


Tibet Autonomous Region Overview

Abbreviated Name	Zang	
Regional Capital	Lhasa	
Administrative Divisions	1 city and 72 counties	
Secretary of the Regional Party Committee; Governor	Chen Quanguo; Luosang Jiangcun	
Size	1,202,230 km ²	
Annual Mean Temperature	-2.8–11.9°C	
Annual Precipitation	74.8–901.5 mm	
Official Government URL	www.xizang.gov.cn	

Note: Personnel information as of September 2014

[Economic Scale]

	Unit	2012	2013	National	
				Ranking	Share (%)
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	100 Million RMB	701	808	31	0.1
Per Capita GDP	RMB	22,936	26,068	28	-
Value-added Industrial Output (enterprises above a designated size)	100 Million RMB	43	46	N.A.	N.A.
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Output	100 Million RMB	118	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total Investment in Fixed Assets	100 Million RMB	710	918	31	0.2
Fiscal Revenue	100 Million RMB	97	110	31	0.1
Fiscal Expenditure	100 Million RMB	934	1,014	28	1.0
Total Retail Sales of Consumer Goods	100 Million RMB	255	293	31	0.1
Foreign Currency Revenue from Inbound Tourism	Million USD	106	128	28	0.2
Export Value	Million USD	3,355	3,269	29	0.1
Import Value	Million USD	69	50	31	0.003
Export Surplus	Million USD	3,286	3,219	18	0.5
Total Import and Export Value	Million USD	3,424	3,319	29	0.1
Foreign Direct Investment Contracts	No. of contracts	2	9	28	0.1
Foreign Direct Investment Contracted Amount	Million USD	394	102	N.A.	N.A.
Actual Foreign Direct Investment Amount	Million USD	174	101	30	0.04
Per Capita Disposable Income: Urban	RMB	18,028	20,023	27	-
Per Capita Net Annual Income: Rural	RMB	5,719	6,578	26	-

Source: The 2013 Tibet 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 Tibet.

[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	308	312
Total Stock of Water Resources	100 million m ³	4,196	N.A.
Total Power Generation	100 million kWh	26	22
Electricity Consumption	100 million kWh	28	N.A.
Goods Transported	100 million ton-km	50	N.A.
Passengers Transported	100 million passenger-km	47	N.A.
Higher Education Institutions	No. of institutions	6	6
No. of People Enrolled in Higher Education	10,000 People	3	3
No. of Mobile Phone Users	10,000 People	235	266
No. of Internet Users	10,000 People	N.A.	40

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

[Investment Climate]

Geographical and Social Conditions	<p>The Tibet Autonomous region is located in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, in the southwest part of China. The region borders the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region to the north, Sichuan Province and Qinghai Province to the east, and Yunnan Province to the south. The region also shares borders with Myanmar, India, Bhutan, and Nepal.</p> <p>The region mostly consists of plateau areas at 4,000 m above sea level, except for some areas. The region is thus called “the roof of the world.”</p> <p>The Potala Palace and Tibetan Buddhist temple ruins are registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List.</p>	
Resource Distribution	<p>The region is rich in rare metals and nonferrous metal resources. It is one of China’s largest reserves of 12 major resources, such as chromium, copper, magnesite, natural sulfur, and mica, etc. The region also produces oil and natural gas. In terms of water resources, the region is ranked high in China at the provincial level. The lake and marsh areas in the region amount to approximately 24,000 km².</p>	
Major Industries	<p>Tourism, Chinese herbal medicine, and traditional crafts</p>	
Infrastructure	Railways	<p>The area is home to the Qingzang Railway (Xining City, Qinghai Province –Lhasa), which is joined with the Lanqin Railway (Lanzhou City, Gansu Province–Xining City, Qinghai Province) at Xining City. The extension (Lhasa–Xigaze) of the Qingzang Railway opened in August 2014. The construction of the Lhasa-Nyingchi Railway started in September 2014.</p>
	Expressways	<p>Expressways consist of the Qinzang Expressway (Xining–Lhasa) and the Chendu-Lhasa Expressway, etc. The Xining-Lhasa section of the Jingzang Expressway (Beijing–Lhasa) is under construction.</p>
	Airports	<p>In addition to Lhasa Gonggar Airport, airports are located in Nyingchi Prefecture, Ngari Prefecture, Chamdo Prefecture, and Xigaze Prefecture. From April 2014, Lhasa-Golmud and Chamdo-Chongqing direct services started operating .</p>
Transportation and Access	Rail	<p>It takes approximately 24 hours from Lhasa to Xining, approximately 48 hours from Lhasa to Shanghai, and approximately 43 hours from Lhasa to Beijing.</p>
	Air	<p>There are regular connections between Lhasa Gonggar International Airport and Kathmandu.</p>

Major Development Zones	National Development Zones	Lhasa Economic and Technological Development Area	
No. of Foreign Invested Companies	245 (No. of corporations; September 2014)	No. of Japanese Invested Companies	N.A.
Japanese Sister Cities/Prefectures	N.A.		
Recent Topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In August 2014, the Lari Railway opened, connecting Lhasa with Xigaze, the capital city and second largest city of the Tibet Autonomous Region. The plan is to extend the railway from Xigaze to the west to Nyalam County, which is near the Indian border, by 2020. 2. A luxury hotel chain, Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, opened a hotel in Lhasa City on April 17, 2014. 3. The Tibet Tourism Bureau announced that the gross number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited the region in 2013 was a record high of 12.91 million, a year-on-year increase of 22%. 		

Source: The Statistical Communiqué of the 2013 National Economy and Social Development of Tibet and the HP of the Tibet Autonomous Region Government, etc.
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