

Transport, Communications and Tourism

Data on the following categories of statistics include the corresponding flows/transactions between Hong Kong and the mainland of China :

- (i) Inward and outward movements of aircraft, vessels and cargoes;
- (ii) Outward external telecommunications services;
- (iii) Postal services;
- (iv) Visitor arrivals; and
- (v) Hong Kong resident departures.

Public Roads

	2004	2008	2009
			<i>Kilometres</i>
Length of public roads	1 943	2 040	2 050

Motor Vehicles Licensed by Type

Type	2004	2008	2009
			<i>'000</i>
Private cars	345	383	394
Motor cycles (including motor tricycles)	33	38	38
Taxis	18	18	18
Buses, public and private	13	13	13
Light buses, public and private	6	6	6
Goods vehicles	110	109	107
Special purpose vehicles	1	1	1
Government vehicles (excluding military vehicles)	6	6	6
Total	533	575	584

Public Transport Passenger Journeys

	2004	2008	2009#
			<i>Millions</i>
Number of passenger journeys	4 043	4 178	4 140

Inward and Outward Movements of Aircraft and Ocean Vessels

	2004	2008	2009#
Aircraft ('000)	237	301	279
Ocean vessels (million net register tonnage)	613	768	756

Inward and Outward Movements of Cargo

	<i>'000 tonnes</i>		
	2004	2008	2009
Discharged			
By air	1 165	1 327	1 264 [#]
By water ⁽¹⁾	134 854	145 977	136 100 [#]
By ocean	104 612	110 220	103 000 [#]
By river	30 242	35 757	33 100 [#]
By road	21 561	18 317 [*]	15 170
By rail ⁽²⁾	208	90	68
Total	157 789	165 711	152 602[#]
Loaded			
By air	1 925	2 301	2 086 [#]
By water ⁽¹⁾	86 025	113 425	102 600 [#]
By ocean	54 006	69 755	55 700 [#]
By river	32 019	43 671	46 900 [#]
By road	18 913	13 417 [*]	12 769
By rail ⁽²⁾	64	19	16
Total	106 926	129 162	117 471[#]

Notes: (1) Ocean refers to transport by vessels operating beyond the river trade limits, while river refers to transport by vessels operating exclusively within the river trade limits.

(2) Figures exclude livestock.

Port Container Throughput

	<i>'000 TEUs</i>		
	2004	2008	2009 [#]
Inward	11 089	12 402	10 469
Outward	10 895	12 092	10 514
Total	21 984	24 494	20 983

Note: TEU refers to twenty-foot equivalent Unit.

Arrivals and Departures of Passengers by Mode of Transport

	<i>'000</i>		
Mode of transport	2004	2008	2009
Arrivals			
By air	12 366	15 350	14 936
By sea ⁽¹⁾	9 967	12 673	11 309
By land	68 438	83 431	85 251
Total	90 771	111 455	111 497
Departures			
By air	11 847	14 810	14 302
By sea ⁽¹⁾	11 440	13 960	12 517
By land	67 411	82 652	84 695
Total	90 698	111 421	111 515

Note: (1) Including passengers to/from Macao by helicopters.

Hong Kong Resident Departures by Control Point

Control Point	2004	2008	2009
Airport	5 341	6 224	6 322
Harbour Control ⁽¹⁾	250	188	135
Macao Ferry Terminal	3 832	5 627	5 540
China Ferry Terminal ⁽¹⁾	3 173	2 952	2 366
Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal ⁽²⁾	—	§	§
River Trade Terminal	§	§	§
Hung Hom Control Point	892	884	778
Lo Wu Control Point	37 373	37 286	36 290
Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Control Point ⁽³⁾	—	8 043	10 295
Lok Ma Chau Control Point	15 862	14 504	12 833
Man Kam To Control Point	1 232	771	805
Sha Tau Kok Control Point	948	1 058	1 034
Shenzhen Bay Control Point ⁽⁴⁾	—	4 372	5 561
Total	68 903	81 911	81 958
	(+13.1)	(+1.5)	(+0.1)

Notes: Figures exclude drivers.

(1) Including passengers by cruises to high seas.

(2) Started operation as from 3 November 2006.

(3) Started operation as from 15 August 2007.

(4) Started operation as from 1 July 2007.

§ Less than 500 persons.

Postal Services

	2004	2008	2009
Letter mail (million articles)	1 273	1 396*	1 312
Parcels ('000)	938	1 189	1 254

Visitor Arrivals by Country/Territory of Residence

Country/Territory of residence	2004	2008	2009
The mainland of China	12 246	16 862	17 957
Taiwan	2 075	2 240	2 010
South & Southeast Asia	2 078	2 936	2 885
North Asia	1 665	2 229	1 823
America	1 400	1 685	1 568
Europe, Africa & the Middle East	1 380	2 094	1 969
Macao	484	697	671
Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific	483	763	708
Total	21 811	29 507	29 591
	(+40.4)	(+4.7)	(+0.3)

Hotel Accommodation

	2004	2008	2009
All hotels			
Number of hotels ⁽¹⁾	101	149	167
Number of rooms ⁽¹⁾	39 128	54 804	59 627
Room occupancy rate (%)	88	85	78
Tourist guesthouses			
Number of tourist guesthouses ⁽¹⁾	440	546	591
Number of rooms ⁽¹⁾	5 234	5 469	5 759
Room occupancy rate (%)	83	78	70

Note: (1) Figures cover all hotels and tourist guesthouses with licences for operation issued by the Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department.

Telecommunications and Internet Services

	2004	2008	2009
Telephone lines⁽¹⁾ ('000)			
Business	1 662	1 834	1 829
Residential	2 118	2 274	2 352
Total	3 780	4 108	4 181
Number of fax lines ('000 working lines)	456	319	288
Telephone lines per 1 000 population	556	588	597
Public mobile radiotelephone subscribers per 1 000 population ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	[1 200]	[1 627]	[1 712]
Public radio paging subscribers per 1 000 population ⁽³⁾	23	17	17
Outward external telephone traffic (million minutes)	4 937	7 657	7 122
Number of licensed Internet service providers (ISPs)	188	169	164
Number of customers of the licensed Internet service providers (ISPs)			
Registered customer accounts with dial-up access ⁽⁴⁾ ('000)	1 004	955	963
Registered broadband Internet access customer accounts ('000)	1 484	1 948	2 023
Internet traffic volume			
Customer access via public switched telephone networks ⁽⁵⁾ (million minutes)	1 897	305	241
Customer access via broadband networks (terabits)	2 949 652	10 312 632	10 476 524

Notes: Unless otherwise specified, figures for 2004 and 2008 are as at end of the year, whereas those for 2009 are as at the end of November.

(1) Figures include Internet Protocol (IP) telephony services.

(2) Excluding pre-paid SIM cards. Figures including pre-paid SIM cards are presented in square brackets.

(3) Figures for 2009 are as at the end of October.

(4) Excluding Internet pre-paid calling cards.

(5) Excluding customer access via leased circuits.

General Notes

1. Figures in brackets refer to percentage changes over the same period in preceding year and are calculated based on unrounded figures.
2. There may be a slight discrepancy between the sum of individual items and the total as shown in the tables owing to rounding.

Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout the booklet :

- # Provisional figures/estimates
- @ Figures are subject to revision later on
- * Revised figures
- Not applicable
- N.A. Not yet available