

Hong Kong – Fact Sheet

Basic data

Area	1,074 km ²
Population	5.81 million (1989)
Capital	Victoria (also called Hong Kong)
Language	English is the language of government and commerce. Cantonese is the most common of the several dialects of Chinese.

Political data

Type of government	British colony administered by an appointed governor, an appointed executive council and a legislative council which includes elected members.
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In September 1984, the British and Chinese governments agreed Hong Kong would return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. Hong Kong will become a special administrative region and will maintain its existing economic system for 50 years.

Head of state

Governor Sir David Wilson

Economic indicators

Official inflation rate	10.1% (1989)
Unemployment rate	1.4% (1989)
GDP	US\$85.3 billion (1989)
External debt	US\$1.1 billion (1986)
Per capita income	US\$11,351 (1988)
Average real GDP growth	7.8% (1987-89)
Exchange rate	C\$1 = HK\$6.75

Major trading partners (1988)

Exports (Total: C\$74.7 billion)

1. U.S.
2. China
3. Germany
4. U.K.
5. Japan
6. Canada

Imports (Total: C\$75.4 billion)

1. China
2. Japan
3. Taiwan
4. U.S.
5. Republic of Korea
6. Singapore
21. Canada