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Preface

The objective of this book is to collect and estimate a set of data on the socioeconomic situations of China's 56 ethnic groups.

Although the majority of China's population is of the Han nationality (which accounts for more than 90 % of China's population), the non-Han ethnic groups have a population of more than 100 million. China has officially identified, except for other unknown ethnic groups and foreigners with Chinese citizenship, 55 ethnic minorities. In addition, ethnic minorities vary greatly in size. With a population of more than 15 million, the Zhuang are the largest ethnic minority, and the Lhoba, with a population of only about 3000, the smallest.

China's ethnic diversity has resulted in a special socioeconomic landscape for China itself. However, till present, a complete socioeconomic picture of China's ethnic groups – especially of its smallest ethnic minorities – still remains unclear. How different have been China's ethnic groups in every sphere of daily life and economic development during China's fast transition period? In order to answer these questions, we need a detailed and comparable set of data for each of China's ethnic groups.

There has not been any official statement of China's socioeconomic development from a multi-ethnic dimension. The only official data released can be found in *China Ethnic Statistical Yearbook* (released by the State Ethnic Affairs Commission of the People's Republic of China since 1994). However, as the above Yearbook has only reported the

socioeconomic statistics for the minority-based autonomous areas, a complete set of China's multi-ethnic data cannot be derived from it. For instance, only five provincial level minority-based autonomous regions (i.e., Inner Mongolia, Tibet, the Zhuang-based Guangxi, the Hui-based Ningxia, and the Uygur-based Xinjiang) and 30 ethnic minority autonomous divisions at prefecture-level and 120 ethnic minority autonomous divisions at county-level – all of the latter cover China's 16 provinces, three autonomous regions and one municipality directly under the central government – are included in this Yearbook. The entire minority-based autonomous areas, however, account for only less than a half of their total population of the ethnic minorities (see Appendix 3 for details). This means that the Han Chinese has now become the majority of many, if not all of the above minority-based autonomous areas. In addition, still quite a few of non-Han minority people are found in the Han-based administrative areas (see Appendix 2 for details) – the breakdowns of their socioeconomic data have never been mentioned in China's existing statistical reports.

Another reason why the data of an ethnic minority autonomous area should not represent as those of that ethnic people stems from two facts in China: first, there usually exist two or more ethnic peoples in each ethnic minority autonomous area; second, each ethnic group is usually included geographically in at least two administrative divisions (provinces, prefectures, counties and others). For instance, according to the composition of population, the Mongol people have now become a true minority in Inner Mongolia, hometown of the ethnic Mongols, as a result of the large-scale Han immigration during the 20th century.

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A List of 56 Ethnic Groups in China

Name	Chinese name	Name in Pinyin	Other name(s)	Population share (%)
Achang	阿昌族	Āchāng Zú		0.0030
Bai	白族	Bái Zú		0.1451
Baonan	保安族	Bǎo'ān Zú	Bao'an, Bonan	0.0015
Blang	布朗族	Bùlǎng Zú	Bulang	0.0090
Bouyei	布依族	Bùyī Zú	Buyi, Buoyei, Buoyi	0.2153
Dai	傣族	Dǎi Zú		0.0946
Daur	达斡尔族	Dáwò'ěr Zú		0.0099
Deang	德昂族	Dé'áng Zú	Benglong	0.0015
Derung	独龙族	Dúlóng Zú	Drung, Dulong	0.0005
Dong	侗族	Dòng Zú		0.2161
Dongxiang	东乡族	Dōngxiāng Zú		0.0466
Ewenki	鄂温克族	Èwēnkè Zú		0.0023
Gaoshan	高山族	Gāoshān Zú	Taiwan aborigines	0.0003
Gelao	仡佬族	Gēlǎo Zú	Gelo	0.0413
Han	汉族	Hàn Zú		91.6474
Hani	哈尼族	Hānī Zú	Akha	0.1246
Hezhen	赫哲族	Hèzhé Zú	Hezhe	0.0004
Hui	回族	Huí Zú		0.7943
Jing	京族	Jīng Zú	Gin	0.0021
Jingpo	景颇族	Jǐngpō Zú		0.0111
Jino	基诺族	Jīnuò Zú	Juno	0.0017
Kazak	哈萨克族	Hāsàkè Zú	Kazakh	0.1097
Kirgiz	柯尔克孜族	Kē'ěrkèzī Zú		0.0140
Korean	朝鲜族	Cháoxiàn Zú		0.1374

