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China's foreign trade up 18.3 pct in first two months of 2026

China's foreign trade grew 18.3 percent year on year in the first two months of 2026. Total goods trade volume reached 7.73 trillion yuan (about \$1.12 trillion). **(General Administration of Customs)**

China's retail sales up 2.8 pct in Jan-Feb 2026

China's retail sales of consumer goods went up 2.8% year on year in the first two months of 2026. The pace was 1.9 percentage points faster than the growth recorded in December 2025. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's industrial output up 6.3 pct in first two months

China's value-added industrial output, an important economic indicator, went up 6.3 percent year on year in the first two months of 2026. The pace was 1.1 percentage points faster than the level in December last year. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's job market generally stable in first two months

China's surveyed urban unemployment rate was 5.3% in the first two months of 2026. In February alone, the surveyed urban unemployment rate was 5.3%, 0.1 percentage point higher than the previous month. **National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's fixed-asset investment up 1.8 pct in first two months

China's fixed-asset investment went up 1.8 percent year on year in the first two months of 2026, reversing the 3.8-percent decline recorded for the whole of last year. **(National Bureau of Statistics)**

China's yuan loans grow 5.61 trillion yuan in first two months

China's yuan-denominated loans rose 5.61 trillion yuan (\$812.96 billion) in the first two months of the year. As of February, outstanding yuan loans amounted to 277.52 trillion yuan (\$32.97 trillion), up 6% year on year. **(People's Bank of China)**

China's central bank to conduct 500-bln-yuan outright reverse repo operation

The People's Bank of China announced that it will conduct a 500-billion-yuan (about \$72.46 billion) outright reverse repo operation on Monday to maintain ample liquidity in the banking system. **(People's Bank of China)**