

CHINA

MEET A CHILD

The children that ought to play with them, make them. They are toys...12 year old Kim Wang works in a toy factory with several of her friends. Besides working for 18 hours a day with little or no rest, they have to work with machines which proves dangerous. Ever since her friend lost an arm when it got crushed in a machine, Kim has been planning to escape from the factory.

TOTAL POPULATION 1,300,060,000
CHILD POPULATION 286,013,200

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

No confirmed figures of child labour are available. But there were more than 9 million economically active children in 2000, between the age group 10-14 as per ILO

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2000, there were 762,942,000 economically active people in China, of which 9,258,000 were children in the age group 10-14. It is estimated that there would be no economically active child in this age group by 2010.

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

943 females per 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an
estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 5,819,900 primary school aged children between 7-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.930, China's progress towards achieving education for all is medium

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CHILD SLAVERY

China has a Re-education (or Reform) Through Labour program where prisoners are punished by forced labour. Also called Laogai, the program now has as many as 200,000 detainees

Country report, China, anti-
slavery.org

each year. While most are imprisoned for such crimes as drug-use and prostituti

Working up to 16 hours a day - sometimes through the night - prisoners assemble batteries, garments and other products. Inmates frequently cough up blood or collapse from exhaustion. Fumes damage their lungs and the powerful lighting sometimes causes blin

However it is not known if there are any children in the Laogai system of reform

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Women and girls from Burma, Laos, North Korea, Vietnam and Russia were trafficked into the country either to work in the sex trade or to be forced to marry Chinese men

The law prohibits trafficking in women and children; however, trafficking in persons and the abduction of women for trafficking remained serious problems. The country was both a source and destination country for trafficking in persons. Internal trafficking

According to official media reports, from 2001 to 2003, police freed more than 42,000 kidnapped women and children.

Baby boys and baby girls are also trafficked. Baby boys are sold to couples who are unable to have a son. In one case uncovered in 2003 in Yulin, Guangxi Province where 28 baby girls were purchase in Yulin to be resold in Anhui and Henan provinces to wor

Girls from Yunan province are trafficked into sex trade in Thailand through Laos

CHILD PROSTITUTION

According to expert estimates, there were 1.7million to 5 million sex workers in China. According to Xinhua news agency, one in five massage parlours was involved in prostitution

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data

CHILD SOLDIERS

The conscription age was reportedly lowered from 18 to 17 years in Beijing. It was not known whether under-18s were serving in government armed forces and militia

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

Unbearable to the Human Heart; Child trafficking and ation to eliminate it, ILO-IPEC Report, 2002

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

More than 150,000 homeless "street children" lived in cities, according to state-run media. Many did not live with their parents and survived by begging.

US Dept. of State, Country Reports
on Human Rights Practices- 2004,
February 2005