



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President XI Jinping (since 14 March 2013)

### Head of Government

Premier LI Keqiang (since 16 March 2013)

### Government Type

communist state

### Capital

Beijing

### Legislature

unicameral National People's Congress or Quanguo Renmin Daibiao Dahui (2,987 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme People's Court (consists of over 340 judges)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador CUI Tiankai (since 3 April 2013)

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Terry BRANSTAD (since 12 July 2017)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 9,596,960 sq km

Land: 9,326,410 sq km

Water: 270,550 sq km

### Climate

extremely diverse; tropical in south to subarctic in north

### Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, petroleum, natural gas, mercury, tin, tungsten, antimony, manganese, molybdenum, vanadium, magnetite, aluminum, lead, zinc, rare earth elements, uranium, world's greatest hydropower potential, arable land

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

1.38 billion (July 2017 est.)

### Population Growth

0.41% (2017 est.)

### Ethnicity

Han Chinese 91.6%, Zhuang 1.3%, other (includes Hui, Manchu, Uighur, Miao, Yi, Tujia, Tibetan, Mongol, Dong, Buyei, Yao, Bai, Korean, Hani, Li, Kazakh, Dai and other nationalities) 7.1% (2010 est.)

### Language

Standard Chinese or Mandarin (official; Putonghua, based on the Beijing dialect), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghainese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages

### Religion

Buddhist 18.2%, Christian 5.1%, Muslim 1.8%, folk religion 21.9%, Hindu < 0.1%, Jewish < 0.1%, other 0.7% (includes Daoist (Taoist)), unaffiliated 52.2% (2010 est.)

note: officially atheist

### Urbanization

urban population: 59.2% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 2.42% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

96.4% (2015 est.)

## ECONOMY

### Economy Overview

largest economy and exporter in the world, but one that continues to pursue state-directed industrial, trade, and investment policies, including state-support of key sectors

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$23.12 trillion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$16,600 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$2.157 trillion (2017 est.)

partners: US 19%, Hong Kong 12.4%, Japan 6%, South Korea 4.5% (2017)

### Imports

\$1.731 trillion (2017 est.)

partners: South Korea 9.7%, Japan 9.1%, US 8.5%, Germany 5.3%, Australia 5.1% (2017)

