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Non-Performing Debts in Chinese Enterprises Patterns, Causes, and Implications for Banking Reform*

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Abstract

Given the domination of bank financing, non-performing debts (NPDs) in large Chinese enterprises are a proxy for non-performing loans (NPLs) in China's major banks. Using the firm-level survey of more than 20,000 large and medium-sized industrial enterprises by the National Bureau of Statistics of China, this paper estimates both the level and ratio of NPDs across ownership, industry, and region during 1995-2002. The results show NPD ratios have been falling due to both rapid expansion of better performing non-state enterprises (NSE) and improving performance of the state-owned enterprises (SOEs). However, SOEs are still much more likely to generate NPDs than NSEs. The paper provides useful tools and sector information for assessing enterprise debt risks and draws lessons for banking reform in China.

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1. Introduction

In early 2004 the newly established China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) announced that during 2003 the ratio of non-performing loans (NPLs) in China's banking institutions fell 4.69 percentage points to 15.19%, reducing NPLs by RMB157.4 billion to a level of RMB 2.4 trillion. Outsiders took this news cautiously since they don't know how China's banks calculate their NPLs. Most analysts and commentators would still put China's NPL ratios at a much higher level than the official one, usually two to three times of the official NPL ratio but with little supporting information. The uncertainty on the true level of NPLs in China has been a major concern for policy-makers and investors. Most researchers have attempted to study China's NPLs using macro data since it is difficult to get reliable and representative micro data from the Chinese banks.

This paper provides an alternative approach to study the non-performing loans in China. Due to the limited development of stock markets and enterprises bond markets in China, banks are still the major holders of enterprises' long-term and short-term debts. Bank loans and enterprises debts can be regarded almost as the two sides of the same coin in China. The quality of loans depends heavily on the quality of enterprise debts given the dominance of bank financing on China's large and medium-sized enterprises. The quality of enterprise debts is directly linked to the profitability of the enterprises. The ability to pay the interest and principal of loans derives ultimately from profitability of the enterprises. This is especially true if we are examining groups of enterprises, where the variation in the timing and forms of cash flows should be averaged out, leaving the profitability as the most important aggregate measure on the quality of enterprise debts.

This paper uses the profitability conditions of the enterprises to measure and characterize the quality of enterprise debts. It uses both the reported profitability and the imputed profitability, which is based on the components of value added to give two alternative estimates on the quality of enterprise debts for various enterprise groups classified by ownership, industry, and region. The method is applied to a comprehensive annual enterprise survey of all the large and medium-sized industrial enterprises in China conducted by the National Bureau of Statistics of China. The information about the survey data can be found in Table A.1 to A.6 of the Data Appendix. As shown in Table A.6, the survey sample includes more than 20,000 enterprises and covers the period from 1995 to 2002. In 2002, the sample enterprises have 26 million employees, which is about 70.8% of China's industrial employment. They also incur RMB 5.7 trillion debts in 2002, which is as large as 43.6% of the total loans in China's financial institutions. In 2002, the sample enterprises contributed to about 19.2% of China's GDP. Clearly these enterprises are the most important leaders in the Chinese industrial sector. The aggregate financial information about the sample enterprises have been regularly reported in the Statistical Yearbook of China. The contribution of this paper is in using the disaggregated firm-level data to study the enterprise profitability and the quality of the enterprise debts. The paper derives both the level and ratio of non-performing enterprise debts across ownership, industry, and region for the period of 1995-2002. The results show that non-performing enterprise debts have indeed been falling due to both rapid expansion of better performing non-state enterprises and improvement in the performance of reforming state-owned enterprises (SOEs). This evidence is consistent with the findings of the CBRC on falling NPLs and NPL ratios in China's banking sector. However, the study also finds that the SOEs are still much more likely to generate NPDs than the non-state

enterprises (NSEs), providing a challenge as well as an opportunity for future banking reform. Based on the evolving pattern of enterprise profitability and the changing distribution of enterprise debts, the paper developed useful tools and sector information for managing enterprise debt risk as well as scenarios on how the NPDs in China may evolve in the future.

Section 2 defines the concepts of NPDs and NPD ratios used in this paper, which are based on the profitability conditions of the enterprises and the distribution of enterprise debts.

Section 3 shows the patterns of NPDs and NPD ratios across enterprise type, industry, and region.

Using the information derived in section 3, Section 4 examines the trend of NPD ratios during the period 1995-2002 and provides scenarios on the future of NPD ratios in China.

Section 5 examines the causes of NPDs and uses the logistic and linear regressions to identify the impact of various factors on the profitability of the enterprises.

Section 6 concludes the paper by discussing the implications of the statistical analysis in this paper on banking reform in China.

2. Defining and Estimating Non-Performing Debts

In recent years, the CBRC has been trying hard to monitor and supervise the NPLs in China's banking institutions. It developed detailed rules on the reporting of the amount of NPLs and NPL ratios. The purpose is to manage and reduce the financial risks by monitoring both the changing distribution of NPLs and the changing NPL ratios of individual banks and bank branches. This is clearly necessary and

useful. Poor governance at the banks is a sufficient condition for creating NPLs even when the enterprise sector is doing well.

