	7	9	12	15	10
Number of retired athletes		21	33	35	44	31
Average retirement age		25.7	28.7	26.4	25.6	26.1

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<sup>1</sup> Elite sports are defined every four years. Currently there are 14 elite sports, namely athletics, badminton, billiard sports, cycling, fencing, karatedo, rowing, squash, swimming, table tennis, tenpin bowling, triathlon, windsurfing and wushu.

<sup>2</sup> Non-elite sports include those sports under the Individual Athletes Support Scheme and the two sports associations for athletes with disabilities. Examples are bodybuilding, cycling-mountain bike, cycling-BMX, equestrian, gymnastics, shooting, skating, weightlifting and power-lifting, and sports for athletes with disabilities, i.e. boccia and lawn bowls.