

# Hong Kong 2021: The Facts

## Population

**Total: 7.4131 million** (as at mid-2021)

Hong Kong Island	1.2 million	16.1%
Kowloon	2.23 million	30.1%
New Territories	3.98 million	53.7%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

**Age structure** (as at mid-2021)

Median age: 46.3    Under 15: 10.9%    65 and over: 19.6%

**Sex ratio** (as at mid-2021)

Overall: 839 males per 1,000 females  
Under 15: 1,062    65 and over: 887

**Crude birth rate**

5.0<sup>#</sup> per 1,000 population

**Crude death rate**

6.9<sup>#</sup> per 1,000 population

**Expectation of life at birth**

Male: 83 years<sup>#</sup>    Female: 87.7 years<sup>#</sup>

**Race and nationality**

Predominantly of Chinese race (as at mid-2021): 91.6%

Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2021): 697,206

Largest groups (as at end-2021):

Philippines	217,174	Pakistan	23,969
Indonesia	163,417	USA	23,305
India	39,676	Malaysia	16,998
Thailand	28,374	Canada	15,640
Nepal	24,175	United Kingdom	14,789
		Sub-total	567,517

## Land Area<sup>®</sup>

**Total: 1,113.76 sq km**

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.72 sq km
Kowloon	46.94 sq km
New Territories – mainland	748.25 sq km
New Territories – islands (Lantau 148.11 sq km; others 89.73 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	237.84 sq km 77.61 sq km)

**Overall density** (as at mid-2021)

6,800 people per sq km. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 59,700 people per sq km.

**Housing**

About 2.22 million people live in 848,000 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.67 million domestic households, 51% owned the accommodation, 46% were tenants and 3% 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	1,300,000
Muslims	300,000
Hindus	100,000
Sikhs	12,000
Jews	2,500

## Weather

**Average annual rainfall** 2,431.2mm

**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<sup>#</sup>: 3.65 million

**Major employment sectors<sup>#</sup>**

Public administration; and social and personal services	1,066,500 29% of total in employment
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation <sup>^</sup> and food services	936,800 26% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	833,200 23% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	393,500 11% of total in employment
Construction	321,400 9% of total in employment
Manufacturing	78,800 2% of total in employment

**Unemployment rate**

5.2%

**Median wage**

\$18,700 per month  
(May-June 2021)

(non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers)

## The Economy

**Economic growth**

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 6.4%<sup>#</sup>

**Inflation affecting consumers**

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 1.6%

## Transport

**Roads**

The 2,193km of public roads carry 817,874 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**

144,810 flights; 1.4 million passengers; 5 million tonnes of cargo<sup>\*</sup>

**Shipping movements**

16,256 ocean vessel arrivals; 46,221 river vessel arrivals; 214 million tonnes of port cargo throughput

**Container throughput**

17.8 million twenty-foot equivalent units

<sup>#</sup> Provisional figures, or figures subject to revision.

<sup>®</sup> Land areas rounded up to the nearest 0.01 sq km.

<sup>^</sup> 'Accommodation services' refers to hotels, guesthouses, boarding houses and other establishments providing short-term accommodation.

<sup>\*</sup> Including airmail.