

China Tiers

Within the GWI survey, respondents in China have always been asked to select the region in which they live.

In Q3 2016, this was supplemented by a new question about their home city. Based on extensive research, input from local experts as well as consultations with clients, GWI identified around 300 key cities across 32 regions to include in the survey. The list shown to each respondent depends on which region they are in, and those who do not live in or near any of the chosen cities are able to select an “Other” option.

These cities are then divided into their respective “Tiers”, with clients able to use this break as an additional way to analyze the Chinese data. Because the “Tiers” system is not officially endorsed, there are varying views about which cities fall into which tiers. In addition, with many Chinese cities growing rapidly in size, it is common for cities to move between tiers. As a result, we sought input from local experts on how to classify our 300 cities, with the results shown below.

This classification will be reviewed at least once a year and updated if felt necessary.

Province-level division	City	Tier	Province-level division	City	Tier
Anhui	Anqing	4	Gansu	Xiamen	2
	Bengbu	4		Zhangzhou	3
	Bozhou	6		Baiyin	6
	Chizhou	6		Dingxi	6
	Chuzhou	4		Jiayuguan	5
	Fuyang	4		Jinchang	6
	Hefei	2		Jiuquan	5
	Huaibei	6		Lanzhou	3
	Huainan	6		Longnan	6
	Huangshan	6		Pingliang	6
	Lu'an	4		Qingyang	6
	Ma'anshan	4		Tianshui	5
	Suzhou	4		Wuwei	5
	Tongling	6		Zhangye	5
	Wuhu	3	Guangdong	Chaozhou	6
Beijing	Xuancheng	6		Dongguan	2
	n/a	1		Foshan	2
Chongqing	n/a	2		Guangzhou	1
Fujian	Fuzhou	2		Heyuan	6
	Longyan	6		Huizhou	3
	Nanping	4		Jiangmen	3
	Ningde	4		Jieyang	4
	Putian	4		Maoming	3
	Quanzhou	3		Meizhou	6
	Sanming	4		Qingyuan	4

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Guangxi	Shantou	4	Hainan	Bijie	4	Henan	Jixi	6
	Shanwei	6		Guiyang	3		Mudanjiang	4
	Shaoguan	4		Liupanshui	6		Qiqihar	4
	Shenzhen	1		Tongren	6		Qitaihe	6
	Yangjiang	4		Zunyi	4		Shuangyashan	6
	Yunfu	6		Danzhou	6		Suihua	4
	Zhanjiang	3	Hebei	Haikou	3		Yichun	6
	Zhaoqing	4		Sansha	6		Anyang	4
	Zhongshan	3		Sanya	6		Hebi	6
	Zhuhai	3		Baoding	3		Jiaozuo	4
Guangxi	Baise	5		Cangzhou	3		Kaifeng	4
	Beihai	5		Chengde	4		Luohe	6
	Chongzuo	6		Handan	3		Luoyang	3
	Fangchenggang	6		Hengshui	4		Nanyang	3
	Guigang	6		Langfang	3		Pingdingshan	4
	Guilin	4		Qinhuangdao	4		Puyang	4
	Hechi	6		Shijiazhuang	2		Sanmenxia	4
	Hezhou	6		Tangshan	2		Shangqiu	4
	Laibin	6		Xingtai	4		Xinxiang	4
	Liuzhou	3		Zhangjiakou	4		Xinyang	4
Guizhou	Nanning	2	Heilongjiang	Daqing	3	Hubei	Xuchang	4
	Qinzhou	6		Harbin	2		Zhengzhou	2
	Wuzhou	6		Hegang	6		Zhoukou	4
	Yulin	4		Heihe	6		Zhumadian	4
	Anshun	6		Jiamusi	6		Ezhou	6

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Hunan	Huanggang	4	Jiangsu	Bayannur	6	Jilin	Jiujiang	4
	Huangshi	4		Chifeng	4		Nanchang	2
	Jingmen	4		Hohhot	3		Pingxiang	6
	Jingzhou	4		Hulunbuir	4		Shangrao	4
	Shiyan	4		Ordos	3		Xinyu	6
	Suizhou	6		Tongliao	4	Liaoning	Yichun	4
	Wuhan	2		Ulanqab	6		Yingtian	6
	Xiangyang	3		Wuhai	6		Baicheng	6
	Xianning	6		Changzhou	5		Baishan	6
	Xiaogan	4		Huai'an	3		Changchun	2
	Yichang	3		Lianyungang	4		Jilin	3
	Changde	3	Jiangxi	Nanjing	2		Liaoyuan	6
	Changsha	2		Nantong	3		Siping	4
	Chenzhou	4		Suqian	4		Songyuan	4
	Hengyang	6		Suzhou	2		Tonghua	4
	Huaihua	4		Taizhou	3		Anshan	3
	Loudi	4		Wuxi	2		Benxi	4
	Shaoyang	4		Xuzhou	3		Chaoyang	4
	Xiangtan	4		Yancheng	3		Dalian	2
	Yiyang	4		Yangzhou	3		Dandong	4
	Yongzhou	4		Zhenjiang	3		Fushun	4
	Yueyang	3		Fuzhou	3		Fuxin	6
	Zhangjiajie	6		Ganzhou	4		Huludao	6
	Zhuzhou	4		Ji'an	4		Jinzhou	4
Inner Mongolia	Baotou	3		Jingdezhen	6		Liaoyang	4

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Ningxia	Panjin	4	Shanghai	Jinan	2	Sichuan	Bazhong	5
	Shenyang	2		Jining	3		Chengdu	2
	Tieling	4		Laiwu	6		Dazhou	4
	Yingkou	4		Liaocheng	3		Deyang	4
	Guyuan	6		Linyi	3		Guang'an	5
	Shizuishan	5		Qingdao	2		Guangyuan	5
	Wuzhong	5		Rizhao	4		Leshan	4
Qinghai	Yinchuan	3		Tai'an	3		Luzhou	4
	Zhongwei	6		Weifang	3		Meishan	6
	Haidong	6		Weihai	3		Mianyang	3
Shaanxi	Xining	3		Yantai	2		Nanchong	4
	Ankang	6		Zaozhuang	4		Neijiang	4
	Baoji	3		Zibo	2		Panzhihua	4
	Hanzhong	6		n/a	1		Suining	5
	Shangluo	6	Shanxi	Changzhi	4		Ya'an	5
	Tongchuan	6		Datong	4		Yibin	4
	Weinan	4		Jincheng	4		Zigong	4
	Xi'an	2		Jinzhong	4		Ziyang	4
	Xianyang	4		Linfen	4	Tianjin	n/a	1
	Yan'an	4		Lüliang	4		Chamdo / Changdu	6
	Yulin	3		Shuozhou	4	Tibet	Lhasa	5
	Binzhou	3		Taiyuan	2		Nyingchi	6
Shandong	Dezhou	3		Xinzhou	6		Shannan	6
	Dongying	3		Yangquan	6		Shigatse / Xigaze	6
	Heze	6		Yuncheng	4	Xinjiang	Aksu	5

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	Altay	6
	Hami	5
	Karamay	5
	Kashgar	5
	Turpan	6
	Urumqi	3
	Boashan	5
Yunnan	Kunming	2
	Lincang	6
	Lijiang	5
	Pu'er	5
	Qujing	4
	Yuxi	4
	Zhaotong	5
	Hangzhou	2
	Huzhou	4
	Jiaxing	3
	Jinhua	3
	Lishui	4
	Ningbo	2
	Quzhou	4
	Shaoxing	3
	Taizhou	3
	Wenzhou	2
	Zhoushan	6