

Hong Kong 2020: The Facts

Population

Total: 7.4818 million (as at mid-2020)

Hong Kong Island	1.22 million	16.4%
Kowloon	2.3 million	30.8%
New Territories	3.95 million	52.8%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

Age structure (as at mid-2020)

Median age: 45 Under 15: 11.6% 65 and over: 18.3%

Sex ratio (as at mid-2020)

Overall: 840 males per 1,000 females
Under 15: 1,055 65 and over: 881

Crude birth rate

5.8[#] per 1,000 population

Crude death rate

6.7[#] per 1,000 population

Expectation of life at birth

Male: 82.7 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-2020): 729,176

Largest groups (as at end-2020):

Philippines	225,338	Nepal	24,893
Indonesia	173,489	Pakistan	23,544
India	40,856	United Kingdom	19,580
Thailand	28,321	Malaysia	16,965
United States	25,460	Canada	16,628
		Sub-total	595,074

Area

Total: 1,110.18 sq km

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.72 sq km
Kowloon	46.95 sq km
New Territories – mainland	748.24 sq km
New Territories – islands (Lantau 147.51 sq km; others 86.76 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	234.27 sq km 74.03 sq km)

Overall density (as at mid-2020)

6,890 people per sq km. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 61,410 people per sq km.

Housing

About 2.21 million people live in 842,200 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.65 million domestic households, 51% owned the accommodation, 45% 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[#]: 3.65 million

Major employment sectors[#]

Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation [^] and food services	955,800 26% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	1,069,000 29% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	825,000 23% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	396,700 11% of total in employment
Construction	306,400 8% of total in employment
Manufacturing	82,800 2% of total in employment

Unemployment rate

5.8%
Median wage \$18,400 per month
(non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers)
(May-June 2020)

The Economy

Economic growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: -6.1%[#]

Inflation affecting consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 0.3%

Transport

Roads

The 2,150km of public roads carry 802,698 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

160,655 flights; 8.8 million passengers; 4.5 million tonnes of cargo^{*}

Shipping movements

22,001 ocean vessel arrivals; 65,830 river vessel arrivals; 249 million tonnes of port cargo throughput

Container throughput

17.97 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