


Hubei Province Overview

Abbreviated Name	E	
Provincial Capital	Wuhan	
Administrative Divisions	12 cities, 1 autonomous prefecture, and 64 counties	
Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee; Mayor	Li Hongzhong; Wang Guosheng	
Size	185,900 km ²	
Annual Mean Temperature	15–17°C	
Annual Precipitation	800–1,600 mm	
Official Government URL	www.hubei.gov.cn	

Note: Personnel information as of September 2014

[Economic Scale]

	Unit	2012	2013	National Ranking	Share (%)
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	100 Million RMB	22,250	24,668	9	4.3
Per Capita GDP	RMB	38,572	42,613	14	-
Value-added Industrial Output (enterprises above a designated size)	100 Million RMB	9,552	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Output	100 Million RMB	4,732	5,161	6	5.3
Total Investment in Fixed Assets	100 Million RMB	15,578	20,754	9	4.7
Fiscal Revenue	100 Million RMB	1,823	2,191	11	1.7
Fiscal Expenditure	100 Million RMB	3,760	4,372	11	3.1
Total Retail Sales of Consumer Goods	100 Million RMB	9,563	10,886	6	4.6
Foreign Currency Revenue from Inbound Tourism	Million USD	1,203	1,219	15	2.4
Export Value	Million USD	19,398	22,838	16	1.0
Import Value	Million USD	12,565	13,552	18	0.7
Export Surplus	Million USD	6,833	9,286	12	1.4
Total Import and Export Value	Million USD	31,964	36,389	17	0.9
Foreign Direct Investment Contracts	No. of contracts	271	297	N.A.	1.3
Foreign Direct Investment Contracted Amount	Million USD	3,639	4,855	N.A.	N.A.
Actual Foreign Direct Investment Amount	Million USD	5,666	6,888	15	5.9

	Unit	2012	2013	National Ranking	Share (%)
Per Capita Disposable Income: Urban	RMB	20,840	22,906	17	-
Per Capita Net Annual Income: Rural	RMB	7,852	8,867	13	-

Source: The 2014 Hubei Statistical Yearbook and the 2014 China Statistical Yearbook.

[Social Development]

	Unit	2012	2013
Registered Population (end-of-year)	10,000 People	6,165	6,171
Permanent Population (end-of-year)	10,000 People	5,779	5,799
Total Stock of Water Resources	100 million m ³	814	N.A.
Total Power Generation	100 million kWh	2,174	2,119
Electricity Consumption	100 million kWh	1,508	N.A.
Goods Transported	100 million ton-km	4,694	4,883
Passengers Transported	100 million passenger-km	1,576	1,761
Higher Education Institutions	No. of institutions	122	123
No. of People Enrolled in Higher Education	10,000 People	139	142
No. of Mobile Phone Users	10,000 People	4,554	4,417
No. of Internet Users	10,000 People	2,309	N.A.

Source: The 2014 Hubei Statistical Yearbook and the Statistical Communiqué of the 2013 National Economy and Social Development of Hubei.

[Investment Climate]

Geographical and Social Conditions	<p>Hubei Province is located in the middle reaches of the Yangtze River basin in central China. The Jiangnan Plain lies in the eastern region. The name of the province originates from the fact that the province is located north of Dongting Lake. The province borders Henan Province and Shaanxi Province to the north, Anhui Province to the east, Jiangxi Province and Hunan Province to the south, and Chongqing City to the west. The eastern part of the province contains large tracts of flat land, while the western part is mountainous or hilly.</p> <p>The area is of a subtropical monsoon climate, with long daylight hours contributing to the warmth. The granary region of the province is supported by this climate, which also brings the high precipitation.</p> <p>For sightseeing, the area is abundant in scenic sites such as mountains and lakes. Historic sites formed by historic events that occurred in the area throughout the ages are also plentiful.</p>
Resource Distribution	<p>Hubei Province boasts an abundance of phosphorus and wollastonite reserves that are some of the largest in the country. The province is also rich in reserves of iron, copper and gypsum.</p> <p>The abundant water resources from the Yangtze River and its tributary rivers are utilized through a number of infrastructures, such as the Danjiangkou Reservoir and the Three Gorges Dam.</p>
Major Industries	Agriculture (grains and cotton, etc.), fisheries (fish culturing), steel, automobiles, tourism, etc.,

