

Update 5: Hong Kong - Unemployment Rate Reaches 10-Year Due to COVID-19 Pandemic; Restrictions Extended

- Hong Kong's unemployment rate increased to 5.2% in April, highest in over a decade due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Underemployment rate hit 3.1%, highest in more than 15 years, from 2.1% in previous three-months
- Year-on-year declines in total employment and labour force increased to 5.4% and 3.0%, respectively
- Total employment fell by approximately 62,600 to 3.657 million in February-April period
- On May 19, country extended restriction on public gatherings for another two weeks
- Public group gatherings will be limited to eight people
- As of now, Hong Kong reported 1,056 confirmed COVID-19 cases and four deaths
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Department of Health (<https://www.dh.gov.hk/eindex.html>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Hong Kong

Source(s)

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-hongkong/hong-kong-extends-coronavirus-group-restrictions-tiananmen-vigil-at-risk-idUSKBN22V17N?il=0>

<https://www.republicworld.com/world-news/rest-of-the-world-news/hong-kong-may-extend-its-social-distancing-measures-for-two-more-weeks.html>

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Targets Affected:

Hong Kong

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Negative Impact on Economy](#)' and 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

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Update 1: Hong Kong - Extends COVID-19 Restrictions Until May 7, 2020; Reports Unemployment Rate of 4.2%, Highest in More Than Nine Years

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Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
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Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
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