However, the efforts by the CBRC and the individual banks in reducing NPLs are only necessary conditions. Ultimately, the quality of China's banking assets and enterprise debts depend directly on the profitability of China's enterprises. For example, in the short run it is easy for banks to reduce NPL ratios or even the amount of NPLs by simply expanding the total amount of loans. New loans are much less likely to have repayment problems in the short run but may create more bad loans in the future if they are extended to potentially loss-making enterprises. New loans can also help the existing loss-making enterprises to continue to pay their interest on old loans, also shifting the underlying risks to the future. These are the main reasons why the reliability of NPL statistics as reported by the banks can vary a lot depending on how they are calculated. No outsiders know well how the NPLs and NPL ratios in China's banks are actually calculated since the decisions on each individual case require judgments that are too much for outsiders to assess. This is why the analysts and commentators rely more on their study of China's macro economic conditions and sector performance to gauge the level of NPLs in China. Based on their personal impressions and understandings about the Chinese economy they report NPL ratios usually two to three times of the official one.

This paper attempts to develop an objective measure on the quality of enterprise debts in China. It uses the profitability as the only criteria in measuring the quality of debts. If the enterprises are making profits, the quality of their debts, more specifically their total liabilities, are regarded as performing. If making loss, their debts are non-performing. The amount of the NPDs for a group of enterprises are then the sum of the total liabilities in the loss-making enterprises in a specific group.

The NPD ratio for that group is simply sum of total liabilities in the loss-making enterprises divided by the sum of total liabilities in both the loss-making and profit-making enterprises in that group. This simple definition of NPD and NPD ratio makes our NPD statistics objective, easy to measure, and easy to understand.

Our concept of NPD ratio however is not applicable to an individual enterprise since an enterprise can either have performing or non-performing debts by our definition. In another word, in our definition, one enterprise cannot have 70% of their debts performing and 30% non-performing. For an individual enterprise, it may be making losses in the first few years but will make profits in the future. Its debt quality should be good after close examination by its creditors. Our definition of NPD would not be fair to this particular enterprise. On the other hand, we could also have a currently profitable enterprise which will become a loss-maker soon. Its debt quality would be bad upon close examination. Our assessment based only on current profitability may not do justice to this particular firm. However, these sort of enterprises should form a similar distribution across year, ownership, industry, and region. With a sizable group of enterprises by year, ownership, industry, and region, the variability in the timing of cash flows, profit-streams, payments to creditors, and others for each individual enterprises would offset each others, leaving the average NPD ratio for the group a much more reliable and accurate measure of the debt quality. This is why our concept of NPD ratio is useful only for measuring debt quality for groups of enterprises. In another word, the NPD statistics derived here are useful for understanding the macro or sector picture of the quality of enterprise debts in China. It is not designed to replace the detailed investigation on the quality of debts for specific projects and enterprises, usually carried out by commercial and investment banks. However, the study here would be very useful as a complementary

research to the policy-makers and practitioners since it provides the macro and sector performance benchmarks that are crucial for them to compare the performance of individual banks and enterprises with benchmark performance of the sector as a whole.

For our method to be useful, it needs to be applied to a representative sample with sizable groups of enterprises. The annual survey of large and medium-sized industrial enterprises by the National Bureau of Statistics happens to be a perfect data set for applying our method. The NBS data is in fact a census data, not really a sampling data, since it covers all large and medium-sized industrial enterprises population in China. In 2002, China has more than 180,000 industrial enterprises that have sales above RMB 5 million. The NBS sample only includes about 21,000 to 23,000 large and medium-sized industrial enterprises out of the 180,000. Many small industrial enterprises are not included in our study but most of them have limited access to external finance under current financial system in China.

It needs to be pointed out that enterprises included in the NBS survey each year are not the same group of enterprises. About 20% enterprises enter and exit the survey sample each year due to changes in their size classification or organizational changes such as mergers and acquisition, privatization, reorganization etc. This means that we are studying the largest and most dynamic frontier industrial enterprises in China. The sample cover enterprises in all industries, regions, and types of ownership such as SOEs, rural and urban collectives, private enterprises, domestic mixed ownership corporations, foreign invested enterprises, and enterprises with investment form Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. It is entirely possible that the enterprises not included in our sample have worse performance than the enterprises in this NBS sample. In that case, the NPD ratios for the entire Chinese industrial sector would be

higher than reported in this study. Also, if the banks and non-industrial enterprises/projects in China are performing worse than the enterprises in this NBS sample, the overall NPD and NPLs situation for the Chinese economy as a whole would be worse than that for the sample enterprises revealed in this paper. Also, we cannot compare directly the NPL ratios reported by the CBRC and the NPD ratios estimated here since they are defined differently. The NPD ratios here are designed to examine the trend and the patterns on the quality of Chinese enterprise debts at the macro and sector level.

