

Hong Kong 2018: The Facts

Population

Total: 7.451 million (as at mid-2018)

Hong Kong Island	1.25 million	16.8%
Kowloon	2.27 million	30.4%
New Territories	3.93 million	52.8%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

Age structure (as at mid-2018)

Median age: 44.2 Under 15: 11.6% 65 and over: 17%

Sex ratio (as at mid-2018)

Overall: 844 males per 1,000 females
Under 15: 1,066 65 and over: 874

Crude birth rate

7.2[#] per 1,000 population

Crude death rate

6.3[#] per 1,000 population

Expectation of life at birth

Male: 82.2 years* Female: 87.6 years*

Ethnicity and nationality

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

Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2018): 650,858

Largest groups (as at end-2018):

Philippines	196,546	Nepal	22,938
Indonesia	174,105	Pakistan	22,089
India	34,217	Canada	15,207
Thailand	27,279	Malaysia	15,404
United States	20,758	United Kingdom	11,326
		Sub-total	539,869

Area

Total: 1,106.66 sq km

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.72 sq km
Kowloon	46.94 sq km
New Territories – mainland	748.23 sq km
New Territories – islands (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 83.61 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	230.77 sq km) 70.51 sq km)

Overall density (as at mid-2018)

6,880 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 60,560 people per square kilometre.

Housing

About 2.18 million people live in 825,200 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.57 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	1,200,000
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

36.6°C (22 August 2017)

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[#]: 3.87 million

Major employment sectors[#]

Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation [^] and food services	1,147,300 30% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	1,046,100 27% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	801,100 21% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	424,800 11% of total in employment
Construction	342,900 9% of total in employment
Manufacturing	91,900 2% of total in employment

Unemployment rate

2.8%

Median wage

(non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers)
\$17,500 per month (May-June 2018)

The Economy

Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 3.0%[#]

Inflation affecting consumers

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

Transport

Roads

The 2,123km of public roads carry 784,434 licensed vehicles, or an average of 369 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^{*}

427,766 flights; 74.7 million passengers; 5.1 million tonnes of cargo^{*}

Shipping movements

25,410 ocean vessel arrivals; 149,200 river vessel arrivals; 259 million tonnes port cargo throughput

Container throughput

19.6 million twenty-foot equivalent units

[#] Provisional figures, or figures subject to revision.

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

^{*} Including airmail