

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 January 2011)

International ranking		
	2009	2010
World competitiveness (among 58 places) ⁽¹⁾ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	2 nd	2 nd
	2009-2010	2010-2011
Global competitiveness index (among 139 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
	2010	2011
Ease of doing business index (among 183 places) ⁽⁴⁾ Source: The World Bank Group	2 nd	2 nd
	2010	2011
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 2010-2011 survey were Switzerland, Sweden 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 2011 survey are Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand respectively.
 (5) The top three places in the 2011 survey are Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia respectively.

International ranking (cont'd)		
	2009	2010
Corruption perceptions index (among 178 places) ⁽⁶⁾ Source: Transparency International	12 th	13 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 2010 survey were Denmark, New Zealand 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>		
	Sep 2009	Sep 2010
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 035 310	1 053 371
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	583 687	612 250
Community, social and personal services	417 079	429 163
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2009	Oct – Dec 2010[#]
Unemployed persons	196 700 (5.4%)	136 300 (4.0%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 676 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 700 000 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2009	Jul – Sep 2010
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,500	11,000

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	2010
Per capita GDP world ranking	24 th	24 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2008	2009
Hong Kong external assets	17,521	19,811
Hong Kong external liabilities	12,695	14,227
Net international investment position	4,827	5,584
Hang Seng Index		
	29 Jan 2010	31 Jan 2011
Hang Seng Index	20 122	23 617
Inflation		
	2009	Dec 2010
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+0.5%	+3.1%

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2009-2010 (Consolidated account)	Apr – Dec 2010
Government revenue	318.4	279.2
Government spending	292.5	220.2
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+25.9	+59.0
	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 Sep 2010
Establishment	164 405	164 971
Strength	157 736	157 948
	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 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2010
Fiscal reserves	493.1	579.3
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2010
Total assets	2,151.7	2,345.7
Total liabilities	1,598.4	1,754.3
Accumulated surplus	553.3	591.4
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2010[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	255.8	268.7
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	7 th	8 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	2010
Total exports	2,469.1	3,031.0
Imports	2,692.4	3,364.8
Trade balance	-223.3	-333.8

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	2010
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,263.2 (51.2%)	1,598.2 (52.7%)
The United States	285.2 (11.6%)	332.1 (11.0%)
Japan	108.9 (4.4%)	127.6 (4.2%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,469.1 (100%)</i>	<i>3,031.0 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,249.4 (46.4%)	1,529.8 (45.5%)
Japan	236.4 (8.8%)	308.2 (9.2%)
The United States	142.1 (5.3%)	179.2 (5.3%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>2,692.4 (100%)</i>	<i>3,364.8 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+143.1	+152.9
The Mainland	+13.8	+68.4
Japan	-127.5	-180.6
<i>Overall</i>	<i>-223.3</i>	<i>-333.8</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2009[#]	Jul – Sep 2010[#]
Exports of services	669.0	221.7
Imports of services	344.0	104.5
Trade balance	325.0	117.2

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2009	2010
The Mainland	17 956 731 (60.7%)	22 684 388 (63.0%)
Taiwan	2 009 644 (6.8%)	2 164 750 (6.0%)
Japan	1 204 490 (4.1%)	1 316 618 (3.7%)
The United States	1 070 073 (3.6%)	1 171 419 (3.3%)
South Korea	618 694 (2.1%)	891 024 (2.5%)
Macao	671 389 (2.3%)	780 388 (2.2%)
The United Kingdom	513 984 (1.7%)	515 693 (1.4%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>29 590 654 (100%)</i>	<i>36 030 331 (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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