

# Hong Kong 2016: The Facts

## Population

**Total: 7.3366 million** (as at mid-2016)

Hong Kong Island	1.25 million	17.1%
Kowloon	2.24 million	30.6%
New Territories	3.84 million	52.3%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

**Age structure** (as at mid-2016)

Median age: 43.4    Under 15: 11.3%    65 and over: 15.9%

**Sex ratio** (as at mid-2016)

Overall: 852 males per 1,000 females  
Under 15: 1,065    65 and over: 876

**Crude birth rate**

8.3<sup>#</sup> per 1,000 population

**Crude death rate**

6.4<sup>#</sup> per 1,000 population

**Expectation of life at birth**

Male: 81.3 years\*    Female: 87.3 years\*

**Ethnicity and nationality**

Predominantly of Chinese ethnicity (as at mid-2016): 92%

Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2016): 631,696

Largest groups (as at end-2016):

Philippines	184,322	Nepal	22,180
Indonesia	168,871	Pakistan	20,797
India	31,989	Canada	16,487
Thailand	27,350	Malaysia	14,976
United States	23,324	United Kingdom	10,967
		Sub-total	521,263

## Area

**Total: 1,106.34 sq km**

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.68 sq km
Kowloon	46.94 sq km
New Territories – mainland	748.18 sq km
New Territories – islands (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 83.38 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	230.54 sq km 70.19 sq km)

**Overall density** (as at mid-2016)

6,780 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 57,530 people per square kilometre.

**Housing**

About 2.13 million people live in 803,400 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.5 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 884,000

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<sup>#</sup>: 3.81 million

### Major employment sectors<sup>#</sup>

Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation <sup>^</sup> and food services	1,150,800 30% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	1,020,700 27% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	769,100 20% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	425,200 11% of total in employment
Construction	330,200 9% of total in employment
Manufacturing	97,700 3% of total in employment

**Unemployment rate** 3.4%

**Median wage** \$16,200 per month (non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers) (May-June 2016)

## The Economy

**Economic growth**

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 1.9%<sup>#</sup>

**Inflation affecting consumers**

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 2.4%

## Transport

**Roads**

The 2,107km of public roads carry 745,677 licensed vehicles, or an average of 354 vehicles per kilometre

**Bridges**

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

**Air movements**

411,530 flights; 70.5 million passengers; 4.52 million tonnes of freight

**Shipping movements**

27,642 ocean vessel arrivals; 27,181 ocean vessel departures; 257 million tonnes port cargo throughput

**Container throughput**

19.81 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units

<sup>#</sup> Provisional figures, or figures subject to revision.

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