Every day, about 10.6 million passenger journeys are made on a public transport system which includes railways, trams, buses, minibuses, taxis and ferries in 2021.

There are about 373 licensed vehicles for every kilometre of road, and the topography makes it increasingly difficult to provide additional road capacity in the heavily built-up areas.

**Buses and Minibuses:** By end December 2021, the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) operates 361 bus routes in Kowloon and the New Territories and 68 cross-harbour routes. Fares range from $3.5 to $14.2 for urban routes, from $2.2 to $50.5 for the New Territories routes and from $9.5 to $42.0 for the cross-harbour routes.

With a fleet of 4,001 licensed air-conditioned buses, mostly double-deckers, KMB is one of the largest road passenger transport operators in the southeast Asia. The total fleet carries an average of about 2.44 million passengers a day.

The New World First Bus Services Limited operates 47 Hong Kong Island routes, 33 cross-harbour routes and 14 routes serving Kowloon and Tseung Kwan O, and carries an average of 401,500 passengers daily by a fleet of 688 licensed air-conditioned buses. Fares range from $3.7 to $14.1 for Hong Kong Island routes, $3.9 to $16.9 for Kowloon routes and 39 cross-harbour routes.

Citybus Limited operates 82 bus routes in Kowloon and 36 bus routes in the New Territories, with a total length of about 271 km. The MTR system consists of two patronised railway networks. By May 2022, the network has a total length of about 271 km. The MTR system consists of 698 double-deckers, KMB is one of the largest road passenger transport operators in the southeast Asia.

**Taxis:** The 15,250 urban taxis (red), 2,838 New Territories taxis (green) and 75 Lantau taxis (blue) carry about 760,000 passengers daily. Urban taxis operate throughout Hong Kong except in parts of the New Territories. Lantau taxis operate only on Lantau Island and in Chek Lap Kok. All taxis are allowed to provide services at the passenger terminals of Hong Kong International Airport, the Public Transport Interchange at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) (Hong Kong Port) and Hong Kong Disneyland.

Taxi fare scales are stipulated in the law. Urban taxis charge $24 for the first two kilometres or any part thereof. The incremental charge for every subsequent 200 metres or part thereof and for every waiting period of one minute or part thereof is $1.7 until the amount reaches $83.5, and $1.2 after the amount has reached $83.5. New Territories taxis charge $20.5 for the first two kilometres or any part thereof. The incremental charge for every subsequent 200 metres or part thereof and for every waiting period of one minute or part thereof is $1.5 until the amount reaches $65.5, and $1.2 after the amount has reached $65.5. Lantau taxis charge $19 for the first two kilometres or any part thereof. The incremental charge for every subsequent 200 metres or part thereof and for every waiting period of one minute or part thereof is $1.5 until the amount reaches $154, and $1.4 after the amount has reached $154.

**Rail Systems:** Mass Transit Railway (MTR) is a heavily patronised railway network. By May 2022, the network has a total length of about 271 km. The MTR system consists of 135 licensed air-conditioned buses.

The bus companies are continuously encouraged to fit their fleet with environmental-friendly engines.
The Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry Limited, Discovery Bay Transportation Services Limited, Park Island Transport Company Limited and some other operators run other cross-harbour and outlying island passenger ferry services. In 2021, local ferry services carry about 97,270 passengers daily. In addition to passenger ferry services, there are two vehicular ferry routes for dangerous goods vehicles.

Private Transport: There are 581,012 licensed private cars, accounting for 70 per cent of all vehicles as at end December 2021.

Parking: By end December 2021, the Transport Department (TD) manages about 4,000 parking spaces for private cars/vans and 600 parking spaces for motorcycles in 10 government multi-storey car parks. Together with an open-air car park for coaches, these parking facilities are managed by two private operators. There is an estimate of some 736,000 additional off-street parking spaces, of which about 199,000 are for public use and about 537,000 are designated for private use in commercial, residential and industrial premises.

If traffic situation permits, the TD would provide on-street parking spaces at appropriate locations to address the demand. To deter prolonged occupation, on-street parking spaces are metered in areas with limited spaces and high demand. Currently, there are about 35,700 on-street parking spaces, among which about 17,300 are non-metered and about 18,400 are metered. Metered time mostly falls between 8am and midnight from Mondays to Saturdays and between 10am and 10pm on Sundays and public holidays.

Road Tunnels: There are 22 road tunnels, including three immersed-tube cross-harbour tunnels. The Government owns 19 road tunnels and the other three are private tunnels. The Lion Rock Tunnel, opened in November 1967, provides a link from north Kowloon to Sha Tin. It is used by around 89,600 vehicles daily. The toll is $8.

The Aberdeen Tunnel was opened in March 1982. It is used by around 60,800 vehicles daily. The toll is $5.

The toll-free Kai Tak Tunnel, opened in June 1982, runs beneath the runway of the former Kai Tak Airport linking the central area of Kowloon with Kwan Tong and is used by around 53,000 vehicles per day.

The Shing Mun Tunnels, opened in April 1990, link up Tsuen Wan to Sha Tin. They are used by around 52,400 vehicles each day. The toll is $5.

The Tseung Kwan O Tunnel, opened in November 1990, provides a road link between Kwan Tong and Tseung Kwan O New Town. On average, around 96,200 vehicles per day use the tunnel. The toll is $3.

The dual three-lane 1.6-kilometre long Cheung Tsing Tunnel, which is within the Tsing Ma Control Area, forms part of Route 3 and links northwest New Territories and Lantau with West Kowloon. It is toll-free.

The Cross-Harbour Tunnel, opened in August 1972, is used by around 107,500 vehicles daily. Upon the expiry of the franchise on August 31, 1999, the tunnel has been vested in the Government. Tolls range from $8 to $30.

