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China's FDI confidence index ranking up globally

China's ranking in the 2026 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Confidence Index has climbed two spots to fourth place globally. **(Kearney)**

China's corporate credit status maintains steady momentum

The China Enterprise Credit Index, issued by the administration, stood at 162.05 in the 1st. quarter of 2026, edging down 0.13 points from the 4th. quarter of 2025, yet rising 0.39 points from the 3rd. quarter of last year. **(State Administration for Market Regulation)**

China to continue fiscal support for urban renewal in 2026

China will continue to provide central fiscal support for urban renewal actions. The support will target cities at the prefectural level and above, with no more than 15 cities to be selected through competitive review. **(Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development)**

China's retail sales post modest recovery in Q1

China's retail sales of consumer goods, a major indicator of the country's consumption strength, expanded 2.4 percent year on year in the first quarter of 2026. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's job market generally stable in Q1

The surveyed urban unemployment rate in China averaged 5.3 percent in the first quarter of 2026 (Q1), maintaining the same level as that of the same period last year. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's forex market maintains stability in March amid external shocks

China's foreign exchange market remained generally stable in March, foreign exchange settlements by banks totaled \$273.6 billion in March, and sales came in at \$257.6 billion, resulting in a surplus of \$16 billion. **(National Administration of Foreign Exchange)**

China's Q1 fiscal spending hits fastest pace in 5 years, revenue up 2.4 pct

China's fiscal spending expanded 2.6 percent year on year to 7.47 trillion yuan (about \$1.09 trillion) in the first quarter of 2026, with the budget execution pace hitting a five-year high. **(Ministry of Finance)**