

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 August 2010)

International ranking		
	2009	2010
World competitiveness (among 58 places) ⁽¹⁾ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	2 nd	2 nd
	2008-2009	2009-2010
Global competitiveness index (among 133 places) ⁽²⁾ Source: World Economic Forum	11 th	11 th
	2008	2009
Competitiveness amongst Chinese cities (among 294 cities in China) ⁽³⁾ Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	1 st	1 st
	2009	2010
Ease of doing business index (among 183 places) ⁽⁴⁾ Source: The World Bank Group	3 rd	3 rd
	2009	2010
Index of economic freedom (among 183 places) ⁽⁵⁾ Source: The Heritage Foundation	1 st	1 st

- Notes: (1) The top three places in the 2010 survey are Singapore, Hong Kong and the United States respectively.
 (2) The top three places in the 2009-2010 survey were Switzerland, the United States and Singapore respectively.
 (3) The top three cities in the 2009 survey were Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Shanghai respectively.
 (4) The top three places in the 2010 survey are Singapore, New Zealand and Hong Kong respectively.
 (5) The top three places in the 2010 survey are Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia respectively.

International ranking (cont'd)		
	2008	2009
Corruption perceptions index (among 180 places) ⁽⁶⁾ Source: Transparency International	12 th	12 th
	2008	2009
IT industry competitiveness index (among 66 places) ⁽⁷⁾ Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	21 st	21 st
	2009	2010
Digital economy rankings ⁽⁸⁾ (among 70 places) ⁽⁹⁾ Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	8 th	7 th
	2008-2009	2009-2010
Networked readiness index (among 133 economies) ⁽¹⁰⁾ Source: World Economic Forum	12 th	8 th
	2009	2010
Best Asian city for expatriates (among 49 Asian cities) ⁽¹¹⁾ Source: ECA International	4 th	5 th

Notes: (6) The top three places in the 2009 survey were New Zealand, Denmark and Singapore respectively.

(7) The top three places in the 2009 survey were the United States, Finland and Sweden respectively.

(8) "Digital economy rankings" was previously known as the "E-readiness rankings".

(9) The top three places in the 2010 survey were Sweden, Denmark and the United States respectively.

(10) The top three places in the 2009-2010 survey were Sweden, Singapore and Denmark respectively.

(11) The top three Asian cities in the 2010 survey are Singapore, Kobe and Yokohama respectively.

Population		
	Mid – 2009	Mid – 2010
Male	3 296 200 (47.1%)	3 308 400 (46.9%) [#]
Female	3 707 500 (52.9%)	3 752 800 (53.1%) [#]
<i>Total</i>	<i>7 003 700 (100%)</i>	<i>7 061 200 (100%)[#]</i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
Labour force		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	Mar 2009	Mar 2010
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 030 049	1 052 251
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	572 726	596 260
Community, social and personal services	407 093	427 684
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2009	May – Jul 2010[#]
Unemployed persons	196 700 (5.4%)	167 400 (4.3%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 676 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 667 600 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2009	Apr – Jun 2010
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,500	10,500

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2008[#]	2009[#]
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,675	1,632
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	240,096	233,060
GDP growth rate in real terms	2.2%	-2.8%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	1.4%	-3.1%
	2009	Apr 2010
Per capita GDP world ranking	25 th	24 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2008	2009[#]
Hong Kong external assets	17,521	19,813
Hong Kong external liabilities	12,695	14,044
Net international investment position	4,827	5,768
Hang Seng Index		
	31 Aug 2009	31 Aug 2010
Hang Seng Index	19 724	20 536
Inflation		
	2009	Jul 2010
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+0.5%	+1.3%

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2009-2010 (Consolidated account)	Apr – Jul 2010
Government revenue	318.4	89.5
Government spending	292.5	99.0
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+25.9	-9.5
	2009-2010 (Revised estimate)	2010-2011 (Estimate)
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+0.8%	-1.5%
Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)		
	2009-2010 (Revised estimate)	2010-2011 (Estimate)
Education	51.3 (21.8%)	52.2 (21.4%)
Social welfare	39.7 (16.8%)	39.7 (16.3%)
Health	35.4 (15.0%)	36.9 (15.2%)
Support	28.6 (12.1%)	31.2 (12.8%)
Security	26.9 (11.4%)	28.0 (11.5%)
Infrastructure	15.2 (6.4%)	15.6 (6.4%)
Economic	10.9 (4.6%)	11.1 (4.6%)
Housing	10.0 (4.3%)	10.4 (4.3%)
Environment and food	9.8 (4.2%)	10.3 (4.2%)
Community and external affairs	7.9 (3.4%)	8.1 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>235.7 (100%)</i>	<i>243.5 (100%)</i>

Civil service		
	31 Dec 2009	30 Jun 2010
Establishment	164 405	164 704
Strength	157 736	157 819
	2008-2009	2009-2010
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	68.9	71.1
As a % of government operating expenditure	26.7%	30.3%
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)		
	31 Jul 2009	31 Jul 2010
Fiscal reserves	459.2	510.8
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
	31 Jul 2009	31 Jul 2010
Total assets	1,863.9	2,232.1
Total liabilities	1,343.3	1,676.6
Accumulated surplus	520.6	555.5
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Jul 2009	31 Jul 2010[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	218.1	260.7
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	7 th	7 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	Jan – Jul 2010
Total exports	2,469.1	1,662.3
Imports	2,692.4	1,871.8
Trade balance	-223.3	-209.5

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	Jan – Jul 2010
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,263.2 (51.2%)	885.2 (53.3%)
The United States	285.2 (11.6%)	176.9 (10.6%)
Japan	108.9 (4.4%)	70.6 (4.2%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,469.1 (100%)</i>	<i>1,662.3 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,249.4 (46.4%)	834.0 (44.6%)
Japan	236.4 (8.8%)	172.7 (9.2%)
The United States	142.1 (5.3%)	100.1 (5.3%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,692.4 (100%)</i>	<i>1,871.8 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+143.1	+76.8
The Mainland	+13.8	+51.2
Japan	-127.5	-102.1
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-223.3</i>	<i>-209.5</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2009[#]	Apr – Jun 2010[#]
Exports of services	669.0	186.4
Imports of services	344.0	94.2
Trade balance	325.0	92.2

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2009	Jan – Jul 2010
The Mainland	17 956 731 (60.7%)	12 499 036 (62.5%)
Taiwan	2 009 644 (6.8%)	1 266 198 (6.3%)
Japan	1 204 490 (4.1%)	746 313 (3.7%)
The United States	1 070 073 (3.6%)	668 558 (3.3%)
South Korea	618 694 (2.1%)	495 423 (2.5%)
Macao	671 389 (2.3%)	408 154 (2.0%)
The United Kingdom	513 984 (1.7%)	296 161 (1.5%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>29 590 654 (100%)</i>	<i>19 992 810 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	2008	2009
The Mainland	5,676	6,620
Taiwan	5,126	5,117
The United Kingdom	5,716	4,902
The United States	5,913	4,872
Japan	4,289	3,976
South Korea	4,327	3,733
Macao	3,041	3,069
<i>Overall</i>	<i>5,439</i>	<i>5,770</i>

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