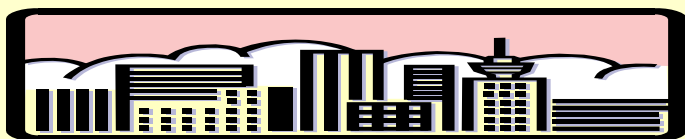


# Health Facts of Hong Kong

2023 Edition



## Population and Vital Statistics for 2022

Land Area (Sq. km)	1 114.4
Mid-year Population ('000)	7 346.1
Population Density (Persons per sq. km)	6 740
Mid-year Population by Age Group ('000)	
Below 15 years	774.1
15 - 64 years	5 043.1
65 years and above	1 528.9
Annual Population Growth Rate (%)	-0.9
Crude Birth Rate* <sup>‡</sup> (Registered births <sup>‡</sup> per 1 000 mid-year population)	4.5
Crude Death Rate* <sup>‡</sup> (Registered deaths <sup>‡</sup> per 1 000 mid-year population)	8.4
Late Foetal Mortality Rate* <sup>‡</sup> (per 1 000 total births <sup>‡</sup> )	2.6
Perinatal Mortality Rate* <sup>‡</sup> (per 1 000 total births <sup>‡</sup> )	3.5
Neonatal Mortality Rate* <sup>‡</sup> (per 1 000 registered live births <sup>‡</sup> )	1.1
Infant Mortality Rate* <sup>‡</sup> (per 1 000 registered live births <sup>‡</sup> )	1.6
Maternal Mortality Ratio* <sup>‡</sup> (per 100 000 registered live births <sup>‡</sup> )	3.0
Life Expectancy at Birth* (Years)	
Male	81.3
Female	87.2
Percentage Distribution of Live births by Birth Weight	
Under 2.5 kg	7.4
2.5 kg to less than 4.0 kg	90.9
4.0 kg and above	1.7

## Registered Healthcare Professionals (End 2022)

Type of Professional	Total	Healthcare Professionals to Population*
Doctors	15 815	1 : 464
Chinese medicine practitioners		
Registered Chinese medicine practitioners	8 296	1 : 884
Chinese medicine practitioners with limited registration	27	—
Listed Chinese medicine practitioners	2 436	1 : 3 010
Dentists	2 786	1 : 2 632
Dental hygienists	558	1 : 13 142
Nurses	66 492	1 : 110
Midwives	4 538	1 : 1 616
Pharmacists	3 259	1 : 2 250
Medical laboratory technologists	4 326	1 : 1 695
Occupational therapists	2 966	1 : 2 472
Physiotherapists	4 170	1 : 1 759
Optometrists	2 283	1 : 3 212
Radiographers	2 790	1 : 2 628
Chiropractors	304	1 : 24 122

## Health Facilities (End 2022)

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	30 483
Number of Hospital Beds in Private Hospitals	5 207
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 2022\*

Department of Health	
General outpatient service attendances	408 463
Other outpatient service attendances	3 527 482
Hospital Authority~	
Accident and emergency attendances	1 659 670
General outpatient attendances	4 884 663
Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances	7 696 257
Allied health (outpatient) attendances	2 768 428
Family medicine specialist clinic attendances	312 326

## Inpatient Discharges and Deaths in All Hospitals Classified by Disease, 2021

Disease Classification	Number of Attendances	(%)
Diseases of the genitourinary system	331 989	(15.3)
Neoplasms	322 174	(14.9)
Diseases of the digestive system	229 404	(10.6)
Diseases of the circulatory system	172 313	(7.9)
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	125 197	(5.8)
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	117 180	(5.4)
Diseases of the respiratory system	108 647	(5.0)
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	95 010	(4.4)
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	77 661	(3.6)
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	56 100	(2.6)
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	55 366	(2.6)
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	47 666	(2.2)
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	43 812	(2.0)
Mental and behavioural disorders	39 541	(1.8)
Diseases of the nervous system	34 162	(1.6)
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	32 811	(1.5)
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	20 753	(1.0)
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	9 704	(0.4)
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	9 445	(0.4)
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	238 603	(11.0)
Unknown diagnosis (refers to uncoded principal diagnosis)	1 720	(0.1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 169 258</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>

