

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 28 February 2009)

Population		
	2007	2008
Male	3 292 900 (47.4%)	3 306 800 (47.2%) [#]
Female	3 659 900 (52.6%)	3 702 100 (52.8%) [#]
<i>Total</i>	<i>6 952 800 (100%)</i>	<i>7 008 900 (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	Nov 2008 - Jan 2009[#]
Unemployed persons	145 700 (4.0%)	157 700 (4.6%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 629 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 687 700 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2007	Oct - Dec 2008
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,200	10,500

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2007[#]	2008[#]
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,615	1,679
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	233,185	240,554
GDP growth rate in real terms	6.4%	2.5%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	5.3%	1.7%
	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		
	29 Feb 2008	27 Feb 2009
Hang Seng Index	24 331	12 811
Inflation		
	2008	Jan 2009
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+4.3%	+3.1%

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Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2007 - 2008 (Consolidated account)	Apr 2008 - Jan 2009
Government revenue	358.5	286.2
Government spending	234.8	236.4
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+123.7	+49.8
	2008 - 2009 (Revised estimate)	2009 - 2010 (Estimate)
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+0.3%	+2.4%
Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)		
	2008 - 2009 (Revised estimate)	2009 - 2010 (Estimate)
Education	50.3 (21.9%)	53.8 (22.3%)
Social welfare	39.2 (17.1%)	39.3 (16.3%)
Health	33.9 (14.8%)	35.7 (14.8%)
Support	30.3 (13.2%)	32.8 (13.6%)
Security	25.9 (11.3%)	26.8 (11.1%)
Infrastructure	12.1 (5.3%)	13.0 (5.4%)
Economic	10.9 (4.7%)	11.2 (4.7%)
Housing	10.0 (4.4%)	10.4 (4.3%)
Environment and food	9.2 (4.0%)	10.3 (4.2%)
Community and external affairs	7.6 (3.3%)	8.1 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>229.4 (100%)</i>	<i>241.4 (100%)</i>

Civil service		
	30 Sep 2008	31 Dec 2008
Establishment	163 164	163 206
Strength	155 804	155 840
	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 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2009
Fiscal reserves	491.9	542.7
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2009[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	159.9	181.7
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9 th	8 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2008	Jan 2009
Total exports	2,824.2	187.8
Imports	3,025.3	180.5
Trade balance	-201.1	+7.2*

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

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

External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2008	Jan 2009
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,370.4 (48.5%)	77.2 (41.1%)
The United States	359.3 (12.7%)	27.2 (14.5%)
Japan	121.0 (4.3%)	10.5 (5.6%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,824.2 (100%)</i>	<i>187.8 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,410.7 (46.6%)	90.5 (50.1%)
Japan	297.6 (9.8%)	12.5 (7.0%)
The United States	150.7 (5.0%)	10.8 (6.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,025.3 (100%)</i>	<i>180.5 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+208.6	+16.4
The Mainland	-40.3	-13.3
Japan	-176.6	-2.0
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-201.1</i>	<i>+7.3</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2007[#]	2008[#]
Exports of services	660.7	719.9
Imports of services	332.2	357.3
Trade balance	+328.5	+362.6

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2008	Jan 2009
The Mainland	16 862 003 (57.1%)	1 892 336 (67.7%)
Taiwan	2 240 481 (7.6%)	181 764 (6.5%)
Japan	1 324 797 (4.5%)	94 146 (3.4%)
The United States	1 146 364 (3.9%)	76 682 (2.7%)
Macao	696 829 (2.4%)	59 809 (2.1%)
South Korea	904 320 (3.1%)	58 451 (2.1%)
The United Kingdom	563 984 (1.9%)	41 185 (1.5%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>29 506 616 (100%)</i>	<i>2 796 099 (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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