SPILLOVER EFFECT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL GAP IN CHINA HUANG, Bihong¹ DING, Feng²

Abstract

Infrastructure provision in backward areas has been proposed by many studies as a cure for widening income gaps in developing countries like China. However, little has been said regarding infrastructure's role as an unpaid production factor or the issue of optimal resource allocation. This paper examines the efficiency side of infrastructure provision in different Chinese provinces and its spillover effect on the non-infrastructure sector with an adapted dual-sector model. Our findings suggest that while the spillover effect on non-infrastructure sector is considerable across different Chinese regions, non-optimality of resource allocation still exists in regional attempts of developing public facilities. Keyword: Dual-sector model, Infrastructure, Regional gap, Spillover effect JEL: O11, O18

1. Introduction

In the two decades of market-oriented reforms, China has been one of the world's fastest-growing economies with per capita incomes more than quadrupling since 1978. However, China's transition to a market-based economy has created new problems, among which is the growing inequality in per capita income between coastal and interior provinces. Achieving balanced growth so as to reduce those disparities appears to be one of the major policy challenges that China is now facing in order to maintain both its current GDP growth rate and social stability.

From this perspective, enhancing the growth potential of inland provinces is necessary either directly, through appropriate economic policies, or indirectly, by facilitating growth spillovers from rapidly developing coastal regions to backward interior provinces (Chen & Fleisher, 1996; Mody & Wang, 1997; Rasier, 1998). Demurger et al. (2002) found that the respective contributions of geographical and policy factors are much larger in coastal provinces than that in central and western provinces. Demurger (2000, 2001) assesses the relationship between infrastructure development and economic growth in China following the framework of endogenous growth theory and indicates that differences in geographical location, transport infrastructure, and telecommunication facilities do account for a significant part of the observed variation in the growth performances of provinces. Fleisher and Chen (1997) use the variables of investment in human capital, transportation infrastructure, and foreign direct investment to represent infrastructure establishment. They show that rate of return to infrastructure investment tend to be lower on average in the interior than in coastal provinces, whereas the return to investment in human capital is about 20% higher in the non-coastal than in the coastal provinces.

Many research concerns have been oriented to address the possible factors that

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determine the characteristics of the interaction between infrastructure investment and aggregate production growth. Easterly and Rebelo (1993) find that infrastructure raises growth by increasing the social returns to private investment, not by promoting private investment itself. Esfahani and Schankerman (1993), develops a circular model to emphasize that infrastructure investment generates immense social benefits which depend on the initial level of market development, the number of incumbent firms, the degree of market competition, and restructuring and entry costs, as good-quality infrastructure can intensify product market competition hence generate positive welfare effect.

There has been increasing numbers of studies and debates concerning the relationship between infrastructure provision and economic growth. However, besides many virtues such as infrastructure's enhancing social returns to private investments or bringing about intensification of market competition, the tremendous benefit trickling down from infrastructure to other industrial activities has not yet received due consideration. Moreover, studies with respect to the importance of infrastructure in China, where regional development disparities have become more conspicuous, haven't provided a very detailed and persuasive picture regarding this linkage.

Our study on infrastructure construction in modern China attempts to push further the discussion of infrastructure construction in the context of developing China. The major contribution of our analysis lies in the stylized discussion on the externality of infrastructure construction as well as the possible non-optimal in resource allocation involved in the process of infrastructure development where mass volume of capital and labor is employed. A dual-sector framework is constructed which views the entire economy as consisted of two integral sectors, one producing infrastructure products and the other modeling the rest of the economy using infrastructure products as intermediate inputs. The rest of the paper goes as follows: section 2 establishes the dual-sector theoretical model, section 3 reports the empirical evidence and its interpretation, and section 4 concludes with policy recommendations.

2. The dual sector model

In the dual-sector model, we assume that the economy can be divided into two integral sectors: one produces infrastructure goods using capital and labor as input factors and the other represents the productions in the rest of the economy. Its output is also dependent on the volume infrastructure sector has produced. This effect is referred to as externality, since they are not reflected in market price. Upon this assumption, the dual-sector model can be formulated as:

$$N = F(K_{n}, L_{n}, P) \tag{1}$$

$$P = G(K_{\rm p}, L_{\rm p}) \tag{2}$$

where N represents the non-infrastructure sector, P represents the infrastructure sector, K_n and K_p denote the capital stock in non-infrastructure sector and infrastructure sector respectively, L_n and L_p also denote labor forces in respective sectors.

Following the design of Feder^[11], we suppose the ratio of respective marginal factor productivities in the two sectors deviates from unit by a factor of δ , i.e.

$$(G_k/F_k) = (G_L/F_L) = 1 + \delta \tag{3}$$

where the subscripts denote partial derivatives. In the absence of externalities, and for a given set of prices, a situation where $\delta = 0$ would reflect an allocation of resources which maximizes aggregate output. Reason for deviations between sectoral marginal factor productivities could be degrees of competition each sector faces, regulations and constraints such as credit and rationing, or different status of uncertainty involved in respective sectors.

