

Introduction

China is a country in East Asia bordering the East China Sea, Korea Bay, and the South China Sea. Neighboring countries include 14 sovereign states. The terrain is diverse in China with mostly mountains along with deserts in the west and plains in the east. Principal rivers flow west to east including the Yangtze and Huang He rivers. The government system is a communist state; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the premier. China has a market-based system, changed from a centrally planned system in the 1970s. China is a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA).



Location: Eastern Asia

Capital City: Beijing (+8 GMT)

Chief of State: President Xi Jinping

Head of Govt.: Premier Li Qiang

Currency: Yuan (CNY)

Major Languages: <p>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 (see Ethnic groups entry); note - Zhuang is official in Guangxi Zhuang, Yue is official in Guangdong, Mongolian is official in Nei Mongol, Uyghur is official in Xinjiang Uyghur, Kyrgyz is official in Xinjiang Uyghur, and Tibetan is official in Xizang (Tibet)</p>

Primary Religions: <p>folk religion 21.9%, Buddhist 18.2%, Christian 5.1%, Muslim 1.8%, Hindu < 0.1%, Jewish < 0.1%, other 0.7% (includes Daoist (Taoist)), unaffiliated 52.1% (2021 est.)</p>

Calling Code: 86

Voltage: 220

Key Websites

Main Government Page: english.gov.cn

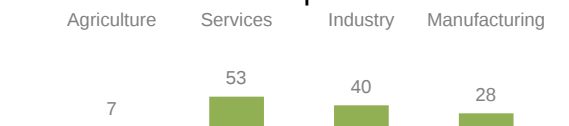
Commerce Ministry: english.mofcom.gov.cn

Investment Promotion Agency: fdi.mofcom.gov.cn

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$30,327.32 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	2.99% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$21,475.61 (2022)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$2,702,504,713,266.60 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	27.70% (2022)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	\$401.86 billion (2022)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	1.97% (2022)
Labor force, total:	781,831,676 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	4.89% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$3,137.59 billion (2022)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$3,714.25 billion (2022)

GDP Composition %



*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	65 / 178
EY Globalization Index	44 / 60
Global Competitiveness Index	28 / 141
Global Enabling Trade Index	61 / 136
Global Manufacturing Competitiveness Index (GMCI)	1 / 40
Global Services Location Index	2 / 60
Index of Economic Freedom	153 / 176
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	26 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	32 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	71 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	59 / 139
Open Budget Index	95 / 114

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: B - Political and economic uncertainties and an occasionally difficult business environment can affect corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is appreciable.

Business Climate rating: B - The business environment is mediocre. The availability and the reliability of corporate financial information vary widely. Debt collection can sometimes be difficult. The institutional framework has a few troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run appreciable risks in the unstable, largely inefficient environments rated B.

Strengths

- Public debt remains mainly domestic and denominated in local currency
- High level of FX reserves
- Large labour market
- Good level of infrastructure
- Extensive manufacturing capabilities and comprehensive supplier ecosystem
- Significant presence in emerging and developing countries through the BRI
- Dominance in global electric vehicle market

Weaknesses

- US-China strategic competition, and US sanctions on technology transfer
- Reliance on imports of key technology components
- High local government "hidden debt" levels
- High youth unemployment
- Ageing population
- High corporate and household indebtedness
- Housing market crisis
- Deteriorating private sector and consumer confidence
- Environmental issues
- Unclear political succession plans

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