As shown in Table A.6, during the period from 1995 to 2002, the sample enterprises created about 60% to 70% of China's industrial employment and 33% to 43% of China's industrial value added. Most significantly, the sample enterprises contributed to about 14% to 19% of China's GDP. Their total liabilities, one of the key variables we examine in this paper, amount to about 45% to 65% of China's total banking loans during the period from 1995 to 2002. Of course, not all of the total liabilities in the sample enterprises correspond to loans from the banks. But even assuming that 60% of the total liabilities in the sample are related to various bank loans, the statistical analysis in the paper would provide in-depth study on the quality of about 27% to 29% of China's total loans. In summary, although the members of sample enterprises are changing each year but they as a whole forms a stable club of China's industrial elite enterprises. The performance of this elite group of enterprises are much more representative of the performance of the Chinese industrial economy than, for example, the performance of the listed companies in China or any small sample study of Chinese enterprises occasionally conducted by the researchers. Given the growing importance of China's industrial sector for both the domestic and global

economy, our analysis in this paper fills a crucial vacuum in understanding the dynamics of China's industrial reform and development.

Table 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 shows the distribution of the total liabilities for the sample enterprises by ownership, industry, and region respectively. The objective of this paper is to find out how much of these debts are located in profit-making and loss-making enterprises and then to calculate the amount and ratio of NPDs. There are two underlying forces affecting the NPD ratios: the shifting distribution of debts across enterprise groups with different profitability and the changing profitability of each group.

Let's take a look at Table 1.1, which shows the distribution of total liabilities (or total debts) across ownership types. The share of total debts by SOEs fell sharply from 76.4% in 1995 to 48.2% in 2002, to the benefits of domestic mixed ownership corporations and private enterprises. The total debts for SOEs increased from RMB 2.5 trillion in 1995 to RMB 3.2 trillion in 1998 just before the Asian financial crisis, and then fell to RMB 2.8 trillion in 2002. The total debts for collectives followed the same pattern of SOEs, rising from RMB 227 billion in 1995 to RMB 287 billion in 1998 and then falling to RMB 219 billion in 2002. The shifting of debts towards private, mixed, foreign, or overseas Chinese enterprises has been steady and rapid throughout the period from 1995 to 2002 without any interruption by the Asian financial crisis in 1998-1999. For the eight years from 1995 to 2002, the total debts in the sample enterprises increased RMB 2,436 billion. Among the net increase, only RMB 246 billion ended in the SOEs, RMB 1,411 billion went to mixed ownership enterprises, RMB 467 billion to foreign enterprises, RMB95 billion to private enterprises. The drastic changes in the distribution of total debts are strong evidences showing rapid but quiet privatization and opening up for the most dynamic part of

China's industrial sector. In the next section, we will show that the redistribution of total debts from SOEs towards the better performing NSEs contributed to the larger part of the observed fall in average NPD ratios for the sample enterprises.

How financial resources are allocated among the Chinese industrial enterprises during the period 1995-2002, which can be characterized by high growth and steady reform? Which industries and regions are getting more financial resources for their elite industrial enterprises? Table 1.2 and 1.3 provides the answer. The two tables give us detailed information about the credit allocation among China's large and medium-sized industrial enterprises and illustrate the changing landscape of the Chinese enterprise financing. In Table 1.2 and 1.3 the total debts for each industry or region are sorted by their amount in 2002 to make it easy to look for the winners and losers. The last two columns show the amount of change and growth rate for total debts during the period 1995-2002.

As shown in Table 1.2, the top 5 industries in 2002 ranked by the level of their total debts are:

1. Electric Power, Steam and Hot Water
2. Transport Equipment Manufacturing
3. Smelting & Pressing of Ferrous Metals
4. Electronic and Telecom Equipment
5. Raw Chemical Materials and Chemical

The top five industries together attracted RMB2.692 trillion of debts or 47% of the total for the whole sample. The net gains of debts for the top five industries during 1995-2002 amounted to RMB 1.465 trillion, or 60% of the gains by the whole sample. China's financial risks would be heavily influenced by the performance of the above five sectors.

From the last column of Table 1.2, the top 5 industries ranked by the growth of their total debts during 1995-2002 can be identified as the following:

1. Tap Water Production and Supply
2. Electric Power, Steam and Hot Water
3. Electronic and Telecom Equipment
4. Papermaking and Paper Products
5. Gas Production and Supply

Clearly the above leading industries, which are attracting investment in the last decade, are largely related to industrial infrastructure, intermediate inputs, raw materials, production equipments and utilities. The rapid development of these industries, would lay a solid foundation for China's further industrialization. In this sense, China's enterprise finance looks consistent with the market forces. Of course, a risk-based regulation strategy would require extra attentions to be paid to these sectors with heavy concentration in enterprise financing. As we will see in the next section, some of the above sectors with rapid growth in enterprise debts do have high NPD ratios, especially in the SOE dominated utilities sector.

From Table 1.3 we can see the top 5 regions ranked by the level of their total enterprise debts in 2002 are Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shandong, Shanghai, and Liaoning. These regions are clearly becoming China's new industrial centers.