Differentiating equations (1) and (2) to yields

$$\Delta N = F_{\rm k} I_{\rm n} + F_{\rm L} \Delta L_{\rm n} + F_{\rm p} \Delta P \tag{4}$$
$$\Delta P = G_{\rm k} I_{\rm p} + G_{\rm L} \Delta L_{\rm p} \tag{5}$$

Where
$$I_n$$
 and I_p are respective sectoral gross investments, ΔL_n and ΔL_p are sectoral changes in labor forces, and F_p describes the marginal externality effect of infrastructure on the output of non-infrastructure sector. Denoting Gross Domestic Product by Y, and since by definition $Y = N + P$, it follows

$$\Delta Y = \Delta N + \Delta P \tag{6}$$

Substituting (4) and (5) into (6), we obtain

$$\Delta Y = F_k I_n + F_L \Delta L_n + F_P \Delta P + G_k I_P + G_L \Delta L_P \tag{7}$$

From (3) we know that

$$G_k = (1+\delta)F_k \qquad G_L = (1+\delta)F_L \tag{8}, (9)$$

Substituting (8) and (9) into (7) yields

$$\Delta Y = F_k(I_n + I_P) + F_L(\Delta L_n + \Delta L_P) + F_P \Delta P + \delta(F_k I_P + F_L \Delta L_P)$$
(10)

From equation (3) and (5), we can get

$$F_k I_P + F_L \Delta L_P = \frac{1}{1+\delta} \Delta P \tag{11}$$

Defining total investment as $I = I_n + I_P$ and total growth of labor as $\Delta L = \Delta L_n + \Delta L_P$ and substituting equations (11) into (10), we can get

$$\Delta Y = F_k I + F_L \Delta L + \left(\frac{\delta}{1+\delta} + F_P\right) \Delta P \tag{12}$$

Suppose that a linear relationship exists between the real marginal productivity of labor in a given sector and average output per laborer in the economy^[12], say

$$F_L = \beta(Y/L) \tag{13}$$

Dividing equation (12) through by Y and after some manipulation it yields

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = F_k(\frac{I}{Y}) + \beta(\frac{\Delta L}{L}) + (\frac{\delta}{1+\delta} + F_P)\frac{\Delta P}{P} \cdot \frac{P}{Y}$$
(14)

This formulation is different from the traditional neo-classical sources-of-growth model in that it has taken the differential of marginal productivities across sectors and inter-sectoral externalities into consideration. The parameter F_k in equation (14) is the marginal productivity of capital in the non-infrastructure sector, β is the marginal productivity of labor, $((\delta/(1+\delta)+F_p))$ is the effect of redistribution of productive factors between sectors on the growth of GDP. We define TL_p and TK_p as the social marginal productivity of labor and investment in infrastructure, whose respective expressions are:

$$TL_P = G_L + F_P \times G_L \tag{15}$$

$$TK_P = G_K + F_P \times G_K \tag{16}$$

Now we can set out to decompose the factor productivity differential into its components. Suppose that infrastructure affect the production of non-infrastructure sector with constant elasticity, that is,

$$N = F(K_n, L_n, P) = P^{\theta} \Psi(K_n, L_n)$$
⁽¹⁷⁾

Here, θ represents the impact of infrastructure sector on the production of non-infrastructure sector. Taking the partial derivative of N with respect to P yields

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial P} \equiv F_P = \theta \frac{N}{P} \tag{18}$$

Substituting (18) into (14) renders

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = F_k(\frac{I}{Y}) + \beta(\frac{\Delta L}{L}) + (\frac{\delta}{1+\delta} + \theta\frac{N}{P})\frac{\Delta P}{P} \cdot \frac{P}{Y}$$
(19)

Note that

$$\theta \frac{N}{P} = \theta \frac{N/Y}{P/Y} = \theta \frac{[1 - (P/Y)]}{P/Y} = \frac{\theta}{P/Y} - \theta$$
(20)

After substituting (20) into (19) we obtain

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = F_k(\frac{I}{Y}) + \beta(\frac{\Delta L}{L}) + (\frac{\delta}{1+\delta} - \theta)\frac{\Delta P}{P} \cdot \frac{P}{Y} + \theta\frac{\Delta P}{P}$$
(21)

According to our assumption, the addition of inter-sector externality parameter θ will increase the explanatory power of the model. Using information yielded by the estimation of the model, values of δ , F_p , and TK_p can be calculated.

