

XI'AN 西安

PROVINCE: SHAANXI 陕西省

BASIC INFORMATION

Source: China City Statistical Yearbooks

	2006	2007	2008	2009
GDP (RMB bn)	147.4	176.4	219.0	272.4
GDP per capita (RMB)	18089	21339	26259	32411
FDI (US\$m)	1825.3	1439.8	1250.4	1218.7
FDI projects (number)	190	135	100	65
FAI (RMB bn)	106.7	143.5	190.6	250.0

GROUPING BY ACTIVITY	GRADE
Overall	2
Overall domestic	3
Overall export	3
R&D	1
Sales	2

GROUPING BY CATEGORY	GRADE
Air	1
Rail	2
Automotive	2
Built Environment	2
Energy	2
Education	1
Health	1
Retail	1



Insights

- Provincial capital of Shaanxi Province
- 48 colleges and universities. Strong in ICT and engineering R&D capability
- China's 3G and Wireless standards were developed in Xi'an
- 80 per cent increase in GDP per capita in 2006-09

Key Industries

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- ICT
- Tourism

High-tech industries play an important role in the city's economy, accounting for almost 50 per cent of industrial output. This is split between ICT, automotive and aerospace. Xi'an is the most developed engineering centre of north-west China.

The service sector, accounting for 54 per cent of GDP, is one of the highest rates in China. Outsourcing and tourism are major contributors to this.

Xi'an was one of the first service-outsourcing cities in China. There are currently over 800 enterprises engaged in software and service outsourcing. There are plans to build a designated Software Town by 2015.

Foreign Direct Investment

Foreign investors include:

- Rolls-Royce
- Siemens
- Oracle
- BP
- Philips
- Coca-Cola
- Fujitsu
- NEC
- HSBC
- Associated British Foods
- Burberry

Opportunities

The following are projects which the city government is promoting in the next five years.

- Completion of Terminal 3 at Xi'an Xianyang Airport, expanding direct international services, including to Europe
- Redevelopment of three and construction of six water processing plants
- Redevelopment of four and construction of five water treatment plants
- Construction of four new hospitals
- Completion of the Xi'an-Yanan railway and plans to build Xi'an-Yinchuan (Ningxia Province) and Xi'an-Lintong lines
- Completion of Xuzhou-Lanzhou High-Speed Rail with extension to Urumqi
- Two new metro lines to be in operation by 2015, increasing the length of the city's metro system to 95km

Projections

Xi'an is part of China's major east-west transport route extending to the western provinces of Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia and Xinjiang. In the last five years, infrastructure has been upgraded to improve transport and logistics and Xi'an is now the largest hub on the new Europe-Asia land routes.

The Xi'an-Xiangyang New District has been recently announced. This aims to be China's fourth state-level new district, after Pudong New Area in Shanghai, Binhai New Area in Tianjin and Liangjiang New Area in Chongqing.

Useful Contacts

UK Support

UK Trade & Investment:
www.ukti.gov.uk

British Embassy Beijing:
www.ukinchina.fco.gov.uk

China-Britain Business Council:
www.cbbc.org

British Chamber of Commerce in China:
www.britcham.org

Local Government

Xi'an City Government:
www.xags.gov.cn

Xi'an Administration of Industry and Commerce:
www.xags.gov.cn

Xi'an Economic Council:
www.xaec.gov.cn

Development Zones

Xi'an Economic and Technological Development Zone/Xi'an Export Processing Zone:
www.xepz.com

Xi'an Hi-Tech Industries Development Zone:
www.xdz.com