

Hong Kong: The Facts

Population: 6.787 million (as at mid-2002)

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: 11.4% Under 15: 1 067 Over 64: 859
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
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.			Crude death rate 5.0* per 1 000 popn
Area: 1 102 square km			Expectation of life at birth Male 78.7# Female 84.7#
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.

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

Employment

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

Major Employment Sectors in 2002 #	
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)

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

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