3. Empirical analysis

We divide 26 Chinese provinces (3 municipalities and the Tibetan autonomous prefecture are excluded from the sample) into three sub-groups either in terms of their similar economic performance on average or their geographical proximity. Provinces that have been enjoying the fastest economic booming coincide with those located alongside the Chinese coastal line³. Remote provinces are located in the faraway west and northwestern areas⁴. Remote provinces are the traditionally lagging-behind areas and are also the target of the balanced economic development strategy sponsored by the central

³ In this paper, the nine provinces of Hebei, Liaoning, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, Shangdong, Guangdong, Hainan and Guangxi is defined as Costal Provinces.

⁴ The Remote Provinces include Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Shaanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia, Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia.

government. The remaining provinces are encompassed in the middle by the coastal and remote areas and therefore are referred to as "central" provinces⁵. Infrastructure construction as well as its spillover effect in the coastal and remote areas is of particular interest for comparison.

Table 1 presents the evolution of the variables during the period 1991-2004. An online Annex includes detailed data for each year. Graph 1 shows the percentage of Employment increase of each region in comparison with the average increase of 22% for all the regions. We may notice a positive evolution of this variable in all the regions, with the top percentage values in Habei, Guangdong, Shandong, Gansu, Guizhou and Fujian.

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Region	Employees	GDP	Infrastruc	fixed	Employees	GDP	Infrast	fixed
	1991	1991	ture output	assets	2004	2004	ructure	Assets
			1991	1991			2004	2004
Hebei	32592	1893.3	138.5	478.2	46819	16039.5	1351.6	6025.53
Inner Mon.	9629	359.7	26.8	100.7	10261	2712.1	243	1808.9
Liaoning2	19383	1200.1	96.2	318	20973	6872.7	613	3000.1
Jiangsu	42730	1601.4	80.3	440	44825	15512.4	973.8	6827.6
Zhejiang	25794	1081.8	60	239.8	29920	11243	835	6059.8
Fujian	14365	619.9	55.1	145.62	18140	6053.1	601.4	1899.1
Shandong	42193	1810.54	98.97	439.8	57281	15490.73	990.65	7629
Guangdong	32592	1893.3	138.5	478.2	46819	16039.5	1351.6	6025.53
Guangxi	21708	518.6	38.7	89.7	26318	3320.1	286.4	1254.9
Hainan	3181	120.5	7.7	45.6	3711	790.1	66.8	325.3
Sichuan	44251	1016.31	60.96	204.3	46910	6556.01	435.24	2648.5
Guizhou	17015	295.9	13.98	58.44	21860	1591.9	99.64	869.25
Yunnan	19895	517.41	23.7	98.32	24014	29595	212.56	1330.6
Shaanxi	16400	466.8	31.5	124.9	19410	2883.5	277.5	1544.2
Gansu	13024	271.4	12.5	68.6	15205	1558.9	84.3	756
Qinghai	2452	75.1	4.5	23.9	2933	465.7	36.7	318.1
Ningxia	2192	71.78	4.2	28.81	2988	460.35	29.9	380.85
Xinjiang	6385	335.92	22.64	124.93	7445	2200.15	138.49	1161.52
Total	365781	14150	914.75	3508	445832	139385	8628	49865

Table 1. Employees, GDP, Infraestructure Output and Investment in Fixed Assets

Note: Total Employment (thousand people), GDP, Infrastructure Output and Total Investment in Fixed Assets (100 million Yuan). Percentage of total employment increase 21.88%.

⁵ The same regression technique was not applied to the central provinces due to data constraint over the same time period.



Graph 1. Percentage of Employment increase in Chinese regions 1991-2004

Note: See order of regions in table 1. Top % change: 1.Hebei, 8. Guangdong.

As argued in the preceding discussion of the dual-sector model, we can use equation (14) and equation (21) to estimate the impact of infrastructure provision on the other sector as well as on the overall economic performance. We estimate with panel data of 18 provinces in both coastal and remote areas over 14 consecutive years. Both fixed- and random-effect estimations are reported in Table 2.⁶ The data regarding the infrastructure output is the combined value of the production in transportation, telecommunication, and public storage capacities. The data measuring the production of the regional economy is the GDP of each year. The total employees and total investment in fixed assets in each province are used to represent the amount of labor force and investment respectively. Data are collected from annual Statistical Yearbooks of China from 1991-2004.