The Eastern Harbour Crossing, opened in September 1989, is used by around 79,400 vehicles daily. Upon the expiry
of the franchise on August 7, 2016, the tunnel has been vested in the Government. Tolls range from $13 to $75. The Tate’s Cairn Tunnel, opened in June 1991, is used by around 61 600 vehicles daily. Upon the expiry of the franchise on July 11, 2018, the tunnel has been vested in the Government. Tolls range from $15 to $35.

The Western Harbour Crossing, opened in April 1997, is operated by the Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited. It is used by around 57 200 vehicles daily. Tolls range from $150 to $770. The tunnel company offers concessionary tolls and the actual tolls range from $25 to $200.

The Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road is operated by the Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited. Opened in May 1998, it is used by around 45 400 vehicles daily. Tolls range from $95 to $315. The tunnel company offers concessionary tolls and the actual tolls range from $24 to $183.

The Discovery Bay Tunnel Link, opened in May 2000, is operated by the Discovery Bay Road Tunnel Company Limited. It is used by around 2 500 vehicles daily with tolls ranging from $50 to $250.

The Tai Wai Tunnel, Sha Tin Heights Tunnel, Eagle’s Nest Tunnel and Nam Wan Tunnel, which are within the Tsing Sha Control Area, form part of Route 8 and link Sha Tin with Tsing Yi. Opened in March 2008, the Tai Wai Tunnel, Sha Tin Heights Tunnel and Eagle’s Nest Tunnel are used by around 60 700 vehicles daily. The toll is $8. The Nam Wan Tunnel, opened in December 2009, is toll-free.

The Scenic Hill Tunnel forms part of the HZMB Hong Kong Link Road, while the Airport Tunnel forms part of the road connecting the HZMB (Hong Kong Port) with the Hong Kong International Airport. These two tunnels were both opened in October 2018 and are toll-free.

The Central-Wan Chai Bypass Tunnel connects the Connaught Road Central Elevated Road in Central with the Island Eastern Corridor in North Point. It was fully opened in February 2019 and is toll-free.

The Lung Shan Tunnel connects Fanling and Sha Tau Kok Road Interchange, while the Cheung Shan Tunnel connects Sha Tau Kok Road Interchange and Ta Kwu Ling. They both form part of the Heung Yuen Wai Highway. They were opened in May 2019 and are toll-free.

The Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Tunnel connects Tuen Mun Area 40 with HZMB (Hong Kong Port). It was opened in December 2020 and is toll-free.

Central to Mid-Levels Escalator and Walkway System:

Open in 1993, the system consists of covered walkways, 16 reversible one-way escalators and three reversible one-way travelators. It starts at Queen’s Road Central, passes through narrow streets in Central and ends at Conduit Road. Managed by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, the system is used by about 78 000 people daily.

Tsing Ma Control Area:

Opened in May 1997, it covers a key section of the highway route to northwest Lantau, Ma Wan, the Hong Kong International Airport and the HZMB (Hong Kong Port). It comprises a 21-kilometre expressway network including Tsing Kwai Highway, Cheung Tsing Tunnel, Cheung Tsing Highway, Northwest Tsing Yi Interchange, Ting Kau Bridge, Tsing Yi North Coastal Road, Lantau Link (which comprises Tsing Ma and Kap Shui Mun bridges), Ma Wan Road and North Lantau Highway (up to Sunny Bay Interchange). On average, the Lantau Link is used by around 48 500 vehicles daily. The Government waived the tolls of the Lantau Link from December 2020 in tandem with the commissioning of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Tunnel.

Cross-boundary Traffic: There are four rail boundary crossings connecting Hong Kong and the Mainland, namely the Lo Wu, the Lok Ma Chau Spur Line Note 3, the Hung Hom Station and the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station Crossings. 

Apart from rail boundary crossings, there are six road boundary crossings connecting Hong Kong and the Mainland, namely Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok, Shenzhen Bay, HZMB (Hong Kong Port) and Heung Yuen Wai road boundary crossings. Heung Yuen Wai Note 3 is the sixth road boundary crossing which cargo clearance facilities have commenced operation since August 26, 2020. The commencement of the passenger clearance services will be subject to the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021 Note 1, the total numbers of cross-boundary travellers using the Shenzhen Bay and HZMB (Hong Kong Port) crossings are about 840 000 and 120 000 respectively.

As affected by the pandemic, the total number of cross-boundary travellers and vehicles using the above boundary crossings dropped significantly as compared with the period prior to the epidemic. By end December 2021, the total number of cross-boundary travellers using the above crossings was about 990 000, among which 120 000 passengers used shuttle buses at HZMB (Hong Kong Port), 60 000 passengers used other cross-boundary passengers vehicles and 780 000 cross-boundary passengers used other local public transport services to/from boundary crossings. For cross-boundary vehicular traffic, the total number of vehicular trips recorded at Lok Ma Chau, Man Kam To, Sha Tau Kok, Shenzhen Bay, Heung Yuen Wai and HZMB (Hong Kong Port) crossings are 1.86 million, 810 000, 250 000, 2.53 million, 510 000 and 150 000 respectively, amounting to about 6.12 million vehicular trips in total.

Note 1: As affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, passenger clearance services at various land boundary crossings have been adjusted as follows (as at the end of December 2021):

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Note 2: The average daily patronage of public transport are calculated based on calendar days in 2021, not operation days.

Note 3: Heung Yuen Wai, Lo Wu and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line boundary control points were temporarily opened on December 19, 2021 to serve as polling stations for 2021 Legislative Council General Election.