

# HONG KONG : THE FACTS



## Population

**Population Size:** At mid-2010, the population of Hong Kong was 7.07 million, including 6.86 million Usual Residents and 0.21 million Mobile Residents.

During the period 2006-2010, the population grew at an average annual rate of 0.8 per cent. Population in these years was as follows:

Year	Mid-year population	Annual rate of increase	Sex ratio (males per 1 000 females)
2006	6 857 100	0.6	912
2007	6 925 900	1.0	904
2008	6 977 700	0.7	896
2009	7 003 700	0.4	889
2010	7 067 800	0.9	881

**Distribution by Area:** At mid-2010, the population was distributed geographically as follows:

Area	% of total population
Hong Kong Island	18.3
Kowloon	29.6
New Territories (including marine)	52.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Population Density<sup>†</sup>:** Hong Kong is one of the most densely populated places in the world. The land population density as at mid-2010 stood at 6 540 persons per square kilometre, and Kwun Tong, with 54 530 persons per square kilometre, was the most densely populated district among the District Council districts.

† Excluding marine population and area of reservoirs.

**Age and Sex Structure:** At mid-2010, there were 881 males per 1 000 females. The median age of the total population was 41.1. The age and sex structure of the population was given as follows:

Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
0-14	443 700	6.3	414 300	5.9	858 000	12.1
15-24	444 300	6.3	446 700	6.3	891 000	12.6
25-34	455 300	6.4	629 900	8.9	1 085 200	15.4
35-44	492 300	7.0	666 800	9.4	1 159 100	16.4
45-54	619 900	8.8	678 000	9.6	1 297 900	18.4
55-64	432 300	6.1	432 200	6.1	864 500	12.2
65 and over	422 700	6.0	489 400	6.9	912 100	12.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 310 500</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>3 757 300</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>7 067 800</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Births and Deaths:** Fertility rate in Hong Kong has continued to remain at a low level. It has also attained a very low level of mortality by international standards. Birth and death rates are given as follows:

Year	Crude birth rate (per 1 000 population)	Total fertility rate (per 1 000 women) <sup>λ</sup>	Crude death rate (per 1 000 population)	Expectation of life at birth for males (years)	Expectation of life at birth for females (years)	Infant mortality rate (per 1 000 live births)
2006	9.6	984	5.5	79.4	85.5	1.8
2007	10.2	1 024	5.7	79.4	85.5	1.8
2008	11.3	1 056	6.0	79.3	85.5	1.8
2009	11.7	1 042	5.9	79.7	85.9	1.7
2010	12.5	1 108	6.0	80.0	85.9	1.7

λ Total fertility rate refers to the average number of children that would be born alive to 1 000 women during their lifetime if they were to pass through their childbearing ages 15-49 experiencing the age specific fertility rates prevailing in a given year. These figures have been compiled using a population denominator which has excluded female foreign domestic helpers.

The birth rate remained low (12.5 live births per 1 000 population in 2010 to 9.6 in 2006). Moreover, according to the total fertility rate, 1 000 women in 2010 would bear, on average, 1 108 children in their lifetime as compared with 984 children in 2006.

In 2010, the death rate was 6.0 per 1 000 population. The expectation of life at birth was 80.0 years for males and 85.9 years for females, compared against the corresponding figures of 79.4 and 85.5 years in 2006.

There was a slight decline in the infant mortality rate from 1.8 per 1 000 live births in 2006 to 1.7 in 2010. The decline reflected a continual improvement in maternal and child health services.

**Education:** The educational level of the population of Hong Kong has improved appreciably over the past five years. The following table compares the educational attainment of the population aged 15 and over\*\* for 2005 and 2010:

<i>Educational attainment</i>	<i>% of population aged 15 and over</i>	
	<i>2005</i>	<i>2010</i>
No schooling/Pre-primary	6.4	5.4
Primary	19.3	17.0
Secondary**	51.5	52.3
Post-secondary	22.8	25.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\*\* Persons with educational attainment at secondary level refer to those with Secondary 1 to Secondary 7 education or equivalent level.

**Income:** The median monthly domestic household income\*\* for 2010 was \$18,000. The distribution of domestic households in Hong Kong by monthly household income\*\* was as follows:

<i>Monthly household income (\$)</i>	<i>% of total domestic households</i>
Under 4,000	7.7
4,000–5,999	5.7
6,000–7,999	6.8
8,000–9,999	6.7
10,000–14,999	14.8
15,000–19,999	12.2
20,000–24,999	10.4
25,000–29,999	7.1
30,000–34,999	6.3
35,000–39,999	4.0
40,000–44,999	3.5
45,000–49,999	2.3
50,000–59,999	3.7
60,000–79,999	3.9
80,000–99,999	1.9
100,000 and over	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Labour Force Participation Rate:** The size of the total labour force in Hong Kong\*\* for 2010 was 3.65 million. This represented 59.7 per cent of the total population aged 15

and over\*\*. The following table shows the labour force participation rates of the population by age and sex\*\*:

<i>Age group</i>	<i>Male (%)</i>	<i>Female (%)</i>
15–19	10.3	9.4
20–24	61.1	61.7
25–29	94.3	86.4
30–34	96.5	78.4
35–39	96.5	72.1
40–44	95.9	70.3
45–49	94.2	66.1
50–54	90.3	57.0
55–59	77.1	39.0
60–64	48.5	18.4
65 and over	9.6	2.0
<b>Overall</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>52.0</b>

**Occupation:** The distribution of the employed population in Hong Kong by occupation\*\* for 2010 was as follows:

<i>Occupation</i>	<i>% of the employed population</i>
Managers and administrators	9.7
Professionals	6.5
Associate professionals	19.3
Clerks	16.1
Service workers and shop sales workers	16.0
Craft and related workers	7.1
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	5.8
Elementary occupations	19.4
Others	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Housing:** The distribution of the land-based non-institutional population of Hong Kong by type of housing\*\* for 2010 was as follows:

<i>Type of housing</i>	<i>% of land-based non-institutional population</i>
Public rental housing	31.0
Subsidised sale flats	18.3
Private permanent housing	50.0
Temporary housing	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**The following notes are used in this fact sheet :**

There may be a slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total as shown in the tables due to rounding.

++ Figures are compiled based on data collected in the General Household Survey from January to December of the year concerned as well as the mid-year population estimates by District Council district compiled jointly by the Census and Statistics Department and an inter-departmental Working Group on Population Distribution Projections. The General Household Survey covers the land-based non-institutional population of Hong Kong.