

Hong Kong: The Facts

Population: 6.787 million (as at mid-2002)

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| Hong Kong Island Kowloon New Territories Marine (As at mid-2002) | 1.30 million 2.03 million 3.46 million 0.01 million | 19.1% 29.9% 51.0% 0.1% | Age structure Median age: 37.5 Sex ratio Overall: 946 males per 1 000 females Under 15: 1 067 Over 64: 859 | Under 15: 16.1% Over 64: 11.4% |
| Overall density 6 300 people per square kilometre. Kwun Tong District has 50 570 people per square kilometre. | | | Crude birth rate 7.1 [#] per 1 000 popn | Crude death rate 5.0 [#] per 1 000 popn |
| Housing 2.1 million people live in public rental housing, which includes 684 500 flats. In 2002, Hong Kong had 2.13 million domestic households: 52.6% occupied by the owners, 42.7% by tenants, and 4.7% by persons living in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers. | | | Expectation of life at birth Male 78.7# Female 84.7# | |
| Area: 1 102 square km Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands Kowloon New Territories — mainland New Territories — islands (Lantau 146 sq. km; others 81 sq. km) — Reclamation since 1887 | 81 sq. km 47 sq. km 747 sq. km 227 sq. km 66 sq. km | | Nationalities Predominantly of Chinese descent 95% Total foreign passport-holders (end-2002): 529 870 Largest groups Philippines 142 640 Indonesia 85 240 | USA 32 340 Canada 30 600 Thailand 29 260 India 22 150 Australia 20 610 UK 20 100 Nepal 17 610 Malaysia 14 440 Japan 14 150 Sub-total 429 140 |
| | | | Religion and Custom Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority. Christians 536 000; Muslims 80 000; Hindus 15 000; Sikhs 8 000; Jews 1 500. | |

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| Weather | | |
| Average annual rainfall | 2 214.3 mm | Highest temperature 36.1°C (August 19, 1900 and August 18, 1990) |
| Wettest period | | Lowest temperature 0.0°C (January 18, 1893) |
| Hourly daily | 109.9 mm (May 8, 1992) | Highest wind speed 259 km/h at HK Observatory, 284 km/h at Tate's Cairn (Typhoon Wanda, September 1, 1962) |
| monthly | 534.1 mm (July 19, 1926) | |
| Driest | 1 241.1 mm (May 1889) | |
| 10% humidity (January 16, 1959) | | |

Employment

Total number employed[#]: 3.24 million in third quarter of 2002

| Major Employment Sectors in 2002 [#] | |
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| Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels | 1 028 500 32% of total employment |
| Community, social and personal services | 848 600 26% of total employment |
| Financing, insurance, real estate and business services | 487 900 15% of total employment |
| Transport, storage and communications | 355 800 11% of total employment |
| Construction | 294 600 9% of total employment |
| Manufacturing | 193 500 6% of total employment |

Unemployment rate 7.3%
Average wages \$10,951 per month
(All selected industries)

Notes: figures presented on this page refer to those released up to end-March 2003
provisional figure

The Economy

Economic Growth

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP (at constant (2000) market prices)
2.3% in 2002

Inflation Affecting Consumers

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI:
-3.0% in 2002

Transport

Roads

The 1 924 km of roads carry 525 551 licensed vehicles, or about 273 vehicles per kilometre

Bridges

Longest: Tsing Ma suspension bridge (main span 1 377 metres) and the cable-stayed Ting Kau Bridge (two main spans totalling 923 metres)

Air movements[#]

2002 — 206 705 flights; 33.45 million passengers; 2.48 million tonnes of freight

Shipping movements

2002 — 35 620 ocean vessel arrivals; 34 910 departures; port cargo throughput 192.5 million tonnes

Container throughput

19.1 million TEUs