## Notifications and Deaths of Notifiable Infectious Diseases in 2022<sup>@</sup>

Disease	Notification		Death <sup>‡</sup>	
	Number	Rate <sup>#</sup>	Number	Rate <sup>#</sup>
Acute poliomyelitis	0	0.00	0	0.00
Amoebic dysentery	14	0.19	0	0.00
Anthrax	0	0.00	0	0.00
Bacillary dysentery	7	0.10	0	0.00
Botulism	3	0.04	0	0.00
Chickenpox	1 002	13.64	0	0.00
Chikungunya fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Cholera	0	0.00	0	0.00
Community-associated methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> infection	416	5.66	0	0.00
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	2 612 983	35 569.66	9 291	126.48
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	16	0.22	11	0.15
Dengue fever	26	0.35	0	0.00
Diphtheria	0	0.00	0	0.00
Enterovirus 71 infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Food poisoning (Outbreaks)	133	1.81	0	0.00
<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	28	0.38	4	0.05
Japanese encephalitis	0	0.00	0	0.00
Legionnaires' disease	80	1.09	13	0.18
Leprosy	6	0.08	0	0.00
Leptospirosis	3	0.04	0	0.00
Listeriosis	17	0.23	2	0.03
Malaria	196	2.67	2	0.03
Measles	3	0.04	0	0.00
Melioidosis	46	0.63	2	0.03
Meningococcal infection (invasive)	0	0.00	0	0.00
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Monkeypox	1	0.01	0	0.00
Mumps	32	0.44	0	0.00
Novel influenza A infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	5	0.07	0	0.00
Plague	0	0.00	0	0.00
Psittacosis	10	0.14	0	0.00
Q fever	1	0.01	0	0.00
Rabies	0	0.00	0	0.00
Relapsing fever	0	0.00	0	0.00

Rubella and congenital rubella syndrome	1	0.01	0	0.00
Scarlet fever	43	0.59	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	6	0.08	0	0.00
Tetanus	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tuberculosis	3 217	43.79	183	2.49
Typhoid fever	15	0.20	0	0.00
Typhus and other rickettsial diseases	64	0.87	0	0.00
Viral haemorrhagic fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Viral hepatitis	103	1.40	3	0.04
West Nile Virus Infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Whooping cough	3	0.04	0	0.00
Yellow fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Zika Virus Infection	0	0.00	0	0.00

## Number of Registered Deaths<sup>‡</sup> by Leading Causes of Death in 2022\* (Ranking is based on number of registered deaths<sup>‡</sup> in 2022)

Rank	Disease Group	Number of Registered Deaths <sup>‡</sup>
1	Malignant neoplasms	14 718
2	Pneumonia	10 499
3	COVID-19	9 291
4	Diseases of heart	6 791
5	Cerebrovascular diseases	3 057
6	External causes of morbidity and mortality	1 961
7	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1 809
8	Dementia	1 572
9	Septicaemia	1 213
10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1 125
11	Diabetes mellitus	661
	All other causes	8 860
	<b>All causes</b>	<b>61 557</b>

## Health Expenditure (Hong Kong's Domestic Health Accounts 2021/22)<sup>^</sup>

Total expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	243,180
as % of GDP	8.5
per capita total expenditure on health (HK\$)	32,804
Public expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	145,073

as % of total expenditure on health	59.7
as % of total public expenditure	19.6
per capita public expenditure on health (HK\$)	19,570
Private expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	98,107
as % of total expenditure on health	40.3
per capita private expenditure on health (HK\$)	13,234
Per capita GDP (HK\$)	384,121

## Official Estimates on Immunisation Coverage of Infants born in 2021<sup>†</sup>

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 2022

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 15 or above, 2022<sup>‡</sup>

Lifestyle Practices and Health Status	Male	Female	Overall
Proportion of daily alcohol drinkers	3.8%	0.6%	2.1%
Proportion of adults aged 18 or above who had insufficient physical activity (according to WHO's definition)	22.8%	26.5%	24.8%
Proportion of population with inadequate daily intake of fruit and vegetables (less than 5 servings on average per day)	98.2%	97.8%	97.9%
Prevalence of self-reported doctor-diagnosed overweight and obesity (BMI ≥ 23.0)	6.4%	6.1%	6.3%

## Prevalence of current smokers (aged 15 and over), 2021<sup>§</sup>

Current Smokers	Male	Female	Overall
Daily conventional cigarette smokers	16.7%	3.0%	9.5%

Notes : \* Provisional figure(s).      ^ Source: Health Bureau.  
 @ Information as at 10 July 2023.      § Source: Census and Statistics Department.  
 # Per 100 000 population.      ¶ Source: Population Health Survey 2020-22.  
 † The official estimates is based on the 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. This should be taken into account when comparing the throughput of services provided by the HA across the years.  
 ‡ Figures based on births and deaths registered under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance (Cap. 174, Laws of Hong Kong) during the specified period.