

Chinese Statistics: Classification Systems and Data Sources

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Appendix C

Data Sources

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1. Selected statistical yearbooks published by the National Bureau of Statistics

The NBS publishes a number of statistical yearbooks on specialized topics. A list of such yearbooks follows below, with all dates, here and below, referring to the date in the title of the book (which may not be the publication date, but often is), and XXXX/YYYY in this section referring to one yearbook with a period XXXX through YYYY in the title.¹ Those statistical yearbooks that are referenced in the article with an abbreviated title are included in the list below as well as in the bibliography at the end of the article.

- *China Agricultural Product Price Survey Yearbook (Zhongguo nongchanpin jiage diaocha nianjian)*; published annually since 2004.
- *China and Urban Living and Price Yearbook (Zhongguo ji chengshi (zhen) shenghuo yu wujia nianjian)*; published annually since 2006, bilingual. Successor to the *China Price and Urban Citizen and Household Income/Expenditure Survey Statistical Yearbook* and to the *China Price Statistical Yearbook*.
- *China Basic Statistical Unit Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo jiben danwei tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1999.
- *China City Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo chengshi tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1985, with a combined 1993/1994 volume. Separate English volumes (*China Urban Statistics*) for each year 1985-88 (and possibly through 1990).
- *China Commodity Trade Market Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo shangpin jiaoyi shichang tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 2001, with as title of the 2003 volume *China Commodity Trade Market Yearbook (Zhongguo shangpin jiaoyi shichang nianjian)*.
- *China Construction Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo jianzhuye tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1996. The predecessor is *China Construction Statistical Material (Zhongguo jianzhuye tongji ziliao)*, published for 1952/85, 1986/87, 1988/89, and 1990/91.
- *China County [City] Social and Economic Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo xian [shi] shehui jingji tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 2000 (in 2000 labeled *Outline (gaiyao)*, rather than *Yearbook*).
- *China Energy Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo nengyuan tongji nianjian)*; issues of 1986, 1989, 1991, 1991/1996, 1997/1999, 2000/2002, and then annually since 2004, bilingual since the 1991/1996 issue.
- *China Foreign Economy Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo duiwai jingji tongji nianjian)*; issues of 1994 (with data for 1990-1993), 1996, and then annually starting 1998, bilingual. The successor is the *China Trade and Foreign Economy Statistical Yearbook*.
- *China Industrial Economy Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo gongye jingji tongji nianjian)*, here abbreviated *Industrial Yearbook*; issues of (in the title) 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and then annually since 2006.

¹ The holdings of Chinese statistical publications in libraries, from the China library at Chinese University of Hong Kong (the 'Universities Service Center') and the Library of Congress to the libraries of some of the best universities in the West, are incomplete for most publications series. Their bibliographic records of what has been published (but is not necessarily held by the particular library) differ at times, as does the recording of which issues of a series are bilingual. While I have checked the physical copies of most issues of most series, I have not been able to check every single one.

Some issues carry detailed data of two previous years (rather than only one). The predecessor is the *China Industrial Statistical Material (Zhongguo gongye jingji tongji ziliao)*, with issues of 1949/1984, 1986, and 1987.

- *China Investment in Fixed Assets Yearbook (Zhongguo guding zichan touzi tongji nianjian)*; issues of 1950/95, 1997, 1998, 1999, and then annually since 2003. The predecessor is the *China Investment in Fixed Assets Statistical Material (Zhongguo guding zichan touzi tongji ziliao)*, with issues of 1950/1985, 1986/1987, 1988/1989, and 1990/1991.
- *China Labor Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo laodong tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1991, bilingual since 1995. A 1989 and a 1990 issue are available as *China Labor and Wage Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo laodong gongzi tongji nianjian)*.
- *China Market Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo shichang tongji nianjian)*; published annually between 1993 and 2004. The successor is the *China Trade and Foreign Economy Statistical Yearbook*.
- *China Markets Yearbook (Zhongguo shichang nianjian)*; published in 1999 (1996 data), 2000 (1998 data), 2001 (2000 data), 2003 (2001 data), 2004 (2002 data), 2005 (2003 data), and 2006 (2004 data), bilingual. Discontinued with the 2006 volume. The predecessor is the *China Industrial Markets Yearbook*, bilingual; it was published in 1997 with 1995 data. The *China (Industrial) Markets Yearbook* reports NBS industry data through changing (non-NBS) outlets. The yearbook contains detailed four-digit sectoral data for selected variables on approximately 500 industrial sectors, including a list of the ten largest enterprises in each sector, and including an incomplete ownership breakdown.²
- *China Population Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo renkou tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1988, bilingual since 1996.
- *China Price and Urban Citizen and Household Income/Expenditure Survey Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo jiage ji chengzhen jumin jiating shouzhi diaocha tongji nianjian)*; published annually between 2000 and 2005; the successor is the *China and Urban Living and Price Yearbook*. The predecessor is the *China Commodity Price and Urban Citizen and Household Income/Expenditure Survey Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo wujia ji chengzhen jumin jiating shouzhi diaocha tongji nianjian)* with issues of 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999, itself preceded by the *China Urban Citizen and Household Income/Expenditure Survey Material (Zhongguo chengzhen jumin jiating shouzhi diaocha ziliao)* with issues of 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1994.
- *China Price Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo wujia tongji nianjian)*; published in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1994. The successor is the *China and Urban Living and Price Yearbook*.
- *China Real Estate Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo fangdichan tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1999, with combined volumes 2002/2003 and 2005/2006, bilingual.

