

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 31 March 2011)

International/regional 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/regional 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 places) ⁽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		
	2009	2010
Male	3 302 900 (47.0%)	3 317 200 (46.7%) [#]
Female	3 730 600 (53.0%)	3 780 400 (53.3%) [#]
<i>Total</i>	<i>7 033 500 (100%)</i>	<i>7 097 600 (100%)[#]</i>
Daily quota under the One Way Permit Scheme	150	150
Labour force		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	Dec 2009	Dec 2010
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 049 378	1 068 518
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	596 376	623 299
Community, social and personal services	422 734	432 812
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2009	Dec 2010 – Feb 2011[#]
Unemployed persons	196 700 (5.4%)	123 300 (3.3%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 676 600 (100%)</i>	<i>3 698 700 (100%)</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earning</i>		
	2009	Oct – Dec 2010
Median monthly employment earning (HK\$)	10,500	11,000

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2009[#]	2010[#]
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,622	1,748
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	231,621	247,332
GDP growth rate in real terms	-2.7%	6.8%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	-3.0%	5.8%
	2009	2010
Per capita GDP world ranking	24 th	24 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	2010[#]
Hong Kong external assets	19,811	22,431
Hong Kong external liabilities	14,227	17,037
Net international investment position	5,584	5,394
Hang Seng Index		
	31 March 2010	31 March 2011
Hang Seng Index	21 239	23 451
Inflation		
	2010	Feb 2011
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+2.4%	+3.7%

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2009-2010 (Consolidated account)	Apr 2010 – Feb 2011
Government revenue	318.4	354.8
Government spending	292.5	270.5
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+25.9	+84.3
	2010-2011 (Revised estimate)	2011-2012 (Estimate)
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as a % of GDP	+4.1%	-0.5% ⁽¹⁾
Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)		
	2010-2011 (Revised estimate)	2011-2012 (Estimate)
Education	51.4 (21.6%)	54.5 (21.2%)
Social welfare	37.9 (15.9%)	42.2 (16.4%)
Health	36.7 (15.4%)	39.9 (15.5%)
Support	30.1 (12.6%)	33.8 (13.1%)
Security	27.5 (11.5%)	28.4 (11.1%)
Infrastructure	15.4 (6.5%)	16.1 (6.2%)
Economic	11.4 (4.8%)	12.5 (4.9%)
Housing	10.2 (4.3%)	10.9 (4.2%)
Environment and food	9.6 (4.0%)	10.5 (4.1%)
Community and external affairs	8.1 (3.4%)	8.5 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>238.4 (100%)</i>	<i>257.3 (100%)</i>

Note: (1) The Government announced in March 2011 that the one-off measures to be implemented under the 2011-2012 Budget will be adjusted, resulting in a forecasted deficit of HK\$8.5 billion instead of a surplus of HK\$3.9 billion in the Consolidated Account for the 2011-2012 financial year. While it is still unknown whether the above change would affect the GDP estimate for that financial year, this figure of consolidated surplus/deficit as a percentage of GDP is calculated based on the GDP estimate released by the Government on 23 February 2011.

Civil service		
	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2010
Establishment	164 405	165 071
Strength	157 736	158 273
	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)		
	28 Feb 2010	28 Feb 2011
Fiscal reserves	541.4	604.5
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
	28 Feb 2010	28 Feb 2011
Total assets	2,201.7	2,433.9
Total liabilities	1,659.6	1,828.8
Accumulated surplus	542.1	605.1
Foreign currency reserves		
	28 Feb 2010	28 Feb 2011[#]
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	258.2	272.7
Foreign currency reserves world ranking	7 th	9 th
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2010	Jan – Feb 2011
Total exports	3,031.0	511.5
Imports	3,364.8	552.6
Trade balance	-333.8	-41.1

Remark : [#] Provisional figures.

External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)		
	2010	Jan – Feb 2011
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,598.2 (52.7%)	275.1 (53.8%)
The United States	332.1 (11.0%)	47.9 (9.4%)
Japan	127.6 (4.2%)	20.7 (4.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,031.0 (100%)</i>	<i>511.5 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,529.8 (45.5%)	242.3 (43.8%)
Japan	308.2 (9.2%)	49.9 (9.0%)
The United States	179.2 (5.3%)	30.0 (5.4%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,364.8 (100%)</i>	<i>552.6 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The Mainland	+68.4	+32.8
The United States	+152.9	+17.9
Japan	-180.6	-29.2
<i>Overall (all countries and territories)</i>	<i>-333.8</i>	<i>-41.1</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2009[#]	2010[#]
Exports of services	670.2	835.0
Imports of services	340.6	396.6
Trade balance	329.6	438.4

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Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2010	Jan – Feb 2011
The Mainland	22 684 388 (63.0%)	4 511 324 (69.2%)
Taiwan	2 164 750 (6.0%)	348 482 (5.3%)
Japan	1 316 618 (3.7%)	212 803 (3.3%)
South Korea	891 024 (2.5%)	193 143 (3.0%)
The United States	1 171 419 (3.3%)	165 833 (2.5%)
Macao	780 388 (2.2%)	125 588 (1.9%)
The United Kingdom	515 693 (1.4%)	82 412 (1.3%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>36 030 331 (100%)</i>	<i>6 521 100 (100%)</i>
<i>Per capita spending of overnight visitors by country/territory of residence (HK\$)</i>		
	2009	2010
The Mainland	6,620	7,453
The United Kingdom	4,902	6,924
The United States	4,872	6,274
Japan	3,976	5,213
Taiwan	5,117	5,197
South Korea	3,733	4,643
Macau	3,069	3,824
<i>Overall (all overnight visitors)</i>	<i>5,770</i>	<i>6,728</i>

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