Population

Total: 7.3917 million (as at mid-2017)
- Hong Kong Island: 1.25 million (16.9%)
- Kowloon: 2.26 million (30.5%)
- New Territories: 3.89 million (52.6%)
- Marine: < 0.005 million (0.05%)

Age structure (as at mid-2017)
- Median age: 43.9
- Under 15: 11.4%
- 65 and over: 16.4%

Sex ratio (as at mid-2017)
- Overall: 848 males per 1,000 females
- Under 15: 1,067 males per 1,000 females

Crude birth rate
- 7.7 per 1,000 population

Crude death rate
- 6.3 per 1,000 population

Ethnicity and nationality
- Predominantly of Chinese ethnicity (as at mid-2016): 92%
- Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2017): 638,336

Largest groups (as at end-2017):
- Philippines: 190,176
- Indonesia: 169,855
- India: 32,895
- Thailand: 27,267
- United States: 22,226

Expectation of life at birth
- Male: 81.7 years*
- Female: 87.7 years*

Area

Total: 1,106.42 sq km
- Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands: 80.72 sq km
- Kowloon: 46.94 sq km
- New Territories – mainland: 748.18 sq km
- New Territories – islands: 230.38 sq km
- (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 83.42 sq km)
- (Reclamation since 1887: 70.27 sq km)

Overall density (as at mid-2017)
- 6,830 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 59,400 people per square kilometre.

Housing
- About 2.14 million people live in 808,300 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong’s 2.53 million domestic households, 49% owned the accommodation, 47% 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: 889,000
  - 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
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Lowest temperature
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Highest wind speed (gust)
- 259km/h at HK Observatory, 284km/h at Tate’s Cairn (Typhoon Wanda, 1 September 1962)

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Transport

Roads
- The 2,112km of public roads carry 766,200 licensed vehicles, or an average of 363 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
- 420,630 flights; 72.9 million passengers; 4.94 million tonnes of freight

Shipping movements
- 26,793 ocean vessel arrivals; 158,627 river vessel arrivals; 282 million tonnes port cargo throughput

Container throughput
- 20.77 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units

Employment

Total in employment: 3.83 million

Major employment sectors
- Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation* and food services: 1,143,400
- Public administration; and social and personal services: 1,023,600
- Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services: 784,300
- Transportation, storage; postal and courier services; and information and communications: 428,300
- Construction: 339,200
- Manufacturing: 95,500

Unemployment rate
- 3.1%

Median wage
- (non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers) $16,800 per month (May-June 2017)

The Economy

Economic growth
- Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 3.8%

Inflation affecting consumers
- Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 1.5%

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