

Hong Kong: The Facts

Population: 7.0037 million (as at mid-2009)

Hong Kong Island	1.29 million	18.5%	Age structure Median age: 40.7 Under 15: 12.5% 65 and over: 12.8%
Kowloon	2.06 million	29.5%	
New Territories	3.64 million	52.0%	
Marine	†	§	
Overall density 6 480 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong with a density of 53 110 persons per square kilometre.			Crude birth rate 11.7 per 1 000 population
Housing At the end of 2009, 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 745 400. In 2009, Hong Kong had 2.31 million domestic households: 52.3% occupied by the owners, 43.9% by tenants, and 3.8% by persons living in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers.			
Area: 1 104.38 square km			Expectation of life at birth Male 79.8 years# Female 86.1 years#
Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.59 sq km		Nationalities Predominantly of Chinese descent 95% Total number for all nationalities: 553 500 (as at end 2009) Largest groups: Indonesia 147 880 Philippines 140 710 Thailand 28 050
Kowloon	46.94 sq km		
New Territories—mainland	748.06 sq km		
New Territories— islands (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 81.63 sq km)	228.79 sq km		
—Reclamation since 1887	68.21 sq km		
Weather			Religion and Custom Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority. Others (estimates): Christians 670 000; Muslims 220 000; Hindus 40 000; Sikhs 10 000; Jews 3 000.
Average annual rainfall	2 382.7 mm		Highest temperature 36.1°C (August 19, 1900 and August 18, 1990)
Wettest period			Lowest temperature 0.0°C (January 18, 1893)
Hourly	145.5 mm (June 7, 2008)		Highest wind speed (gust) 259 km/h at HK Observatory, 284 km/h at Tate's Cairn (Typhoon Wanda, September 1, 1962)
daily	534.1 mm (July 19, 1926)		
monthly	1 346.1 mm (June 2008)		
Driest			
10% humidity (January 16, 1959)			

Employment

Total employment#: 3.50 million in 2009

Major Employment Sectors in 2009#	
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades, and accommodation and food services	1 149 000 33% of total employment
Public administration, and social and personal services	879 000 25% of total employment
Financing and insurance, real estate, and professional and business services	638 700 18% of total employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, and information and communications	414 500 12% of total employment
Construction	266 700 8% of total employment
Manufacturing	133 300 4% of total employment

Unemployment rate 5.4% in 2009

Average wages \$11,342 per month

(All selected industries)

Notes: Figures presented on this page refer to those released up to end-March 2010

Provisional figures

† Less than 0.005 million

§ Less than 0.05%

@ Figure is subject to revision later on

The Economy

Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP (in chained (2007) dollars):
-2.7%@ in 2009

Inflation affecting consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI:
0.5% in 2009

Transport

Roads

The 2 050 km of roads (as at end-2009) carry 584 070 licensed vehicles, or about 285 vehicles per kilometre

Bridges

Longest: Tsing Ma suspension bridge (main span 1 377 metres) and the cable-stayed Stonecutters Bridge (main span of 1 018 metres)

Air movements

2009#—279 429 flights; 44.97 million passengers; 3.35 million tonnes of freight

Shipping movements

2009—33 160 ocean vessel arrivals; 33 330 ocean vessel departures; port cargo throughput 243 million tonnes

Container throughput

2009—21.04 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units