Hong Kong 2023: The Facts

Population

Total: **7.5361** million **(as at mid-2023)**

Hong Kong Island
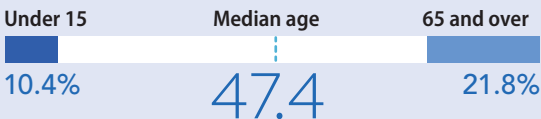1.19 million (15.8%)

Kowloon
2.25 million (29.8%)

New Territories
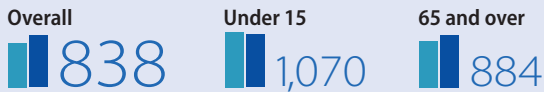4.1 million (54.4%)

Marine
<0.005 million (<0.05%)

= 1%

Age structure (as at mid-2023)

Under 15	Median age	65 and over
10.4%	47.4	21.8%

Sex ratio (as at mid-2023)

♂ males ♀ females

Number of males per 1,000 females:

Overall	Under 15	65 and over
838	1,070	884

Crude birth rate

4.4#

per 1,000 population

Crude death rate

7.2#

per 1,000 population

Expectation of life at birth

Male 82.5 years#

Female 87.9 years#

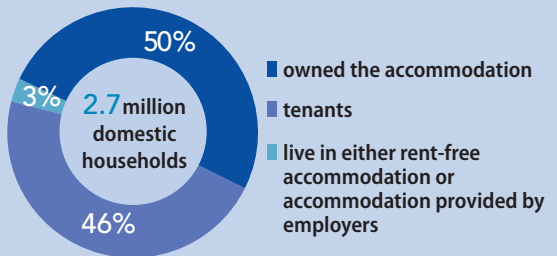### Overall density (as at mid-2023)

6,910 people per sq km

Most densely populated District Council district:
Kwun Tong (59,600 people per sq km)

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Housing^

About **2.2** million people live in **856,700** public rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society.

2.7 million domestic households

- 50% owned the accommodation
- 46% tenants
- 3% live in either rent-free accommodation or accommodation provided by employers

^ Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Race and nationality

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

Non-PRC nationals physically present in Hong Kong (as at end-2023):
674,165

Largest groups (as at end-2023):

Philippines	194,944	Nepal	24,457
Indonesia	165,800	USA	23,312
India	37,167	Canada	16,781
Thailand	27,618	Malaysia	16,285
Pakistan	24,879	United Kingdom	14,062
		Sub-total	545,305

Religion and custom

Buddhists and Taoists make up the vast majority.

Others (estimates):

Christians	1,400,000	Sikhs	15,000
Muslims	300,000	Jews	2,500
Hindus	100,000		

Land Area[@]

Total: 1,114.57 sq km

Hong Kong Island & adjacent islands	80.72 sq km
Kowloon	46.93 sq km
New Territories – mainland	748.26 sq km
New Territories – islands (Lantau 148.4 sq km; others 90.25 sq km)	238.66 sq km
(Reclamation since 1887	78.42 sq km)
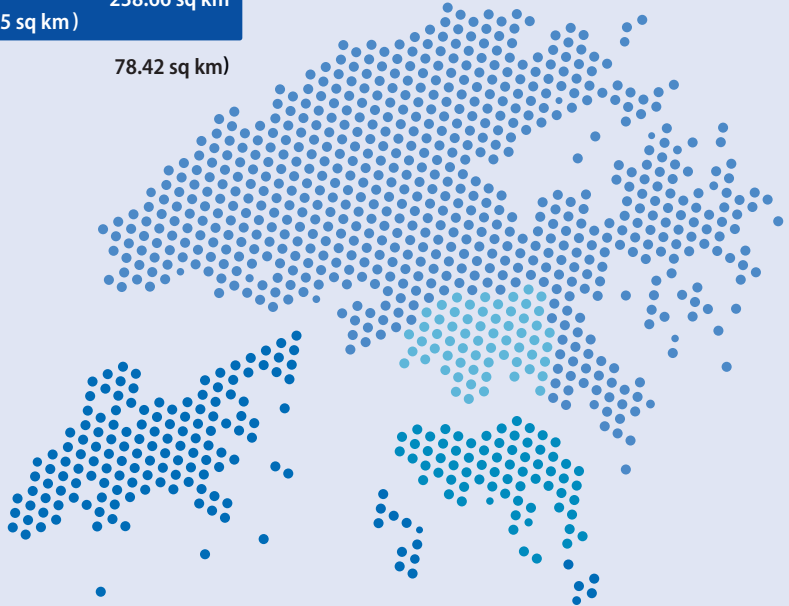
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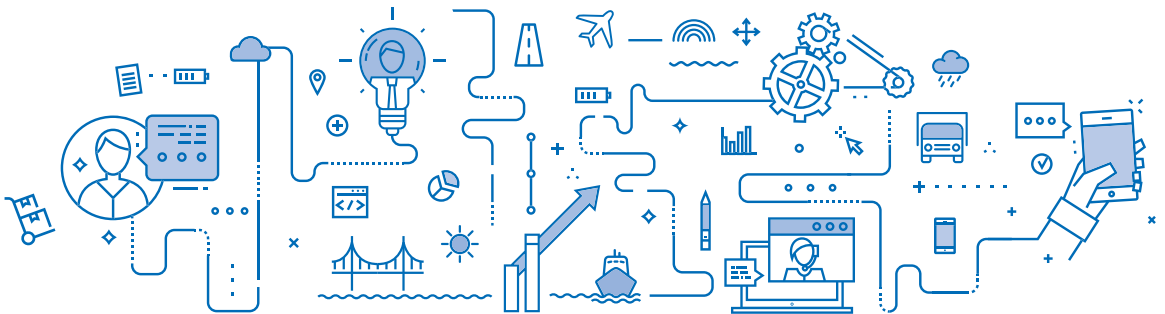
Weather

Average annual rainfall
2,431.2 mm

Wettest period

Hourly	158.1 mm	(7 September 2023)
Daily	534.1 mm	(19 July 1926)
Monthly	1,346.1 mm	(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)
259 km/h at HK Observatory
284 km/h at Tate's Cairn
(Typhoon Wanda, 1 September 1962)

The Economy

Economic growth
Year-on-year rate of change in GDP in real terms:
3.2%[#]

Inflation affecting consumers
Year-on-year rate of change in Composite CPI:
2.1%

Employment

Total in employment[#]: 3.69 million

Major employment sectors[#]

Sector		
Public administration; and social and personal services	1,103,600	30% of total in employment
Import/export, wholesale and retail trades; and accommodation and food services	927,400	25% of total in employment
Financing and insurance; real estate; and professional and business services	831,900	23% of total in employment
Transportation, storage, postal and courier services; and information and communications	396,900	11% of total in employment
Construction	338,700	9% of total in employment
Manufacturing	75,500	2% of total in employment

Unemployment rate
2.9%

Median wage (non-government employees and non-live-in domestic workers)
$19,800 per month (May-June 2023)

Transport

Roads
2,239 km of public roads
815,628 licensed vehicles

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

Air movements
276,000 flights
39.5 million passengers
4.3 million tonnes of cargo*

Shipping movements
18,867 ocean vessel arrivals
73,331 river vessel arrivals
175 million tonnes of port cargo throughput

Container throughput
14.4 million twenty-foot equivalent units

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* Including airmail.