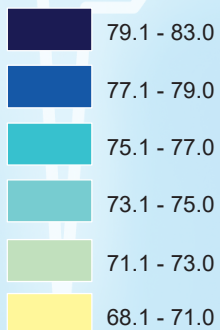


Do People in Rich Places Live Longer in China?

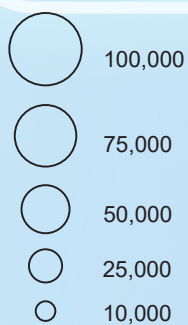
Taiwan has the highest GDP per capita among all province-level administrative divisions in China. While the two global cities, Beijing and Shanghai have the highest GDP per capita in mainland China. These three province-level administrative divisions have the longest life expectancy in China of over 79 years, which is significantly higher than all other province-level administrative divisions in China.

Generally speaking, the life expectancy in China is higher on the east coast than the western inland places. The economic development of inland province-level administrative divisions are highly restricted because they are landlocked and barren. There are not sufficient funds to improve the living conditions in these places to the same level as the east. Additionally, the climate in the west is not as good as the east in China, which may also cause the low life expectancy in these places.

Life Expectancy (Years)



GDP Per Capita (Yuan)



Coordinate System: Asia North Albers Equal Area Conic
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 Central Meridian: 95° E
 Standard Parallels: 15° N, 65° N
 Latitude of Origin: 30° N
 Scale: 1:25,000,000
 Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, www.stats.gov.cn
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250 Miles



Better economic conditions also bring more opportunities to doctors in China. Beijing has 5.2 doctors per thousand people, which is followed by Shanghai having 3.8 doctors per thousand people. Beijing has almost twice the number of doctors per thousand people than the third place, indicating that the medical condition in Beijing and Shanghai are leading in China.

In fact, the most common choice for people with serious diseases in China is to go to Beijing and Shanghai to seek cure, as they consider this as the most reliable solution.

Hong Kong SAR of China and Macao SAR of China are not represented in this map.