**THAI NGUYEN CITY PROFILE**

1. **THAI NGUYEN CITY OVERVIEW**

Thái Nguyên is a city and municipality in Vietnam. It is the capital and largest city of Thái Nguyên Province. The city is listed as a first class city and is the ninth largest city in Vietnam. It has long been famous throughout Vietnam for its tea. In 1959 it became the site of Vietnam's first steel mill, and is now home to a large and growing major regional university complex.

1. **GEOGRAPHY**

Thái Nguyên City is located on the Cầu River. According to the statistics of the National Bureau of Statistics of Thai Nguyen in 2012, its area is approximately 186.31 km2 and its population was 287,910 in 2012.

1. **HISTORY**

The city played an important role in Vietnam's struggles for independence during the French colonial era.

Thái Nguyên uprising in 1917 was the "largest and most destructive" anti-colonial rebellion in French Indochina between the Pacification of Tonkin in the 1880s and the Nghe-Tinh Revolt of 1930–31. In August 1917, Vietnamese prison guards mutinied at the Thai Nguyen Penitentiary, the largest one in the region. With the aid of the freed inmates – common criminals as well as political prisoners – and weapons captured from the provincial arsenal, the rebels were able to take over control of local government offices. They then established a fortified perimeter, executed French officials and local collaborators, and called for a general uprising. Although they were only able to hold the city for five days, French forces were not able to pacify the surrounding countryside until six months later, leaving many casualties on both sides.

During the First Indochina War, the province played an important role as a safe area (abbreviated ATK in Vietnamese for An Toan Khu) for the Viet Minh. In 1956 the town became the headquarters of the northernmost military region, called Viet Bắc, until reunification in 1975.

Originally a small township including four residential quarters, two towns, and six communes with a combined population of approximately 140,000 and Thái Nguyên became a city on 19 October 1962. Before that date, the area was a part of Đồng Mô commune, Đồng Hỷ district.