In the next section, we will show how much of the total debts shown in Table 1.1 to 1.3 is located in loss-making enterprises. The profitability of the enterprises becomes the crucial variable for our study. The reported profits however have a number of problems. First, it is hard to check the consistence of the reported profits with other financial variables of the enterprises due to the complicated accounting regulations. In another word, we do not know how the reported profits are calculated from other financial variables reported in the NBS survey. Second, it is widely reported that enterprises may manage their profit numbers legitimately or not for many purposes including legal or illegal tax evasion. Hence, it seems useful to develop an alternative measure of profitability based on a consistent set of financial

variables available from the NBS survey. Since the main purpose of the NBS survey is to calculate the value added of the industrial enterprises, it is possible to develop a measure of profitability or potential profitability based on the reconstructed components of enterprise's value added.

We use the following variables available from the NBS survey to define the imputed profitability of the sample enterprises:

VA: value added including value added taxes and financial changes;
W: wage and other employee benefits.
FC: financial charges, mainly interest payments.
D: current depreciations;
T: all tax payments including value added taxes;
TA: total assets

We classify enterprises into eight profitability groups:

[-4]: if $VA \leq 0$;
[-3]: if $VA - W \leq 0$ AND $VA > 0$;
[-2]: if $VA - W - FC \leq 0$ AND $VA - W > 0$;
[-1]: if $VA - W - FC - D \leq 0$ AND $VA - W - FC > 0$;
[+1]: if $VA - W - FC - D - T \leq 0$ AND $VA - W - FC - D > 0$;
[+2]: if $VA - W - FC - D - T > 0$ AND $(VA - W - FC - D - T) / TA \leq 5\%$
[+3]: if $(VA - W - FC - D - T) / TA > 5\%$ AND $(VA - W - FC - D - T) / TA \leq 15\%$;
[+4]: if $(VA - W - FC - D - T) / TA > 15\%$;

Table 2.1 shows the number of enterprises in each of the eight profitability groups over the period from 1995 to 2002. This imputed profitability by eight groups would allow us to separate the non-performing debts into more disaggregated groups by the degrees of loss-making. The Chinese banks are in the process of changing their loan classification from four categories (normal, overdue, doubtful, and bad) into the international standard of five categories (normal, special mention, substandard, doubtful, and loss). Unlike the classification of loans, the profitability classification here reveals the underlying economic conditions, for example:

- Enterprises in profitability group [-4] create negative value added. They should be closed right away according to economic principles. The quality of their debts is worst among the eight groups by profitability.
- Enterprises in group [-3] have positive value added but cannot pay all of their wage bills. In economics, they cannot even cover their variable costs. They should also be closed as soon as possible to avoid incurring new losses. The quality of their debts would get worse every day.
- Enterprises in group [-2] can pay their wage bills but cannot pay all of their financial charges. The quality of their debts is poor but since the investment is sunk it may have reasons to continue operation in the short run, waiting for turnaround after reorganization.
- Enterprises in group [-1] can pay their wage bills and financial charges but cannot cover all of their depreciation charges. The quality of their debts will fall as capital is depleted.

However due to space limitation, we will leave the more detailed analysis on NPDs based on the above profitability classifications for a separate paper. For this paper, we will focus on the big picture first and classify enterprises in the first four groups as loss-making and the last four groups as profit-making by imputed profitability.

Table 2.2 shows the number of enterprises making or losing profits based on both reported and imputed profits over the period from 1995 to 2002. The number of loss-making enterprises by imputed profitability was quite stable at about 8000 or 34% to 35% during 1995-1998 and then fell rapidly afterward to 4952 or 22.3% in 2002. The number of loss-making enterprises by reported profitability was 6937 or 30.8% in 1995 and rose sharply to 8987 or 40.3% in 1998 and then dropped to 6295

or 28.3% in 2002. In the next section, we will use both the imputed and reported profitability to estimate the amount and ratio of NPDs using the concept and measurement method developed in this section. Although the two profitability measurements are quite different in concept and measurement, both are useful for assessing the quality of enterprises debts. The imputed profitability is more useful for comparing enterprise performance across groups since it is based on a consistent set of reported financial variables but it is different from the actually reported profitability. The imputed profits could be larger than the reported profits for a number of reasons: first, since some of the value added may not turn into actual profits when the output is not sold or is still in inventory. Second, it is likely that reported profits may be lower than the imputed profits due to legal or illegal tax evasions or profit hiding. We will examine this complicated issue in a separate paper.

3. Statistics of Non-Performing Debts

Using the method developed in the last section, this section reports the main results on NPD statistics for the whole sample as well as by ownership, industry and region. Table 3.1 shows the amount of NPD as well as NPD ratio for the whole sample during the period from 1995 to 2002. There are two sets of NPD statistics in the table: the upper part is derived from the imputed profits and the lower part from the reported profits. In Table 3.1 the amount and the ratio of NPD are calculated for three categories of debts separately: total liabilities, long-term liabilities, and short-term liabilities. They are quite similar in size and trend with NPD ratio for short-term liabilities declining slightly faster than for long-term liabilities.

According to the imputed profitability, the NPD ratio for the whole sample was quite stable around 27% to 30% during 1995-1999 afterwards to only 18.4% in

2002 with the amount of NPDs at about RMB 1 trillion. According to the reported profitability, the NPD ratio for the whole sample was at 24.1% in 1995 and rose to 34.3% in 1998 and then fell to 22.9% with the amount of NPDs at about RMB 1.3 trillion in 2002. According to the CBRC, China's NPL ratio fell in recent years to 15.19% with the amount of NPLs at RMB 2.4 trillion by the end of 2003. Given the different definitions between NPLs and NPDs, the results we have here for NPD statistics look quite consistent with the CBRC statistics for NPLs. In the next section, we will examine further the trend of NPD ratios for the whole sample.

