

## Overview

Jiangsu is one of China's most developed provinces, known for its **historic** cities, rich **cultural** heritage, and strong **economic** performance. Located along the eastern coast and shaped by the Yangtze River and the Grand Canal, it is known for its fertile landscape and abundant waterways. Today, Jiangsu is a **core engine** of China's industrial and export economy, with strengths in advanced manufacturing, electronics, chemicals, and a rapidly growing **high-tech sector**. Southern Jiangsu, home to Nanjing, Suzhou, and Wuxi, was among the first regions in China to reach basic **modernisation**. Culturally, Jiangsu is known for **Wu culture**, classical gardens, Kunqu Opera, and numerous UNESCO-listed heritage sites. Going forward, Jiangsu is expected to remain central to China's innovation-driven development and the green, integrated growth of the Yangtze River Delta.



## Fact Box

<b>Population:</b> 85.26 million (2024)	<b>Provincial GDP:</b> £1,500 billion (CNY 13.7 trillion) (2024)
<b>Major Cities:</b> Nanjing, Suzhou, Wuxi, Zhenjiang, Changzhou, Yangzhou.	<b>GDP Per Capita:</b> £17,600 (CNY 160,694) (2024)
<b>Notable Chinese Companies:</b> Hengli Group, Zhengsheng Holding Group, Shagang Group, Nanjing Iron and Steel Group, and GCL Group	<b>Notable Universities:</b> Nanjing University, Southeast University, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics
<b>British Companies:</b> AstraZeneca, bp, Swire, Smiths Group, Jaguar Land Rover	<b>UK Sister Region:</b> Essex County
<b>Jiangsu Exports:</b> £401.1 billion (2024)	<b>Jiangsu Imports:</b> £216.2 billion (2024)



## Key Cities

### Yangzhou (扬州)

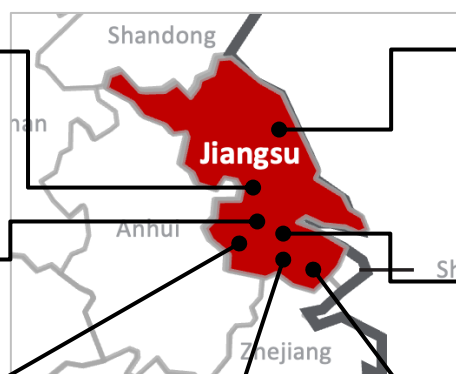
Yangzhou focuses on equipment manufacturing, petrochemicals, and modern agriculture. Its location along the Yangtze River supports strong logistics and processing industries.

### Zhenjiang (镇江)

Zhenjiang is known for transportation equipment, chemicals, and new materials, benefiting from its strategic Yangtze River port. It serves as a logistics and manufacturing link between Nanjing and Shanghai.

### Nanjing (南京)

Nanjing is Jiangsu's capital and a major hub for electronics, software, and advanced manufacturing, anchored by high-tech zones like Nanjing Jiangbei New Area and Nanjing Economic & Technological Development Zone. It also hosts strong finance, education, and aerospace clusters.



### Wuxi (无锡)

Wuxi is a national centre for the Internet of Things, microelectronics, and new materials. It also leads in textiles, machinery, and renewable energy equipment.

### Yancheng (盐城)

Yancheng is an emerging base for green industries, including wind power equipment and new-energy vehicles. It is also known for its coastal wetlands and eco-tourism resources.

### Changzhou (常州)

Changzhou is a hub for new-energy vehicles, batteries, and advanced equipment manufacturing. It has strong clusters in robotics, photovoltaics, and modern industrial engineering.

### Suzhou (苏州)

Suzhou is known as the "Venice of the East" for its canals, classical gardens, and rich cultural heritage. It is also one of China's most competitive manufacturing bases, especially in electronics, semiconductors, and precision engineering.