		F_k	β	γ	η	θ
Coastal		0.138(3.248)	0.319(2.191)	2.525(3.306)		
	Fixed	0.132(3.163)	0.299(2.094)		-3.178(-1.199)	0.383(2.242)
		0.138(3.315)	0.299(2.235)	2.824(4.217)		
R	andom	0.137(3.322)	0.315(2.347)		0.509(0.290)	1.683(1.401)
Remote	Fixed	0.360(3.955)	0.182(1.094)	1.630(3.184)		
		0.350(3.837)	0.189(1.142)		3.266(2.316)	-0.088(-1.245)
R	landom	0.321(3.520)	0.047(0.287)	1.6999(3.428)		
		0.318(3.481)	0.0497(0.303)		2.213(1.900)	-0.029(-0.488)

Table 2 Regression results for coastal and remote Chinese provinces

⁶ In table 1,
$$\gamma = \frac{\delta}{1+\delta} + F_P$$
, $\eta = \frac{\delta}{1+\delta} - \theta$

As shown by the regression results, the outcomes yielded by fixed-effect model and random-effect model regarding both equation (14) and equation (21) do not differ too much from each other. Shaded area in Table 2 corresponds to the regression results obtained from estimating equation (21), or the decomposed form of equation (14). Associated with each random-effect estimates are the z values in the parentheses. Fixed-effect estimates are reported in accompany with respective t statistics, accordingly. Using the valid estimates derived from the dual-sector model enables us to develop a more detailed picture regarding the relative efficiency of factor utilization in both sectors as well as the benefits spilling over from the infrastructure sector to the non-infrastructure sector. The value of key parameters is reported in Table 3.

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	$1 + \delta$	F_P	F_k	G_k	TK_P	TL_P		
Coastal	1.202	2.142	0.138	0.166	0.702	1.52		
Remote	1.0	1.699	0.350	0.350	0.864			

Table 3. Calculated Values of Parameters

Referring to Table 2, we find that the random-effect model suggests that both capital and labor bear a positive as well as statistically significant contribution to the economic performance in Coastal provinces. The results do not show great difference between the estimates of equation (14) and its decomposed form, equation (21). Increase in capital investment counts for 0.138 (0.137 in the decomposed equation) to the economic growth while the coefficient associated with labor input is 0.299. This result implies an immense social benefit enjoyed by the whole community in the coastal region. From Table 3, we find that the social marginal return associated with investment of capital in the infrastructure sector (TK_p) is around 0.7, which is far exceeding the marginal productivity of capital investment in the non-infrastructure sector (F_k =0.138). Within the infrastructure sector itself, capital investment also enjoys a sound rate of return (G_k =0.166), which is greater than the corresponding number in the other sector.

According to our model speculation, it suggests that the infrastructure sector shows a better efficiency in utilizing capitals, the ratio being 1.2:1 (0.166:0.138). From Table 3 we also find that the inter-sectoral spillover effect ($F_p = 2.14$) is quite consequential. As long as the whole society is to appreciate the output growth in the non-infrastructure sector, it also has to celebrate the important role played by the humble "intermediate inputs" previously unidentified from the infrastructure sector.

The results we obtained regarding the coastal area are virtually in accordance with our expectation. Coastal areas are the privileged regions to receive foreign investments, technological innovation, favorable terms of trading, and a variety of other institutional establishments. Infrastructure construction has witnessed the fastest development in provinces like Jiangsu, Guangdong, and Fujian. Some intuitive implications can be drawn from the above results for the coastal regions. It seems to us that in coastal areas infrastructure development can have a great influence on the growth of regional economy since it not only facilitates the production process in the remaining industrial sectors but also generates significant social consequences enjoyed by the whole community. More specifically, we found that capital investment can receive higher rate of return in infrastructure sector than in non-infrastructure sector.

When we look at the results yielded from remote provinces in Table 2 we find that capital investment in the non-infrastructure sector receives a marginal rate of return (Fk) as high as 0.3. These results are largely consistent with previous studies that examine the growth story of modern China. Development in infrastructure sector's output contributes to the overall economic growth by a degree of around 1.63, which is quite huge by all measures. Like the situation in the coastal regions, infrastructure development also generates immense social benefits to remote provinces. Not surprisingly, the calculated value for spillover effect between the infrastructure sector and the non-infrastructure sector is considerable ($F_p=1.699$), which again demonstrates that output from the infrastructure sector, if properly used by other industrial sectors, can greatly promote the output from the remaining of the economy. However, in contrast to costal provinces, the sectoral marginal productivities of capital do not show apparent differences between infrastructure and non-infrastructure sectors. This fact reflects a certain degree of underdevelopment or inadequate utilization of infrastructure in this area. Underdevelopment of infrastructure in remote area is a chronicle problem that hampers interior provinces from achieving higher income growth. In an area where the existing public facilities are so scarce that the effect of economy of scale is not fully realized, infrastructure sector spills little externalities to the other industrial sector. On the other hand, inadequate utilization of existing infrastructure is also a reality in those backward regions. These two aspects may have together contributed to the phenomenon we observed in remote provinces regarding the efficiency of productive factors across two sectors.

