



# Hong Kong in figures

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# Numbers & Figures

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## International/regional ranking

	2017	2018
<b>World competitiveness</b> (among 63 places) <sup>(1)</sup> Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	2016-2017	2017-2018
<b>Global competitiveness index</b> (among 137 places) <sup>(2)</sup> Source: World Economic Forum	9 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
	2016	2017
<b>Economic competitiveness amongst Chinese cities</b> (among 294 cities in China) <sup>(3)</sup> Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	2016	2017
<b>Ease of doing business</b> (among 190 places) <sup>(4)</sup> Source: The World Bank	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
	2017	2018
<b>Index of economic freedom</b> (among 186 places) <sup>(5)</sup> Source: The Heritage Foundation	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

- Notes: (1) The latest top three positions were the United States, Hong Kong and Singapore respectively.  
(2) The latest top three positions were Switzerland, the United States and Singapore respectively.  
(3) The latest top three positions were Shenzhen, Hong Kong and Shanghai respectively.  
(4) The latest top three positions were New Zealand, Singapore and Denmark respectively.  
(5) The latest top three positions were Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand respectively.

## International/regional ranking (cont'd)

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Corruption perceptions index</b> (among 176 places) <sup>(6)</sup> Source: Transparency International	15 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>Sep 2017</b>	<b>Mar 2018</b>
<b>Global financial centres index</b> (among 108 places) <sup>(7)</sup> Source: Z/Yen Group	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Information and communication technology development index</b> (among 175 places) <sup>(8)</sup> Source: International Telecommunication Union	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Networked readiness index</b> (among 139 places) <sup>(9)</sup> Source: World Economic Forum	14 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Human development index</b> <sup>(10)</sup> (among 188 places) <sup>(11)</sup> Source: United Nations	12 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>

Notes: (6) The latest top three positions were New Zealand, Denmark and Finland respectively.

(7) The latest top three positions were London, New York and Hong Kong respectively.

(8) The latest top three positions were Iceland, South Korea, and Switzerland respectively.

(9) The latest top three positions were Singapore, Finland and Sweden respectively.

(10) The Human Development Index is a composite index measuring average achievement in the following three basic dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life measured by life expectancy, knowledge by years of schooling, and a decent standard of living by gross national income per capita.

(11) The latest top three positions were Norway, Australia and Switzerland respectively.

## Population

	<b>End-2017</b>	<b>Mid-2018<sup>(12)</sup></b>
Total population	7 413 100	7 448 900
<i>Of which: Male</i>	3 398 200 (45.8%)	3 410 200 (45.8%)
<i>Female</i>	4 014 900 (54.2%)	4 038 700 (54.2%)

## Labour

	<b>2017</b>	<b>May-Jul 2018<sup>(12)</sup></b>
Total labour force	3 955 200	3 987 400
	<b>2016</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2018</b>
Total employment	3 798 900	3 869 800
<i>Of which:</i>		
<i>Manufacturing</i>	119 600 (3.1%)	102 800 (2.7%)
<i>Construction</i>	330 400 (8.7%)	353 000 (9.1%)
<i>Import/export trade and wholesale</i>	463 600 (12.2%)	450 800 (11.7%)
<i>Retail, accommodation and food services</i>	619 500 (16.3%)	632 800 (16.4%)
<i>Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications</i>	452 500 (11.9%)	450 800 (11.6%)
<i>Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services</i>	759 700 (20.0%)	788 800 (20.4%)
<i>Public administration, social and personal services</i>	1 027 700 (27.1%)	1 069 100 (27.6%)
	<b>2017</b>	<b>May-Jul 2018<sup>(12)</sup></b>
Unemployed persons	122 100 (3.1%)	114 700 (2.8%) <sup>(13)</sup>
	<b>2017<sup>(12)</sup></b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2018</b>
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$) <sup>(14)</sup>	16,925	18,000

Notes: (12) Provisional figures.

(13) Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

(14) Excluding foreign domestic helpers.

## Economics and finance

	<b>2017<sup>(15)</sup></b>	<b>Apr-Jun 2018<sup>(16)</sup></b>
GDP growth rate in real terms	3.8%	3.5%
	<b>2016<sup>(15)</sup></b>	<b>2017<sup>(16)</sup></b>
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	339,500	359,996
Per capita GDP (Global ranking)	26 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>31 Aug 2017</b>	<b>31 Aug 2018</b>
Hang Seng Index	27 970	27 888

## Inflation

	<b>2017</b>	<b>Jul 2018</b>
Composite Consumer Price Index (year-on-year rate of change)	+1.5%	+2.4%

## Government consolidated accounts

(HK\$ billion)	<b>2017-2018<sup>(17)</sup></b>	<b>2018-2019<sup>(18)</sup></b>
Government revenue	612.4	604.5
Government expenditure	474.4	557.9
Repayment of bonds and notes	-	-
Surplus (+) / deficit (-)	+138.0	+46.6
Surplus (+) / deficit (-) as % of GDP	+5.2%	+1.7%

Notes: (15) Revised figures.

