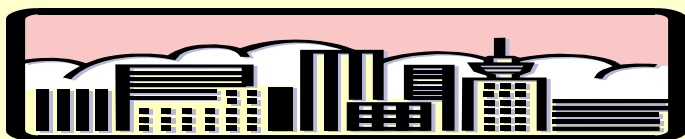


Health Facts of Hong Kong

2024 Edition



Population and Vital Statistics for 2023

Land Area (Sq. km)	1 114.6
Mid-year Population ('000)	7 536.1
Population Density (Persons per sq. km)	6 910
Mid-year Population by Age Group ('000)	
Below 15 years	781.7
15 - 64 years	5 112.5
65 years and above	1 641.9
Annual Population Growth Rate (%)	2.6
Crude Birth Rate*† (Registered births‡ per 1 000 mid-year population)	4.4
Crude Death Rate*‡ (Registered deaths‡ per 1 000 mid-year population)	7.5
Late Foetal Mortality Rate** (per 1 000 total births‡)	2.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate** (per 1 000 total births‡)	3.6
Neonatal Mortality Rate** (per 1 000 registered live births‡)	0.9
Infant Mortality Rate*† (per 1 000 registered live births‡)	1.6
Maternal Mortality Ratio*† (per 100 000 registered live births‡)	3.0
Life Expectancy at Birth* (Years)	
Male	82.5
Female	87.9
Percentage Distribution of Live births by Birth Weight	
Under 2.5 kg	7.7
2.5 kg to less than 4.0 kg	90.7
4.0 kg and above	1.6

Registered Healthcare Professionals (End 2023)

Type of Professional	Total	Healthcare Professionals to Population*
Doctors	16 180	1 : 464
Chinese medicine practitioners		
Registered Chinese medicine practitioners	8 423	1 : 891
Chinese medicine practitioners with limited registration	32	—
Listed Chinese medicine practitioners	2 137	1 : 3 511
Dentists	2 876	1 : 2 609
Dental hygienists	612	1 : 12 260
Nurses	68 752	1 : 109
Midwives	4 618	1 : 1 625
Pharmacists	3 317	1 : 2 262
Medical laboratory technologists	4 658	1 : 1 611
Occupational therapists	3 205	1 : 2 341
Physiotherapists	4 589	1 : 1 635
Optometrists	2 306	1 : 3 254
Radiographers	2 907	1 : 2 581
Chiropractors	338	1 : 22 199

Health Facilities (End 2023)

Number of Public Hospitals and Institutions under Hospital Authority	43
Number of Private Hospitals	14
Number of Hospitals under Correctional Institutions	20
Number of Hospital Beds in Hospitals in Hospital Authority	30 636
Number of Hospital Beds in Private Hospitals	5 294
Number of Hospital Beds in Correctional Institutions	852

On 1 January 2021, the Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance (Cap. 165) was repealed when the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Cap. 633) was commenced.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 2023*

Department of Health	
General outpatient service attendances	427 997
Other outpatient service attendances	3 897 380
Hospital Authority~	
Accident and emergency attendances	2 067 729
General outpatient attendances	5 780 101
Specialist outpatient (clinical) attendances	8 291 838
Allied health (outpatient) attendances	3 220 342
Family medicine specialist clinic attendances	339 548

Inpatient Discharges and Deaths in All Hospitals Classified by Disease, 2022

Disease Classification	Number of Attendances	(%)
Diseases of the genitourinary system	301 226	(15.3)
Neoplasms	301 159	(15.3)
Diseases of the digestive system	191 945	(9.8)
Diseases of the respiratory system	180 445	(9.2)
Diseases of the circulatory system	143 223	(7.3)
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	107 841	(5.5)
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	101 464	(5.2)
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	79 638	(4.1)
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	65 384	(3.3)
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	50 922	(2.6)
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	43 039	(2.2)
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	42 532	(2.2)
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	35 646	(1.8)
Mental and behavioural disorders	34 218	(1.7)
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	31 147	(1.6)
Diseases of the nervous system	28 419	(1.4)
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	16 479	(0.8)
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	7 501	(0.4)
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	7 408	(0.4)
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	191 306	(9.7)
Unknown diagnosis (refers to uncoded principal diagnosis)	2 227	(0.1)
Total	1 963 169	(100.0)

