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Summary: The property market has entered a yearslong downturn, the country's benchmark CSI 300 stock index has lost around a third of its value and the economy has become increasingly vulnerable, suffering from moribund consumer confidence, weak private-sector investment, and sky-high youth unemployment. Chinese citizens are spending less, saving more, and shying away from risky investments. Household savings in the country reached \$19.83 trillion by February, the highest figure on record, according to data from the central bank. Consumer confidence is near its lowest level in decades. Related: [Why Are China's Households in the Doldrums?](#) and [Foreign Direct Investment in China Falls to Lowest Level in Decades](#) and [China's Age Of Malaise](#)

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