Hong Kong 2013: The Facts

**Population**

Total: 7.1875 million (as at mid-2013)
- Hong Kong Island: 1.28 million (17.7%)
- Kowloon: 2.16 million (30.0%)
- New Territories: 3.75 million (52.2%)
- Marine: < 0.005 million (0.05%)

**Age structure (as at mid-2013)**
- Median age: 42.5
- Under 15: 11.1% 65 and over: 14.2%

**Sex ratio (as at mid-2013)**
- Overall: 864 males per 1,000 females
- Under 15: 1,068
- 65 and over: 872

**Crude birth rate**
- 7.9# per 1,000 population

**Crude death rate**
- 5.9# per 1,000 population

**Expectation of life at birth**
- Male: 80.9 years#
- Female: 86.6 years#

**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

**Area**

Total: 1,104.46 square km
- Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands: 80.67 sq km
- 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)

**Overall density (as at mid-2013)**
6,650 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong with a density of 57,120 persons per square kilometre.

**Housing**
About 2.09 million people live in the 780,300 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.4 million domestic households, 51% owned the accommodation, 45% were tenants and 4% lived in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers.

**Religion and custom**
- Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority.
- Others (estimates):
  - Christians: 860,000
  - Muslims: 300,000
  - Hindus: 40,000
  - Sikhs: 10,000
  - Jews: 3,000

**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#: 3.74 million

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| Unemployment rate | 3.4% |
| Median wage (non-Government employees) | $14,100 per month (May-June 2013) |

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^ Accommodation services refers to hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short-term accommodation.

**Transport**

**Roads**
The 2,093 km of roads carry 680,914 licensed vehicles, or about 325 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**
- 372,080 flights; 59.9 million passengers; 4.13 million tonnes of freight

**Shipping movements**
- 29,920 ocean vessel arrivals; 30,410 ocean vessel departures; 276 million tonnes port cargo throughput

**Container throughput**
- 22.35 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units

**The Economy**

**Economic growth**
Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 2.9%#

**Inflation affecting consumers**
Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 4.3%

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