

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 January 2009)

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>		
	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 056 855	1 067 825
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	509 257	532 971
Community, social and personal services	465 356	484 536
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2007	Oct - Dec 2008[#]
Unemployed persons	145 700 (4.0%)	141 300 (4.1%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 629 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 685 700 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2007	Jul - Sep 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	Oct 2008
Per capita GDP world ranking	27 th	28 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2006	2007
Hong Kong external assets	14,999	21,194
Hong Kong external liabilities	10,969	17,421
Net international investment position	4,030	3,774
Hang Seng Index		
	31 Jan 2008	30 Jan 2009
Hang Seng Index	23 455	13 278
Inflation		
	2008	Dec 2008
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+4.3%	+2.1%

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Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2007 - 2008 (Consolidated account)	Apr - Dec 2008
Government revenue	358.5	236.3
Government spending	234.8	205.4
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+123.7	+30.9
	2006 - 2007[#]	2007 - 2008[#]
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+3.7%	+7.5%
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 Sep 2008
Establishment	162 576	163 164
Strength	155 338	155 804
	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 Dec 2007	31 Dec 2008
Fiscal reserves	455.5	523.8
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Dec 2007	31 Dec 2008[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	152.7	182.5
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9 th	8 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2007	2008
Total exports	2,687.5	2,824.2
Imports	2,868.0	3,025.3
Trade balance	-180.5	-201.1

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External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2007	2008
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,308.3 (48.7%)	1,370.4 (48.5%)
The United States	368.2 (13.7%)	359.3 (12.7%)
Japan	119.6 (4.5%)	121.0 (4.3%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,687.5 (100%)</i>	<i>2,824.2 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,329.7 (46.4%)	1,410.7 (46.4%)
Japan	287.3 (10.0%)	297.6 (9.9%)
The United States	138.8 (4.8%)	150.7 (5.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,868.0 (100%)</i>	<i>3,025.3 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+229.4	+208.6
The Mainland	-21.4	-40.3
Japan	-167.7	-176.6
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-180.5</i>	<i>-201.1</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2007[#]	Jul - Sep 2008[#]
Exports of services	651.8	191.1
Imports of services	321.7	91.1
Trade balance	+330.1	+100.0

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2007	2008
The Mainland	15 485 789 (55.0%)	16 862 003 (57.1%)
Taiwan	2 238 731 (7.9%)	2 240 481 (7.6%)
Japan	1 324 336 (4.7%)	1 324 797 (4.5%)
The United States	1 230 927 (4.4%)	1 146 364 (3.9%)
South Korea	876 231 (3.1%)	904 320 (3.1%)
Macao	626 103 (2.2%)	696 829 (2.4%)
The United Kingdom	601 168 (2.1%)	563 984 (1.9%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>28 169 293 (100%)</i>	<i>29 506 616 (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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