



# CHINA



## INTRODUCTION

China's civilization dates from at least 1200 B.C.. From the 3rd century B.C. and for the next two millennia, China alternated between periods of unity and disunity under a succession of imperial dynasties. After World War II, the Chinese Communist Party under MAO Zedong established an autocratic socialist system.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President XI Jinping

### Head of Government

Premier LI Keqiang

### Government Type

communist party-led state

### Capital

Beijing

### Legislature

unicameral National People's Congress or Quanguo Renmin Daibiao Dahui (maximum of 3,000 seats)

## 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, hydropower potential (world's largest), arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

one of the world's top two economies; sustained growth due to export relations, its manufacturing sector, and low-wage workers; only major economy to avoid COVID-19 economic decline; recovery efforts slowing due to longstanding poverty imbalances and other institutional issues; state-sponsored economic controls

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$23.01 trillion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$16,400 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - telecommunications, iron/steel, other metals, coal, machinery, armaments, textiles/apparel, petroleum, cement, chemicals, fertilizer, consumer products, food processing

**Agricultural products** - maize, rice, vegetables, wheat, sugarcane, potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, watermelons, sweet potatoes

**Exports** \$2.732 trillion (2020 est.)

broadcasting equipment, computers, integrated circuits, office machinery and parts, telephones (2019)

**partners:** US 17%, Hong Kong 10%, Japan 6% (2019)

**Imports** \$2.363 trillion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, integrated circuits, iron, natural gas, cars, gold (2019)

**partners:** South Korea 9%, Japan 8%, Australia 7%, Germany 7%, US 7%, Taiwan 6% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

1.4 billion (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.26% (2021 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) 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

folk religion 21.9%, Buddhist 18.3%, Christian 5.2%, Muslim 2%, Hindu < 0.1%, Jewish < 0.1%, other 0.7% (includes Daoist (Taoist), unaffiliated 51.8% (2020 est.)

