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## Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region 2011

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Guangxi is the country's only area in the west which has a coastline and seaports. This region has the geographic advantage of close relations with the ASEAN countries, and the central government has placed emphasis on the importance of this province in Sino-ASEAN cooperation.

### Area

236,700 square kilometers

69.7% are mountainous areas

### Natural Resources

Rich in non-ferrous metal resources, is one of the 10 key areas in China

12 kinds of metal deposits are the largest in the country.

The tin and manganese deposits comprise of 1/3 of total deposits in the country.



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### Population

It's been formally known as Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region since 1958, with 38% of the population in this area are ethnic minorities. Zhuang is the largest

ethnic minority group in this region, and other prominent ethnic minority groups include the Miao, the Yao, the Dong, and etc.

**Table 1 According to the population census**

Year	Total Population	Male to Female Ratio	Ethnic Minority
2000	47,510,000	109.56:100	18,090,000
2010	51,590,000	110.5:100	19,570,000

## Employment

29.03 million were employed in 2010, 540 thousand more than the previous year. The registered unemployment rate in urban area was 3.66%. The average remuneration of staff & workers in urban areas was 31,842 yuan in 2010, increased by 12.5% than the previous year.

## GDP

2.4% of China GDP

**Table 2 Unit: billion yuan**

	2008		2009		2010	
<b>GDP</b>	702.100	100%	775.916	100%	956.985	100%
Primary Industry	145.375	20.7%	145.849	18.8%	167.506	17.5%
Secondary Industry	303.774	43.3%	338.154	43.6%	451.168	47.1%
Tertiary Industry	252.951	36.0%	291.913	36.0%	338.311	35.4%
<b>Per Capita GDP (yuan)</b>	14,652		16,045		20,219	

## Key Industries

Sugar processing, metallurgy, chemicals, engineering, electronics, pharmaceuticals and cement production, as well as agriculture.

## Fixed Asset Investment

785.907 billion yuan, grew 37.7% year-on-year

## Foreign Trade and Investment

17.706 billion dollars, up 24.3%, reaching a record high

2<sup>nd</sup> highest among the 12 western provinces

Table 3 Unit: USD 10,000

YEAR	Total Import & Export	Total Export	Total Import
2001	179715	123554	56161
2002	243032	150775	92257
2003	319173	197007	122166
2004	428847	239554	189293
2005	518289	287741	230548
2006	667398	359863	307535
2007	927686	511317	416369
2008	1324179	735117	589062
2009	1420599	837110	583490
2010	1770609	960988	809621

In 2010, the ASEAN countries were the largest trade partner of Guangxi for 10 successive years, with USD 6.53 billion, accounting for 36.9% of the total trade in Guangxi. Total imports and exports with the ASEAN countries increased by 31.9% due to the establishment of the Sino-ASEAN Free Trade Zone. The U.S. was the second largest trade partner, followed by Australia, which replaced the EU.

Table 4 Unit: USD 10,000

Countries / Regions	Import & Export	Export	Import	Year-on-year Increase (Compared to 2009) %		
				Import & Export	Export	Import
<b>Asia</b>	1038901	685596	353304	29.5	20.5	51.4
Hong Kong, China	102611	99012	3599	27.9	30.8	-20.8
India	79794	21551	58242	110.4	59.9	138.2
Indonesia	49809	8422	41387	91.5	19.9	117.9
Japan	71736	37620	34115	40.8	55.3	27.6
Malaysia	25731	12027	13705	-5.3	-22.8	18.4
the Philippines	7833	5904	1930	45.2	28.0	146.7
Singapore	23919	9784	14135	28.6	-19.4	118.8
Republic of Korea	26626	15819	10806	17.4	21.4	12.0
Thailand	28992	11735	17257	82.6	23.8	169.7
Viet Nam	512815	407880	104935	28.7	31.7	18.3
Taiwan Province	29164	10450	18714	58.3	38.8	71.9
<b>Africa</b>	98737	36558	62179	51.1	-6.4	136.6
Gabon	11709	411	11298	196.2	182.4	196.7
South Africa	26710	4049	22661	23.5	-6.4	31.0
<b>Europe</b>	172203	96396	75807	6.2	-4.9	24.8
Belgium	5825	4430	1395	-10.8	-22.3	68.8
United Kingdom	11673	9715	1958	-18.2	-22.4	12.2
Germany	32117	14402	17714	-4.2	-20.5	15.0
France	6899	5202	1697	-33.5	-17.4	-58.3
Italy	16133	12571	3562	15.5	2.8	104.5
Netherlands	13800	12932	869	-4.0	-2.6	-21.7
Spain	13036	8525	4510	5.7	-17.1	120.7
Finland	1656	736	920	-49.5	13.3	-65
Sweden	3019	2163	856	-16	-5.2	-34.9
Russia	6972	6106	866	-6.2	23.7	-65.3
<b>Latin America</b>	171840	34254	137587	10.8	29.9	6.9
<b>North America</b>	160528	87015	73513	13.9	-0.5	37.3
Canada	7991	6287	1704	-38.8	5.0	-75.9
United States	152537	80728	71809	19.2	-0.9	54.5
<b>Oceanic</b>	128318	21169	107149	29.8	51.0	26.3
Australia	127290	20201	107089	30.2	54.8	26.4
Association of Southeast Asia	652559	458835	193724	32.0	27.1	45.2
<b>European Union</b>	119299	81010	38289	-4.1	-9.8	10.9
<b>Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation</b>	1225678	744270	481407	29.7	25.5	36.9

## **Value-added of Industry**

386.046 billion yuan, expanded 20.4% year-on-year

## **Total Retail Sales of Consumer goods**

327.181 billion yuan, climbed 19.0%

## **CPI**

3.0%

Food prices grew 7.1%, and the industrial products prices went up 12.0%.

## **Environmental Protection**

Sulfur Dioxide emission: 903.8 thousand tons, up 1.49% than 2009

COD emission: 936.9 thousand tons, down 4.04% than 2009

## **Beibu Gulf Economic Zone (BGEZ)**

BGEZ is located in the conjuncture of South China Economic Circle, Southwest China Economic Circle and ASEAN Economic Circle. BGEZ consists of four cities, namely Nanning, Beihai, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang, covering a landmass of 42,500 square kilometers. The Development Scheme of BGEZ will span from 2006 to 2020.

BGEZ is expected to develop into a China-ASEAN logistics base, trade base, processing and manufacturing base and information exchange center, which serves as a strategic highland to facilitate and support Western Development and a key international regional business cooperation zone, featured by high opening up level, strong influence, economic prosperity, social harmony and sound eco-environment.

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