(16) Preliminary figures.

(17) Revised estimate.

(18) Estimate.

## Government consolidated accounts (cont'd)

	2017-2018 <sup>(19)</sup>	2018-2019 <sup>(20)</sup>
Recurrent public expenditure (HK\$ billion)	382.7	426.8
<i>Of which: Education</i>	80.1 (20.9%)	84.6 (19.8%)
<i>Social welfare</i>	65.8 (17.2%)	79.8 (18.7%)
<i>Health</i>	62.8 (16.4%)	71.2 (16.7%)
<i>Security</i>	40.7 (10.6%)	44.9 (10.5%)
<i>Infrastructure</i>	22.3 (5.8%)	25.2 (5.9%)
<i>Economic</i>	16.3 (4.3%)	17.7 (4.2%)
<i>Environment and food</i>	15.5 (4.1%)	17.7 (4.2%)
<i>Housing</i>	14.4 (3.8%)	15.5 (3.6%)
<i>Community and external affairs</i>	12.7 (3.3%)	13.3 (3.1%)
<i>Others</i>	52.1 (13.6%)	56.9 (13.3%)

## Fiscal reserves and Exchange Fund

	31 Jul 2017	31 Jul 2018 <sup>(21)</sup>
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)	986.6	1,060.5
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
Total assets	3,912.2	4,144.4
Total liabilities	3,246.8	3,468.9
Accumulated surplus	665.4	674.8
Foreign currency reserve assets (US\$ billion)	413.3	431.9

Notes: (19) Revised estimate.  
(20) Estimate.  
(21) Provisional figures.

## Civil service

	31 Mar 2018	30 Jun 2018
Establishment	179 801	182 375
Strength	173 050	172 927
	2016-2017	2017-2018
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	110.5	116.4
As % of government operating expenditure	31.3%	31.4%

## External merchandise trade

	2017	Jan-Jul 2018
Total exports (HK\$ billion)	3,875.9	2,322.6
<i>Of which: The Mainland</i>	2,105.8 (54.3%)	1,272.9 (54.8%)
<i>The United States</i>	330.2 (8.5%)	199.9 (8.6%)
<i>Japan</i>	128.5 (3.3%)	74.3 (3.2%)
Imports (HK\$ billion)	4,357.0	2,644.0
<i>Of which: The Mainland</i>	2,030.1 (46.6%)	1,195.7 (45.2%)
<i>Japan</i>	253.4 (5.8%)	147.2 (5.6%)
<i>The United States</i>	213.7 (4.9%)	126.1 (4.8%)
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	-481.1	-321.5
<i>Of which: The United States</i>	+116.5	+73.8
<i>The Mainland</i>	+75.7	+77.2
<i>Japan</i>	-124.9	-72.9

## Trade in services

	2016 <sup>(22)</sup>	2017 <sup>(23)</sup>
Exports of services (HK\$ billion)	764.8	811.4
Imports of services (HK\$ billion)	578.1	600.5
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	186.7	210.9

Note: (22) Revised figures.  
(23) Preliminary figures.

## Tourism

	2017	Jan-Jul 2018
Visitor arrivals	58 472 157	36 067 261
<i>Major market areas:</i>		
<i>The Mainland</i>	44 445 259 (76.0%)	28 091 823 (77.9%)
<i>The Americas</i>	1 781 819 (3.0%)	1 079 551 (3.0%)
<i>Europe, Africa and the Middle East</i>	2 202 302 (3.8%)	1 268 094 (3.5%)
<i>Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific</i>	687 127 (1.2%)	394 392 (1.1%)
<i>North Asia (Japan and South Korea)</i>	2 717 680 (4.6%)	1 534 870 (4.3%)
<i>South and Southeast Asia</i>	3 626 158 (6.2%)	2 026 302 (5.6%)
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Per capita spending of overnight visitors (HK\$)	6,599	6,443
<i>Major market areas:</i>		
<i>The Mainland</i>	7,275	7,010
<i>The Americas</i>	6,196	6,184
<i>Europe, Africa and the Middle East</i>	5,999	5,862
<i>Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific</i>	6,636	6,500
<i>North Asia (Japan and South Korea)</i>	3,839	3,978
<i>South and Southeast Asia</i>	5,638	5,687

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