

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 August 2008)

Population		
	Mid - 2007	Mid - 2008
Male	3 287 400 (47.5%)	3 299 900 (47.2%) [#]
Female	3 638 500 (52.5%)	3 685 300 (52.8%) [#]
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 925 900 (100%)</i>	<i>6 985 200 (100%)[#]</i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
Labour force		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	Mar 2007	Mar 2008
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 048 318	1 060 789
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	492 049	523 709
Community, social and personal services	464 206	477 198
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2007	May - Jul 2008[#]
Unemployed persons	145 700 (4.0%)	124 600 (3.2%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 629 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 658 800 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2007	Apr - Jun 2008
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,100	10,500

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2006[#]	2007[#]
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,476	1,616
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	215,238	233,358
GDP growth rate in real terms	7.0%	6.4%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	6.3%	5.3%
	2007	Apr 2008
Per capita GDP world ranking	27 th	29 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2006	2007[#]
Hong Kong external assets	14,999	21,299
Hong Kong external liabilities	10,969	17,228
Net international investment position	4,030	4,071
Hang Seng Index		
	31 Aug 2007	29 Aug 2008
Hang Seng Index	23 984	21 261
Inflation		
	2007	Jul 2008
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+2.0%	+6.3%

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Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2006 - 2007 (Consolidated account)	Apr - Jul 2008
Government revenue	288.0	60.3
Government spending	229.4	84.5
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+58.6	-24.2
	2006 - 2007[#]	2007 - 2008[#]
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+3.7%	+7.2%
Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)		
	2007 - 2008 (Revised estimate)	2008 - 2009 (Estimate)
Education	47.6 (22.2%)	51.1 (22.4%)
Social welfare	33.9 (15.9%)	37.8 (16.6%)
Health	31.6 (14.8%)	32.6 (14.3%)
Support	29.1 (13.6%)	31.6 (13.8%)
Security	24.2 (11.3%)	25.4 (11.1%)
Infrastructure	11.4 (5.3%)	12.0 (5.3%)
Economic	10.7 (5.0%)	10.8 (4.7%)
Housing	9.9 (4.6%)	10.0 (4.4%)
Environment and food	8.6 (4.0%)	9.3 (4.1%)
Community and external affairs	7.1 (3.3%)	7.6 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>214.1 (100%)</i>	<i>228.0 (100%)*</i>

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* Individual figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Civil service		
	31 Dec 2007	30 Jun 2008
Establishment	162 576	162 901
Strength	155 338	155 238
	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	62.0	65.1
As a % of government operating expenditure	32.0%	31.8%
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)		
	31 Jul 2007	31 Jul 2008
Fiscal reserves	374.1	468.7
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Jul 2007	31 Jul 2008[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	137.1	157.7
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9 th	9 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2007	Jan - Jul 2008
Total exports	2,687.5	1,617.7
Imports	2,868.0	1,756.2
Trade balance	-180.5	-138.5

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External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2007	Jan - Jul 2008
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,308.3 (48.7%)	787.1 (48.7%)
The United States	368.2 (13.7%)	199.1 (12.3%)
Japan	119.6 (4.5%)	69.4 (4.3%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,687.5 (100%)</i>	<i>1,617.7 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,329.7 (46.4%)	794.3 (45.2%)
Japan	287.3 (10.0%)	176.7 (10.1%)
The United States	138.8 (4.8%)	87.7 (5.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,868.0 (100%)</i>	<i>1,756.2 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+229.4	+111.4
The Mainland	-21.4	-7.2
Japan	-167.7	-107.3
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-180.5</i>	<i>-138.5</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2007[#]	Apr - Jun 2008[#]
Exports of services	651.8	165.2
Imports of services	321.7	83.4
Trade balance	+330.1	+81.8

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2007	Jan - Jul 2008
The Mainland	15 485 789 (55.0%)	9 555 244 (56.6%)
Taiwan	2 238 731 (7.9%)	1 299 485 (7.7%)
Japan	1 324 336 (4.7%)	738 724 (4.4%)
The United States	1 230 927 (4.4%)	694 934 (4.1%)
South Korea	876 231 (3.1%)	579 211 (3.4%)
The United Kingdom	601 168 (2.1%)	340 590 (2.0%)
Macao	626 103 (2.2%)	377 412 (2.2%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>28 169 293 (100%)</i>	<i>16 894 879 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	2006	2007
The United States	5,529	5,800
The United Kingdom	5,479	5,757
The Mainland	4,705	5,193
Taiwan	5,329	5,015
South Korea	4,180	4,430
Japan	4,388	4,214
Macao	2,802	2,772
<i>Overall</i>	<i>4,799</i>	<i>5,122</i>

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