

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in Figures

(as at 31 August 2006)

Population		
	Mid - 2005	Mid - 2006
Male	3 325 100 (47.9%)	3 340 300 (47.8%) [#]
Female	3 610 800 (52.1%)	3 654 200 (52.2%) [#]
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 935 900 (100%)</i>	<i>6 994 500 (100%)[#]</i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
Labour force		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	Mar 2005	Mar 2006
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 009 723	1 028 965
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	447 592	468 339
Community, social and personal services	434 350	451 303
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2005	May - Jul 2006[#]
Unemployed persons	200 700 (5.6%)	187 000 (4.9%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 586 300 (100%)</i>	<i>3 639 500 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2005	Apr - Jun 2006
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	9,900	10,000

Remark: [#] Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2004[#]	2005[#]
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,292	1,382
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	187,657	199,261
GDP growth rate in real terms	8.6%	7.3%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	7.3%	6.4%
	2005	Apr 2006
Per capita GDP world ranking	26 th	25 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2004	2005[#]
Hong Kong external assets	10,699	11,657
Hong Kong external liabilities	7,397	8,175
Net international investment position	3,302	3,482
Hang Seng Index		
	31 Aug 2005	31 Aug 2006
Hang Seng Index	14 903	17 392
Inflation		
	2005	Jul 2006
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+1.0%	+2.3%

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Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2005 - 06 # (Consolidated account)	Apr - Jul 2006
Government revenue	247.0	67.1
Government spending	233.1	76.5
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+13.9	-9.4
	2004 - 05	2005 - 06 (Forecast)
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+1.7%	+0.8%
Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)		
	2005 - 06 (Revised estimate)	2006 - 07 (Estimate)
Education	44.7 (22.0%)	47.8 (22.5%)
Social welfare	32.3 (15.9%)	34.6 (16.2%)
Health	29.3 (14.5%)	30.0 (14.1%)
Support	27.1 (13.4%)	29.0 (13.6%)
Security	22.7 (11.2%)	23.5 (11.0%)
Infrastructure	11.2 (5.5%)	11.5 (5.4%)
Economic	10.6 (5.3%)	11.2 (5.3%)
Housing	10.5 (5.2%)	9.8 (4.6%)
Environment and food	7.4 (3.7%)	8.6 (4.0%)
Community and external affairs	6.7 (3.3%)	7.0 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>202.6 (100%)</i>	<i>213.0 (100%)</i>

Remark: # Provisional figures.

Civil service		
	31 Dec 2005	30 Jun 2006
Establishment	164 145	162 220
Strength	156 946	155 911
	2004 - 05	2005 - 06
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	66.9	61.9
As a % of government operating expenditure	34.0%	32.2%
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)		
	31 Jul 2005	31 Jul 2006
Fiscal reserves	270.1	301.2
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Jul 2005	31 Jul 2006 [#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	121.9	127.4
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	7 th	8 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2005	Jan - Jul 2006
Total exports	2,250.2	1,340.9
Imports	2,329.5	1,425.8
Trade balance	-79.3	-84.9

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External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2005	Jan - Jul 2006
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,012.6 (45.0%)	625.8 (46.7%)
The United States	360.6 (16.0%)	199.7 (14.9%)
Japan	118.6 (5.3%)	68.3 (5.1%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,250.2 (100%)</i>	<i>1,340.9 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,049.3 (45.0%)	643.6 (45.1%)
Japan	256.5 (11.0%)	149.4 (10.5%)
The United States	119.3 (5.1%)	69.2 (4.9%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,329.5 (100%)</i>	<i>1,425.8 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+241.3	+130.5
The Mainland	-36.7	-17.8
Japan	-137.9	-81.1
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-79.3</i>	<i>-84.9</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2005[#]	Apr - Jun 2006[#]
Exports of services	483.5	126.2
Imports of services	251.8	64.2
Trade balance	+231.7	+62.0

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2005	Jan - Jul 2006
The Mainland	12 541 400 (53.7%)	7 903 379 (55.0%)
Taiwan	2 130 565 (9.1%)	1 260 811 (8.8%)
Japan	1 210 848 (5.2%)	727 032 (5.1%)
The United States	1 143 089 (4.9%)	666 009 (4.6%)
South Korea	642 480 (2.8%)	393 923 (2.7%)
Macao	510 031 (2.2%)	311 081 (2.2%)
The United Kingdom	464 601 (2.0%)	279 694 (1.9%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>23 359 417 (100%)</i>	<i>14 382 855 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	2004	2005
The United States	5,385	5,589
The United Kingdom	5,221	5,490
Taiwan	4,789	4,916
The Mainland	4,355	4,554
Japan	4,369	4,471
South Korea	3,514	3,934
Macao	2,554	2,765
<i>Overall</i>	<i>4,478</i>	<i>4,663</i>

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