

Hong Kong 2019: The Facts

Population

Total: 7,5074 million (as at mid-2019)

Hong Kong Island	1.25 million	16.6%
Kowloon	2.3 million	30.6%
New Territories	3.96 million	52.8%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

Age structure (as at mid-2019)

Median age: 44.6 Under 15: 11.7% 65 and over: 17.6%

Sex ratio (as at mid-2019)

Overall: 838 males per 1,000 females
Under 15: 1,063 65 and over: 873

Crude birth rate

7# per 1,000 population

Crude death rate

6.5# per 1,000 population

Expectation of life at birth

Male: 82.3 years# Female: 88.1 years#

Race and nationality

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

Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2019): 652,896

Largest groups (as at end-2019):

Philippines	200,925	Pakistan	22,445
Indonesia	177,530	United States	19,444
India	35,012	Malaysia	15,241
Thailand	27,171	Canada	13,375
Nepal	23,337	United Kingdom	8,848
		Sub-total	543,328

Area

Total: 1,106.81 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 83.76 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	230.92 sq km) 70.66 sq km)

Overall density (as at mid-2019)

6,930 people per sq km. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 61,560 people per sq km.

Housing

About 2.2 million people live in 834,600 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.61 million domestic households, 50% 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#: 3.85 million

Major employment sectors*	
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation [^] and food services	1,092,200 28% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	1,080,400 28% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	820,100 21% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	421,700 11% of total in employment
Construction	330,100 9% of total in employment
Manufacturing	88,100 2% of total in employment

Unemployment rate 2.9%
Median wage \$18,200 per month (non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers) (May-June 2019)

The Economy

Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: -1.2%#

Inflation affecting consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in composite CPI: 2.9%

Transport

Roads

The 2,127km of public roads carry 794,366 licensed vehicles, or an average of 373 vehicles per km

Bridges

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

Air movements*

419,795 flights; 71.5 million passengers; 4.8 million tonnes of cargo*

Shipping movements

25,388 ocean vessel arrivals; 135,864 river vessel arrivals; 263 million tonnes of port cargo throughput

Container throughput

18.3 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