

# Hong Kong: The Facts

## Population: 6.9259 million (as at mid-2007)

<p>Hong Kong Island 1.29 million 18.6%</p> <p>Kowloon 2.03 million 29.4%</p> <p>New Territories 3.60 million 52.0%</p> <p>Marine † ‡</p>	<p><b>Age structure</b></p> <p>Median age: 39.9 Under 15: 13.3% 65 and over: 12.6%</p> <p><b>Sex ratio</b></p> <p>Overall: 904 males per 1 000 females</p> <p>Under 15: 1 065 65 and over: 859</p>																											
<p><b>Overall density</b></p> <p>6 410 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong with a density of 51 790 persons per square kilometre.</p> <p><b>Housing</b></p> <p>At the end of 2007, about 2.1 million people lived in public rental housing estates of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. The number of flats was 711 300.</p> <p>In 2007, Hong Kong had 2.24 million domestic households: 53.2% occupied by the owners, 42.9% by tenants, and 3.8% by persons living in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers.</p>	<p><b>Crude birth rate</b></p> <p>10.1# per 1 000 population</p> <p><b>Crude death rate</b></p> <p>5.6# per 1 000 population</p> <p><b>Expectation of life at birth</b></p> <p>Male 79.3 years# Female 85.4 years#</p> <p><b>Nationalities</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Predominantly of</td> <td>USA</td> <td>27 230</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chinese descent</td> <td>India</td> <td>23 300</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Canada</td> <td>19 580</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total number for all nationalities: (as at end 2007)</td> <td>Nepal</td> <td>17 490</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pakistan</td> <td>15 030</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Largest groups:</td> <td>Australia</td> <td>14 470</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philippines</td> <td>Malaysia</td> <td>14 420</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indonesia</td> <td>Sub-total</td> <td>427 720</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thailand</td> <td></td> <td>28 380</td> </tr> </table>	Predominantly of	USA	27 230	Chinese descent	India	23 300		Canada	19 580	Total number for all nationalities: (as at end 2007)	Nepal	17 490		Pakistan	15 030	Largest groups:	Australia	14 470	Philippines	Malaysia	14 420	Indonesia	Sub-total	427 720	Thailand		28 380
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## Weather

**Average annual rainfall** 2 382.7 mm

### Wettest period

Hourly 115.1 mm (July 16, 2006)

daily 534.1 mm (July 19, 1926)

monthly 1 241.1 mm (May 1889)

### Driest

10% humidity (January 16, 1959)

### Highest temperature

36.1°C (August 19, 1900 and August 18, 1990)

### Lowest temperature

0.0°C (January 18, 1893)

### Highest wind speed (gust)

259 km/h at HK Observatory, 284 km/h at Tate's Cairn (Typhoon Wanda, September 1, 1962)

## Employment

Total employment#: 3.50 million in 2007

Major Employment Sectors in 2007#	
Wholesale, retail and import and export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 188 500 34% of total employment
Community, social and personal services	923 000 26% of total employment
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	550 400 16% of total employment
Transport, storage and communications	365 400 10% of total employment
Construction	279 100 8% of total employment
Manufacturing	170 000 5% of total employment

**Unemployment rate** 4.0% in 2007

**Average wages** \$11,325 per month

(All selected industries)

Notes: figures presented on this page refer to those released up to end-March 2008

# provisional figures

† less than 0.005 million

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@ Figure is subject to revision later on

## The Economy

### Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP (in chained (2005) dollars): 6.3%@ in 2007

### Inflation affecting consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 2.0% in 2007

## Transport

### Roads

The 2 009 km of roads (as at end-2007) carry 565 071 licensed vehicles, or about 281 vehicles per kilometre

### Bridges

Longest: Tsing Ma suspension bridge (main span 1 377 metres) and the cable-stayed Ting Kau Bridge (two main spans totalling 923 metres)

### Air movements

2007—295 342 flights; 46.30 million passengers; 3.74 million tonnes of freight

### Shipping movements

2007—37 150 ocean vessel arrivals; 37 270 departures; port cargo throughput 245.43 million tonnes

### Container throughput

2007—24.00 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units