



# Hong Kong in figures

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## International/regional ranking

	Previous	Latest
<b>1. Chinese Cities of Opportunity Ranking</b> (among 57 places) <sup>1</sup> Source: China Development Research Foundation	<b>16th</b> (2023)	<b>13th</b> (2024)
<b>2. Corruption Perceptions Index</b> (among 180 places) <sup>2</sup> Source: Transparency International	<b>14th</b> (2023)	<b>17th</b> (2024)
<b>3. Economic Freedom Ranking</b> (among 165 places) <sup>3</sup> Source: Fraser Institute	<b>2nd</b> (2021)	<b>1st</b> (2022)
<b>4. Global Cities Index</b> (among 900 places) <sup>4</sup> Source: Schrodgers	<b>9th</b> (2022)	<b>4th</b> (2023)
<b>5. Global Financial Centres Index</b> (among 119 places) <sup>5</sup> Source: Z/Yen Group	<b>3rd</b> (Sep 2024)	<b>3rd</b> (Mar 2025)
<b>6. Global Innovation Index</b> (among 133 places) <sup>6</sup> Source: World Intellectual Property Organization	<b>17th</b> (2023)	<b>18th</b> (2024)
<b>7. Human Development Index</b> (among 193 places) <sup>7</sup> Source: United Nations Development Programme	<b>3rd</b> (2021)	<b>4th</b> (2022)
<b>8. Smart City Index</b> (among 142 places) <sup>8</sup> Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	<b>19th</b> (2023)	<b>20th</b> (2024)
<b>9. World Competitiveness Ranking</b> (among 67 places) <sup>9</sup> Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	<b>7th</b> (2023)	<b>5th</b> (2024)
<b>10. World Digital Competitiveness Ranking</b> (among 67 places) <sup>10</sup> Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	<b>10th</b> (2023)	<b>7th</b> (2024)
<b>11. World Talent Ranking</b> (among 67 places) <sup>11</sup> Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	<b>16th</b> (2023)	<b>9th</b> (2024)

- <sup>1</sup> The latest top three positions were Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen respectively.
- <sup>2</sup> The latest top three positions were Denmark, Finland and Singapore respectively.
- <sup>3</sup> The latest top three positions were Hong Kong, Singapore and Switzerland respectively.
- <sup>4</sup> The latest top three positions were San Francisco, London and San Jose respectively.
- <sup>5</sup> The latest top three positions were New York, London and Hong Kong respectively.
- <sup>6</sup> The latest top three positions were Switzerland, Sweden and the United States respectively.
- <sup>7</sup> The latest top three positions were Switzerland, Norway and Iceland respectively.
- <sup>8</sup> The latest top three positions were Zurich, Oslo and Canberra respectively.
- <sup>9</sup> The latest top three positions were Singapore, Switzerland and Denmark respectively.
- <sup>10</sup> The latest top three positions were Singapore, Switzerland and Denmark respectively.
- <sup>11</sup> The latest top three positions were Switzerland, Singapore and Luxembourg respectively.

## Population

	End-2023	End-2024 <sup>12</sup>
Total population	7 527 900	7 534 200
<i>Of which: Aged 0-14</i>	759 800 (10.1%)	740 900 (9.8%)
<i>Aged 15-64</i>	5 079 000 (67.5%)	5 037 200 (66.9%)
<i>Aged 65 and above</i>	1 689 100 (22.4%)	1 756 100 (23.3%)

## Households

	2023	Nov 2024 – Jan 2025
Number of domestic households	2 700 400	2 782 500
Median monthly household income (HK\$) <sup>13</sup>	29,900	29,700

## Labour

	2023	Dec 2024 – Feb 2025 <sup>12</sup>
Total labour force	3 822 300	3 821 300
Labour force participation rate	57.3%	56.9%
<i>Of which: Male</i>	63.6%	62.5%
<i>Female</i>	52.2%	52.4%
Total employment	3 709 600	3 709 500
Unemployed persons	112 700 (2.9%)	111 700 (3.2%) <sup>14</sup>
	2023	Nov 2024 – Jan 2025
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$) <sup>13</sup>	20,500	22,000

<sup>12</sup> Provisional figures.

<sup>13</sup> Excluding foreign domestic helpers.

<sup>14</sup> Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

## Economics and finance

	2023 <sup>15</sup>	2024 <sup>15</sup>
Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) growth rate in real terms (year-on-year rate of change)	+3.2%	+2.5%
	2023 <sup>15</sup>	2024 <sup>15</sup>
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	395,907	422,242
	2022 <sup>15</sup>	2023 <sup>15</sup>
Per capita GDP (Global ranking)	21st	21st
	28 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2025
Hang Seng Index	16 541	23 119

## Inflation

	2024	Feb 2025
Composite Consumer Price Index (year-on-year rate of change)	+1.7%	+1.4%

## Government consolidated accounts

(HK\$ billion)	2024-2025 <sup>16</sup>	2025-2026 <sup>17</sup>
Government revenue	559.6	659.4
Government expenditure	754.8	822.3
Proceeds from issuance of Government Bonds	130.0	150.0
Repayment of Government Bonds	22.1	54.1
Surplus (+) / deficit (-)	-87.2	-67.0
Surplus (+) / deficit (-) as % of GDP	-2.7%	-2.0%

<sup>15</sup> Revised figure.

