**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 (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
- Indonesia: 174,105
- India: 34,217
- Thailand: 27,279
- United States: 20,758

### 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: 230.77 sq km
- (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 83.61 sq km)

### 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

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<th>Major employment sectors*</th>
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<td>Import/export, wholesale and retail trades, and accommodation* and food services</td>
<td>1,147,300</td>
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<td>Public administration, and social and personal services</td>
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<td>Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services</td>
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<td>Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, and information and communications</td>
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**Unemployment rate**
- Median wage (non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers): 2.8% ($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

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* Provisional figures, or figures subject to revision.
^ 'Accommodation services' refers to hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short-term accommodation.