Poverty:
definitions, estimates, and consequences

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The main story: 1980-2001
from 53% to 8% in extreme poverty
Ravallion comparisons by %: China, India, and Brazil
PPP of 1.25 per day
Yellow=6-20%
light blue= under 5%
dark blue = under 2%
PPP of $2.00 per day
Orange = 21-40% Yellow=6-20%
light blue= under 5% dark blue = under 2%
grey = no information available
The rural poor
The urban poor
Urban poverty by age

- 1992
- 1996
- 2001

- <28
- 28-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

户主年龄
贫困率
Poverty
and urban-rural divide
Relative losses from 2002 to 2009

As % of average per capita urban disposable income

for bottom urban quintile steady at 39%
for bottom rural quintile falls from 11.1% to 9.0%
Urban wealth: implications of growing inequality

Urban Per capita household income 1990-2007
adjusted to 2005 yuan
Ethnic and Gender Divides
56 official ethnicities (estimates)

- **Han** 1.19 billion
- Zhuang 18 million
- Manchu 10.68 million
- Uyghur 11.257 million
- Hui 10 million
- Miao 9 million
- Tujia 8 million
- Yi 7.7 million
- Mongols 5.8 million
- Tibetans 5.4 million
- Yao 3.1
- Buyi 2.9 million
- Koreans 2.4 million
China - 2010

Population (in millions)