

## Facts about China

**Full name:** The People's Republic of China

**Country Abbreviation:** PRC

**Capital:** Beijing

**Size:** 9,956,960 square kilometers, 4<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world

**Border Countries:** Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, India, North Korea, Nepal, Russia, Mongolia, Pakistan & Vietnam

**Population:** 1.3 billion, roughly ¼ of the world's population

**Median age:** 33.6 years

**Ethnic groups:** Han Chinese 91.9%; Zhuang, Uygur, Hui, Yi, Tibetan, Miao, Manchu, Mongol, Buyi, Korean, and other nationalities 8.1%

**Languages:** Standard Chinese or Mandarin (Putonghua, based on the Beijing dialect), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghainese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages

**Religion:** Buddhism, Daoism (Taoism), Christianity & Islam; the country formally identified itself as atheist in 2002.

**Currency:** Yuan

**Main agriculture:** rice, wheat, potatoes corn & fish

**Main industry:** ranges from toys, electronics and textiles to mining, ore processing and telecommunications equipment

**Internet Country Code:** .cn

**Emergency Phone Numbers:**

110	Police
114	Local Telephone Number Inquiry
116	Domestic Long Distance Inquiry
117	Time Inquiry
119	Fire
120	Ambulance
121	Weather Forecast
122	Traffic Police
184	Post Code Inquiry

**Electricity:** is 220 volts AC, 50Hz. Two-pin sockets and some three-pin sockets are in use.

However, most 4 to 5 star hotels are wired for the use of 110 volt appliances.

