

Observatório da Emigração

Hong Kong

Annual Series

A.1 Foreign-born population, 1991-2017

Years	Total Population		Foreign-born					
			All foreign-born			Born in Portugal		
	N	Change in	N	As a % of total population	Change in	N	As a % of total population	As a % of all foreign-born
2017	7,364,883	0.4	2,838,665	38.6	-1.6	110	0.0	0.0
2016	7,336,585	1.3	2,885,092	39.3	1.6	..	..	..
2015	7,245,701	2.5	2,838,665	39.2	1.6	109	0.0	0.0
2011	7,071,576	0.7	2,793,450	39.5	0.5	..	..	..
2010	7,025,221	2.4	2,779,950	39.6	2.0	107	0.0	0.0
2006	6,864,346	0.5	2,725,502	39.7	0.2	105	0.0	0.0
2005	6,827,761	1.8	2,721,235	39.9	0.7	98	0.0	0.0
2001	6,708,389	0.7	2,703,495	40.3	1.3	119	0.0	0.0
2000	6,663,654	7.2	2,669,122	40.1	8.1	90	0.0	0.0
1996	6,217,556	12.6	2,468,224	39.7	11.0	248	0.0	0.0
1991	5,522,281	..	2,222,684	40.2	..	107	0.0	0.0

Nota:

Under the provisions on the application of the Chinese nationality law, which entered into force in 1997, residents of Hong Kong or mainland China with Chinese descent, even if holders of a British (or Portuguese) passport after the transfer of sovereignty Of Macao), were, as a rule, considered Chinese citizens. For purposes of comparability, the Census and Statistics Department estimated the numbers for 1991 and 1996, if these provisions were in force at the time, and recorded the amounts of 282,707 and 529,372 foreigners (i.e. non-Chinese), respectively. This revision was not carried out for residents of Portuguese nationality, so that the significant drop in their number between 1996 and 2001 could be explained, in large part, by the change of status before the law of Chinese nationality of a large number of bearers of a Portuguese Passport. Although Hong Kong is not considered a country, it is currently a "Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China" (under British administration until June 30th, 1997); for the variable born abroad, we considered who was born outside the territory of Hong Kong; the number of foreigners corresponds, in pre-1997 years, to the number of non-British citizens, according to the status they had at that time; after 1997, the number of foreigners submitted refers to the number of non-Chinese citizens.

Fonte:

Census and Statistics Department – The Government of Hong Kong Administrative Region (nascidos em Portugal e nacionalidade portuguesa, informação concedida mediante pedido), Hong Kong 1991 population census: main report (1991), Hong Kong 2011 main tables, demographic carecteristics, Population by Place of Birth, 2001, 2006 and 2011 (A106) and Population by Nationality, 2001, 2006 and 2011 (A105); United Nations Statistics Division (estimates).

A.2 Foreign population, 1991-2017

Years	Total Population		All foreign-born					
			All foreign-born			Foreigners with Portuguese citizenship		
	N	Change in	N	As a % of total population	Change in	N	As a % of total population	As a % of all foreigners
2017	7,364,883	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016	7,336,585	1.3	568,395	7.8	..	328	0.0	0.0
2015	7,245,701	2.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011	7,071,576	0.7	485,000	6.9	..	538	0.0	0.0
2010	7,025,221	2.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
2006	6,864,346	0.5	404,073	5.9	..	569	0.0	0.0
2005	6,827,761	1.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
2001	6,708,389	0.7	369,627	5.5	..	347	0.0	0.0
2000	6,663,654	7.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
1996	6,217,556	12.6	..	..	..	20,738	0.3	0.8
1991	5,522,281	..	2,159,335	39.1	..	18,488	0.3	0.8

Nota:

Under the provisions on the application of the Chinese nationality law, which entered into force in 1997, residents of Hong Kong or mainland China with Chinese descent, even

if holders of a British (or Portuguese) passport after the transfer of sovereignty Of Macao), were, as a rule, considered Chinese citizens. For purposes of comparability, the Census and Statistics Department estimated the numbers for 1991 and 1996, if these provisions were in force at the time, and recorded the amounts of 282,707 and 529,372 foreigners (i.e. non-Chinese), respectively. This revision was not carried out for residents of Portuguese nationality, so that the significant drop in their number between 1996 and 2001 could be explained, in large part, by the change of status before the law of Chinese nationality of a large number of bearers of a Portuguese Passport. Although Hong Kong is not considered a country, it is currently a "Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China" (under British administration until June 30th, 1997); for the variable born abroad, we considered who was born outside the territory of Hong Kong; the number of foreigners corresponds, in pre-1997 years, to the number of non-British citizens, according to the status they had at that time; after 1997, the number of foreigners submitted refers to the number of non-Chinese citizens.

Fonte:

Census and Statistics Department – The Government of Hong Kong Administrative Region (nascidos em Portugal e nacionalidade portuguesa, informação concedida mediante pedido), [Hong Kong 1991 population census: main report](#) (1991), [Hong Kong 2011 main tables](#), demographic carecteristics, [Population by Place of Birth, 2001, 2006 and 2011 \(A106\)](#) and [Population by Nationality, 2001, 2006 and 2011 \(A105\)](#); [United Nations Statistics Division](#) (estimates).

A.4 Foreign inflows, 2006-2017

Years	Total inflows		Portuguese inflows		
	N	Change in	N	As a % of total population	Change in
2017	39,952	11.0	181	0.5	98.9
2016	35,997	4.6	91	0.3	3.4
2015	34,403	8.6	88	0.3	-3.3
2014	31,676	11.6	91	0.3	30.0
2013	28,380	-0.9	70	0.2	11.1
2012	28,625	-6.3	63	0.2	-18.2
2011	30,557	13.7	77	0.3	18.5
2010	26,881	17.8	65	0.2	..
2009	22,815	-13.4	..	..	..
2008	26,344	16.4	..	..	..
2007	22,636	7.4	..	..	..
2006	21,080	..	..	..	..

Nota:

Data correspondent to the number of working visas granted to foreigners by the Immigration Department during the fiscal year ended on March 31st of the (civil) year, indicated and inniciated on April 1st of the precious year.

Fonte:

Immigration Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; [Annual Report 2007-2008](#) (data from 2006, 2007 and 2008), [Annual Report 2008-09](#) (data from 2009), (accessed in 13/10/2011). From 2010 onwards information granted upor request.

A.5 Acquisition of citizenship of the destination country, 2008-2010

Years	Acquisition of citizenship by all foreigners		Acquisition of citizenship by Portuguese	
	N	Change in	As a % of total population	Change in
2010	1,278	-14.5	..	..
2009	1,495	-6.0	..	..
2008	1,591	..	..	..

Nota:

Data correspondent to the number of applications for naturalization and (Chinese) nationality received (not necessarily granted) by the Immigration Department during the fiscal year ending on March 31st of the (civil) year indicated and inniciated on April 1st of the precious year.

Fonte:

Immigration Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; "Naturalisation, Renunciation or Restoration of Chinese Nationality" in [Annual Report 2007-2008](#) (data from 2008), in [Annual Report 2008-09](#) (data from 2009) and in [Annual Report 2009-2010](#) (data from 2010) (accessed in 13/10/2011).

Data

United Nations, DESA, Population Division: international migrant stock (the 2015 revision)

Resources