



Chapter 1: Introduction

Welcome to Hong Kong! Below are some of the basic facts about the dynamic and vibrant Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) that is your new home. The HKSAR came into being in mid-1997 when sovereignty of the territory was returned to the People's Republic of China, and comprises three main areas, Hong Kong Island, urban Kowloon and the New Territories with its many modern New Towns.

Hong Kong: The facts

Area (2023%)	1,114.57 square km
Demographic characteristics (2023)# Population Median age Sex ratio	7.50 million 47.7 836 males per 1,000 females
Ethnicity (2021)* Chinese Non-Chinese	6.79 million (91.6%) 0.62 million (8.4%)
Language (2021)* Official Major dialect Proportion of population aged 5 and over able to speak English	Chinese and English Cantonese 58.7%
Education (2023)@ Proportion of land-based non-institutional population aged 15 and over with upper secondary or higher education	68.3%
Employment (2023)@ Labour force participation rate Median monthly employment earnings	57.3% HK\$22,700 (male) HK\$16,200 (female)

Figures of Hong Kong Geographic Data at October 2023.

Figures of population estimates at end 2023 (Provisional Figures).

* Figures are based on the results of the 2021 Population Census.

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