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International/regional ranking

	2020	2021
World competitiveness (among 64 places) ¹ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	5 th	7 th
	2018	2019
Global competitiveness index (among 141 places) ² Source: World Economic Forum	7 th	3 rd
	2017	2018
Asian economies competitiveness (among 37 economies in the Asia-Pacific Region) ³ Source: Boao Forum for Asia	2 nd	4 th
	2018	2020
Economic competitiveness amongst Chinese cities (among 291 cities in China) ⁴ Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences	2 nd	2 nd
	2020	2021
Chinese cities of opportunity (among 47 selected cities in China) ⁵ Source: China Development Research Foundation	9 th	10 th

¹ The latest top three positions were Switzerland, Sweden, and Denmark respectively.

² The latest top three positions were Singapore, the United States and Hong Kong respectively.

³ The latest top three positions were South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore respectively.

⁴ The latest top three positions were Shenzhen, Hong Kong and Shanghai respectively.

⁵ The latest top three positions were Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen respectively.

International/regional ranking (cont'd)

	2018	2019
Ease of doing business (among 190 places) ⁶ Source: The World Bank	4 th	3 rd
	2019	2020
Corruption perceptions index (among 180 places) ⁷ Source: Transparency International	16 th	11 th
	Sep 2020	Mar 2021
Global financial centres index (among 114 places) ⁸ Source: Z/Yen Group	5 th	4 th
	2019	2020
World digital competitiveness ranking (among 63 places) ⁹ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	8 th	5 th
	2019	2020
Global innovation index (among 131 places) ¹⁰ Source: World Intellectual Property Organization	13 th	11 th

⁶ The latest top three positions were New Zealand, Singapore and Hong Kong respectively.

⁷ The latest top three positions were Denmark (1st), New Zealand (1st), Finland (3rd), Singapore (3rd), Sweden (3rd) and Switzerland (3rd) respectively.

⁸ The latest top three positions were New York, London and Shanghai respectively.

⁹ The latest top three positions were the United States, Singapore and Denmark respectively.

¹⁰ The latest top three positions were Switzerland, Sweden and the United States respectively.

Population

	2019	2020 ¹¹
Total population	7 520 800	7 474 200
<i>Of which: Male</i>	3 431 800 (45.6%)	3 409 700 (45.6%)
<i>Female</i>	4 089 000 (54.4%)	4 064 500 (54.4%)

Labour

	2020	Mar – May 2021 ¹¹
Total labour force	3 888 200	3 863 700
	2020	Q1 2021
Total employment	3 661 600	3 614 100
<i>Of which:</i>		
<i>Manufacturing</i>	103 200 (2.8%)	98 400 (2.7%)
<i>Construction</i>	310 000 (8.5%)	311 900 (8.6%)
<i>Import/export trade and wholesale</i>	326 300 (8.9%)	306 500 (8.5%)
<i>Retail, accommodation and food services</i>	517 400 (14.1%)	508 500 (14.1%)
<i>Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications</i>	432 800 (11.8%)	429 400 (11.9%)
<i>Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services</i>	845 500 (23.1%)	851 700 (23.6%)
<i>Public administration, social and personal services</i>	1 103 000 (30.1%)	1 085 100 (30.0%)
	2020	Mar – May 2021 ¹¹
Unemployed persons	226 600 (5.8%)	233 300 (6.0%) ¹²
	2020	Q1 2021
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$) ¹³	19,000	20,000

¹¹ Provisional figures.

¹² Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

¹³ Excluding foreign domestic helpers.

Economics and finance

	2020 ¹⁴	Q1 2021 ¹⁴
GDP growth rate in real terms	-6.1%	+7.9%
	2019 ¹⁴	2020 ¹⁴
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	378,901	359,343
	2019 ¹⁴	2020 ¹⁵
Per capita GDP (Global ranking)	16 th	15 th
	30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2021
Hang Seng Index	24 427	28 827

Inflation

	2020	May 2021
Composite Consumer Price Index (year-on-year rate of change)	+0.3%	+1.0%

Government consolidated accounts

(HK\$ billion)	2020-2021 ¹⁶	2021-2022 ¹⁷
Government revenue	564.2	591.1
Government expenditure	816.1	727.8
Net proceeds from issuance of Green Bond	19.3	35.1
Repayment of bonds and notes	-	-
Surplus (+) / deficit (-)	-232.5	-101.6
Surplus (+) / deficit (-) as % of GDP	-8.6%	-3.6%

¹⁴ Revised figure.

¹⁵ Preliminary figure.