<sup>16</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>17</sup> Estimates.

## Government consolidated accounts (cont'd)

	2024-2025 <sup>18</sup>	2025-2026 <sup>19</sup>
Recurrent public expenditure (HK\$ billion)	586.3	613.5
<i>Of which: Education</i>	105.3 (18.0%)	102.9 (16.8%)
<i>Social welfare</i>	118.7 (20.3%)	130.4 (21.3%)
<i>Health</i>	109.2 (18.6%)	115.3 (18.8%)
<i>Security</i>	59.5 (10.1%)	60.9 (9.9%)
<i>Infrastructure</i>	33.5 (5.7%)	34.4 (5.6%)
<i>Environment and food</i>	25.4 (4.3%)	26.3 (4.3%)
<i>Economic</i>	22.2 (3.8%)	22.8 (3.7%)
<i>Housing</i>	20.5 (3.5%)	22.0 (3.6%)
<i>Community and external affairs</i>	17.8 (3.0%)	19.3 (3.2%)
<i>Support</i>	74.2 (12.7%)	79.2 (12.9%)

## Fiscal reserves and Exchange Fund

	29 Feb 2024	28 Feb 2025 <sup>20</sup>
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)	716.5	642.3
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
Total assets	4,040.9	4,009.0
Total liabilities	3,387.2	3,222.9
Revaluation reserve <i>Increase / (Decrease)</i>	(0.9)	(0.9)
Accumulated surplus	652.8	785.2
Foreign currency reserve assets (US\$ billion)	425.2	416.4

<sup>18</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>19</sup> Estimates.

<sup>20</sup> Provisional figures.

## Civil service

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024
Establishment	192 315	191 484
Strength	172 610	172 576
	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>2024-2025<sup>21</sup></b>
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	156.2	163.5
As % of government operating expenditure	26.0%	27.3%

## External merchandise trade

	Jan – Feb 2024 <sup>22</sup>	Jan – Feb 2025
Total exports (HK\$ billion)	672.4	716.5
<i>Of which<sup>23</sup>: The Mainland</i>	374.8 (55.7%)	415.5 (58.0%)
<i>The United States</i>	44.9 (6.7%)	45.0 (6.3%)
<i>Vietnam</i>	17.0 (2.5%)	32.3 (4.5%)
Imports (HK\$ billion)	710.5	751.1
<i>Of which: The Mainland</i>	305.0 (42.9%)	311.2 (41.4%)
<i>The United States</i>	35.2 (5.0%)	31.2 (4.2%)
<i>Vietnam</i>	20.0 (2.8%)	30.1 (4.0%)
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	-38.1	-34.6
<i>Of which: The Mainland</i>	+69.9	+104.3
<i>The United States</i>	+9.7	+13.8
<i>Vietnam</i>	-3.0	+2.2

## Trade in services

	2023 <sup>24</sup>	2024 <sup>24</sup>
Exports of services (HK\$ billion)	762.2	848.7
Imports of services (HK\$ billion)	618.4	704.4
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	+143.8	+144.2

<sup>21</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>22</sup> Total exports, imports and trade balance for the full year of 2024 were HK\$4,542.4 billion, HK\$4,922.1 billion and -HK\$379.7 billion respectively.

<sup>23</sup> Top three main destinations in Jan – Feb 2025.

<sup>24</sup> Revised figures.



## Tourism

	Jan – Feb 2024 <sup>25</sup>	Jan – Feb 2025
Visitor arrivals	7 826 807	8 409 737
<i>The Mainland</i>	6 230 672 (79.6%)	6 495 640 (77.2%)
<i>Long haul markets:</i>		
<i>The Americas</i>	186 795 (2.4%)	216 974 (2.6%)
<i>Europe, Africa and the Middle East</i>	195 826 (2.5%)	232 246 (2.8%)
<i>Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific</i>	72 846 (0.9%)	96 311 (1.1%)
<i>Short haul markets (excluding the Mainland):</i>		
<i>North Asia (Japan and South Korea)</i>	276 282 (3.5%)	366 757 (4.4%)
<i>South and Southeast Asia</i>	478 090 (6.1%)	556 245 (6.6%)
<i>Taiwan</i>	193 642 (2.5%)	257 852 (3.1%)
<i>Macao / not identified</i>	192 654 (2.5%)	187 712 (2.2%)
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Per capita spending of overnight visitors (HK\$)	6,939	5,490
<i>The Mainland</i>	6,495	4,958
<i>Long haul markets:</i>		
<i>The Americas</i>	7,854	7,618
<i>Europe, Africa and the Middle East</i>	9,124	7,417
<i>Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific</i>	8,060	7,503
<i>Short haul markets (excluding the Mainland):</i>		
<i>North Asia (Japan and South Korea)</i>	7,057	4,828
<i>South and Southeast Asia</i>	8,933	7,164
<i>Taiwan</i>	7,386	5,441
<i>Macao / not identified</i>	3,993	3,501

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<sup>25</sup> Visitor arrivals totalled 44 502 787 for the full year of 2024.

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