

Health Facts of Hong Kong

2020 Edition



Population and Vital Statistics for 2019

Land Area (Sq. km)	1 106.8
Mid-year Population ('000)	7 507.4
Population Density (Persons per sq. km)	6 783
Mid-year Population by Age Group ('000)	
Below 15 years	874.9
15 - 64 years	5 310.0
65 years and above	1 322.0
Annual Population Growth Rate (%)	0.8
Crude Birth Rate (Registered births per 1 000 mid-year population)	7.1
Crude Death Rate (Registered deaths per 1 000 mid-year population)	6.5
Late Foetal Mortality Rate (per 1 000 total births)	2.6
Perinatal Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 total births)	3.4
Neonatal Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 registered live births)	1.0
Infant Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 registered live births)	1.4
Maternal Mortality Ratio* (per 100 000 registered live births)	0.0
Life Expectancy at Birth* (Years)	
Male	82.3
Female	88.1
Percentage Distribution of Live births by Birth Weight	
Under 2.5 kg	7.1
2.5 kg to less than 4.0 kg	90.8
4.0 kg and above	2.2

Registered Healthcare Professionals (End 2019)

Type of Professional	Total	Healthcare Professionals to Population*
Doctors	15 004	1 : 500
Chinese medicine practitioners		
Registered Chinese medicine practitioners	7 582	1 : 989
Chinese medicine practitioners with limited registration	32	—
Listed Chinese medicine practitioners	2 559	1 : 2 931
Dentists	2 611	1 : 2 873
Dental hygienists	495	1 : 15 153
Nurses	59 082	1 : 127
Midwives	4 483	1 : 1 673
Pharmacists	3 001	1 : 2 499
Medical laboratory technologists	3 862	1 : 1 942
Occupational therapists	2 403	1 : 3 121
Physiotherapists	3 510	1 : 2 137
Optometrists	2 250	1 : 3 334
Radiographers	2 479	1 : 3 026
Chiropractors	262	1 : 28 629

Health Facilities (End 2019)

Number of Public Hospitals and Institutions under Hospital Authority	43
Number of Private Hospitals	12
Number of Nursing Homes	66
Number of Hospitals under Correctional Institutions	20
Number of Hospital Beds in Hospitals in Hospital Authority	29 417
Number of Hospital Beds in Private Hospitals	5 056
Number of Hospital Beds in Nursing Homes	6 127
Number of Hospital Beds in Correctional Institutions	874

Accident and Emergency and Outpatient Attendances in 2019*

Department of Health	
General outpatient service attendances	467 543
Other outpatient service attendances	5 310 337
Hospital Authority	
Accident and emergency attendances	2 196 867
General outpatient attendances	6 024 925
Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances	8 001 742
Allied health (outpatient) attendances	2 925 881
Family medicine specialist clinic attendances	309 749

Inpatient Discharges and Deaths in All Hospitals Classified by Disease, 2018

Disease Classification	Number of Attendances	(%)
Diseases of the genitourinary system	286 885	(12.9)
Neoplasms	282 020	(12.7)
Diseases of the digestive system	211 980	(9.6)
Diseases of the respiratory system	181 338	(8.2)
Diseases of the circulatory system	169 542	(7.6)
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	139 718	(6.3)
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	120 812	(5.4)
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	106 342	(4.8)
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	93 537	(4.2)
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	72 321	(3.3)
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	53 470	(2.4)
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	48 465	(2.2)
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	45 740	(2.1)
Mental and behavioural disorders	39 353	(1.8)
Diseases of the nervous system	35 886	(1.6)
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	33 882	(1.5)
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	32 522	(1.5)
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	12 367	(0.6)
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	10 670	(0.5)
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	231 611	(10.4)
Unknown diagnosis (refers to uncoded principal diagnosis)	8 502	(0.4)
Total	2 216 963	(100.0)

Notifications and Deaths of Notifiable Infectious Diseases in 2019[@]