Now let us continue to discuss the contrast drawn between the coastal and the remote provinces to form a roundabout view on the national level. As shown in Table 2 and Table 3, both the coastal and the remote areas show great social benefit with respect to the output growth in the infrastructure sector. Developing infrastructure facilities in these two regions can be expected to yield positive social-economic outcomes to the entire community. The spillover effect between sectors, the central concern of our model, shows large and significant existence in both coastal and remote areas. Industrial sectors in both regions have become the beneficiaries of using infrastructure goods as intermediate inputs.

The number in the remote territory, however, is smaller than its coastal counterpart, which may suggest that a greater portion of industrial growth was driven by infrastructure development in coastal region. Sectoral productivity comparison shows contrasting evidence that in the coastal area marginal productivity of capital investment is about 20 percent higher in the infrastructure sector than in the non-infrastructure sector. It verifies that encouraging infrastructure construction in coastal area will be a more profitable conjecture. In remote area, however, factor productivities do not show strong deviation between the two sectors. Returns to factor investment in either sector seems to be equalized, yet in absolute terms they still exceed the marginal productivity of capital invested in the infrastructure sector in the coastal areas.

This result may justify the rationale behind the governmental strategy of encouraging more capital investment to be shifted from the coastal to the interior regions.

Given the even greater social marginal productivity of capital investment (0.86) in the infrastructure sector in the remote provinces, developing infrastructure facilities in these areas should win priority. For coastal areas, they have already passed the preliminary stage of infrastructure development whereas even low provision of public facilities can still bring about significant contributions to the overall economic performance. As the marginal returns to factors in coastal areas are now lingering about a relatively smaller value, it may not be as profitable to launch costly public projects in coastal provinces as in the past. Emphasis should now be placed on the quality as well as efficiency of these mass investments in the coastal areas.

4. Conclusion

In this paper, we divide the economy into two productive sectors, one producing infrastructure goods to serve the daily operation of the other non-infrastructure sector. This specification allows us to look into the spillover effects transferable between infrastructure network and other industrial activities, about which little quantitative attempt has been made to estimate its magnitude. Meanwhile, our analytical framework makes it possible to compare the efficiencies of capital investments in different sectors. These are the two major contributions our dual-sector model has brought up to the discussion of the mechanism through which infrastructure affects overall economic performances.

The dual-sector model is used to analyze regional growth disparity in modern China. Our major findings for the coastal and remote provinces suggest that in both coastal and remote provinces, infrastructure has generated tremendous spillover effects between sectors and massive benefits to the whole society. For the first time we have developed some concrete idea about the magnitude of these elusive characteristics of infrastructure. Capital investment receives positive and significant returns whether it is invested in the coastal or the remote areas. However, remote provinces seem to be more attractive since the rate of return to capital investment in either infrastructure or non-infrastructure sector is higher than in the coastal areas. This justifies the government's "Opening Up the West" strategies in favor of the western regions.

The most dramatic outcome arises while sectoral comparison of factor efficiencies is taken into consideration. Empirical evidence tends to suggest that coastal provinces have a more efficient infrastructure sector while the discrepancies between sectoral efficiencies in remote provinces are not apparent. The equalized pattern obtained between sectoral efficiencies in the remote areas is of particular interest because it leads us to address the poor interaction between infrastructure network and other social-economic activities in the remote west due to either inadequacies in both sectors or under-utilization of loosely connected facilities, forfeiting the potential benefits arising from economies of scale.

With these understandings, we call for discretion in introducing infrastructure facilities to tackle the economic backwardness in the remote provinces. These costly projects should not be implemented for its own sake. Rather, policy packages that include designs for a sound institutional environment may help build a healthy interaction between infrastructure network and local economic conditions. Quality and quantity of infrastructure provisions in remote areas deserve equal emphasis.

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Hebei	total employee	GDP (100	infrastructure	total investment in
	(10000pc130113)			
		yuan)	million yuan)	million yuan)
1991	3259, 2	1893, 3	138,5	478, 2
1992	3367,21	2447,5	174,3	921, 75
1993	3433,91	3431,9	232,2	1629, 87
1994	3493, 15	4516,6	334,2	2141, 15
1995	3551, 2	5734	427,8	2327,22
1996	3641, 3	6519, 1	497,7	2327,64
1997	3701,9	7315,5	629, 3	2298, 14
1998	3783,87	7919, 1	688,8	2668, 13
1999	3796, 32	8464,3	745,2	3027, 56
2000	3989, 32	9662,2	908,5	3233,7
2001	4058,63	10647, 7	1073,8	3536, 41
2002	4134, 37	11735, 6	1157,8	3970, 69
2003	4395,93	13625, 9	1207,7	5030, 57
2004	4681,89	16039, 5	1351,6	6025, 53

