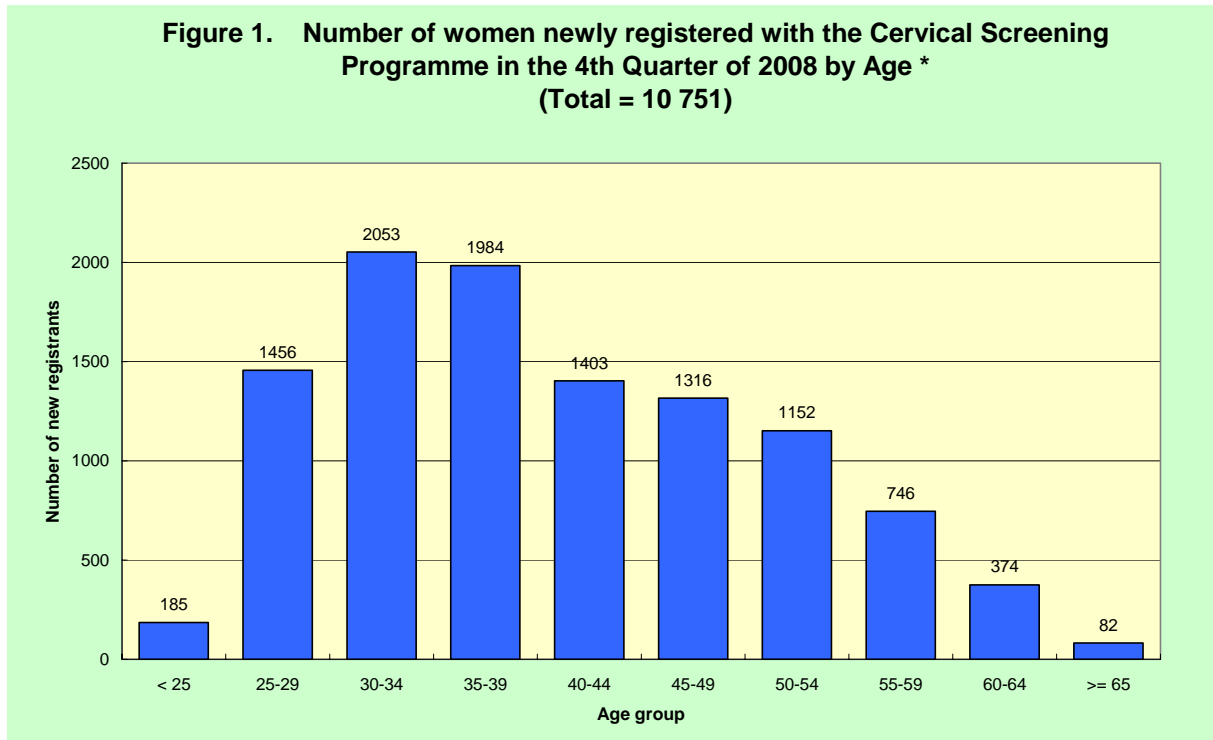


Updated Statistics of the Cervical Screening Programme (CSP) in the 4th Quarter of 2008

1. Number of women newly registered with CSP

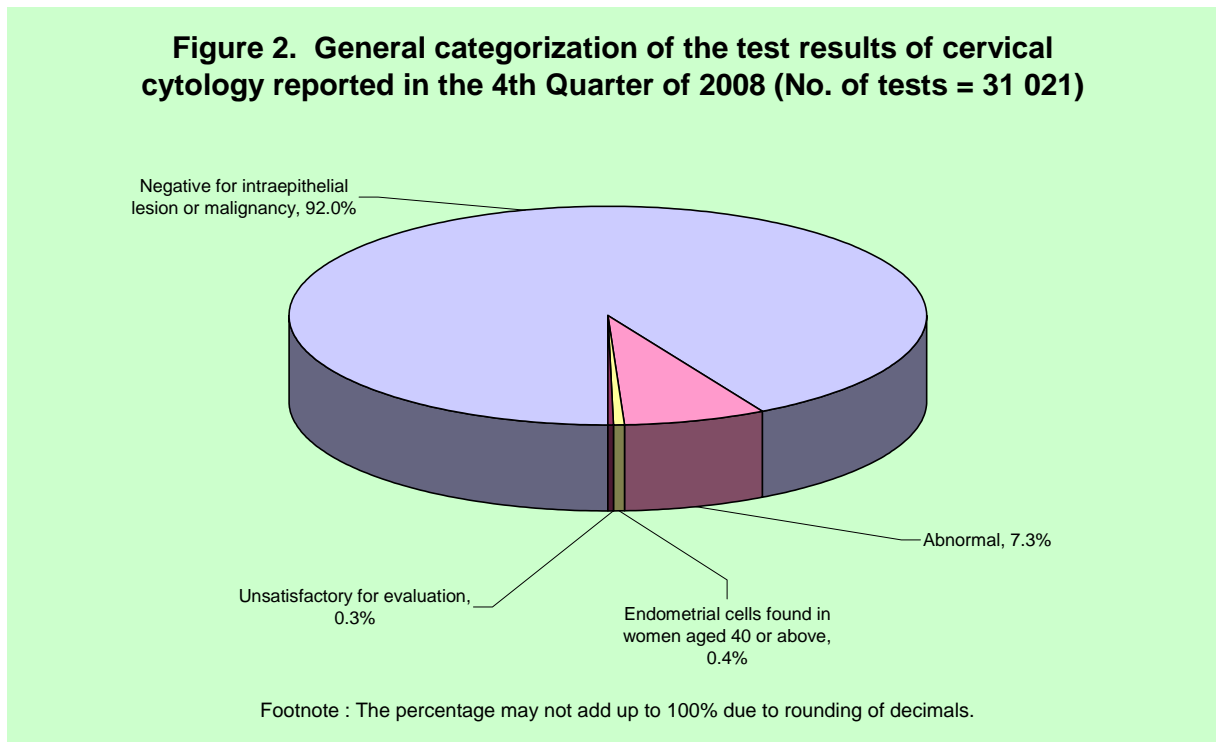
In the 4th quarter of 2008 (from October to December 2008), a total of 10 751 woman have registered with the CSP (Figure 1). The top 3 age groups of the new registrants were 30-34 years, 35-39 years and 25-29 years.



* Age of registered woman as at account approval date.

2. Number of cervical cytology tests reported

In the 4th quarter of 2008 (from October to December 2008), the Cervical Screening Information System has received 31 021 cervical cytology tests results for all woman registered with the CSP. The proportions of the results categorized according to the Bethesda System 2001 are shown in Figure 2. Among them, 92% of smear results were 'Negative for intraepithelial lesion or malignancy', while around 7% were abnormal.



Footnote : Date of cervical tests is defined according to the test report date. Due to the time lag of data submission to CSIS, the figure is only provisional.