

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 October 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>		
	Jun 2007	Jun 2008
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 053 226	1 065 981
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	503 165	528 478
Community, social and personal services	467 910	480 510
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2007	Jul - Sep 2008[#]
Unemployed persons	145 700 (4.0%)	134 000 (3.4%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 629 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 677 200 (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	Sep 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 Oct 2007	31 Oct 2008
Hang Seng Index	31 352	13 968
Inflation		
	2007	Sep 2008
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+2.0%	+3.0%

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Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2006 - 2007 (Consolidated account)	Apr - Sep 2008
Government revenue	288.0	79.9
Government spending	229.4	128.5
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+58.6	-48.6
	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)		
	30 Sep 2007	30 Sep 2008
Fiscal reserves	363.7	444.3
Foreign currency reserves		
	30 Sep 2007	30 Sep 2008[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	140.9	160.6
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	9 th	9 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2007	Jan – Sep 2008
Total exports	2,687.5	2,112.8
Imports	2,868.0	2,280.2
Trade balance	-180.5	-167.4

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External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2007	Jan – Sep 2008
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,308.3 (48.7%)	1,023.3 (48.4%)
The United States	368.2 (13.7%)	268.2 (12.7%)
Japan	119.6 (4.5%)	89.1 (4.2%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,687.5 (100%)</i>	<i>2,112.8 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,329.7 (46.4%)	1,047.8 (45.9%)
Japan	287.3 (10.0%)	226.7 (9.9%)
The United States	138.8 (4.8%)	115.2 (5.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,868.0 (100%)</i>	<i>2,280.2 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+229.4	+153.0
The Mainland	-21.4	-24.5
Japan	-167.7	-137.6
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-180.5</i>	<i>-167.4</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 - Sep 2008
The Mainland	15 485 789 (55.0%)	12 504 098 (57.4%)
Taiwan	2 238 731 (7.9%)	1 697 299 (7.8%)
Japan	1 324 336 (4.7%)	968 662 (4.4%)
The United States	1 230 927 (4.4%)	849 105 (3.9%)
South Korea	876 231 (3.1%)	722 550 (3.3%)
The United Kingdom	601 168 (2.1%)	415 323 (1.9%)
Macao	626 103 (2.2%)	505 744 (2.3%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>28 169 293 (100%)</i>	<i>21 768 811 (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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