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS, LAND AND CLIMATE**
2. The number of administrative units of city: 28
3. The status of land using
4. The total area of natural land of city: 18,630.6 ha
5. Farmland: 8910.2 ha
6. Forestry land: 2902.5 ha
7. Specialized land: 3247.9 ha
8. Homestead land: 1562.1 ha
9. **POPULATION AND LABOR**
10. Area, population and population density (2012) of the City
11. Area of city: 186.31 km2
12. Average population of city: 287,910 people
13. Population density of city: 1,545 people/km2
14. Average population by sex of city:
    * 1. Male: 141,365 people
      2. Female: 146,545 people
15. Average population by residence of city:
16. Urban: 230,090 people
17. Rural: 57,820 people
18. The labor force aged 15 and over by sex
19. Male: 352.6 thousand people
20. Female: 355.7 thousand people
21. **NATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND NATIONAL BUDGETS**
22. Gross output at current prices by economic sector
    * 1. Agriculture, forestry and fishing: 11,761.3 billion dongs
      2. Industry and construction: 46,987.4 billion dongs
      3. Service: 16,887.5 billion dongs
23. Gross output at current prices by ownership
24. State: 31,989.8 billion dongs
25. Non-state: 40,794.8 billion dongs
26. Foreign investment sector: 2851.6 billion dongs
27. Gross domestic product at current prices by economic sector
    * 1. Agriculture, forestry and fishing: 6175.8 billion dongs
      2. Industry and construction: 12,137.5 billion dongs
      3. Service: 11,134.7 billion dongs
28. Gross domestic product at current prices by ownership
    * 1. State: 12,665.6 billion dongs
      2. Non-state: 16,341.4 billion dongs
      3. Foreign investment sector: 353.6 billion dongs
29. Gross domestic product per capita: 25,602 thousand dongs
30. State budget revenues: 8676 billion dongs
31. **INVESTMENT AND CONSTRUCTION**
    1. Investment at current prices: 14,404.8 billion dongs
    2. Foreign direct investment projects licensed:
       1. Registered capital: 20.65 million USD
       2. Implemented capital: 8.52 million USD
    3. Construction output value at current prices: 7397.4 billion dongs
32. **ENTERPRISE AND INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT**
33. Number of acting enterprises of city: 1149 enterprises
34. Number of acting enterprises by type of enterprise:
35. State owned enterprise: 30 enterprises
36. Non-state enterprise: 1981 enterprises
37. Foreign invested sector: 13 enterprises
38. Number of acting enterprises by kind of economic activity:
    1. Agriculture and forestry: 14 enterprises
    2. Mining quarrying: 37 enterprises
    3. Manufacturing: 390 enterprises
    4. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply : 37 enterprises
    5. Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities: 9 enterprises
    6. Construction: 324 enterprises
    7. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles: 878 enterprises
    8. Transportation and storage: 175 enterprises
    9. Accommodation and food service activities: 45 enterprises
    10. Information and communication: 8 enterprises
    11. Financial, banking and insurance activities: 2 enterprises
    12. Real estate activities: 10 enterprises
    13. Professional, scientific and technical activities: 66 enterprises
    14. Education: 14 enterprises
    15. Human health and social work activities: 2 enterprises
    16. Arts, entertainment and recreation: 3 enterprises
    17. Other service activities: 10 enterprises
39. Number of non-farm individual business establishments of city: 17,641 establishments
    1. Industry: 1575 establishments
    2. Construction: 70 establishments
    3. Trade: 7,981 establishments
    4. Accommodation and foods services: 5243 establishments
    5. Transportation: 534 establishments
    6. Other services: 2238 establishments
40. Number of employees in the non-farm individual business establishments of city: 25,628 people
    1. Industry: 3,179 people
    2. Construction: 345 people
    3. Trade: 11,001 people
    4. Hotel, restaurant: 7,338 people
    5. Transportation and telecommunications: 610 people
    6. Other services: 3,155 people
41. **AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING**
42. Gross output of agriculture, forestry and fishing at constant 2012 prices of city: 985.51 billion dongs
43. Gross output of agriculture at constant 2012 prices of city: 949.29 billion dongs
44. Gross output of forestry at current price of city: 14.29 billion dongs
45. Gross output of fishing at current price of city: 20.08 billion dongs
46. **INDUSTRY**
47. Industrial output value at current prices by ownership:
48. State: 21,883.3 billion dongs
49. Non-state: 14,945.1 billion dongs
50. Foreign invested sector: 2,761.6 billion dongs
51. Industrial output value at current prices by industrial activity
52. Mining and quarrying: 3,196 billion dongs
53. Manufacturing: 34,511.8 billion dongs
54. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply: 915.2 billion dongs
55. Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities: 247 billion dongs
56. **TRADE AND TOURISM**

Retail sales of goods and services at current prices of city: 10,173.9 billion dongs

1. **TRANSPORT AND POSTAL SERVICES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Turnover of transport, storage and transportation support services by type of ownership

* + 1. State: 35 billion dongs
    2. Non-state: 1,397.7 billion dongs

1. **EDUCATION**
2. Number of universities and teachers in university education:
   * + 1. Number of universities: 8 universities
       2. Number of teachers: 2,442 people
3. Number of students in universities: 79,668 students
4. **HEALTH, CULTURE, SPORT** 
   1. State health establishments of city: 44 establishments
   2. Number of patient beds of city: 2,338 patient beds
   3. Number of health staffs of city: 1,728 staffs
5. **LIVING STANDARD , SOCIAL SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENT** 
   * + 1. Monthly average income per capita at current prices by residence (2012)
6. Monthly average income per capita at current prices of urban area: 2,026 thousand dongs
7. Monthly average income per capita at current prices in rural area: 1,162.4 thousand dongs
   * + 1. Number of poor households and rate of poor households
8. Number of poor household of city: 2,069 households.
9. Rate of poor households of city: 3.11.