

Hong Kong 2012: The Facts

Population

Total: 7.1546 million (as at mid-2012)

Hong Kong Island	1.28 million	17.9%
Kowloon	2.15 million	30.0%
New Territories	3.73 million	52.1%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

Age structure (as at mid-2012)

Median age: 42.0 Under 15: 11.4% 65 and over: 13.7%

Sex ratio (as at mid-2012)

Overall: 869 males per 1,000 females
Under 15: 1,071 65 and over: 870

Crude birth rate

12.8# per 1,000 population

Crude death rate

6.0# per 1,000 population

Expectation of life at birth

Male 80.6 years# Female 86.3 years#

Religion and custom

Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority.

Others (estimates):

Christians 843,000;

Muslims 270,000;

Hindus 40,000;

Sikhs 10,000;

Jews 3,000.

Area

Total: 1,104.43 square km

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.64 sq km
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) (Reclamation since 1887	228.79 sq km 68.28 sq km)

Overall density (as at mid-2012)

6,620 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong with a density of 56,200 persons per square kilometre.

Housing

About 2.1 million people live in the 766,300 public rental housing flats of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.39 million domestic households, 52% owned the accommodation, 44% were tenants and 4% lived in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers.

Ethnicity and nationality

Predominantly of Chinese ethnicity (as at mid-2011): 94%
Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2012): 603,230

Largest groups:

Indonesia	164,850	Nepal	19,900
Philippines	160,850	Canada	19,810
USA	28,290	Pakistan	18,820
India	27,610	Malaysia	14,990
Thailand	27,560	United Kingdom	12,120
		Sub-total	494,800

Weather

Average annual rainfall 2,398.5 mm

Wettest period

Hourly 145.5 mm (7 June 2008)

Daily 534.1 mm (19 July 1926)

Monthly 1,346.1 mm (June 2008)

Driest

10% humidity (16 January 1959)

Highest temperature

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

Lowest temperature

0.0 °C (18 January 1893)

Highest wind speed (gust)

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

Employment

Total in employment#: 3.67 million

Major employment sectors#

Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation [^] and food services	1,174,800 32% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	940,100 26% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	705,200 19% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	422,900 12% of total in employment
Construction	293,500 8% of total in employment
Manufacturing	111,600 3% of total in employment

Unemployment rate 3.3%

Median wage \$13,400 per month
(non-Government employees) (May-June 2012)

The Economy

Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 1.4%#

Inflation affecting consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 4.1%

Transport

Roads

The 2,090 km of roads carry 653,010 licensed vehicles, or about 312 vehicles per kilometre

Bridges

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

Air movements

351,684 flights; 55.66 million passengers; 4.03 million tonnes of freight

Shipping movements

30,700 ocean vessel arrivals; 31,260 ocean vessel departures; 269 million tonnes port cargo throughput

Container throughput

23.12 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units

Provisional figures, or figures subject to later revision.

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