² For each of the approximately 500 industrial sectors, the total values for nine variables are reported, as are the values for state-owned enterprises, collective-owned enterprises, and foreign and overseas Chinese funded enterprises. These three ownership categories are not exhaustive (the sum of the three values, for any particular variable, does not add up to the total). The ownership category “state-owned enterprises” comprises only the unreformed SOEs (or the unreformed SOEs, SOE-SOE joint enterprises, and 100 percent state-owned limited liability companies).

- *China Regional Economy Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo quyu jingji tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 2000, bilingual.
- *China Rural Household Survey Yearbook (Zhongguo nongcun zhuhu diaocha nianjian)*; published in 1992, and then annually since 2000.
- *China Rural Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo nongcun tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1985.
- *China Science and Technology Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo keji tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1991, bilingual since 1998.
- *China Trade and Foreign Economy Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo maoyi waijing tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 2006, bilingual. Successor to the *China Foreign Economy Statistical Yearbook* and to the *China Market Statistical Yearbook*.
- *Compendium of Nationwide Agricultural Product Cost and Income Material (Quanguo nongchanpin chengben shouyi ziliao huibian)*; published annually since 2002. Two summary volumes for 1953-1997 were published not by the NBS but by the *China Price Publishing House (Zhongguo wujia chubanshe)*, in 2003, with a title *Compendium of Nationwide Major Agricultural Product Cost and Income Material Since the Foundation of the Country, 1953-1997 (Jianguo yilai quanguo zhuyao nongchanpin chengben shouyi ziliao huibian 1953-1997)*.
- *International Statistical Yearbook (Guoji tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1995, bilingual since 2002.

Several statistical yearbooks were initiated in 2006. These include the bilingual *China Environment Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo huanjing tongji nianjian)*, the *Chinese Society Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo shehui tongji nianjian)*, the *Industrial Enterprise Science and Technology Activities Statistical Material (Gongye qiye keji huodong tongji ziliao)*, and the *China Tertiary Sector Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo disan chanye tongji nianjian)*. The first issue of the bilingual *China Population and Employment Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo renkou he jiuye tongji nianjian)* appeared in 2007.

2. Selected statistical yearbooks published by other central government departments

Other central government departments besides the NBS also publish statistical yearbooks. Sometimes the particular government department itself publishes the book; at other times a special “editorial committee” is set up with no explicit link to a government department. Such statistical yearbooks include:

- *China Agricultural Statistical Material (Zhongguo nongye tongji ziliao)*; published annually since 1987 by the Agriculture Ministry.
- *China Civil Affairs Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo minzheng tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1990 by the Civil Affairs Ministry.
- *China Culture and Cultural Relics Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo wenhua wenwu tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1997 by the Culture Ministry.
- *China Economic Yearbook (Zhongguo jingji nianjian)*; published annually since 1981 (by an identically named publishing company).