APPENDIX

Inner Mongolia	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	962, 9	359, 7	26,8	100, 7
1992	976	421, 7	32,7	149, 2
1993	1008, 2	532, 7	46, 1	217, 4
1994	1033, 4	681, 9	53,6	251
1995	1029, 4	832, 9	67,1	273, 1
1996	1039	984, 8	83,4	275, 5
1997	1050, 3	1099, 8	101,7	317, 5
1998	1050, 3	1192, 3	108,6	350, 2
1999	1056, 7	1268, 2	121,6	383, 4
2000	1061,6	1401	142,6	430, 4
2001	1067	1545,8	162,8	496, 4
2002	1086, 1	1734, 3	188, 1	715, 1
2003	1088, 1	2150, 4	216,8	1209, 4
2004	1026, 1	2712, 1	243	1808, 9

Li aoni ng2	total employee	GDP (100	infrastructure	total investment in
	(10000persons)	million	output(100	fixed assets (100
		yuan)	million yuan)	million yuan)
1991	1938, 3	1200, 1	96, 2	318
1992	1957, 8	1473	111, 5	436,8
1993	2006, 1	2010, 8	127,4	718, 3
1994	2009, 3	2461,8	160, 2	888
1995	2027, 8	2793, 4	176, 9	885
1996	2031,8	3157,7	194, 6	876, 1
1997	1967, 1	3582,5	248, 5	953, 7
1998	1958, 8	3881,7	272	1052,6
1999	1994, 4	4171, 7	314, 5	1102,3
2000	2052	4669, 1	350, 5	1267,7
2001	2069, 3	5033, 1	394, 5	1421
2002	2025, 3	5458, 2	425, 4	1605,6
2003	2018, 9	6002,5	495, 7	2082,7
2004	2097, 3	6872,7	613	3000, 1

Ji angsu	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	4273	1601, 4	80,3	440
1992	4315, 1	2136	100,6	711, 7
1993	4339,8	2998, 2	144, 1	1144, 2
1994	4362,8	4057,4	187, 2	1331,1
1995	4385,2	5155, 3	253,5	1680,2
1996	4387	6004,2	314,9	1949, 5
1997	4388,8	6680,3	369, 5	2203, 1
1998	4389, 9	7200	435,8	2535,5
1999	4390, 7	7697,8	484,9	2742,7
2000	4418, 1	8582,7	557,4	2995,4
2001	4434, 3	9511, 9	644,9	3303
2002	4458	10631, 8	717,8	3849, 2
2003	4468, 7	12460, 8	821,5	5535,8
2004	4482, 5	15512, 4	973,8	6827,6

Zhej i ang	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	2579, 4	1081,8	60	239, 8
1992	2600, 4	1365,1	80	361, 2
1993	2615, 9	1909, 5	110, 3	683, 8
1994	2640, 5	2666, 9	147, 2	1006, 4
1995	2621, 5	3524,8	204,6	1357, 9
1996	2625, 1	4146, 1	234, 9	1617, 5
1997	2619, 7	4638, 2	288, 9	1694, 6
1998	2612, 5	4987,5	321, 8	1847, 9
1999	2625, 2	5364,9	364, 9	1886
2000	2726, 1	6036, 3	428, 3	2267, 2
2001	2796, 7	6748,2	503, 7	2776, 7
2002	2858,6	7796	602	3596, 3
2003	2918, 7	9395	700, 9	4993, 6
2004	2992	11243	835	6059, 8

Fuj i an	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	1436, 5	619, 9	55,1	145, 62
1992	1489, 61	784, 7	70,5	227, 55
1993	1531, 42	1128, 3	101, 9	368, 45
1994	1553, 57	1675, 7	139	538,86
1995	1567, 1	2145,9	196, 5	681, 17
1996	1594, 36	2560, 1	245,7	790
1997	1613, 41	2974,5	298, 7	898, 47
1998	1621, 87	3286,6	347,3	1048, 52
1999	1630, 85	3550, 2	392,9	1040
2000	1660, 19	3920, 1	444, 1	1082, 47
2001	1677, 79	4253,7	468,5	1134, 48
2002	1711, 32	4682	491	1230, 76
2003	1756, 71	5223	532	1507,87
2004	1814,03	6053,1	601,4	1899, 1

Shandong	total employee	GDP (100	infrastructure	total investment in
_	(10000persons)	million	output(100	fixed assets (100
		yuan)	million yuan)	million yuan)
1991	4219, 3	1810, 54	98, 97	439, 8
1992	4302,6	2196, 53	120, 18	601, 5
1993	4379, 3	2779, 49	141, 35	892, 5
1994	4382, 1	3872,18	214, 36	1108
1995	5207,4	5002,34	297, 71	1321
1996	5227,9	5960,42	364, 71	1558
1997	5256	6650,02	424, 36	1792, 2
1998	5287,6	7162, 2	442, 2	2057
1999	5314,7	7662, 1	490, 9	2222,2
2000	5441,8	8542,44	553, 17	2542,7
2001	5475,3	9438, 31	668, 49	2807,8
2002	5527	10552,06	667,75	3509, 3
2003	5620,6	12435, 93	724,62	5328,4
2004	5728, 1	15490, 73	990, 65	7629