Infrastructure	Railways	The area is home to railways such as the Jingguang Railway (Beijing–Guangzhou) and the Jingjiu Railway (Beijing–Hong Kong), and to high-speed railways such as the Wuguang High-speed Railway (Wuhan–Guangzhou), Shiwu High-speed Railway (Shijiazhuang–Wuhan), and the Wuxian Intercity Railway (Wuhan–Xianning). The Wuhuang Intercity Railway (Wuhan–Huangshi) opened in May 2014. The Wuhan-Xiaogan Intercity Railway is scheduled to open in 2015. The construction of other high-speed railways, the Wuhan-Xi'an High-speed Railway and the Hubei section of the passenger-dedicated Beijing-Kowloon Railway, is scheduled.
	Expressways	The area is home to the Fuyin Expressway (Fuzhou–Yinchuan) and the Huhanrong Expressway (Shanghai–Wuhan–Chengdu). The construction of the Wuhan Metropolitan Area Ring Expressway to connect Wuhan and its surrounding urban areas is scheduled to be completed in 2015, which will shorten travel time in urban areas by 40 minutes at the most. The construction of the Yuewu Expressway (Yuexi–Wuhan) and Wushen Expressway (Wuhan–Shenzhen), scheduled to open in 2015, is underway.
	Harbors	Main ports navigable by vessels of several thousand tons include Wuhan, Yichang, Huangshi, and Hanchuan. Wuhan New Port is under construction. The construction of a water transportation center for the middle reaches of the Yangtze River is planned to be completed by 2015. The plan is to allow freight handling capacity of at least 200 million tons and container handling capacity of at least 2 million TEUs at the port.
	Bridges across the Yangtze River	The ninth bridge over the Yangtze River in Hubei Province is scheduled to start operating in 2015. This bridge will be the widest out of all the Yangtze River bridges in the province.
	Airports	In addition to Wuhan Tianhe International Airport, private airports such as Enshi Xujiaping Airport, Xiangyang Liuji Airport, Yichang Sanxia Airport, and Jingzhou Shashi Airport serve the province. At Wuhan Tianhe International Airport, the construction of the second runway and the third terminal building will be finished in 2015 and 2016, respectively.
	Subways	Wuhan Metro Line 1, Line 2, and Line 4 (with first-phase construction completed) are in operation. The plan is to complete second-phase construction for Line 4 and first-phase construction for Line 3, Line 6, Line 7, and Line 8 by 2017.
Transportation and Access	Rail	It takes approximately 5 hours from Wuhan to Shanghai (by China Railway High-speed [CRH]), approximately 5 hours from Wuhan to Beijing (by CRH), and approximately 3 hours from Wuhan to Guangzhou (by CRH).
	Air	Regular services operate from Wuhan to Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka, Seoul, Hong Kong, and Macao, etc.
Major Development Zones	National Development Zones	Wuhan Linkonggang Economic and Technological Development Area Xiangyang Linkonggang Economic and Technological Development Area Huangshi Economic and Technological Development Area Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Area Jingzhou Economic and Technological Development Area Ezhou Gedian Economic and Technological Development Area Shiyan Economic and Technological Development Zone Yichang New & Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Wuhan East Lake New & Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Xiangyang New & Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Xiaogan New & Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Jingmen New & Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone

	Municipal-Level Development Zones	Wuhan Jiang'an Economic Development Zone Wuhan Jianghan Economic Development Zone Wuhan Hanyang Economic Development Zone Wuhan Qiaokou Economic Development Zone Wuhan Wuchang Economic Development Zone Wuhan Qingshan Economic Development Zone Hubei Shiyan Dongcheng Economic Development Zone Hubei Shiyan Xicheng Economic Development Zone Hubei Fangxian Industrial Park, etc.
Japanese Sister Cities/Prefectures	Fukushima Prefecture, Nagasaki Prefecture (friendly exchanges)	
Recent Topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faltec Co., Ltd. announced that it would establish a new factory in Xiangyang City in Hubei Province in October 2014 with a total investment amount of about JPY 1.5 billion, for the manufacture of automobile exterior parts made of resin and metal. 2. In August 2014, Nitori Holdings Co., Ltd. announced its decision to open its first store in China. The first store was scheduled to be opened in Wuhan City on October 1. 3. In December 2013, a French company, Renault S.A.S., and Dongfeng Motor Group officially agreed to establish a new joint venture in Wuhan City in Hubei Province. RMB 7.7556 billion was invested in order to construct a finished automobile factory with the capacity to manufacture 150,000 passenger vehicles and 150,000 engines per year. Commercial production at the factory is scheduled to start in 2016. 4. In July 2014, Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd. announced its decision to build a new factory in Xiaogan City in Hubei Province, with JPY 8 billion invested. The plan is to establish a fully owned local subsidiary in September and to start manufacturing headlights and beacon lights in July 2016. 5. A Chinese low-cost carrier, Spring Airlines, started the operation of direct flights between Wuhan Tianhe International Airport and Kansai International Airport on July 18, 2014. Four round-trip flights operate per week on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. 	

Source: The Statistical Communiqué of the 2013 National Economy and Social Development of Hubei and the HP of the Hubei Province Government, etc.(Compiled: September 2014)

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