Table 3.2 and 3.3 compares the NPD statistics for different types of enterprises by ownership derived from both the imputed and reported profitability. The two tables show the NPD ratios vary significantly across types of enterprises by ownership with the SOEs have much higher NPD ratios than NSEs:

In 2002, the NPD ratio for the SOEs was 25.4% by imputed profitability and 25.8% by reported profitability. The NPD ratio for the private enterprises was 7.4% by imputed profitability and 15.8% by reported profitability. The NPD ratio for the domestic mixed ownership enterprises was 10.8% by imputed profitability and 20.2% by reported profitability.

From these NPD statistics in Table 3.2 and 3.3, it is possible to decompose the fall of average NPD ratio for the whole sample into two parts: the one due to improvement of NPD ratios in each type of the enterprises and the other part due to the redistribution of debts from SOEs to the better performing NSEs.

Let's assuming R_i^t is NPD ratio in year t for group i of enterprises and S_i^t is the share of debts by group i , then the NPD ratio for the whole sample in year t can be calculated from the following equation:

$$R^t = \sum_i R_i^t * S_i^t;$$

where i = private, collective, mixed, foreign, HK-M-Taiwan, SOE;

The change of NPD for the whole sample from 1995 to 2002 can be presented equivalently in the following formats:

$$\begin{aligned} & R^{2002} - R^{1995} \\ &= \sum_i R^{2002}_i * S^{2002}_i - \sum_i R^{1995}_i * S^{1995}_i \\ &= \sum_i 0.5 * (R^{2002}_i + R^{1995}_i) * (S^{2002}_i - S^{1995}_i) + \sum_i 0.5 * (R^{2002}_i - R^{1995}_i) * (S^{1995}_i + S^{2002}_i); \end{aligned}$$

The first term in the above equation is the first component of the change in NPD ratio for the whole sample during 1995-2002 that can be attributed to the shift of the total liabilities across ownership groups while holding the individual ownership group's NPD ratio at their average level for 1995 and 2002. Using statistics from Table 1.1, 3.2 and 3.2, this first component is -3.86% for imputed profitability method and -2.33% for the reported profitability method.

The second term is the second component of change in NPD ratio for the whole sample during 1995-2002 that can be attributed to the fall in individual ownership group's NPD ratio while holding the distribution of total liabilities across ownership groups at their average level for 1995 and 2002. This second component is -4.74% for the imputed profitability method and 1.13% for the profitability method.

Hence, according to the imputed profitability method, the NPD ratio for the whole sample fell from 27.8% in 1995 to 18.4% in 2002, a drop of 9.8%. Out of this 9.8%, 3.86% can be attributed to shift of financial resources from SOEs to the better performing NSEs, which have lower NPD ratios than SOEs.

According to the reported profitability method, the NPD ratio for the whole sample fell only slight from 24.1% in 1995 to 22.9% in 2002, a drop of only 1.21%. The decomposing of this 1.21% shows that the shift of financial resources from SOEs to the better performing NSEs led to 2.33% drop in the NPD ratio for the whole

sample while the changes in the NPD ratios for individual ownership groups have led to an increase of 1.13% in the NPD ratio for the whole sample.

Clearly the fall of NPD ratio is more significant according for the imputed profitability than for the reported profitability. As pointed out before, we are not clear how the reported profits are calculated because of the large variations in accounting and profit-reporting practices across types of enterprises, but we know exactly how the imputed profits are calculated from the financial variables that are used for measuring GDP. We think both measures are useful. The NPD statistics derived from the imputed profitability can be used for comparing the underlying performance of different groups of enterprises while the NPD statistics from the reported profitability reflects better the actually outcomes the creditors are going to face when they deal with the enterprises.

Table 4.1 to 4.4 contains NPD statistics by industry during 1995-2002. Table 4.1 and 4.2 are derived from the imputed profitability while Table 4.3 and 4.4 from reported profitability. Table 5.1 to 5.4 contains NPD statistics by industry during 1995-2002. Table 5.1 and 5.2 are derived from the imputed profitability while Table 5.3 and 5.4 from reported profitability. All the above eight tables are sorted by the last column for 2002 so that readers can see easily the best and worse performers in the quality of enterprise debts. The information here gives the big picture on the quality of enterprise debts across industry and region and can be used by the policy-makers, the banks, the investors, and the enterprises as a benchmark to check the performance of their own debt portfolios. This information is a public good and contributes to the more scientific management of the debt risks in China. The next section tries to summarize the key contents of the detailed information in these tables and makes them easier to use by the policy-makers and practitioners.

