

About Shanxi

Overview

Shanxi Province covers an area of 15.67km² with a total population of 37.0235 million, and administers 11 prefecture-level cities and 118 county-level administrative units.

Location and nature

Terrain	The outline of Shanxi resembles a parallelogram with southwest deflecting to the northeast, high in northeast and low in southwest. It is a typical mountain plateau widely covered by loess. The plateau features undulating terrain with various landforms such as valleys, mountains, hills, terraces and plains. and there are few mountains and rivers. The area of mountains and hills accounts for 80.1% of the total area of the province, and that of plains and valleys accounts for 19.9% of the total.
Climate	Shanxi enjoys a temperate continental monsoon climate as it is located in the inland of the mid-latitude zone. Due to the influence of solar radiation, monsoon circulation and geographical factors, Shanxi experiences four distinct seasons with synchronous rain and heat, sufficient sunshine, significant climate difference between north and south, and wide temperature difference between winter and summer and between day and night. The annual average temperature in Shanxi Province ranges from 4.2°C to 14.2°C, increasing from north to south and from basins and high mountains. The annual precipitation logs between 358mm and 621 mm, most of which occurs from June to August (accounting for about 60% of the annual precipitation), mainly due to the terrain.
Area	The province measures 682km in length from south and north and 385km in width from east to west, aggregating an area of 156,700km ² , accounting for 1.6% of the total area of China.
Mineral resources	Shanxi is rich in mineral resources with great development and utilization, taking an important position in the mineral economics of China. By the end of 2015, 120 types of minerals have been discovered, including 63 with proven reserve. Compared with the similar minerals in China, those ranking the top by reserve include coalbed methane, bauxite, refractory clay, magnesium ore, metallurgical dolomite. The top 10 with recoverable reserve including coal, coalbed methane, bauxite, iron ore, rutile and 27 other minerals.
Plant resources	Shanxi is also rich in plant resources. There are more than 2,700 kinds of vascular plants known for now, of which 463 are woody plants, and more than 1,000 kinds of wild medicinal plants, which are widely distributed in hilly mountains. By the end of 2015, the forest area was 2.824 million hectares, and the forest coverage rate was 18.0%.
Water	The Yellow River takes an area of 97,138km ² in the province, accounting for 62.2% of the

resources	total area of the province; and the Haihe River covers an area of 59,133km ² , accounting for 37.8%. The rivers in Shanxi Province are self-produced from atmospheric precipitation. Most of the rivers originate in and flow out from the province. The average annual precipitation in Shanxi Province is 508.8 mm.
Greening	By the end of 2017, the forest area was 3.211 million hectares, and the forest coverage rate was 20.5%.

Population

Population statistics	According to the sampling survey of population in 2017, the resident population of Shanxi was 37,023,500, with an increase of 207,100 from 2016.
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Economy

GDP of Shanxi	<p>Upon preliminary estimation, the GDP of Shanxi amounted to RMB1,497.35 billion (up by 7.0% YoY, calculated at comparable price.) including: (i) RMB77.79 billion from primary industry (up by 3.0 % YoY, accounting for 5.2% of the total GDP of Shanxi); (ii) RMB618.18 billion from secondary industry (up by 6.5% YoY, accounting for 41.3% of the total); and (iii) RMB801.39 billion from tertiary industry (up by 7.8% YoY, accounting for 53.5% of the total).</p> <p>The per-capita GDP was RMB40,557, equivalent to USD6,007, calculated at the annual average exchange rate in 2017.</p>
Agriculture	<p>In 2017, the crop planting area of Shanxi was 3,721,400 hectares, increasing by 600 hectares over 2016.</p> <p>In 2017, the grain output of Shanxi was 12.999 million tons, with a decrease of 186,000 tons or 1.4%.</p>
Industry	<p>In 2017, the added value of industrial above scale increased by 7.0%; that of coal industry increased by 3.6%; and that of non-coal industry increased by 9.7%.</p> <p>The industrial enterprises above scale achieved the main business income of RMB1,772.53 million (up by 25.7% YoY), including RMB1,035.96 billion from energy industry (up by 30.4% YoY), RMB434.20 billion from the material and chemical industry (up by 24.1% YoY), RMB98.82 billion from the industry of consumer goods (up by 0.1% YoY), RMB197.2 billion from equipment manufacturing (up by 22.0% YoY), and RMB6.35 billion from the other industries (up by 13.2% YoY).</p>
Fixed-asset investment	In 2017, the total fixed-asset investment of the society (new caliber, the same as below) was RMB614.09 billion (up by 6.3% YoY), including RMB572.22 billion from the fixed-asset investment (excluding trans-provincial investment and rural

	<p>households, the same as below), increasing by 6.3% YoY.</p> <p>By type of registration, domestic enterprises and self-employed businesses made an investment of RMB559.81 billion, up by 6.2% YoY; and foreign-invested enterprises from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan made an investment of RMB1.24 billion, up by 12.8% YoY.</p> <p>By sectors, the investment in the primary industry was RMB50.91 billion, up by 0.8% YoY; the investment in the secondary industry was RMB210.46 billion, up by 3.3% YoY; and the investment in the tertiary industry was RMB310.85 billion, up by 9.9% YoY.</p>
<p>Domestic & foreign trading</p>	<p>In 2017, the retail sales of social consumer goods totaled RMB691.81 billion (up by 6.8% YoY). By type of consumption, the retail sales of commodities was RMB629.15 billion (up by 6.6% YoY), and the food service income reached RMB62.65 billion (up by 8.8% YoY).</p> <p>The customs imports and exports of the province in 2017 totaled RMB116.19 billion (up by 5.6% YoY), including imports of RMB47.15 billion (up by 6.0% YoY) and exports of RMB69.03 billion (up by 5.3% YoY).</p>