## Major Industries

### Electronics

Jiangsu is a national **leader** in electronics manufacturing, with Nanjing, Kunshan, Wuxi, Changzhou, and Taizhou driving the sector. The province produces integrated circuits, laptops, solar cells, and industrial robots, with integrated circuits alone contributing to **30%** of China's total output. As China's second-largest exporting province, and electronic components contributing to **68.7%** of its total export value, Jiangsu stands out as a core node in global electronics manufacturing.

### Telecommunications

Telecommunications is a key pillar industry in Jiangsu, developing **rapidly** alongside electronics and other technology-intensive sectors. Nanjing, Suzhou, and Wuxi host major telecommunications equipment manufacturers, supporting domestic infrastructure and exports. Jiangsu is a key producer of fibre optic cables, with companies like **ZTT Group** and **Hengtong Optic-Electric** based in Suzhou providing critical infrastructure for the national 5G rollout, as well as exporting internationally to support global projects.

### Chemicals

The chemical industry is a **cornerstone** of Jiangsu's industrial landscape, with Nanjing, Suzhou, and Lianyungang as major production centres. The province produces petrochemicals, fertilisers, speciality chemicals, and fine chemical products. The University-to-Industry ecosystem supports continued innovation in this field, with **Nanjing University of Science and Technology** researching areas such as functional materials and environmental chemistry. Over **1,000** enterprises supporting both domestic manufacturing and exports reinforces the province's status as a **leading** chemical production base.

### Machinery and Equipment

Machinery and equipment manufacturing is a **vital** sector in Jiangsu, with electrical machinery and apparatus accounting for **13.5%** of the total revenue. The province produces general-purpose, special-purpose machinery, and electrical machinery. The equipment manufacturing industry saw its added value increase by **8.7% YoY in 2024**, suggesting increased productivity. Suzhou, home to the world-leading heavy machinery manufacturer **XCMG**, also underscores Jiangsu's critical role in China's manufacturing ecosystem.

### Automobiles Manufacturing

Jiangsu's automobile industry is a major driver of growth. In 2024, the province produced **2.3 million cars**, the **fourth-highest** amount nationally, highlighting the sector's continuing growth. EmuloYating the broader national re-positioning towards supporting non-combustion vehicles, Jiangsu continues to focus on the development and production of New Electric Vehicles (NEV). In 2024, NEVs accounted for **55.7%** of Jiangsu's total automobile production. Changzhou City specialises in **lithium battery production** necessary for these cars, underlining Jiangsu's overall centrality in the wider NEV supply chain.

### Metallurgy

Jiangsu is China's second-largest steel-producing province, with output reaching around **119 million tonnes** in 2024. Production is concentrated in centres such as Zhangjiagang, Taizhou and Wuxi, where hubs like the Yangtze Metallurgical Industrial Park host more than **1,400** enterprises, including major producers such as **Shagang Group**. The province produces steel structures, precision metal components, and industrial hardware, supporting both domestic infrastructure projects and exports, solidifying Jiangsu's position in China's metallurgical industry.

### Ship Building

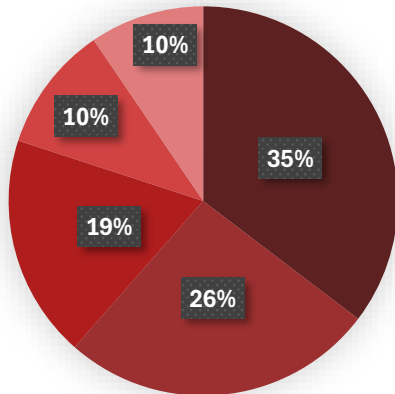
Jiangsu constitutes one of China's three leading shipbuilding provinces. Ship export revenue in the first eight months of 2024 totalled **RMB 69 billion** - the highest among all Chinese provinces - representing **75.1% YoY** growth. The world's largest shipbuilding company in terms of assets, **China State Shipbuilding Corporation**, has a significant presence, particularly along the **Yangtze Coastal Economic Belt**. Jiangsu is also home to China's largest private shipbuilding company, **Yangzijiang Shipbuilding Ltd**, which is developing innovative **Methanol dual-fuel ships** in Jingjiang.

