

## Hebei Province Overview

Abbreviated Name	Ji	
Provincial Capital	Shijiazhuang	
Administrative Divisions	11 cities and 136 counties	
Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee; Mayor	Zhou Benshun; Zhang Qingwei	
Size	188,000 km <sup>2</sup>	
Annual Mean Temperature	11.9°C	
Annual Precipitation	528.3 mm	
Official Government URL	<a href="http://www.hebei.gov.cn">www.hebei.gov.cn</a>	

Note: Personnel information as of September 2014

### [Economic Scale]

	Unit	2012	2013	National	
				Ranking	Share (%)
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	100 Million RMB	26,575	28,301	6	4.5
Per Capita GDP	RMB	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	-
Value-added Industrial Output (enterprises above a designated size)	100 Million RMB	N.A.	11,711	N.A.	N.A.
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Output	100 Million RMB	5,340	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total Investment in Fixed Assets	100 Million RMB	19,661	23,194	5	5.2
Fiscal Revenue	100 Million RMB	2,084	2,294	11	1.8
Fiscal Expenditure	100 Million RMB	4,079	4,354	N.A.	4.2
Total Retail Sales of Consumer Goods	100 Million RMB	9,254	10,517	7	4.5
Foreign Currency Revenue from Inbound Tourism	Million USD	545	590	N.A.	N.A.
Export Value	Million USD	29,604	30,960	13	1.4
Import Value	Million USD	20,944	23,920	11	1.2
Export Surplus	Million USD	8,660	7,040	13	1.1
Total Import and Export Value	Million USD	50,548	54,880	13	1.3
Foreign Direct Investment Contracts	No. of contracts	196	195	N.A.	N.A.
Foreign Direct Investment Contracted Amount	Million USD	3,884	3,680	N.A.	N.A.
Actual Foreign Direct Investment Amount	Million USD	5,805	6,450	17	2.4
Per Capita Disposable Income: Urban	RMB	20,543	22,580	19	-

	Unit	2012	2013	National	Share
				Ranking	(%)
Per Capita Net Annual Income: Rural	RMB	8,081	9,102	12	-

Source: The 2013 Hebei Statistical Yearbook, the Statistical Communiqué of the People's Republic of China on the 2013 National Economic and Social Development, and the Statistical Communiqué of the 2013 National Economy and Social Development of Hebei.

### [Social Development]

	Unit	2012	2013
Registered Population (end-of-year)	10,000 People	N.A.	N.A.
Permanent Population (end-of-year)	10,000 People	7,288	7,333
Total Stock of Water Resources	100 million m <sup>3</sup>	N.A.	195
Total Power Generation	100 million kWh	2,371	2,488
Electricity Consumption	100 million kWh	N.A.	N.A.
Goods Transported	100 million ton-km	10,845	11,715
Passengers Transported	100 million passenger-km	1,369	1,435
Higher Education Institutions	No. of institutions	113	118
No. of People Enrolled in Higher Education	10,000 People	117	117
No. of Mobile Phone Users	10,000 People	N.A.	6,006
No. of Internet Users	10,000 People	N.A.	N.A.

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

### [Investment Climate]

Geographical and Social Conditions	<p>Hebei Province is situated around Beijing and Tianjin, and it faces the Bohai Sea in the East. It is called Hebei ("north of the river") because it lies north of the lower reaches of the Yellow River. In the northwest is the Bashang Plateau, which includes part of the Mongolian Plateau. In the northeast and the west are the Yanshan Mountains and the Taihang Mountains, respectively.</p> <p>The province has four seasons. Yellow sand blows in during the spring, and summer has high temperatures and heavy rain. In the winter, temperatures drop to around -15°C and snowfall is light.</p>
Resource Distribution	<p>Hebei Province ranks fifth in oil reserves and third in iron ore.</p> <p>The Yellow River Delta lies in the central and southern parts of the province. There are many rivers, but water shortages are serious.</p>
Major Industries	Steel, chemicals, spinning, agriculture (grains, cotton), etc.