4. Patterns of Non-Performing Debts

As pointed out in previous sections, the two sets of NPD statistics estimated in this paper are useful as benchmarks for policy-makers and practitioners. Bankers from Shanghai and Guangdong may want to know the NPD statistics in their regions. Officials in charge of utilities may also want to know how bad that sector's enterprise debts are compared to other industries. Applying simple regression method to the disaggregated NPD ratios, we can summarize the variability in NPD ratios from two dimensions: one is the declining trend of NPD ratio and the other is the gaps in NPD ratios across the ownership, industry and region. These patterns are useful for illustrating the overall quality of enterprise debts in China as well as for informed policy debates.

Table 6.1 to 6.3 shows the results of six regressions using group NPD ratios reported in the six tables respectively (e.g. Table 3.2, 3.3, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2, and 5.4). In each of the six regressions, the independent variables include a time trend (year) and a categorical variable (ownership, industry, or region respectively). Each categorical variable includes an additional value of "the whole sample" to denote the NPD ratio for the whole sample. The regression equations can be written as the following:

$$\text{NPD ratio} = f(\text{year, categorical variable});$$

We use weight regressions to discount the impact of NPD ratios in the early years (see weights in the footnote of Table 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3). The regression coefficient for the time trend variable (year) would indicate how fast the NPD ratio would fall every year based on the variability of the NPD ratios reported for each group in the relevant tables. In principle, the declining trend of NPD ratios for all the groups is related to the improvement of general market environment of the Chinese economy due to

reform and opening. The regression coefficients for the categorical variable would indicate the average gap between the NPD ratio of that particular category and the NPD ratio of the base category (which is indicated by a zero value for the coefficient and a blank value for t statistics in the tables) after taking out the influence of the declining trend in NPD ratio. The negative sign means “lower than” the NPD ratio of the base category.

For example Table 6.1 shows that based on NPD ratios estimated from the imputed profitability and reported in Table 3.2 on average the NPD ratios for a particular group is likely to decline by 1.5% each year. The NPD ratio for the private enterprises is likely to be 21.3% lower than that for SOEs. The NPD ratio for the whole sample is likely to be 12.4% lower than that for SOEs.

Regressions in Table 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 can be used to make rough predictions for NPD ratios of a particular group in the future. But these rough predictions are only based on the pattern of NPD ratios during 1995-2002. Figure 1 and 2 shows the actual and predicted value of NPD ratios using the regression coefficients in Table 6.1 to 6.3. when the categorical variable is set to the whole sample. Figure 1 is based on the imputed profitability and shows a much faster rate of decline in NPD ratios than Figure 2, which is based on reported profitability.

A more sophisticated method for assessing the likely NPD ratios in the future years for the whole sample is to build a few likely scenarios based on alternative assumptions on the possible NPD ratios for individual groups and the possible distribution of total liabilities. Table 6.4 outlines nine scenarios for the NPD ratios for the whole sample by the year 2007 by providing specific alternative assumptions about possible NPD ratios for each group of enterprises and about possible distribution of total liabilities across groups. These simulated scenarios could

facilitate policy debates by showing the magnitude of reforms necessary to achieve the objectives. For example, Table 6.4 shows that to lower the overall NPD ratio to 14.7% by the year 2007, it is necessary for individual groups to achieve NPD ratios in the optimistic case (e.g. 2002 NPD ratios estimated from imputed profitability) and for the distribution of total liabilities also to achieve the optimistic case where the SOE sector share of total liabilities falls to 20.2%. The nine scenarios in Table 6.4 are built for illustration purpose. The alternative assumptions are subjective and debatable but are all based on the patterns of NPD statistics estimated in this paper.

5. Explaining Profitability

In the previous section, we have estimated NPD ratios for individual groups of enterprises by ownership, industry, and region. We found that the SOEs have much higher NPD ratios than the NSEs as well as differences in NPDs across industry and region. The NPD statistics for each group of enterprises reflect the total effects from all factors that may cause non-performing debts. For example, a major factor contributing to high NPD ratio for the SOEs may be the fact that a lot of enterprises in the utilities industry are SOEs and the whole utilities industry is not profitable because of heavy price regulations by the government. In this case, the high NPD for the group of SOEs actually reflected both the ownership and industry risks. The purpose of this section is to use regression analysis to isolate different sources of risks related to the quality of enterprise debts. Since we have classified enterprise debts by their profitability, what we need to do is to explain why some enterprises are making profits or why some enterprises have higher returns on their assets.

Table 7.1 gives the summary statistics for key variables used in the profitability regressions. Table 7.2 shows the median of the key regression variables,

which would give a better sense about the size of the key variables across ownership types and over time.

Table 7.3 reports the results of four regressions: two logistic regressions explaining the imputed and reported profitability and two linear regressions explaining the imputed and reported return on total assets. The explanatory variables for the four regressions are the same, including the log(capital-labor ratio), asset-liability ratio, log(employees), market share, industry concentration, and dummy variables for ownership, year, industry, and region. The coefficients and their standard error indicate the size and the statistical significance of the impact on the profitability by the explanatory variables.

Some common patterns emerge in all of the four regressions:

- The asset-liability ratio has significantly negative impact on profitability;
- Market share has positive impact on profitability;
- State ownership has negative impact on profitability;
- Profitability improves significantly during 2000-2002;

It should be noted that the above are independent impacts by each explanatory variable after controlling for the impacts of other explanatory variables, including the impact of industry and region variables.

