

## BASIC INFORMATION Source: China City Statistical Yearbooks

	2006	2007	2008	2009
GDP (RMB bn)	330.1	385.9	442.0	499.2
GDP per capita (RMB)	72489	83923	95460	107365
FDI (US\$m)	3280.5	5740.9	3166.5	3203.1
FDI projects (number)	759	496	282	271
FAI (RMB bn)	147.5	167.4	187.7	238.8

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

GROUPING BY CATEGORY	GRADE
Air	2
Rail	3
Automotive	2
Built Environment	1
Energy	3
Education	3
Health	2
Retail	2



## Insights

- The second-largest city of Jiangsu Province
- Forms urban cluster with Suzhou and Changzhou (Su-Xi-Chang)
- Target city for relocation by many Shanghai-based manufacturers

## Key Industries

- Heavy industry
- Machinery
- Petrochemical
- Electronics
- Textiles and garments

Together with Suzhou and Changzhou, the “Su-Xi-Chang Area”, Wuxi forms the most advanced economic and industrial region in Jiangsu. Wuxi is 20 miles from Suzhou to the south-east and Changzhou to the north-west, as well as only 50 miles from Shanghai.

Private enterprises are major contributors to the city’s economic growth, accounting for 60 per cent of value-added output and employing 1.9 million people.

The city is dominated by heavy industries, but these are, compared with most regional cities, at the higher end of the value chain.

New energy is an important and supported sector, with the largest sub-sector being solar PV.

## Foreign Direct Investment

Foreign investors include:

- AstraZeneca
- Invensys
- Shell
- Siemens
- LG
- Agfa
- B&Q
- PwC
- Burberry

## Opportunities

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

- Completion of Sunan International Airport
- Improvement of sewage treatment to 98 per cent of emissions
- Development of secondary use of industrial water to 80 per cent
- Proposals to increase green coverage to 45 per cent of developed areas
- Promotion of low-carbon technologies and adoption of solar, wind and biomass power
- Development of preferential policies to encourage private and foreign investment in the health sector

## Projections

Investments in ICT, bio-pharmaceuticals, fine chemicals and precision engineering are all encouraged in Wuxi. These industries will add to the mix of all enterprises in Wuxi which have a good reputation for quality and innovation.

As with some other Jiangsu cities, Wuxi’s economy is likely to benefit from the expansion and relocation of companies from other higher-cost cities in the Yangtze River Delta.

## Useful Contacts

### UK Support

**UK Trade & Investment:**  
[www.ukti.gov.uk](http://www.ukti.gov.uk)

**British Embassy Beijing:**  
[www.ukinchina.fco.gov.uk](http://www.ukinchina.fco.gov.uk)

**China-Britain Business Council:**  
[www.cbcc.org](http://www.cbcc.org)

**British Chamber of Commerce in China:**  
[www.britcham.org](http://www.britcham.org)

### Local Government

**Wuxi City Government:**  
[www.wuxi.gov.cn](http://www.wuxi.gov.cn)

**Wuxi Administration of Industry and Commerce:**  
[www.wxgsj.gov.cn](http://www.wxgsj.gov.cn)

**Wuxi Bureau of Commerce:**  
[mofcom.wuxi.gov.cn](http://mofcom.wuxi.gov.cn)

### Development Zones

**Wuxi New District/Wuxi Export Processing Zone**  
[www.wnd.gov.cn](http://www.wnd.gov.cn)