### Electric Power and Heat Power

Jiangsu leads China in new-energy storage capacity, reaching nearly **6 million kW** by the end of 2024. It was also the first Yangtze River Delta province to exceed **100 GW** of installed new-energy capacity in 2025, growing **14.1% YoY** in 2024. Renewables accounted for **41.6%** of total installed capacity in 2024, an increase of **18.7** percentage points since 2020, highlighting the sector's rapidly expanding role in the province's energy mix. Key projects in Nanjing, Suzhou, and Wuxi emphasise clean energy and efficiency, supporting Jiangsu's **rapid industrial growth** while maintaining environmental standards.

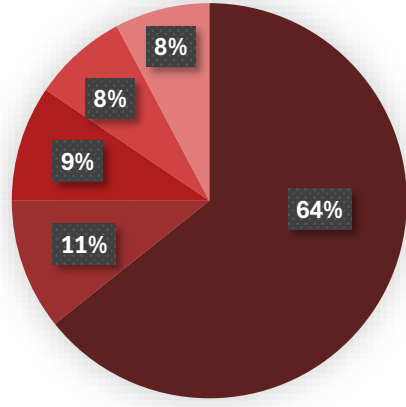
## Metrics

### Jiangsu Top 5 Exports by Category (2024)



- Telephones £36.8B
- Integrated Circuits £27.2B
- Computers £19.3B
- Passenger & Cargo Ships £10.9B
- Semiconductor Devices £9.9B

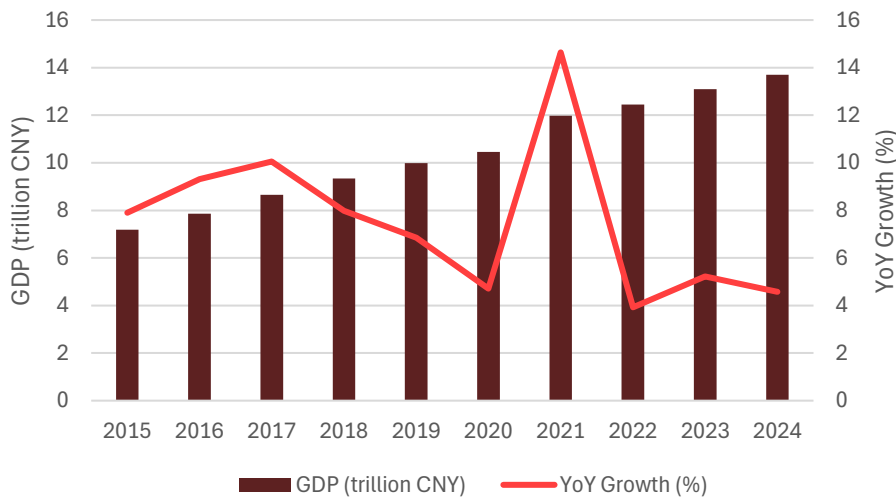
### Jiangsu Top 5 Imports by Category (2024)



- Integrated Circuits £52.2B
- Iron Ore £8.7B
- Crude Petroleum £7.7B
- Sound Recordings £6.3B
- Petroleum Gas £6.3B

A large share of Jiangsu's imports, including integrated circuits, iron ore, and crude petroleum, provide **crucial** inputs for its electronics, machinery, and shipbuilding sectors. These inputs are transformed into **high-value exports** such as telephones, computers, and passenger and cargo ships, highlighting the province's strong **manufacturing** and **export** capabilities.

### Jiangsu's GDP Growth (2015-2024)



Jiangsu's GDP reached **13.7** trillion CNY in 2024, maintaining steady growth, with peak YoY growth of **14.6%** in 2021, likely due to the COVID-related global demand rebound for the province's exports. Despite a drop in the growth rate since, the province has continued to be the second-highest in the country by a nearly CNY 4 trillion margin.

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