

# Hong Kong 2017: The Facts

## Population

**Total: 7.3917 million** (as at mid-2017)

Hong Kong Island	1.25 million	16.9%
Kowloon	2.26 million	30.5%
New Territories	3.89 million	52.6%
Marine	< 0.005 million	< 0.05%

**Age structure** (as at mid-2017)

Median age: 43.9    Under 15: 11.4%    65 and over: 16.4%

**Sex ratio** (as at mid-2017)

Overall: 848 males per 1,000 females  
Under 15: 1,067    65 and over: 874

**Crude birth rate**

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

**Crude death rate**

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

**Expectation of life at birth**

Male: 81.7 years\*    Female: 87.7 years\*

**Ethnicity and nationality**

Predominantly of Chinese ethnicity (as at mid-2016): 92%  
Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2017): 638,336

Largest groups (as at end-2017):

Philippines	190,176	Nepal	22,679
Indonesia	169,855	Pakistan	21,500
India	32,895	Canada	15,723
Thailand	27,267	Malaysia	15,051
United States	22,226	United Kingdom	10,369
		Sub-total	527,741

## Area

**Total: 1,106.42 sq km**

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.72 sq km
Kowloon	46.94 sq km
New Territories – mainland	748.18 sq km
New Territories – islands (Lantau 147.16 sq km; others 83.42 sq km) (Reclamation since 1887	230.58 sq km 70.27 sq km)

**Overall density** (as at mid-2017)

6,830 people per square kilometre. The most densely populated District Council district is Kwun Tong, with a density of 59,400 people per square kilometre.

**Housing**

About 2.14 million people live in 808,300 public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. Of Hong Kong's 2.53 million domestic households, 49% 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 889,000

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<sup>#</sup>: 3.83 million

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

Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation <sup>^</sup> and food services	1,143,400 30% of total in employment
Public administration; and social and personal services	1,023,600 27% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	784,300 20% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	428,300 11% of total in employment
Construction	339,200 9% of total in employment
Manufacturing	95,500 2% of total in employment

**Unemployment rate** 3.1%

**Median wage** \$16,800 per month (non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers) (May-June 2017)

## The Economy

**Economic growth**

Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms: 3.8%<sup>#</sup>

**Inflation affecting consumers**

Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI: 1.5%

## Transport

**Roads**

The 2,112km of public roads carry 766,200 licensed vehicles, or an average of 363 vehicles per kilometre

**Bridges**

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

**Air movements**

420,630 flights; 72.9 million passengers; 4.94 million tonnes of freight

**Shipping movements**

26,793 ocean vessel arrivals; 158,627 river vessel arrivals; 282 million tonnes port cargo throughput

**Container throughput**

20.77 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units

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

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