Infrastructure	Railways	<p>The area is home to the Jingguang Railway (Beijing–Guangzhou), Jinghu Railway (Beijing–Shanghai), Jingjiu Railway (Beijing–Kowloon), and the Jingha Railway (Beijing–Harbin).</p> <p>Shijiazhuang is also a base for transport of coal from the west to the eastern coastal area.</p> <p>In December 2013, the Tianjin-Qinhuangdao High-speed Railway opened. In March 2014, the construction of the Hebei Province section of the passenger-dedicated Beijing-Shenyang High-speed Railway was started. Under construction are the passenger-dedicated Shiji High-speed Railway (Shijiazhuang–Jinan), Zhangjiakou-Chengde-Tangshan Railway, and the Tianjin-Baoding High-speed Railway.</p>		
	Expressways	<p>The area is home to the Zhangshi Expressway (Zhanjiakou–Shijiazhuang), Shitai Expressway (Shijiazhuang–Taiyuan), Shijiazhuang-Jinan Expressway, etc.</p> <p>In December 2013, Qingdongling Expressway, which is part of the Jingqin Expressway (Beijing–Qinhuangdao), opened. The Jingshi Expressway (Beijing–Shijiazhuang) is being expanded, and the construction is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2015.</p>		
	Ports	Qinhuangdao Port, Huanghua Port, Caofeidian Port, Tangshan Port, etc.		
	Airports	<p>The area is home to Shijiazhuang Zhengding International Airport, Handan Airport, Qinhuangdao Shanhaiguan Airport, Tangshan Sannuhe Airport, etc. The plan is to expand 4 existing civil airports and to construct new airports (Caofeidian International Airport, etc.) by the end of 2015. New flights to Seoul began in August 2014.</p>		
	Subways	<p>The first phases of Shijiazhuang Metro Lines 1 and 3 are under construction. Preparations are underway for construction of the first phase of Line 2, and construction is scheduled to begin in 2015.</p>		
Transportation and Access	Rail	<p>The trip from Shijiazhuang to Beijing is approximately 2 hours (by China Railway High-speed).</p> <p>The trip from Shijiazhuang to Shanghai is approximately 11 hours.</p>		
	Air	There are regular flights from Shijiazhuang Zhengding International Airport to Hong Kong, Seoul, etc.		
Major Development Zones	National Development Zones	<p>Cangzhou Lingang Economic and Technological Development Area Qinhuangdao Economic and Technological Development Area Caofeidian Economic and Technological Development Area Langfang Economic and Technological Development Area Shijiazhuang Economic and Technological Development Area Handan Economic and Technological Development Area Tangshan New and Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Yanjiao New and Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Shijiazhuang New and Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Baoding New and Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone Chengde New and Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone, etc.</p>		
	Provincial-Level Development Zones	<p>Shijiazhuang Luquan Economic Development Zone Hebei Zhangjiakou Economic Development Zone Hebei Gaopaidian Economic Development Zone Tangshan Haigang Economic and Technological Development Area, etc.</p>		
No. of Foreign Invested Companies	3,504 (No. of corporations; end of 2012)	No. of Japanese Invested Companies	326 (No. of corporations; end of 2011)	
Japanese Sister Cities/Prefectures	Nagano Prefecture, Tottori Prefecture			

Recent Topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In February 2014, Xi Jinping, President of the PRC, revealed plans for the joint development of Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei Province. In response, full-scale study began on building a Capital Economic Circle including Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei Province. The Capital Economic Circle will be an economic mega-region as one of the pillars for future economic growth like the Yangtze River Delta that crosses Shanghai and other provinces and the Pearl River Delta located in the central part of Guangdong Province.</li><li>2. In December 2013, the Tianjin-Qinhuangdao Expressway opened. This shortened the trip from Tianjin to Qinhuangdao to 1 hour 11 minutes.</li><li>3. In October 2013, the PRC's Ministry of Finance revealed that it would spend RMB 5 billion on countermeasures for air pollution in Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei Province, and the surrounding region. Hebei Province in particular is a priority region for assistance.</li></ol>
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Source: The 2013 Hebei Statistical Yearbook and the HP of the Hebei Province Government, etc.  
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