Disease	Notification		Death	
	Number	Rate [#]	Number	Rate [#]
Acute poliomyelitis	0	0.00	0	0.00
Amoebic dysentery	15	0.20	0	0.00
Anthrax	0	0.00	0	0.00
Bacillary dysentery	45	0.60	0	0.00
Botulism	1	0.01	0	0.00
Chickenpox	6 898	91.88	0	0.00
Chikungunya fever	11	0.15	0	0.00
Cholera	1	0.01	0	0.00
Community-associated methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> infection	1 236	16.46	3	0.04
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	14	0.19	10	0.13
Dengue fever	198	2.64	0	0.00
Diphtheria	0	0.00	0	0.00
Enterovirus 71 infection	6	0.08	0	0.00
Food poisoning (Outbreaks)	212	2.82	1	0.01
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b infection (invasive)	0	0.00	0	0.00
Hantavirus infection	1	0.01	0	0.00
Invasive pneumococcal disease	187	2.49	29	0.39
Japanese encephalitis	3	0.04	0	0.00
Legionnaires' disease	105	1.40	9	0.12
Leprosy	4	0.05	0	0.00
Leptospirosis	4	0.05	0	0.00
Listeriosis	25	0.33	2	0.03
Malaria	17	0.23	0	0.00
Measles	91	1.21	0	0.00
Meningococcal infection (invasive)	14	0.19	1	0.01
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Mumps	71	0.95	0	0.00
Novel influenza A infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	11	0.15	0	0.00
Plague	0	0.00	0	0.00
Psittacosis	22	0.29	0	0.00
Q fever	2	0.03	0	0.00
Rabies	0	0.00	0	0.00
Relapsing fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Rubella and congenital rubella syndrome	49	0.65	0	0.00

Scarlet fever	1 602	21.34	2	0.03
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> infection	3	0.04	0	0.00
Smallpox	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Streptococcus suis</i> infection	3	0.04	1	0.01
Tetanus	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tuberculosis	4 051	53.96	205	2.73
Typhoid fever	20	0.27	1	0.01
Typhus and other rickettsial diseases	52	0.69	1	0.01
Viral haemorrhagic fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Viral hepatitis	209	2.78	3	0.04
West Nile Virus Infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Whooping cough	96	1.28	0	0.00
Yellow fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Zika Virus Infection	0	0.00	0	0.00

Number of Registered Deaths by Ten Leading Causes of Death in 2019* (Ranking is based on number of registered deaths in 2018)

Rank	Disease Group	Number of Registered Deaths
1	Malignant neoplasms	14 689
2	Pneumonia	9 181
3	Diseases of heart	6 065
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	2 932
5	External causes of morbidity and mortality	1 693
6	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1 655
7	Dementia	1 483
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1 372
9	Septicaemia	1 050
10	Diabetes mellitus	489
	All other causes	8 097
	All causes	48 706

Health Expenditure (Hong Kong's Domestic Health Accounts 2018/19)[^]

Total expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	177,447
as % of GDP	6.2
per capita total expenditure on health (HK\$)	23,815
Public expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	91,083

as % of total expenditure on health	51.3
as % of total public expenditure	15.8
per capita public expenditure on health (HK\$)	12,224
Private expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	86,364
as % of total expenditure on health	48.7
per capita private expenditure on health (HK\$)	11,591
Per capita GDP (HK\$)	383,638

Official Estimates on Immunisation Coverage of Infants born in 2018

Type of Vaccine	Official Estimates
B.C.G. Vaccine (at birth)	Above 95%
Combined Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus Vaccine (third dose)	Above 95%
Polio Vaccine (third dose)	Above 95%
Hepatitis B Vaccine (third dose)	Above 95%
Pneumococcal Vaccine (third dose)	Above 95%
Combined Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccine (first dose)	Above 95%

Environmental Health for 2019

Percentage of population with sustainable access to an improved water source	100
Percentage of population with access to improved sanitation facility	99

Prevalence of Selected Lifestyle Practices and Health Status Among Persons Aged between 18 and 64, April 2016^α

Lifestyle Practices and Health Status	Percentage		
	Male	Female	Both Sexes
Daily alcohol drinking	4.3%	1.4%	2.8%
Inadequate aerobic physical activity (by WHO's recommendations)	48.8%	62.2%	55.9%
Inadequate daily fruit and vegetable intake (less than 5 servings per day)	84.2%	74.8%	79.2%
Overweight and obesity (BMI _≥ 23.0)	48.2%	30.5%	38.8%

Prevalence of current smokers (aged 15 and over), 2019[§]

Current Smoker	Percentage		
	Male	Female	Both Sexes
Daily cigarette smokers	18.1%	3.2%	10.2%

Notes : * Provisional figure(s).

[@] Information as at 10 June 2020..

[#] Per 100 000 population.

[^] Source: Food and Health Bureau.

[§] Source: Census and Statistics Department.

^α Source: Behavioural Risk Factor Survey.