Guangdong	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	3259, 2	1893, 3	138, 5	478, 2
1992	3367,21	2447,5	174, 3	921, 75
1993	3433, 91	3431, 9	232, 2	1629, 87
1994	3493, 15	4516,6	334, 2	2141, 15
1995	3551, 2	5734	427, 8	2327,22
1996	3641, 3	6519, 1	497, 7	2327,64
1997	3701, 9	7315, 5	629, 3	2298, 14
1998	3783,87	7919, 1	688, 8	2668,13
1999	3796, 32	8464, 3	745, 2	3027, 56
2000	3989, 32	9662,2	908, 5	3233, 7
2001	4058,63	10647, 7	1073, 8	3536, 41
2002	4134, 37	11735, 6	1157, 8	3970, 69
2003	4395, 93	13625, 9	1207, 7	5030, 57
2004	4681,89	16039, 5	1351,6	6025,53

Guangxi	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	2170, 8	518,6	38,7	89, 7
1992	2217	646, 6	49, 1	141
1993	2275	871, 7	61, 2	278, 1
1994	2336	1198, 3	69, 5	382, 6
1995	2383	1497,6	93	423, 4
1996	2417	1697,9	112	476, 4
1997	2454	1817, 3	120, 1	479, 8
1998	2499	1903	125	571, 7
1999	2514, 9	1953, 3	145, 3	620, 2
2000	2566	2050, 2	160, 9	660
2001	2578	2231, 2	187, 7	731, 3
2002	2589	2455,4	225, 8	835
2003	2601	2735, 1	248, 2	987, 3
2004	2631, 8	3320, 1	286, 4	1254, 9

Hai nan	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	318, 1	120, 5	7,7	45,6
1992	322, 5	181, 7	10,8	87, 1
1993	333, 3	258, 1	15,7	188, 3
1994	335,6	331	20,6	220, 3
1995	334, 5	364, 2	24,5	198, 1
1996	333, 3	389, 5	27,6	185, 9
1997	341,6	409, 9	31,7	167,8
1998	326, 7	438, 9	39,8	183, 3
1999	326, 8	471, 2	42,4	190, 1
2000	334,6	518, 5	47	193, 5
2001	338, 4	566, 7	50,8	206, 4
2002	349, 9	624,9	54,6	225,8
2003	360, 3	691, 7	58,2	276, 3
2004	371, 1	790, 1	66,8	325, 3

Si chuan	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	4425, 1	1016, 31	60, 96	204, 3
1992	4521, 2	1177,27	68,7	304, 8
1993	4556, 8	1486,08	82, 18	459, 4
1994	4587, 9	2001, 41	105, 71	573, 4
1995	4619, 1	2504,95	143, 01	677, 3
1996	4627,2	2985,15	179, 83	803, 8
1997	4641, 2	3320, 11	209, 08	949, 3
1998	4651, 4	3580, 26	234, 91	1184, 8
1999	4654, 3	3711,61	250, 25	1220, 7
2000	4658, 4	4010, 25	281, 39	1403, 9
2001	4664,8	4421,76	313, 78	1573, 8
2002	4667,6	4875,12	348, 78	1805, 2
2003	4683, 5	5456, 32	381, 25	2158, 2
2004	4691	6556,01	435, 24	2648, 5

Gui zhou	total employee	GDP (100	infrastructure	total investment in
	(10000persons)	million	output (100	fixed assets (100
		yuan)	million yuan)	million yuan)
1991	1701,47	295, 9	13, 98	58, 44
1992	1739,03	339, 91	19	78,82
1993	1779,01	416,07	24, 82	106, 3
1994	1828, 3	521, 17	17, 13	140, 95
1995	1812, 2	630,07	21, 11	173, 66
1996	1783, 2	713, 7	24, 22	207, 1
1997	1796, 7	792,98	20, 72	247,23
1998	1844,43	841,88	25,04	304, 91
1999	1855,17	911,86	51, 33	333, 9
2000	1884,93	993,53	64, 59	402, 5
2001	2068,01	1084,9	75, 37	533, 74
2002	2106,14	1185,04	84,35	632, 44
2003	2145	1356,11	93, 11	754, 13
2004	2186	1591, 9	99, 64	869, 25

