Development of Urban Statistics & Data
Exploitation in China
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【Abstract】 The number of the cities has greatly increased and the urbanization has achieved obvious progress since the foundation of the New China. There were 656 cities in China by 2006, with the urbanization level of 43.9%. Cities are playing a very important role in the development of the economy and society in China. Statistics of the cities commenced in 1962 in China. In 1982, the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS) established the annual urban statistics system. Under this system, the provincial statistical departments organize for the statistical departments of the cities to systematically collect, sort and report the basic information of the economy and society in the cities, which is mainly published in the China Urban Statistical Yearbook every year. The statistical and research departments make lots of researches and analyses on the basis of the statistical information of the cities. The Special Topics Research Team of the NBS irregularly organizes activities such as the comparative researches of the comprehensive strengths of the cities, achieving favorable social outcomes.

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