

## 009 Shanghai (China)

12.8 million inhabitants according to the UN's *Urban Agglomerations 2003*.

### 1. Territorial Levels, Population and Area

Name	Population	% of total	Area, km <sup>2</sup>	Density, people/km <sup>2</sup>
Shanghai Urban Districts	*7,946,600	0.62 %	1,219	9,880
Shanghai	*13,342,300	1.04 %	6,340	2,104
China	*1,286,975,468	100 %	9,596,960	134

\*Data for December 2002 provided by the National Statistics Office of China and from Shanghai Statistics

## 2. Administrative Designation and Number of Municipalities

Name	Designation	Number of Municipalities
<b>Shanghai Urban Districts</b>	These districts do not form a single political or administrative unit. They are the historical centres of the municipality.	10 Districts: Huangpu, Nanshi, Luwan, Xuhui, Changning, Jing'an, Putuo, Zhabei, Hongkou, Yangpu and Pudong
<b>Shanghai</b>	Shanghai Municipal District	1 Municipality 18 Districts ( <i>Qu</i> ): Baoshan , Changning , Fengxian, Hongkou, Huangpu, Jiading, Jing'an, Jinshan, Luwan, Minhang, Nanhui, Nanshi, Pudong, Putuo, Qingpu, Songjiang, Xuhui, Yangpu and Zhabei. 1 County ( <i>Xian</i> ) Chongming 132 Cities 3 Villages 100 Sub district Committees 3,293 Neighbourhood Committees de Barrio 1,991 Committees de Pueblo
<b>China</b>	Popular Republic of China <i>Zhonghua Renmin Gongheguo</i>	Four administrative levels: A) Provincial: 4 Municipalities with provincial status, 23 Provinces, 5 Autonomous Regions 2 Special Administrative Regions, B) Prefectural, 283 Prefecture Cities, 17 Prefectures, 30 Autonomous Prefectures, 3 Leagues C) County, 851 Districts 374 County Cities 1,465 Counties 117 Autonomous Counties 55 Other typologies D) Local: 44,067 local administrations (towns and villages).

## 3. Institutional framework and political powers

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#### General Aspects

Shanghai is one of the four municipalities with the status of a province. Unlike the municipalities that do not have this status, the Municipality of Shanghai is able to directly interact with the government of the People's Republic. As a municipal administration it develops its activities in the following areas: infrastructure provision (highways, subway, bridges, airport, etc.), urban promotion (housing and offices), water management, port management, the environment, primary-school education, public health, economic promotion, industry, trade, tourism, science and technology, agriculture, healthcare and waste management.

#### Mayor

Head of the municipal government and administration. Elected by the People's Congress of the Municipality of Shanghai and responsible before it for the actions of the government of the municipality.

#### People's Government of the Municipality of Shanghai

Executive organ that establishes the policies that should guide the action of the municipality. The administrative structure is made up of 21 government committees (departments) and 23 offices, centres and administrations that depend on the government. The government is made up of the Mayor and 10 members appointed by the People's Congress.

#### People's Government of the Municipality of Shanghai Office

Leads the administration of the municipality. Activity consists of applying and enforcing programs, projects and initiatives agreed upon by the People's Government of the Municipality.

#### People's Congress of the Municipality of Shanghai

Exercises legislative functions in the Municipality of Shanghai. Responsibilities include approving the following instruments: regulations and rules at the municipal level, economic plans and budgets; as well as reviewing acts and agreements of the institutions at the corresponding administrative level. The Congress also reviews and checks compliance with the law and provisions in its territory. Members are elected by the Communist Party for a five-year period.

### People's Republic of China

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#### President

Head of State. Functions: sanctioning laws, establishing orders (e.g., states of emergency), appointing senior political positions (PM, ministers, etc.) and foreign representatives. Appointed by the Presidium of the National People's Congress (NPC).

National People's Congress (*Quanguo Renmin Daibiao Dahui*)

The main responsibilities include approving laws and constitutional reforms; granting the status of autonomous region and municipality; choosing and removing the President and Vice President of the Republic, the members of the NPC Standing Committee and other senior public servants; approving economic plans and State budgets. Made up of 2,985 members elected by territories, provinces, municipalities and the armed forces for five-year mandates. The NPC is obliged by the statute to meet once a year.

### **NPC Standing Committee**

This is the permanent organ of the NPC and carries out its functions when the NPC is not in session. It interprets the Constitution and thus supervises its implementation, cancelling acts by the State Council that contravene it. When the NPC is not in session, the Standing Committee sanctions important laws; exercises legislative functions and economic planning functions in line with the matters approved by the NPC; supervises the activity of the main organs of the State and cancels local regulations and acts that do not meet the legislation. The Standing Committee is made up of 159 members elected from among the members of the NPC. The members of the Committee cannot combine this institutional responsibility with any other work.

### **State Council**

This is the maximum administrative organ and acts as the executive power in the Republic. Its main functions include authority over the regulation development of the Constitution and laws; leading the central, local and regional administrations and managing the economic development plan. It is made up of the Prime Minister, the Vice President and a varying number of state councillors. All the members are elected by the NPC upon the proposal of the President of the Republic.

## 4. Relevant websites and online documents

Shanghai Municipal Government: <http://www.shanghai.gov.cn>

Popular Republic of China <http://www1.china.org.cn/english/index.htm>