Yunnan	total employee	GDP (100	infrastructure	total investment in
	(10000persons)	million	output(100 million	fixed assets (100
		yuan)	yuan)	million yuan)
1991	1989, 5	517, 41	23,7	98, 32
1992	2032, 5	618, 69	25, 19	140, 69
1993	2071, 5	779, 21	30, 41	251, 4
1994	2108, 7	973, 97	38, 72	321, 73
1995	2149	1206,68	49, 33	380, 57
1996	2186, 2	1491,62	66, 87	448,02
1997	2223, 5	1644,23	76,02	540, 5
1998	2240, 6	1793, 9	88,9	672, 54
1999	2244	1855,74	107, 95	717, 2
2000	2295, 4	1955,09	119, 77	697,94
2001	2322, 5	2074, 71	139, 01	734, 81
2002	2341, 3	2232, 32	150, 56	828,65
2003	2353, 3	2465,29	172, 52	1021,18
2004	2401, 4	2959, 48	212, 56	1330,6

Shaanxi	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	1640	466.8	31.5	124.9
1992	1672	538, 4	38	142, 5
1993	1708	661, 4	48,3	228, 2
1994	1720	816, 6	60, 1	283, 3
1995	1748	1000	74, 1	324, 3
1996	1776	1175, 9	93, 1	372
1997	1792	1300	106,8	424, 1
1998	1788	1381,5	115,4	544, 9
1999	1808	1487,6	130, 3	619, 3
2000	1813	1660, 9	156, 2	745, 8
2001	1785	1844, 3	188, 9	850, 7
2002	1874	2101,6	210, 4	974, 6
2003	1912	2398,6	226	1278, 7
2004	1941	2883,5	277,5	1544, 2

Gansu	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	1302, 4	271, 4	12,5	68,6
1992	1305,9	317, 8	14,2	85, 1
1993	1417,8	372, 2	15	122, 1
1994	1438, 8	451, 7	20,2	159, 1
1995	1483, 3	553, 4	25,6	194, 7
1996	1521, 5	714, 2	28,4	214,8
1997	1530, 3	781, 3	34,9	264, 4
1998	1539, 8	869, 8	39, 3	331
1999	1489	932	42,9	384, 1
2000	1476, 5	983, 4	50,1	441, 4
2001	1488, 9	1072,5	56,6	505,4
2002	1500, 6	1161,4	64,3	575,8
2003	1510, 9	1304,6	70,9	655,1
2004	1520, 5	1558, 9	84,3	756

qi nghai	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	245,2	75, 1	4,5	23, 9
1992	249, 2	87,5	5,7	30, 3
1993	253, 3	109, 6	6,5	44,7
1994	257,5	138, 2	7	45,2
1995	261,7	165,3	9	55,6
1996	266	183,6	10, 6	77,7
1997	270,4	202, 1	12, 1	97, 7
1998	274,8	220, 2	13, 7	116, 4
1999	279,3	238,4	16, 2	128, 1
2000	283,9	263,6	19, 2	154,8
2001	287,3	301	23, 1	201,6
2002	291, 3	341, 1	27,5	245
2003	295,4	390, 2	32,6	285, 1
2004	293, 3	465,7	36, 7	318, 1

Ni ngxi a	total employee (10000persons)	GDP (100 million yuan)	infrastructure output(100 million yuan)	total investment in fixed assets (100 million yuan)
1991	219, 2	71, 78	4,2	28, 81
1992	225, 85	83, 14	4,76	38,09
1993	229, 38	103, 82	5,19	52,67
1994	232, 68	133, 97	6,14	60, 98
1995	240,6	169, 75	8,39	70, 12
1996	245, 36	193, 62	11,69	77, 31
1997	256,8	210, 92	14,33	88, 1
1998	254, 84	227,46	16, 11	108,65
1999	272,3	241, 49	18,03	130,61
2000	275,5	265, 57	19, 31	160,82
2001	279	298, 38	22,95	195,81
2002	282,4	329, 28	25,58	230,83
2003	291, 4	385, 34	27,84	318, 21
2004	298,8	460, 35	29, 9	380, 85

Xi nj i ang	total employee	GDP (100	infrastructure	total investment in fixed
	(10000persons)	million	output(100	assets (100 million yuan)
		yuan)	million yuan)	
1991	638, 49	335, 92	22,64	124, 93
1992	646, 94	402, 31	28, 33	170,03
1993	655, 98	505,63	31, 78	248,44
1994	657, 54	673,68	42,24	285,48
1995	676	825, 11	55,34	333, 34
1996	684	912, 15	66,75	387,85
1997	715,4	1050, 14	75,67	446,81
1998	680, 92	1116,67	92,04	519, 77
1999	694, 34	1168, 55	108,88	534,65
2000	693, 85	1364,36	121, 79	610, 38
2001	685,38	1485, 49	118, 6	706
2002	701, 49	1598, 28	131, 43	813,02
2003	721, 27	1877,61	121, 24	1002,13
2004	744, 49	2200, 15	138, 49	1161, 52