The impacts of ownership on profitability revealed by each of the four regressions are the following:

- In the logistic regression on the imputed profitability, as compared to the private enterprises, the odds ratio for collective, mixed, foreign, HK-M-Taiwan, and SOEs to be profitable should be multiplied by 0.637, 0.586, 0.466, 0.469, and 0.291 respectively.

- In the logistic regression on the reported profitability, as compared to the private enterprises, the odds ratio for collective, mixed, foreign, HK-M-Taiwan, and SOEs to be profitable should be multiplied by 0.806, 0.910, 0.391, 0.518, and 0.557 respectively.
- In the linear regression on the imputed profitability, the return on total assets by the private, collective, mixed, foreign, HK-M-Taiwan enterprises will be 10.6%, 7%, 4.7%, 6.5%, and 5.3% higher than the SOEs.
- In the linear regression on the reported profitability, the return on total assets by the private, collective, mixed, foreign, HK-M-Taiwan enterprises will be 2.9%, 2.2%, 1.7%, 1.7%, and 1.5% higher than the SOEs.

Table 7.4 and 7.5 use the industry and region dummies in the four profitability regressions to construct the pure industry profitability index and the pure region profitability index. These tables can be used as benchmarks for assessing the pure industry and region risks of enterprise debts in China. They summarize the independent impacts of industry and location on the quality of industrial enterprise debts averaged over 1995-2002.

PI-1, PI-2, PI-5, PR-1, PR-2, and PR-5 are derived from the industry or region dummies in the logistic regressions but normalized by the sample average. As compared to the sample average, the odds ratio for specific industry or region to be profitable should be multiplied by the index value. For example, the index value of PI-5 in Table 7.4 is 5.607 for tobacco industry. The odds ratio for tobacco industry to be profitable, as compared to the average profitability of all industries, should be multiplied by 5.607, when other factors influencing profitability are held constant.

PI-3, PI-4, PI-3, PR-4, PR-6, and PR-6 are derived from the industry or region dummies in the linear regressions but are also normalized by first subtracting the

average return of all industries or regions and then adding 1. This makes index value equal to 1 for the average of all industries or regions. The index value minus 1 is the additional return a specific industry or region has over the average return on total assets. For example, the index value of PI-6 in Table 7.4 is 1.166 for tobacco industry. This means that tobacco industry's return on total assets is likely to be 16.5% higher than the average return on total assets for all industries.

Hence, Table 7.4 and 7.5 helps us to find out which industry and region are more profitable for the large and medium-sized industrial enterprises when the influences of other factors such as types of ownership are taken away. The two tables are sorted by PI-5 and PR-5 from high to low profitability. The top five industries by pure industry profitability are:

1. Tobacco Processing
2. Petroleum and Natural Gas Extraction
3. Electric Power, Steam and Hot Water
4. Beverage Production
5. Medical and Pharmaceutical Products

The top five regions by pure region profitability are:

1. Shandong
2. Jiangsu
3. Hebei
4. Zhejiang
5. Henan

The profitability regressions in Table 7.3 could also be used to assess the profitability risks of a particular type of enterprises if we know the value of the explanatory variable for that enterprise. The predicted value from the logistic regressions is the probability of making profits. Of course, the prediction using the regressions equation only helps to assess non-enterprise-specific risks that are related to the explanatory variables in the regressions. In the real world and for a specific enterprise, the enterprise-specific risks are clearly most important.

6. Implications for Banking Reform

This paper investigates empirically the quality of enterprise debts in China. It uncovered large amount of independent, consistent and statistically significant micro-level evidences which shows that the quality of enterprise debts in China have indeed improved during the period 1995-2002, especially after 1998. These evidences look much more convincing than the macro statistics announced by China's financial authorities due to the transparency and scientific methods used in the research.

The fall in NPD ratios is brought about by the shift of financial resources from SOEs to NSEs as well as by the improvement in the profitability of SOEs and NSEs.

Both reforms on corporate governance and the timing of business cycles could have contributed to the recent improvement in enterprise profitability in China and the fall in NPD ratios. But the benefits of business cycles timing and reform dividends could be uncertain in the future.

China can however continue to benefit from the shift of financial resources from the SOEs to better performing NSEs since the gaps in performance between the two are still very big.

The gaps in profitability across industry and region in China are also large, showing the need for better risk management and more efficient allocation of financial resources. The information and analysis in this paper could contribute to better assessment of various risks relating to ownership, industry, and region.

The rising share by NSEs of financial resources and the declining NPD ratio for all types of enterprises provide excellent opportunities for pushing banking reforms in China now. If the banks can establish good corporate governance and risk management, there seem enough good NSEs to lend to.

However, most of the major banks in China are still state-owned. Given the strong evidences that SOEs are performing much worse than NSEs, it seems that developing good private banks or privatizing the state-owned banks (SOBs) should be the priority for banking reform.

If China fails in the development of private banks, there could be a high risk that China may continue to have high NPL ratio even when its NPD ratio is falling due to privatization of enterprises and enterprise debts. This is because SOBs could create NPLs independent of good performance of China's enterprise sector.

