

Hong Kong: The Facts

Population: 7.0716 million (as at mid-2011)

Hong Kong Island	1.27 million	18%	Age structure Median age: 41.7 Under 15: 11.6% 65 and over: 13.3%
Kowloon	2.11 million	29.8%	
New Territories	3.69 million	52.2%	
Marine	†	§	
Overall density 6 540 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong with a density of 55 200 persons per square kilometre.			Crude birth rate 13.5# per 1 000 population
Housing At the end of 2011, 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 761 200. In 2011, Hong Kong had 2.36 million domestic households: 53.2% occupied by the owners, 43% by tenants, and 3.8% by persons living in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers.			Crude death rate 5.9# per 1 000 population
Area: 1 104.41 square km			Expectation of life at birth Male 80.5 years# Female 86.7 years#
Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.62 sq km		Nationalities Predominantly of USA 29 080 Chinese descent Thailand 27 900 (as at mid-2011) 94% India 26 700 Total number for Canada 20 760 all nationalities: 597 000 Nepal 19 730 (as at end 2011) Pakistan 18 510 Largest groups: Malaysia 14 850 Indonesia 164 260 Australia 13 080 Philippines 153 060 Sub-total 487 930
Kowloon	46.94 sq km		
New Territories—mainland	748.06 sq km		
New Territories— islands	228.79 sq km		
(Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 81.63 sq km)			
—Reclamation since 1887	68.26 sq km		
Religion and Custom Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority. Others (estimates): Christians 843 000; Muslims 220 000; Hindus 40 000; Sikhs 10 000; Jews 3 000.			

Weather

Average annual rainfall 2 398.5 mm

Wettest period

Hourly 145.5 mm (June 7, 2008)
daily 534.1 mm (July 19, 1926)
monthly 1 346.1 mm (June 2008)

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@: 3.62 million in 2011

Major Employment Sectors in 2011@	
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation [^] and food services	1 152 700 32% of total employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	939 500 26% of total employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	698 200 19% of total employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	416 900 12% of total employment
Construction	281 400 8% of total employment
Manufacturing	115 000 3% of total employment

Unemployment rate 3.4% in 2011

Average wages \$12,977 per month

(All selected industries)

Notes: Figures presented on this page refer to those released up to end-March 2012.

[^] Accommodation services sector covers hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short term accommodation.

Provisional figures

† Less than 0.005 million

§ Less than 0.05%

@ Figures are subject to revision later on.

The Economy

Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP (in chained (2009) dollars): 5%@ in 2011

Inflation affecting consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 5.3% in 2011

Transport

Roads

The 2 086 km of roads (as at end-2011) carry 630 281 licensed vehicles, or about 302 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

2011—333 805 flights; 52.75 million passengers; 3.94 million tonnes of freight

Shipping movements

2011—32 490 ocean vessel arrivals; 32 830 ocean vessel departures; port cargo throughput 277 million tonnes

Container throughput

2011—24.38 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units