Notifications and Deaths of Notifiable Infectious Diseases in 2023[@]

Disease	Notification		Death [‡]	
	Number	Rate [#]	Number	Rate [#]
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	11	0.15	0	0.00
Botulism	2	0.03	1	0.01
Chickenpox	1 396	18.52	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> infection	469	6.22	3	0.04
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	255 307	3 387.79	2 594	34.42
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	15	0.20	10	0.13
Dengue fever	62	0.82	0	0.00
Diphtheria	0	0.00	0	0.00
Enterovirus 71 infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Food poisoning (Outbreaks)	236	3.13	0	0.00
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b infection (invasive)	4	0.05	0	0.00
Hantavirus infection	1	0.01	0	0.00
Invasive pneumococcal disease	94	1.25	15	0.20
Japanese encephalitis	0	0.00	0	0.00
Legionnaires' disease	121	1.61	14	0.19
Leprosy	1	0.01	0	0.00
Leptospirosis	3	0.04	0	0.00
Listeriosis	9	0.12	3	0.04
Malaria	7	0.09	0	0.00
Measles	3	0.04	0	0.00
Melioidosis	17	0.23	5	0.07
Meningococcal infection (invasive)	5	0.07	0	0.00
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Monkeypox	53	0.70	0	0.00
Mumps	28	0.37	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	14	0.19	0	0.00
Q fever	0	0.00	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	167	2.22	0	0.00
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	0	0.00	0	0.00
Shiga toxin-producing <i>Escherichia coli</i> infection	6	0.08	0	0.00
Smallpox	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Streptococcus suis</i> infection	6	0.08	1	0.01
Tetanus	2	0.03	0	0.00
Tuberculosis	3 260	43.26	173	2.30
Typhoid fever	16	0.21	0	0.00
Typhus and other rickettsial diseases	37	0.49	1	0.01
Viral haemorrhagic fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Viral hepatitis	149	1.98	2	0.03
West Nile Virus Infection	0	0.00	0	0.00
Whooping cough	15	0.20	0	0.00
Yellow fever	0	0.00	0	0.00
Zika Virus Infection	2	0.03	0	0.00

Number of Registered Deaths[‡] by Leading Causes of Death in 2023* (Ranking is based on number of registered deaths[‡] in 2023)

Rank	Disease Group	Number of Registered Deaths [‡]
1	Malignant neoplasms	14 865
2	Pneumonia	11 333
3	Diseases of heart	7 258
4	Cerebrovascular diseases	3 048
5	Coronavirus disease 2019	2 594
6	External causes of morbidity and mortality	2 377
7	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	1 756
8	Dementia	1 537
9	Septicaemia	1 329
10	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1 268
11	Diabetes mellitus	570
	All other causes	8 841
	All causes	56 776

Health Expenditure (Hong Kong's Domestic Health Accounts 2022/23)[^]

Total expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	284,073
as % of GDP	10.0
per capita total expenditure on health (HK\$)	38,670
Public expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	173,747

as % of total expenditure on health	61.2
as % of total public expenditure	20.5
per capita public expenditure on health (HK\$)	23,652
Private expenditure on health	
amount (HK\$ million)	110,327
as % of total expenditure on health	38.8
per capita private expenditure on health (HK\$)	15,018
Per capita GDP (HK\$)	387,018

Official Estimates on Immunisation Coverage of Infants born in 2021[†]

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 2023

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[^]

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), 2023[§]

Current Smokers	Male	Female	Overall
Daily conventional cigarette smokers	16.4%	2.7%	9.1%

Notes : * Provisional figure(s). ^ Source: Health Bureau.
 @ Information as at 10 July 2024. § 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 HA across the years. With the subsiding of local COVID-19 epidemic situation and cessation of anti-epidemic measures in early 2023, the HA has been gradually resuming provision of all of its public healthcare services to tie in with the Government's normalcy measures.
 ‡ Figures based on births and deaths registered under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance (Cap. 174, Laws of Hong Kong) during the specified period.