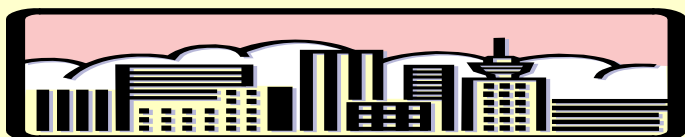


Health Facts of Hong Kong

2022 Edition



Population and Vital Statistics for 2021

Land Area (Sq. km)	1 113.8
Mid-year Population ('000)	7 413.1
Population Density (Persons per sq. km)	6 800
Mid-year Population by Age Group ('000)	
Below 15 years	807.8
15 - 64 years	5 153.8
65 years and above	1 451.5
Annual Population Growth Rate (%)	-0.9
Crude Birth Rate (Registered births per 1 000 mid-year population)	5.2
Crude Death Rate (Registered deaths per 1 000 mid-year population)	7.0
Late Foetal Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 total births)	3.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 total births)	4.0
Neonatal Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 registered live births)	1.2
Infant Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 registered live births)	1.7
Maternal Mortality Ratio* (per 100 000 registered live births)	7.8
Life Expectancy at Birth* (Years)	
Male	83.2
Female	87.9
Percentage Distribution of Live births by Birth Weight	
Under 2.5 kg	7.1
2.5 kg to less than 4.0 kg	90.9
4.0 kg and above	1.9

Registered Healthcare Professionals (End 2021)

Type of Professional	Total	Healthcare Professionals to Population*
Doctors	15 546	1 : 476
Chinese medicine practitioners		
Registered Chinese medicine practitioners	8 080	1 : 916
Chinese medicine practitioners with limited registration	27	—
Listed Chinese medicine practitioners	2 455	1 : 3 016
Dentists	2 706	1 : 2 736
Dental hygienists	531	1 : 13 942
Nurses	64 026	1 : 116
Midwives	4 450	1 : 1 664
Pharmacists	3 181	1 : 2 327
Medical laboratory technologists	4 224	1 : 1 753
Occupational therapists	2 783	1 : 2 660
Physiotherapists	3 954	1 : 1 872
Optometrists	2 273	1 : 3 257
Radiographers	2 673	1 : 2 770
Chiropactors	287	1 : 25 795

Health Facilities (End 2021)

Number of Public Hospitals and Institutions under Hospital Authority	43
Number of Private Hospitals	13
Number of Hospitals under Correctional Institutions	20
Number of Hospital Beds in Hospitals in Hospital Authority	30 105
Number of Hospital Beds in Private Hospitals	5 147
Number of Hospital Beds in Correctional Institutions	874

On 1 January 2021, the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165) was repealed when the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633) was commenced. Nursing homes, which were regulated under Cap. 165, are no longer subject to regulation under Cap. 633. Hence, the statistics of nursing homes and their beds previously compiled according to Cap. 165 are not available from 2021 onwards.

Accident and Emergency and Outpatient Attendances in 2021*

Department of Health	
General outpatient service attendances	441 788
Other outpatient service attendances	4 077 523
Hospital Authority~	
Accident and emergency attendances	1 869 152
General outpatient attendances	5 950 935
Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances	8 191 045
Allied health (outpatient) attendances	3 081 578
Family medicine specialist clinic attendances	328 078

Inpatient Discharges and Deaths in All Hospitals Classified by Disease, 2020

Disease Classification	Number of Attendances	(%)
Neoplasms	293 214	(15.5)
Diseases of the genitourinary system	291 360	(15.4)
Diseases of the digestive system	169 235	(9.0)
Diseases of the circulatory system	140 696	(7.5)
Diseases of the respiratory system	123 206	(6.5)
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	113 454	(6.0)
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	101 967	(5.4)
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	83 554	(4.4)
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	76 174	(4.0)
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	51 671	(2.7)
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	49 052	(2.6)
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	36 231	(1.9)
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	35 822	(1.9)
Mental and behavioural disorders	35 181	(1.9)
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	30 111	(1.6)
Diseases of the nervous system	25 975	(1.4)
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	23 104	(1.2)
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	8 808	(0.5)
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	7 618	(0.4)
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	188 746	(10.0)
Unknown diagnosis (refers to uncoded principal diagnosis)	1 999	(0.1)
Total	1 887 178	(100.0)

