

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

Largest groups (as at end-2013):

Philippines	168,850	Nepal	20,470
Indonesia	165,170	Pakistan	19,350
India	28,920	Canada	19,160
USA	27,690	Malaysia	15,070
Thailand	27,390	United Kingdom	12,380
		Sub-total	504,450

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)	
(Reclamation since 1887)	68.31 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

Major employment sectors#	
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation [^] and food services	1,181,400 32% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	970,300 26% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	723,400 19% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	431,000 12% of total in employment
Construction	311,600 8% of total in employment
Manufacturing	107,800 3% of total in employment

Unemployment rate 3.4%

Median wage \$14,100 per month
(non-Government employees) (May-June 2013)

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%

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

Provisional figures, or figures subject to later revision.

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