¹⁶ Actual figures.

¹⁷ Estimates.

Government consolidated accounts (cont'd)

	2020-2021 ¹⁸	2021-2022 ¹⁹
Recurrent public expenditure (HK\$ billion)	494.4	541.5
<i>Of which: Education</i>	97.1 (19.6%)	100.7 (18.6%)
<i>Social welfare</i>	90.9 (18.4%)	105.7 (19.5%)
<i>Health</i>	88.9 (18.0%)	95.9 (17.7%)
<i>Security</i>	51.2 (10.4%)	54.5 (10.1%)
<i>Infrastructure</i>	29.4 (5.9%)	33.4 (6.2%)
<i>Environment and food</i>	20.5 (4.2%)	22.1 (4.1%)
<i>Economic</i>	20.0 (4.0%)	22.3 (4.1%)
<i>Housing</i>	17.2 (3.5%)	18.2 (3.4%)
<i>Community and external affairs</i>	15.2 (3.1%)	16.2 (3.0%)
<i>Support</i>	64.0 (12.9%)	72.6 (13.4%)

Fiscal reserves and Exchange Fund

	31 May 2020	31 May 2021 ²⁰
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)	1,115.6	907.0
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
Total assets	4,081.9	4,547.3
Total liabilities	3,389.8	3,676.6
Accumulated surplus	691.4	869.8
Revaluation reserve	0.7	0.9
Foreign currency reserve assets (US\$ billion)	442.4	494.5

¹⁸ Revised estimates.

¹⁹ Estimates.

²⁰ Provisional figures.

Civil service

	31 Mar 2020	30 Jun 2020
Establishment	187 698	188 729
Strength	177 656	177 327
	2018-2019	2019-2020
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	124.4	135.6
As % of government operating expenditure	28.8%	25.9%

External merchandise trade

	2020	Jan – May 2021
Total exports (HK\$ billion)	3,927.5	1,885.2
<i>Of which</i> ²¹ : Mainland	2,324.5 (59.2%)	1,130.7 (60.0%)
<i>The United States</i>	258.8 (6.6%)	107.4 (5.7%)
<i>Taiwan</i>	98.5 (2.5%)	54.2 (2.9%)
Imports (HK\$ billion)	4,269.8	2,010.2
<i>Of which</i> : Mainland	1,923.5 (45.1%)	877.1 (43.6%)
<i>Taiwan</i>	405.7 (9.5%)	206.5 (10.3%)
<i>The United States</i>	174.7 (4.1%)	83.1 (4.1%)
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	-342.2	-125.0
<i>Of which</i> : Mainland	+401.0	+253.6
<i>The United States</i>	+84.1	+24.3
<i>Taiwan</i>	-307.2	-152.4

Trade in services

	2020 ²²	Q1 2021 ²²
Exports of services (HK\$ billion)	506.6	141.9
Imports of services (HK\$ billion)	416.1	107.2
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	+90.5	+34.6

²¹ Top three main destinations during Jan – May 2021.

²² Revised figures.

Tourism

	2020	Jan – May 2021
Visitor arrivals	3 568 875	27 549
<i>Mainland</i>	2 706 398 (75.8%)	19 612 (71.2%)
<i>Long haul markets:</i>		
<i>The Americas</i>	123 025 (3.4%)	611 (2.2%)
<i>Europe, Africa and the Middle East</i>	178 297 (5.0%)	2 452 (8.9%)
<i>Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific</i>	57 541 (1.6%)	173 (0.6%)
<i>Short haul markets (exclude Mainland):</i>		
<i>North Asia (Japan and South Korea)</i>	90 242 (2.5%)	182 (0.7%)
<i>South and Southeast Asia</i>	190 530 (5.3%)	2 952 (10.7%)
<i>Taiwan</i>	105 140 (2.9%)	1 211 (4.4%)
<i>Macao / not identified</i>	117 702 (3.3%)	356 (1.3%)
	2018	2019
Per capita spending of overnight visitors (HK\$)	6,614	5,818
<i>Mainland</i>	7,029	5,990
<i>Long haul markets:</i>		
<i>The Americas</i>	6,215	6,008
<i>Europe, Africa and the Middle East</i>	6,739	5,981
<i>Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific</i>	6,726	6,200
<i>Short haul markets (exclude Mainland):</i>		
<i>North Asia (Japan and South Korea)</i>	4,354	4,272
<i>South and Southeast Asia</i>	6,026	5,732
<i>Taiwan</i>	5,233	4,813
<i>Macao / not identified</i>	4,240	4,481

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