Notifications and Deaths of Notifiable Infectious Diseases in 2021[@]

Disease	Notification		Death	
	Number	Rate [#]	Number	Rate [#]
Acute poliomyelitis	0	0.00	0	0.00
Amoebic dysentery	9	0.12	0	0.00
Anthrax	0	0.00	0	0.00
Bacillary dysentery	15	0.20	0	0.00
Botulism	1	0.01	0	0.00
Chickenpox	1 589	21.44	1	0.01
Chikungunya fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Cholera	0	0.00	0	0.00
Community-associated methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	582	7.85	3	0.04
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	3 803	51.30	70	0.94
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	13	0.18	8	0.11
Dengue fever	2	0.03	0	0.00
Diphtheria	0	0.00	0	0.00
Enterovirus 71 infection	1	0.01	0	0.00
Food poisoning (Outbreaks)	205	2.77	0	0.00
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b infection (invasive)	0	0.00	0	0.00
Hantavirus infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Invasive pneumococcal disease	25	0.34	8	0.11
Japanese encephalitis	0	0.00	0	0.00
Legionnaires' disease	69	0.93	6	0.08
Leprosy	3	0.04	0	0.00
Leptospirosis	4	0.05	0	0.00
Listeriosis	17	0.23	0	0.00
Malaria	4	0.05	0	0.00
Measles	1	0.01	0	0.00
<i>Meningococcal infection (invasive)</i>	2	0.03	0	0.00
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Mumps	56	0.76	0	0.00
Novel influenza A infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	3	0.04	0	0.00
Plague	0	0.00	0	0.00
Psittacosis	12	0.16	2	0.03
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	2	0.03	0	0.00

Scarlet fever	88	1.19	0	0.00
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> infection	1	0.01	0	0.00
Smallpox	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Streptococcus suis</i> infection	5	0.07	1	0.01
Tetanus	1	0.01	0	0.00
Tuberculosis	3 741	50.46	168	2.27
Typhoid fever	10	0.13	0	0.00
Typhus and other rickettsial diseases	54	0.73	1	0.01
Viral haemorrhagic fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Viral hepatitis	133	1.79	1	0.01
West Nile Virus Infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Whooping cough	2	0.03	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 2021* (Ranking is based on number of registered deaths in 2021)

Rank	Disease Group	Number of Registered Deaths
1	Malignant neoplasms	15 108
2	Pneumonia	9 832
3	Diseases of heart	6 595
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	3 126
5	External causes of morbidity and mortality	1 983
6	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1 781
7	Dementia	1 498
8	Septicaemia	1 249
9	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1 059
10	Diabetes mellitus	548
	All other causes	8 757
	All causes	51 536

Health Expenditure (Hong Kong's Domestic Health Accounts 2020/21)[^]

Total expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	199,894
as % of GDP	7.3
per capita total expenditure on health (HK\$)	26,720
Public expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	120,596

as % of total expenditure on health	60.3
as % of total public expenditure	14.0
per capita public expenditure on health (HK\$)	16,120
Private expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	79,298
as % of total expenditure on health	39.7
per capita private expenditure on health (HK\$)	10,600
Per capita GDP (HK\$)	364,214

Official Estimates on Immunisation Coverage of Infants born in 2020[†]

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 (second dose)	Above 95%
Combined Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccine (first dose)	Above 95%

Environmental Health for 2021

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	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 Smokers	Male	Female	Both Sexes
Daily cigarette smokers	18.1%	3.2%	10.2%

Notes : * Provisional figure(s). ^ Source: Health Bureau.
 @ Information as at 11 July 2022. § Source: Census and Statistics Department.
 # Per 100 000 population. α Source: Behavioural Risk Factor Survey.
 † The official estimates is based on the provisional results of 2021 immunisation survey. The actual coverage may be lower than the official estimate due to COVID-19.
 - In view of the emergence of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 epidemic in Hong Kong since early 2020, Hospital Authority (HA) has adjusted its services in response to the epidemic along with tightening up infection control measures. Hence, the service throughput across a wide range of services provided by HA might have been reduced when compared with that of previous years.