- *China Education Cost Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo jiaoyu jingfei tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1996 by the Education Ministry.
- *China Education Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo jiaoyu tongji nianjian)*; issues of 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991/1992, and then annually since 1998; bilingual since approximately 1989; published as *China Education Facilities Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo jiaoyu shiye tongji nianjian)* with annual issues of 1992 through 1997, bilingual. A separate volume *China Education Yearbook (Zhongguo jiaoyu nianjian)* exists with issues of 1949/1981, 1982/1984, 1985/1986, and then for every year since 1988. Published by the Education Ministry.
- *China Labor Union Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo gonghui tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1993 by the All-China Labor Federation, with a combined 1995/1996 volume, bilingual since 2000.
- *China Land and Natural Resources Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo guotu ziyuan tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 2005 by the PRC Land and Natural Resource Ministry.
- *China Rural Finance Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo nongcun jinrong tongji nianjian)*; published annually between 1991 and 1996 by the Agricultural Bank of China, with a separate compendium *China Rural Finance Statistical Yearbook 1979-1989 (Zhongguo nongcun jinrong tongji 1979-1989)*.
- *China Securities and Futures Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo zhengquan qihuo tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1996, bilingual.
- *China Tourism Statistical Yearbook (Zhongguo liuyou tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1985 by the PRC State Tourism Bureau, bilingual (at least since 1992), with supplement (Chinese only).
- *China Urban Construction Statistical Annual Report (Zhongguo chengshi jianshe tongji nianbao)*, published for 1997/1998, 1999/2000, and then annually since 2001.³ The predecessor is the *China Urban Construction Yearbook (Zhongguo chengshi jianshe nianjian)*, published for 1986/1987 and 1988/1989.
- *Local Fiscal Statistical Yearbook (Difang caizheng tongji ziliao)*; published annually by the Finance Ministry from 1993 through (at least) 2009.
- *National City and County Fiscal Material Yearbook (Quanguo dishixian caizheng tongji ziliao)*; published annually by the Finance Ministry from 1993 through (at least) 2009.
- *PRC Customs Statistical Yearbook (Zhonghua renmin gongheguo haiguan tongji nianjian)*; published annually since 1990 by the PRC Customs Administration (with the 1990 title *China Customs Statistical Yearbook, Zhongguo haiguan tongji nianjian*). Separate annual volumes in English under the title *China Customs Statistics Yearbook*.
- *TVE Yearbook (China Township [and Village] Enterprise Yearbook, Zhongguo xiangzhen qiye nianjian)*; published annually since 1989 by the Agriculture Ministry, with one compendium for 1978/1987.
- *Urban Water Supply Statistical Yearbook (Chengshi gongshui tongji nianjian)*; published in 1986, 1999, and 2006 (and perhaps for other years) by the China Urban Water Supply Association.

³ Zhou Yixing and Laurence Ma (2005, p. 276) state that this source became public in 2001 only and “has long been published for internal use” in the years before.

Statistical yearbooks are published for numerous (further) sectors of the economy, ranging from coal to cotton. They are usually published by some enterprise association of that sector or some overarching government department or conglomerate. They tend to be in Chinese only.

One example is the banking sector. Each (state-owned) commercial bank publishes its own statistical yearbook series. Early issues were stamped “internal” (*neibu*). More recent issues may no longer come with such a stamp but are often de facto internal publications; they may carry an ISBN number but not be available for sale to the public. Provincial central bank branches (now regional central bank branches) used to publish their own provincial statistical yearbooks on all commercial banking in their province/region, and these volumes are not publicly available.

3. Selected general yearbooks published by various departments

General yearbooks published by government departments or associations often contain content (including statistics) that is of potential interest to researchers.⁴ Of particular interest are the following three yearbooks:

- *China Finance Yearbook (Zhongguo jinrong nianjian)*; published annually since 1986. Separate (severely abbreviated) English editions are available as *Almanac of China's Finance and Banking* for, at least, 1991, 1995, 1996, and then for every year since 1998 (and possibly for every year since 1990).
- *China Fiscal Yearbook (Zhongguo caizheng nianjian)*; published annually since 1992 with a bilingual statistics section since 2002.
- *China Price Yearbook (Zhongguo wujia nianjian)*; published annually since 1989, with a 2001/2002 combined volume.

4. Other sources of annual data

Beyond explicitly *statistical* yearbooks and beyond general yearbooks with significant statistics sections, a wide range of “reports,” “development reports,” “blue books,” and “white books” are published annually, some of these by the NBS.⁵ The focus is on a specific theme with statistics only offered as supporting documentation.

⁴ Also see Susan Xue (2004) for a list of (non-statistical) yearbooks published by ministries and commissions.

⁵ See, for the example, the *China Rural Poverty Report (Zhongguo nongcun pinkun jiance baogao)*, published annually by the NBS since 2000.