

Health Facts of Hong Kong

2019 Edition



Population and Vital Statistics for 2018

Land Area (Sq. km)	1 106.7
Mid-year Population ('000)	7 451.0
Population Density (Persons per sq. km)	6 890
Mid-year Population by Age Group ('000)	
Below 15 years	860.8
15 - 64 years	5 324.0
65 years and above	1 266.2
Annual Population Growth Rate (%)	0.8
Crude Birth Rate (Registered births per 1 000 mid-year population)	7.3
Crude Death Rate (Registered deaths per 1 000 mid-year population)	6.4
Late Foetal Mortality Rate (per 1 000 total births)	2.3
Perinatal Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 total births)	2.8
Neonatal Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 registered live births)	0.9
Infant Mortality Rate* (per 1 000 registered live births)	1.5
Maternal Mortality Ratio* (per 100 000 registered live births)	1.8
Life Expectancy at Birth* (Years)	
Male	82.2
Female	87.6
Percentage Distribution of Live births by Birth Weight	
Under 2.5 kg	7.0
2.5 kg to less than 4.0 kg	90.8
4.0 kg and above	2.2

Registered Healthcare Professionals (End 2018)

Type of Professional	Total	Healthcare Professionals to Population*
Doctors	14 651	1 : 511
Chinese medicine practitioners		
Registered Chinese medicine practitioners	7 409	1 : 1 010
Chinese medicine practitioners with limited registration	35	—
Listed Chinese medicine practitioners	2 610	1 : 2 867
Dentists	2 553	1 : 2 931
Dental hygienists	472	1 : 15 853
Nurses	56 723	1 : 132
Midwives	4 445	1 : 1 683
Pharmacists	2 890	1 : 2 589
Medical laboratory technologists	3 767	1 : 1 986
Occupational therapists	2 224	1 : 3 364
Physiotherapists	3 250	1 : 2 302
Optometrists	2 220	1 : 3 370
Radiographers	2 393	1 : 3 127
Chiropractors	234	1 : 31 976

Health Facilities (End 2018)

Number of Public Hospitals and Institutions under Hospital Authority	43
Number of Private Hospitals	12
Number of Nursing Homes	65
Number of Hospitals under Correctional Institutions	20
Number of Hospital Beds in Hospitals in Hospital Authority	28 929
Number of Hospital Beds in Private Hospitals	4 657
Number of Hospital Beds in Nursing Homes	5 974
Number of Hospital Beds in Correctional Institutions	874

Accident and Emergency and Outpatient Attendances in 2018*

Department of Health	
General outpatient service attendances	498 630
Other outpatient service attendances	5 571 303
Hospital Authority	
Accident and emergency attendances	2 145 557
General outpatient attendances	6 084 019
Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances	7 869 530
Allied health (outpatient) attendances	2 831 537
Family medicine specialist clinic attendances	316 948

Inpatient Discharges and Deaths in All Hospitals Classified by Disease, 2017

Disease Classification	Number of Attendances	(%)
Diseases of the genitourinary system	282 116	(12.8)
Neoplasms	273 134	(12.4)
Diseases of the digestive system	211 820	(9.6)
Diseases of the respiratory system	192 362	(8.7)
Diseases of the circulatory system	168 577	(7.7)
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	136 344	(6.2)
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	117 255	(5.3)
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	109 867	(5.0)
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	91 224	(4.1)
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	70 448	(3.2)
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	50 236	(2.3)
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	49 074	(2.2)
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	44 124	(2.0)
Mental and behavioural disorders	39 064	(1.8)
Diseases of the nervous system	36 841	(1.7)
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	35 293	(1.6)
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	33 631	(1.5)
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	11 870	(0.5)
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	10 412	(0.5)
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	225 539	(10.2)
Unknown diagnosis (refers to uncoded principal diagnosis)	11 173	(0.5)
Total	2 200 404	(100.0)

Notifications and Deaths of Notifiable Infectious Diseases in 2018[@]

Disease	Notification		Death	
	Number	Rate [#]	Number	Rate [#]
Acute poliomyelitis	0	0.00	0	0.00
Amoebic dysentery	5	0.07	0	0.00
Anthrax	0	0.00	0	0.00
Bacillary dysentery	33	0.44	0	0.00
Botulism	3	0.04	0	0.00
Chickenpox	7 592	101.89	0	0.00
Chikungunya fever	2	0.03	0	0.00
Cholera	1	0.01	0	0.00
Community-associated methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> infection	1 218	16.35	2	0.03
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	9	0.12	8	0.11
Dengue fever	163	2.19	0	0.00
Diphtheria	0	0.00	0	0.00
Enterovirus 71 infection	62	0.83	0	0.00
Food poisoning (Outbreaks)	173	2.32	1	0.01
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b infection (invasive)	2	0.03	0	0.00
Hantavirus infection	2	0.03	0	0.00
Invasive pneumococcal disease	189	2.54	31	0.42
Japanese encephalitis	0	0.00	1	0.01
Legionnaires' disease	105	1.41	12	0.16
Leprosy	5	0.07	0	0.00
Leptospirosis	3	0.04	0	0.00
Listeriosis	19	0.25	3	0.04
Malaria	22	0.30	0	0.00
Measles	15	0.20	0	0.00
Meningococcal infection (invasive)	10	0.13	1	0.01
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Mumps	82	1.10	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	17	0.23	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	12	0.16	0	0.00

Scarlet fever	2 098	28.16	0	0.00
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	7	0.09	0	0.00
Tetanus	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tuberculosis	4 326	58.06	189	2.54
Typhoid fever	21	0.28	0	0.00
Typhus and other rickettsial diseases	48	0.64	1	0.01
Viral haemorrhagic fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Viral hepatitis	155	2.08	5	0.07
West Nile Virus Infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Whooping cough	110	1.48	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 2018* (Ranking is based on number of registered deaths in 2017)

Rank	Disease Group	Number of Registered Deaths
1	Malignant neoplasms	14 446
2	Pneumonia	8 334
3	Diseases of heart	6 070
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	2 986
5	External causes of morbidity and mortality	1 674
6	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1 614
7	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1 372
8	Dementia	1 455
9	Septicaemia	969
10	Diabetes mellitus	477
	All other causes	8 082
	All causes	47 479

Health Expenditure (Hong Kong's Domestic Health Accounts 2017/18)[^]

Total expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	167,581
as % of GDP	6.2
per capita total expenditure on health (HK\$)	22,672
Public expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	85,209

as % of total expenditure on health	50.8
as % of total public expenditure	16.6
per capita public expenditure on health (HK\$)	11,528
Private expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	82,373
as % of total expenditure on health	49.2
per capita private expenditure on health (HK\$)	11,144
Per capita GDP (HK\$)	367,585

Official Estimates on Immunisation Coverage of Infants born in 2017

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 2018

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), 2017[§]

Current Smoker	Percentage		
	Male	Female	Both Sexes
Daily cigarette smokers	18.1%	2.7%	10.0%

Notes : * Provisional figure(s).

[@] Information as at 10 May 2019.

[#] Per 100 000 population.

[^] Source: Food and Health Bureau.

[§] Source: Census and Statistics Department.

^α Source: Behavioural Risk Factor Survey.