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International/regional ranking

	2020	2021
World competitiveness ranking (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 ranking (among 37 economies in the Asia-Pacific Region) ³ Source: Boao Forum for Asia	2 nd	4 th
	2018	2020
Comprehensive economic competitiveness index 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 ranking (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)

	2019	2020
Corruption perceptions index (among 180 places) ⁶ Source: Transparency International	16 th	11 th
	Mar 2021	Sep 2021
Global financial centres index (among 116 places) ⁷ Source: Z/Yen Group	4 th	3 rd
	2020	2021
World digital competitiveness ranking (among 64 places) ⁸ Source: International Institute for Management Development, Switzerland	5 th	2 nd
	2020	2021
Global innovation index (among 132 places) ⁹ Source: World Intellectual Property Organization	11 th	14 th

⁶ The latest top three positions were Denmark (1st), New Zealand (1st), Finland (3rd), Singapore (3rd), Sweden (3rd) and Switzerland (3rd) respectively.

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

⁸ The latest top three positions were the United States, Hong Kong and Sweden respectively.

⁹ The latest top three positions were Switzerland, Sweden and the United States respectively.

Population

	2020	2021 ¹⁰
Total population	7 428 300	7 394 700
<i>Of which: Male</i>	3 388 000 (45.6%)	3 372 500 (45.6%)
<i>Female</i>	4 040 300 (54.4%)	4 022 200 (54.4%)

Labour

	2020	Aug – Oct 2021 ¹⁰
Total labour force	3 888 200	3 838 200
	2020	Q3 2021
Total employment	3 661 600	3 658 000
<i>Of which:</i>		
<i>Manufacturing</i>	103 200 (2.8%)	90 800 (2.5%)
<i>Construction</i>	310 000 (8.5%)	332 400 (9.1%)
<i>Import/export trade and wholesale</i>	326 300 (8.9%)	309 300 (8.5%)
<i>Retail, accommodation and food services</i>	517 400 (14.1%)	519 100 (14.2%)
<i>Transportation, storage, postal and courier services, information and communications</i>	432 800 (11.8%)	424 800 (11.6%)
<i>Financing, insurance, real estate, professional and business services</i>	845 500 (23.1%)	855 400 (23.4%)
<i>Public administration, social and personal services</i>	1 103 000 (30.1%)	1 103 400 (30.2%)
	2020	Aug – Oct 2021 ¹⁰
Unemployed persons	226 600 (5.8%)	171 800 (4.3%) ¹¹
	2020	Q3 2021
Median monthly employment earnings (HK\$) ¹²	19,000	20,000

¹⁰ Provisional figures.

¹¹ Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

¹² Excluding foreign domestic helpers.

Economics and finance

	2020 ¹³	Q3 2021 ¹³
GDP growth rate in real terms	-6.1%	+5.4%
	2019 ¹³	2020 ¹³
Per capita GDP at current market prices (HK\$)	378,901	359,343
	2019 ¹³	2020 ¹⁴
Per capita GDP (Global ranking)	17 th	15 th
	30 Nov 2020	30 Nov 2021
Hang Seng Index	26 341	23 475

Inflation

	2020	Oct 2021
Composite Consumer Price Index (year-on-year rate of change)	+0.3%	+1.7%

Government consolidated accounts

(HK\$ billion)	2020-2021 ¹⁵	2021-2022 ¹⁶
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%

¹³ Revised figure.

¹⁴ Preliminary figure.

¹⁵ Actual figures.

¹⁶ Estimates.

Government consolidated accounts (cont'd)

	2020-2021 ¹⁷	2021-2022 ¹⁸
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 Oct 2020	31 Oct 2021 ¹⁹
Fiscal reserves (HK\$ billion)	847.8	816.0
Exchange Fund (HK\$ billion)		
Total assets	4,466.1	4,627.3
Total liabilities	3,694.7	3,836.8
Accumulated surplus	770.7	789.6
Revaluation reserve	0.7	0.9
Foreign currency reserve assets (US\$ billion)	474.9	498.1

¹⁷ Revised estimates.

¹⁸ Estimates.

¹⁹ Provisional figures.

Civil service

	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021
Establishment	188 000	192 000
Strength	178 000	178 000
	2019-2020	2020-2021
Staff-related expenditure (HK\$ billion)	135.6	140.5
As % of government operating expenditure	25.9%	19.5%

External merchandise trade

	2020	Jan – Oct 2021
Total exports (HK\$ billion)	3,927.5	3,998.8
<i>Of which</i> ²⁰ : <i>The Mainland</i>	2,324.5 (59.2%)	2,382.9 (59.6%)
<i>The United States</i>	258.8 (6.6%)	250.0 (6.3%)
<i>Taiwan</i>	98.5 (2.5%)	115.7 (2.9%)
Imports (HK\$ billion)	4,269.8	4,300.5
<i>Of which</i> : <i>The Mainland</i>	1,923.5 (45.1%)	1,947.2 (45.3%)
<i>Taiwan</i>	405.7 (9.5%)	446.2 (10.4%)
<i>The United States</i>	174.7 (4.1%)	169.3 (3.9%)
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	-342.2	-301.7
<i>Of which</i> : <i>The Mainland</i>	+401.0	+435.7
<i>The United States</i>	+84.1	+80.7
<i>Taiwan</i>	-307.2	-330.5

Trade in services

	2020 ²¹	Q3 2021 ²¹
Exports of services (HK\$ billion)	506.6	154.1
Imports of services (HK\$ billion)	416.1	120.6
Trade balance (HK\$ billion)	+90.5	+33.5

²⁰ Top three main destinations during Jan – Oct 2021.

²¹ Revised figures.

Tourism

	2020	Jan – Oct 2021
Visitor arrivals	3 568 875	72 458
<i>The Mainland</i>	2 706 398 (75.8%)	52 755 (72.8%)
<i>Long haul markets:</i>		
<i>The Americas</i>	123 025 (3.4%)	1 981 (2.7%)
<i>Europe, Africa and the Middle East</i>	178 297 (5.0%)	5 941 (8.2%)
<i>Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific</i>	57 541 (1.6%)	562 (0.8%)
<i>Short haul markets (exclude the Mainland):</i>		
<i>North Asia (Japan and South Korea)</i>	90 242 (2.5%)	666 (0.9%)
<i>South and Southeast Asia</i>	190 530 (5.3%)	7 515 (10.4%)
<i>Taiwan</i>	105 140 (2.9%)	1 888 (2.6%)
<i>Macao / not identified</i>	117 702 (3.3%)	1 150 (1.6%)
	2018	2019
Per capita spending of overnight visitors (HK\$)	6,614	5,818
<i>The 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 the 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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