

Hong Kong 2015: The Facts

Population

Total: 7.3057 million (as at mid-2015)

Hong Kong Island	1.26 million	17.2%
Kowloon	2.21 million	30.2%
New Territories	3.84 million	52.6%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

Age structure (as at mid-2015)

Median age: 43.1 Under 15: 11.3% 65 and over: 15.3%

Sex ratio (as at mid-2015)

Overall: 855 males per 1,000 females
Under 15: 1,070 65 and over: 875

Crude birth rate

8.2* per 1,000 population

Crude death rate

6.3* per 1,000 population

Expectation of life at birth

Male: 81.2 years* Female: 87.3 years*

Ethnicity and nationality

Predominantly of Chinese ethnicity (as at mid-2011): 94%
Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2015): 623,730

Largest groups (as at end-2015):

Philippines	180,780	Nepal	21,900
Indonesia	165,750	Pakistan	20,500
India	30,870	Canada	17,370
Thailand	27,200	Malaysia	14,820
United States	24,370	United Kingdom	11,320
		Sub-total	514,880

Area

Total: 1,105.69 sq 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 82.85 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	230.01 sq km 69.54 sq km)

Overall density (as at mid-2015)

6,760 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 57,359 people per square kilometre.

Housing

About 2.15 million people live in 788,800 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.47 million domestic households, 50% owned the accommodation, 46% 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 100,000;

Sikhs 12,000;

Jews 3,000.

Weather

Average annual rainfall 2,398.5mm

Wettest period

Hourly 145.5mm (7 June 2008)

Daily 534.1mm (19 July 1926)

Monthly 1,346.1mm (June 2008)

Driest

10% humidity (16 January 1959)

Highest temperature

36.3°C (8 August 2015)

Lowest temperature

0.0°C (18 January 1893)

Highest wind speed (gust)

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

Employment

Total in employment*: 3.80 million

Major employment sectors[#]

Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation [^] and food services	1,161,200 31% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	1,006,100 26% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	760,300 20% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	428,700 11% of total in employment
Construction	321,100 8% of total in employment
Manufacturing	101,700 3% of total in employment

Unemployment rate

Median wage (non-government employees) 3.3%
\$15,500 per month (May-June 2015)

The Economy

Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 2.4%*

Inflation affecting consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 3.0%

Transport

Roads

The 2,101km of roads carry 728,263 licensed vehicles, or about 347 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

406,048 flights; 68.5 million passengers; 4.38 million tonnes of freight

Shipping movements

29,010 ocean vessel arrivals; 28,110 ocean vessel departures; 257 million tonnes port cargo throughput

Container throughput

20.07 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.