

BASIC INFORMATION		Source: China City Statistical Yearbooks			
	2006	2007	2008	2009	
GDP (RMB bn)	435.9	505.0	635.4	752.2	
GDP per capita (RMB)	41163	46122	55473	70452	
FDI (US\$m)	8111.6	11518.6	7419.8	9019.9	
FDI projects (number)	1050	906	691	596	
FAI (RMB bn)	185.0	238.9	340.4	500.6	

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

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



Insights

- Tianjin's position as the economic centre of the Bohai rim is supported by preferential policies, including the establishment of a free-trade zone and pilot reforms in the financial sector, within the Binhai New Area.
- Provincial-level municipality under direct control of the central government

Key Industries

- ICT
- Metallurgical process
- Petrochemicals
- Machinery
- Automotive
- Pharmaceuticals
- Financial services

Tianjin's industrial development owes much to the rapid growth of hi-tech, industry, particularly electronics and information technology.

Several domestic companies have become very competitive in hi-tech but investment from overseas enterprises has made the biggest impact on recent growth in this area.

The service sector has developed very rapidly, with wholesale and retail, logistics, finance and real estate being the largest sub sectors.

Emerging industrial sectors include automotive, petrochemical, pharmaceuticals and energy (wind power). Vestas has six production facilities in Tianjin.

Foreign Direct Investment

- Airbus
- Caterpillar
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Volkswagen
- Continental
- IBM
- Exxon Mobil
- Standard Chartered
- HSBC
- PwC
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Standard Life
- Burberry
- Unilever
- Tesco

Opportunities

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

- Expansion of Binhai Airport to make it north China's air logistics hub
- Development of public traffic network, with high-speed rail, intercity rail and metro
- Construction of five metro lines
- Construction of South-to-North water conservancy project
- Construction of 60 new water-treatment plants

Projections

The financial services, hi-tech and energy industries have all grown rapidly in the last few years. There are now opportunities for further R&D operations to establish themselves in the city.

Useful Contacts

UK Support

UK Trade & Investment:

www.ukti.gov.uk

British Embassy Beijing:

www.ukinchina.fco.gov.uk

China-Britain Business Council:

www.cbcc.org

British Chamber of Commerce in China:

www.britcham.org

Local Government

Tianjin Municipal Government:

www.tj.gov.cn

Tianjin Administration of Industry and Commerce:

www.tjaic.gov.cn

Tianjin Foreign Service Company:

www.tjwf.com

Development Zones

Tianjin Binhai New Area:

www.bh.gov.cn

Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area (TEDA):

<http://en.investteda.org/>