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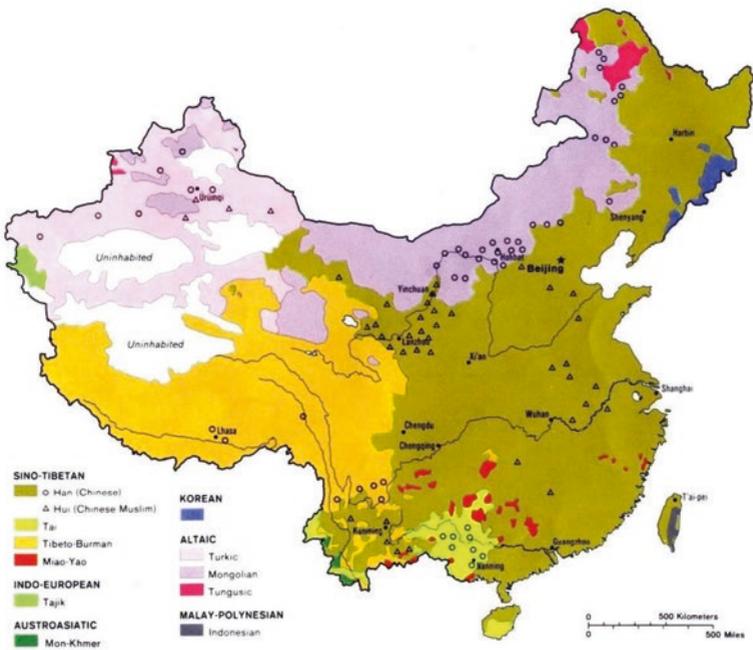
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Name	Chinese name	Name in Pinyin	Other name(s)	Population share (%)
Lahu	拉祜族	Lāhù Zú		0.0365
Lhoba	珞巴族	Luòbā Zú	Luoba	0.0003
Li	黎族	Lí Zú		0.1098
Lisu	傈僳族	Lìsù Zú		0.0527
Manchu	满族	Mǎn Zú	Man	0.7794
Maonan	毛南族	Máonán Zú		0.0076
Miao	苗族	Miáo Zú	Hmong, Xiong, Hmu	0.7072
Monba	门巴族	Ménbā Zú	Menba	0.0008
Mongol	蒙古族	Měnggǔ Zú	Mongolian	0.4488
Mulao	仡佬族	Mùlǎo Zú	Mulam	0.0162
Naxi	纳西族	Nàxī Zú	Nakhi	0.0245
Nu	怒族	Nù Zú		0.0028
Oroqen	鄂伦春族	Èlúnchūn Zú	Oroqin	0.0006
Pumi	普米族	Pǔmǐ Zú	Primi	0.0032
Qiang	羌族	Qiāng Zú		0.0232
Russian	俄罗斯族	Éluósī Zú		0.0012
Salar	撒拉族	Sālā Zú		0.0098
She	畲族	Shē Zú	Shanha	0.0532
Shui	水族	Shuǐ Zú		0.0309
Tajik	塔吉克族	Tǎjīkè Zú		0.0038
Tatar	塔塔尔族	Tǎtǎ'èr Zú	Dada	0.0003
Tibetan	藏族	Zàng Zú	Zang	0.4713
Tu	土族	Tǔ Zú	Monguor	0.0217
Tujia	土家族	Tǔjiā Zú		0.6268
Uyghur	维吾尔族	Wéiwú'ěr Zú	Uigur	0.7555
Uzbek	乌孜别克族	Wūzībiékè Zú	Ozbek	0.0008
Va	佯族	Wǎ Zú	Wa	0.0322
Xibe	锡伯族	Xībó Zú	Sibe	0.0143
Yao	瑶族	Yáo Zú		0.2098
Yi	彝族	Yí Zú		0.6538
Yugur	裕固族	Yùgù Zú	Yugu	0.0011
Zhuang	壮族	Zhuàng Zú		1.2700

Notes: (1) Population shares are based on the Sixth National Population Census of the People's Republic of China that was conducted on November 1, 2010. (2) See Appendix 1 for a historical and geographical description of each of the 56 ethnic groups

Maps

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Map 1 The spatial distribution of China's ethno-linguistic groups (Source: Courtesy of the University of Texas Libraries, University of Texas at Austin)



Map 2 The minority-based autonomous administrative divisions in China

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Organization of this Book

This book sets out to present, in an easy-to-use format, a broad collection of social and economic indicators on China's 56 ethnic groups. It is a resource book that profiles the general social and economic situations for each of these ethnic groups.

In this book, data are presented on an ethnic group-by-ethnic group basis, and the ethnic groups are ordered alphabetically, from the Achang to the Zhuang. Though most of the data are as of 2012 – the latest year when our research was conducted, we have also provided some historical data for a few of the indicators and have spent the past years developing these data sets and indicators for analysis. This is intended to help readers to conduct time-series comparisons and analyses.

This book is organized as follows.

This book focuses on the following topics: population growth and structural changes (Chap. 1); economic growth and expenditure (Chap. 2); employment and income distribution (Chap. 3); living conditions and the means of livelihood (Chap. 4); agricultural production and other rural activities (Chap. 5); education, science and technological progress (Chap. 6); health care and social security (Chap. 7); and entertainment and other cultural activities (Chap. 8).

There are four appendices in this book. Appendix 1 presents a short introduction to each of China's 56 ethnic groups. Appendix 2 provides ethnic populations of 31 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities and

of China as a whole, which are derived from China's two recent national population censuses (2000 and 2010). In Appendix 3 the administrative and demographic statistics of the minority-based administrative divisions at different levels (including autonomous regions as the first-class administrative divisions; cities, prefectures and autonomous prefectures as the second-class administrative divisions; and cities, counties, autonomous counties and banners (*Qi*) as the third-class administrative divisions) are presented. At last, Appendix 4 provides selected indicators on the social and economic development of ethnic minority autonomous areas.

At the end of this book, some notes on the data as well as the main statistical indicators are provided.

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