

FACT SHEET

Hong Kong in figures

(as at 1 February 2012)

International/regional ranking		
	2010	2011
World competitiveness (among 59 places) ⁽¹⁾ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	2 nd	1 st
	2010-2011	2011-2012
Global competitiveness index (among 142 places) ⁽²⁾ Source: World Economic Forum	11 th	11 th
	2009	2010
Competitiveness amongst Chinese cities (among 294 cities in China) ⁽³⁾ Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	1 st	1 st
	2011	2012
Ease of doing business index (among 183 places) ⁽⁴⁾ Source: The World Bank	2 nd	2 nd
	2011	2012
Index of economic freedom (among 184 places) ⁽⁵⁾ Source: The Heritage Foundation	1 st	1 st

- Notes: (1) Both Hong Kong and the United States ranked first in the 2011 survey while Singapore took third place.
 (2) The top three places in the 2011-2012 survey were Switzerland, Singapore and Sweden respectively.
 (3) The top three cities in the 2010 survey were Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing respectively.
 (4) The top three places in the 2012 survey were Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand respectively.
 (5) The top three places in the 2012 survey were Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia respectively.

International/regional ranking (cont'd)		
	2010	2011
Corruption perceptions index (among 183 places) ⁽⁶⁾ Source: Transparency International	13 th	12 th
	2009⁽⁸⁾	2011
IT industry competitiveness index (among 66 places) ⁽⁷⁾ Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	21 st	19 th
	2009	2010
Digital economy rankings⁽⁹⁾ (among 70 places) ⁽¹⁰⁾ Source: Economist Intelligence Unit	8 th	7 th
	2009-2010	2010-2011
Networked readiness index (among 138 places) ⁽¹¹⁾ Source: World Economic Forum	8 th	12 th
	2009	2010
Best Asian city for expatriates (among 49 Asian cities) ⁽¹²⁾ Source: ECA International	4 th	5 th

Notes: (6) New Zealand ranked first in the 2011 survey while both Denmark and Finland took second place.

(7) The top three places in the 2011 survey were the United States, Finland and Singapore respectively.

(8) The Economist Intelligence Unit did not conduct this index study in 2010.

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

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

(11) The top three places in the 2010-2011 survey were Sweden, Singapore and Finland respectively.

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

Population		
	Mid – 2010	Mid – 2011⁽¹³⁾
Male	3 310 500 (46.8%)	3 315 900 (46.6%)
Female	3 757 300 (53.2%)	3 792 200 (53.4%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>7 067 800 (100%)</i>	<i>7 108 100 (100%)</i>
Daily quota under the One-Way Permit Scheme	150	150
Labour force		
<i>Major employment sectors</i>		
	Sep 2010	Sep 2011
Wholesale, retail and import/export trades, restaurants and hotels	1 053 371	1 083 591
Financing, insurance, real estate, and professional and business services	612 250	652 517
Social and personal services	429 163	440 643
<i>Unemployment</i>		
	2010	Oct – Dec 2011⁽¹³⁾
Unemployed persons	161 200 (4.4%)	116 100 (3.1%)
<i>Total labour force</i>	<i>3 653 700</i>	<i>3 778 000</i>
<i>Median monthly employment earnings</i>		
	2010	Jul – Sep 2011
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$)	11,000	11,500

Note: (13) Provisional figures.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)		
	2010	2011⁽¹⁴⁾
GDP at current market prices (HK\$ billion)	1,742	1,891
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	246,422	266,026
GDP growth rate in real terms	7.0%	5.0%
Per capita GDP growth rate in real terms	6.1%	4.4%
	2010	2011
Per capita GDP world ranking	25 th	26 th
International investment position (HK\$ billion)		
	2009	2010
Hong Kong external assets	19,811	22,277
Hong Kong external liabilities	14,227	17,142
Net international investment position	5,584	5,136
Hang Seng Index		
	31 Jan 2011	31 Jan 2012
Hang Seng Index	23 447	20 390
Inflation		
	2010	Dec 2011
Rate of change in the Composite Consumer Price Index	+2.4%	+5.7%

Note: (14) Provisional figures.

