

Table 6. Max to Min Ratio of Per Capita GDP among Prefectures within Provinces

	No. of prefectures	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005-1997
Hebei	11	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	+
Shanxi	11	3.8	4.1	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.7	+
Inner Mongolia	12	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.9	5.3	+
Jilin	9	2.6	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.7	+
Heilongjiang	13	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	3.0	+
Jiangsu	13	7.4	7.2	7.2	6.9	7.1	7.5	8.8	9.0	9.3	+
Anhui	17	3.3	3.8	3.8	4.6	5.1	5.4	6.0	7.0	8.0	+
Jiangxi	11	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	+
Shandong	17	7.9	8.6	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.8	10.1	9.8	9.2	+
Henan	17	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.9	3.7	4.5	4.3	4.6	+
Hubei	13	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	+
Hunan	14	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.8	+
Chongqing	19	4.0	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	3.9	3.9	4.6	+
Sichuan	21	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.3	5.9	6.0	5.9	4.5	5.2	+
Guizhou	9	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.7	+
Gansu	14	7.8	8.3	7.0	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.7	8.7	10.4	+
Qinghai	8	6.5	7.1	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.9	+
Xinjiang	14	8.9	8.7	9.1	9.3	8.9	9.0	9.4	9.3	10.1	+
Zhejiang	11	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	0
Guangdong	21	12.3	12.9	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.1	14.6	13.9	8.1 ^a	-
Liaoning	14	6.9	7.1	8.1	10.0	8.8	8.2	8.2	7.7	6.1	-
Fujian	9	5.4	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	6.3	3.9	3.9	4.0	-
Guangxi	14	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.0	-
Hainan	2	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.4	4.2	4.1	2.4	2.4	2.6	-
Yunnan	16	10.4	9.5	7.6	6.8	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.7	5.3	-
Tibet	7	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.0	3.6	3.5	-
Shaanxi	10	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	-
Ningxia	5	9.4	7.7	7.6	8.3	7.4	6.0	5.9	5.9	7.0	-
Average	12.6	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	
National ^b		4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.5	

Notes: Data do not include three municipalities (Beijing, Shanghai, and Tianjin), and some oil-based cities such as Daqing in Heilongjiang, Dongying in Shandong, Kalamayi in Xinjiang, and Jiayuguan in Gansu.

a/ The sudden drop in MMR of Guangdong in 2005 was due to the change of coverage of urban population. Before 2004, the figure for the urban population was based on registration system. Since 2004, inhabitant population has been used. For example, in Dongguang City, Guangdong in 2004 the figure for the urban population based on the registration system was 1.62 million, while based on the inhabitant population it was 6.56 million.

b/ That is, inter-provincial MMR exclusive of Beijing, Tianjin, and Shanghai.

Sources: Provincial Statistical Yearbooks from 1998 to 2006 (31 provinces).