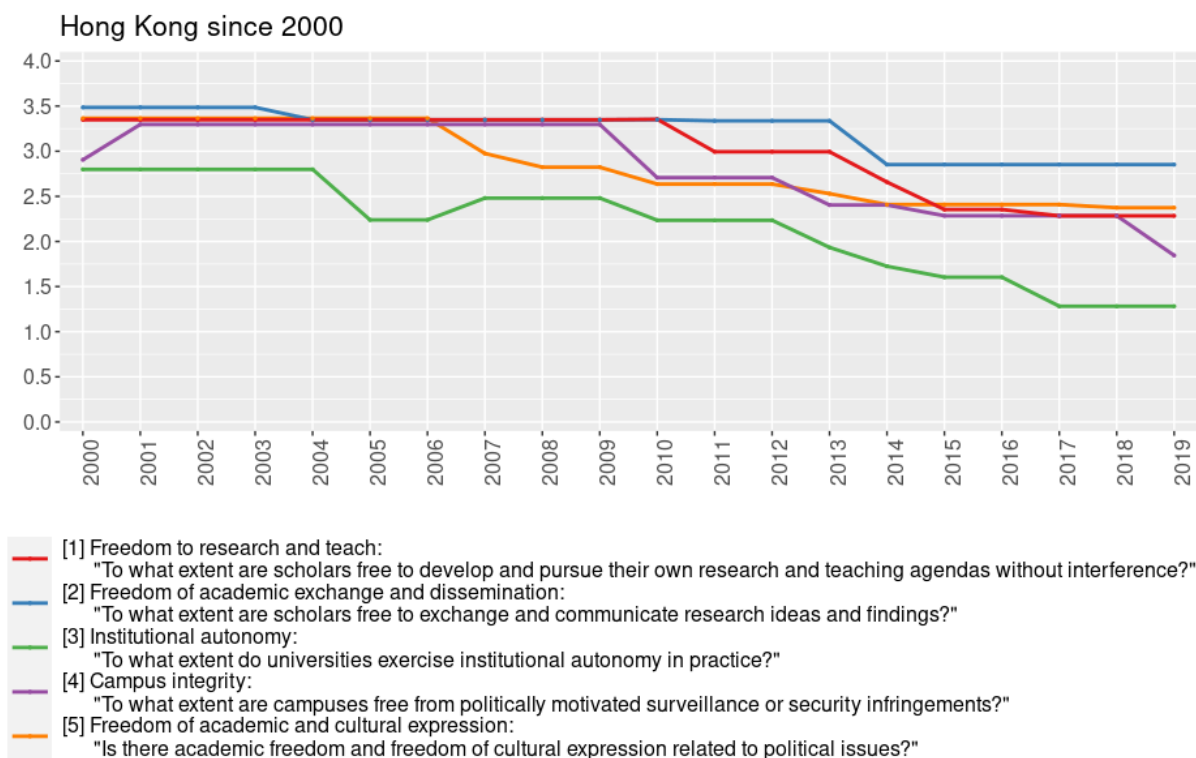


Academic Freedom Index data on China (Hong Kong)



About this data source:

The [Academic Freedom Index](#) (AFi) is the result of a collaborative effort between researchers at the Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, the V-Dem Institute at Gothenburg University, and the Global Public Policy Institute. The new dataset is part of V-Dem's award-winning global time-series database, which relies on assessments of several thousand vetted experts across the world. For each indicator, V-Dem gathers data from multiple, independent coders and uses an innovative statistical methodology to combine them into reliable estimates (for detailed insight into the methodology of the expert-coded data and the statistical modeling behind the various estimates, see [Pemstein and al. 2019](#) and [Coppedge et al. 2020](#)). More than 1,800 experts – typically academics, both in- and outside the respective country – have so far contributed assessments to the academic freedom indicators. The dataset is updated annually.

What the academic freedom data on China (Hong Kong) shows:

Displayed above are five indicators relating to academic freedom, each of which is coded by multiple country experts on a predefined scale from 0 (completely restricted) to 4 (fully free) on an annual basis. The chart shows that Hong Kong's academia was mostly free in the first decade of this century, although the institutional autonomy of Hong Kong universities was somewhat restricted. However, the expert data indicates a successive decline in all academic freedom indicators over the past decade, and particularly in the years leading up to 2015. The latest developments in 2020 are not yet included in this chart; as of 2019, the institutional autonomy of Hong Kong universities was severely restricted, the freedom to research and teach, campus integrity, and the freedom of academic and cultural expression moderately restricted, while the freedom of academic exchange and dissemination was mostly free.