

# Hong Kong 2014: The Facts

## Population

**Total: 7.2417 million** (as at mid-2014)

Hong Kong Island	1.27 million	17.5%
Kowloon	2.19 million	30.3%
New Territories	3.78 million	52.2%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

**Age structure** (as at mid-2014)

Median age: 42.8    Under 15: 11.1%    65 and over: 14.7%

**Sex ratio** (as at mid-2014)

Overall: 858 males per 1,000 females  
Under 15: 1,067    65 and over: 874

**Crude birth rate**

8.6# per 1,000 population

**Crude death rate**

6.2# per 1,000 population

**Expectation of life at birth**

Male: 81.2 years#    Female: 86.7 years#

**Ethnicity and nationality**

Predominantly of Chinese ethnicity (as at mid-2011): 94%

Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2014): 616,400

Largest groups (as at end-2014):

Philippines	173,830	Nepal	21,160
Indonesia	164,720	Pakistan	19,880
India	29,870	Canada	18,440
Thailand	27,150	Malaysia	14,900
USA	25,900	United Kingdom	11,660
		Sub-total	507,510

## Area

**Total: 1,105.62 square km**

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.68 sq km
Kowloon	46.94 sq km
New Territories—mainland	748.06 sq km
New Territories— islands (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 82.78 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	229.94 sq km 69.47 sq km)

**Overall density** (as at mid-2014)

6,690 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong with a density of 57,250 persons per square kilometre.

**Housing**

About 2.11 million people live in the 782,400 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.43 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 870,000;

Muslims 300,000;

Hindus 40,000;

Sikhs 12,000;

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#: 3.76 million

Major employment sectors#	
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation <sup>^</sup> and food services	1,185,000 32% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	974,900 26% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	739,700 20% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	427,400 11% of total in employment
Construction	308,400 8% of total in employment
Manufacturing	106,800 3% of total in employment

**Unemployment rate**

**Median wage** (non-Government employees) 3.3%  
\$14,800 per month (May–June 2014)

## The Economy

**Economic growth**

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 2.3%#

**Inflation affecting consumers**

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 4.4%

## Transport

**Roads**

The 2,099 km of roads carry 699,540 licensed vehicles, or about 333 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**

390,955 flights; 63.3 million passengers; 4.38 million tonnes of freight

**Shipping movements**

30,180 ocean vessel arrivals; 28,940 ocean vessel departures; 298 million tonnes port cargo throughput

**Container throughput**

22.23 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units

# Provisional figures, or figures subject to later revision.

<sup>^</sup> 'Accommodation services' refers to hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short-term accommodation.