**GENERAL PROFILE: CHINA**

**Population** 1 427.648 Millions  
**Exchange rate** 6.616 CNY/US$  
**GDP** 13 605 253 Millions current US$

**Land area** (n) 9 388 210 km²  
**CPI growth** 2.07 %  
**GDP growth** 6.59 %

### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

**Total merchandise trade**  
(millions of US$)  
2005 2010 2015 2018  
Merchandise exports 761 953 1 577 754 2 273 468 2 486 695  
Merchandise imports 659 953 1 396 247 1 679 564 2 135 748  
Merchandise trade balance 102 000 181 507 593 904 350 947

**Export structure by product group in 2018**  
(as % of total exports)  
- Manufactured goods 93 %  
- Other 7 %

**Merchandise exports growth rate in 2018** +9.9 %

**Top 5 partners in 2018**  
(exports, millions of US$)  
- United States of America 476 567  
- China, Hong Kong SAR 301 120  
- Japan 146 299  
- Korea, Republic of 108 585  
- Viet Nam 83 501

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

**Total trade in services**  
(millions of US$)  
2005 2010 2015 2018  
Services exports 78 469 (e) 178 339 218 634 266 841  
Services imports 83 971 (e) 193 401 435 541 525 040  
Services trade balance -5 502 (e) -15 063 -216 907 -258 199

**Services exports by main category**  
(as % of total services)  
- Transport 19.7 19.2 17.7 15.9  
- Travel 37.3 25.7 20.6 14.8  
- Other services 26.0 (e) 41.0 50.8 60.1

### TRADE INDICES

**Terms of trade index**  
**Purchasing power index of exports**

### ECONOMIC TRENDS

**Economic indicators**  
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)  
2005 2010 2015 2018  
GDP, current 2 285 960 6 100 648 11 064 687 13 605 253  
GDP per capita, current US$ 1 718 4 457 7 865 9 530  
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 11.39 10.64 6.90 6.59  
Current account balance, % of GDP 5.79 3.90 2.75 0.36  
Exchange rate (US$) 8.194 6.770 6.227 6.616

**GDP by expenditure in 2017**  
(as % of total GDP)  
- Household Consumption 38.4  
- General government final consumption expenditure 14.3  
- Gross Capital Formation 43.6  
- Exports 19.8  
- Imports 18.0

**Gross domestic product growth rate in 2018** +6.6 %
## CHINA

### FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

#### Financial flows

(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>FDI inflows</th>
<th>FDI outflows</th>
<th>Personal remittances, % of GDP</th>
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<td>72,406.00</td>
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#### Financial flows trends

(millions of US$)

![Graph showing financial flows trends](image)

### TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

#### Trade balance indicators

(as % and index)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Balance, % of GDP</th>
<th>Balance, % of imports</th>
<th>Normalized balance</th>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>5.20</td>
<td>18.31</td>
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<td>(e) 3.66</td>
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#### Trade openness

(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

![Graph showing trade openness](image)

### LABOUR FORCE

#### Labour force by gender in 2018

(as % of total labour force, all sectors)

- Male: 56%
- Female: 44%

### OTHER INDICATORS

#### Maritime transport indicators

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</th>
<th>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</th>
<th>Container port throughput (TEU)</th>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>45,157</td>
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<td>77,795</td>
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<td>84,192</td>
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#### Information economy indicators

(as % of)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</th>
<th>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</th>
<th>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</th>
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### Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2018

- 4,376 %
CHINA

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Notes:
1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.

Symbols for missing values:
0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
.. Not available or not separately reported
... Not applicable
... Not available, including no quotation
# Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Dead weight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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