Government revenue and spending (HK\$ billion)		
	2010-2011 (Consolidated account)	Apr - Dec 2011
Government revenue	376.5	324.3
Government expenditure	301.4	264.8
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+75.1	+59.5
	2011-2012 (Revised estimate)	2012-2013 (Estimate)
Consolidated surplus (+) / deficit (-) as % of GDP	+3.5%	-0.2%
Recurrent public expenditure by function (HK\$ billion)⁽¹⁵⁾		
	2011-2012 (Revised estimate)	2012-2013 (Estimate)
Education	56.1 (21.6%)	59.7 (21.3%)
Health	41.5 (16.0%)	44.7 (15.9%)
Social welfare	40.4 (15.6%)	44.0 (15.7%)
Support	33.3 (12.8%)	39.1 (13.9%)
Security	29.3 (11.3%)	30.5 (10.9%)
Infrastructure	16.3 (6.3%)	17.1 (6.1%)
Economic	12.4 (4.8%)	13.2 (4.7%)
Housing	11.0 (4.2%)	11.6 (4.2%)
Environment and food	10.4 (4.0%)	11.2 (4.0%)
Community and external affairs	8.6 (3.3%)	9.1 (3.3%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>259.4 (100%)</i>	<i>280.3 (100%)</i>

Note: (15) Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

Civil service		
	31 Dec 2010	30 Sep 2011
Establishment	165 071	166 626
Strength	158 273	159 202
	2009-2010	2010-2011
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	71.1	72.6
As % of government operating expenditure	30.3%	30.3%
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)		
	31 Dec 2010	31 Dec 2011
Fiscal reserves	579.3	654.9
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)⁽¹⁶⁾		
	31 Dec 2010	31 Dec 2011
Total assets	2,345.7	2,492.7
Total liabilities	1,754.3	1,924.7
Accumulated surplus	591.4	567.9
Foreign currency reserves		
	31 Dec 2010	31 Dec 2011⁽¹⁷⁾
Foreign currency reserves (US\$ billion)	268.7	285.4
External merchandise trade statistics (HK\$ billion)		
	2010	2011
Total exports	3,031.0	3,337.3
Imports	3,364.8	3,764.6
Trade balance	-333.8	-427.3

Notes: (16) The difference between total assets and total liabilities may not tally with the corresponding accumulated surplus due to rounding.

(17) Provisional figures.

External merchandise trade by main country/territory (HK\$ billion)⁽¹⁸⁾		
	2010	2011
<i>Total exports</i>		
The Mainland	1,598.2 (52.7%)	1,747.4 (52.4%)
The United States	332.1 (11.0%)	330.8 (9.9%)
Japan	127.6 (4.2%)	135.2 (4.0%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,031.0 (100%)</i>	<i>3,337.3 (100%)</i>
<i>Imports</i>		
The Mainland	1,529.8 (45.5%)	1,696.8 (45.1%)
Japan	308.2 (9.2%)	318.6 (8.5%)
The United States	179.2 (5.3%)	211.4 (5.6%)
<i>Total (plus other countries and territories)</i>	<i>3,364.8 (100%)</i>	<i>3,764.6 (100%)</i>
<i>Trade balance</i>		
The United States	+152.9	+119.4
The Mainland	+68.5	+50.5
Japan	-180.5	-183.4
<i>Overall (all countries and territories)</i>	<i>-333.8</i>	<i>-427.3</i>
Trade in services (HK\$ billion)		
	2010	2011⁽¹⁹⁾
Exports of services	824.8	940.5
Imports of services	396.3	434.5
Trade balance	428.5	506.0

Notes: (18) The difference between total exports and imports may not tally with the corresponding trade balance due to rounding.

(19) Provisional figures.

Tourism		
<i>Visitor arrivals by country/territory of residence</i>		
	2010	2011
The Mainland	22 684 388 (63.0%)	28 100 129 (67.0%)
Taiwan	2 164 750 (6.0%)	2 148 733 (5.1%)
Japan	1 316 618 (3.7%)	1 283 687 (3.1%)
The United States	1 171 419 (3.3%)	1 212 336 (2.9%)
South Korea	891 024 (2.5%)	1 020 996 (2.4%)
Macao	780 388 (2.2%)	843 330 (2.0%)
The United Kingdom	515 693 (1.4%)	506.557 (1.2%)
<i>Total (plus visitors from other countries and territories)</i>	<i>36 030 331 (100%)</i>	<i>41 921 310 (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
Macao	3,069	3,824
<i>Overall (all overnight visitors)</i>	<i>5,770</i>	<i>6,728</i>

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