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Hubei province in central China is located at the junction of the Yangtze River Economic Belt from east to west and the Beijing-Guangzhou Railway Economic Belt from north to south. The province is bordered by Shaanxi to the northwest, Henan to the north, Anhui to the east, Jiangxi to the southeast, Hunan to the south, and Chongqing Municipality to the west. Hubei's economy ranks 1st among the six provinces in central China and 11th in the country.

Hubei possesses strong regional advantages: it connects the east with the west and the north with the south, has strong scientific and education institutions, is rich in natural resources, offers good transport and communication infrastructures and has strong industrial bases. The province is a key base for agricultural products, energy, raw materials and equipment manufacturing in China. Often called the "land of fish and rice", Hubei is one of the key production bases for commodity grain, cotton and oil and the largest production base for fresh water products. With the opening up of the Yangtze Economic Belt and the construction of the Three Gorges Dam, Hubei has experienced rapid economic development. The soaring investment, consumption and exports have pushed the regional economy to grow at an accelerated pace in the last few years.

Facts at a Glance

- Population: 57.2 million
- Capital: Wuhan
- Area: 185,900 sq. km
- Governor: Li Hongzhong
- Major cities:
 - Wuhan (Capital)
 - Yichang
 - Xiangfan
 - Jingzhou
 - Huanggang

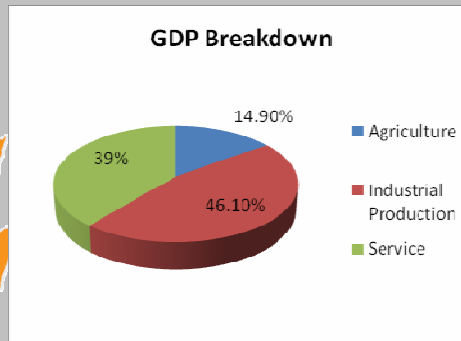
Economic Indicators

- GDP: RMB 1283.15 billion
- GDP Ranking: 12th
- GDP growth rate: 13.2%
- GDP per capita: RMB 22,677
- Disposable income (urban residents): RMB 14,367
- Total FDI used: \$3.66 billion

Major industries

- Automobiles
- Iron & Steel
- Electronics
- Food & beverage
- Textiles
- Shipbuilding
- Chemical raw materials

*Source: 2009 yearly report provided by Hubei Provincial Bureau of Statistics.



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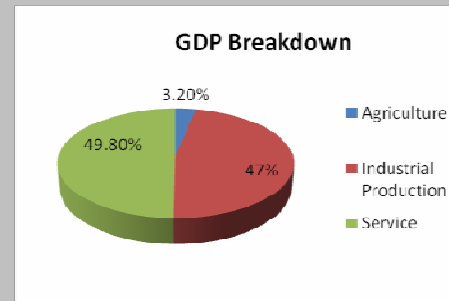
Wuhan

Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province is the most populous in central China and possesses strong economic and regional advantages. The city is the center of central China in terms of industry, finance, business, science and technology and education. The city is also an important transportation hub. Important Chinese metropolises like Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, and Xi'an, are all within a 1,000 km radius of Wuhan.

By combining traditional industries such as automotive and steel manufacturing with new hi-tech industries like pharmaceutical and optic-electronic, Wuhan is positioning itself as one of the most progressive business in China. The city is host to 35 institutions of higher education which contribute to Wuhan's classification as the center of science and technology education and innovation in central China, ranked third throughout China, after Beijing and Shanghai. The city is also home to over 350 research institutes and 400,000 technicians.

Facts at a Glance

- Population: 9.1 million
- Area: 8,494 sq. km
- Mayor: Ruan Chengfa



Economic Indicators

- GDP: RMB456.06 billion
- GDP Ranking: 13th
- GDP growth rate: 13.7%
- GDP per capita: RMB 50,116
- Disposable income (urban residents): RMB 18,385
- Total FDI used: \$2.94 billion

Major industries:

- Automobile
- Iron & steel
- Information technology
- Optic-electronic
- Biology engineering
- New material
- Pharmaceutical
- Environment

*Source: 2009 yearly report provided by Wuhan municipal Bureau of Statistics.





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