Appendix 1: Data Cleaning

The NBS survey covers more than 20,000 large and medium-sized industrial enterprises in China. There are some unusable observations due to incomplete data reporting or small enterprises which were classified as large and medium-sized historically based on their design production capacity. The classification standard for the size of industrial enterprises was first issued in April 1988 by a number of government agencies including the State Planning Commission, National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labor, and State Economic Commission. It includes detailed specifications based on the measurement of the output quantity or capacity in technical quantity terms, instead of in value terms. The standard is clearly a legacy of the centrally planned economy and is phasing out recently. It now only applies to state-owned industrial enterprises. For the private enterprises, the National Bureau of Statistics is using the sales as the unique variable in determining size of the enterprises.

In this study, observations satisfying one of the following screening conditions are regarded as unusable and deleted from the usable sample.

1. Net value of fixed assets < RMB100,000;
2. Intermediate inputs < RMB100,000;
3. Number of employees < 30;
4. Gross value of industrial inputs at current price < RMB100,000;
5. Sales < RMB100,000;
6. Total assets < RMB100,000;
7. Total assets – liquid assets < 0;
8. Total assets – gross fixed assets < 0;
9. Total assets - net value of fixed assets < 0;
10. Accumulated depreciation – current depreciation < 0;
11. MISSING data for total assets, number of employees, gross value of industrial output at current price, net value of fixed assets, or sales;

After deleting the unusable observations, only about 5% or less of the sample enterprises have sales values less than RMB 5 million. Table A.1, A.2, and A.3 show

the distribution of usable and unusable observations in the sample by ownership, industry and region. Since the unusable observations are evenly distributed across ownership, industry, and region, we believe excluding them from the usable sample would not create much bias in our analysis.

Table A.4 shows the summary statistics for key size variables for the sample, including sales, output, assets, liabilities, labor, and value added. Table A.5 shows the same set of size variables at their selected percentiles. Table A.6 examines the weight of sample within the context of the Chinese economy. Clearly the sample represents an important part of the Chinese economy and this makes statistical analysis on the sample important and valuable for both policy makers and practitioners.

Appendix 2: List of industry code and the full industry name:

- 06 Coal Mining and Dressing
- 07 Petroleum and Natural Gas Extraction
- 08 Ferrous Metals Mining and Dressing
- 09 Nonferrous Metals Mining and Dressing
- 10 Nonmetal Minerals Mining and Dressing
- 12 Logging and Transport of Timber & Bamboo
- 13 Food Processing
- 14 Food Production
- 15 Beverage Production
- 16 Tobacco Processing
- 17 Textile Industry
- 18 Garments and Other Fiber Products
- 19 Leather, Furs, Down and Related Products
- 20 Timber, Bamboo, Cane, Palm Fiber & Straw
- 21 Furniture Manufacturing
- 22 Papermaking and Paper Products
- 23 Printing and Record Medium Reproduction
- 24 Cultural, Educational and Sports Goods
- 25 Petroleum Processing and Coking
- 26 Raw Chemical Materials and Chemical
- 27 Medical and Pharmaceutical Products
- 28 Chemical Fiber
- 29 Rubber Products
- 30 Plastic Products
- 31 Nonmetal Mineral Products
- 32 Smelting & Pressing of Ferrous Metals
- 33 Smelting & Pressing of Nonferrous Metals
- 34 Metal Products
- 35 Ordinary Machinery Manufacturing
- 36 Special Purposes Equipment Manufacturing
- 37 Transport Equipment Manufacturing
- 40 Electric Equipment and Machinery
- 41 Electronic and Telecom Equipment
- 42 Instruments, Cultural & Office Machinery
- 43 Other Manufacturing
- 44 Electric Power, Steam and Hot Water
- 45 Gas Production and Supply
- 46 Tap Water Production and Supply

Table 1.2 Distribution of Total Liabilities in Sample Enterprises by Industry: 1995-2002 (RMB Billion)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change in 95-02	Change/Level in 95
[44]Electric power	296	317	361	521	614	719	802	934	638	215.5%
[37]Transport equipment	229	276	324	360	385	400	440	491	262	114.4%
[32]Pressing ferrous	331	356	396	416	440	407	417	443	112	33.8%
[41]Electronic & telecom	145	167	198	229	251	286	366	424	279	192.4%
[26]Raw chemicals	226	264	326	365	369	388	380	400	174	77.0%
[17]Textile	258	274	287	275	244	234	230	234	-24	-9.3%
[40]Electric equipment	136	164	185	195	194	195	218	226	90	66.2%
[35]Ordinary machinery	157	180	194	207	202	205	209	222	65	41.4%
[06]Coal mining	129	147	168	182	206	209	217	215	86	66.7%
[31]Nonmetal products	138	166	186	195	201	195	209	215	77	55.8%
[36]Special equipment	148	161	176	187	186	191	184	192	44	29.7%
[25]Petroleum processing	101	113	163	180	180	184	178	173	72	71.3%
[33]Pressing nonferrous	95	101	116	132	140	140	153	162	67	70.5%
[07]Petroleum extract	151	157	164	170	160	158	149	153	2	1.3%
[27]Medical	59	73	81	91	97	105	121	133	74	125.4%
[22]Papermaking	53	65	72	73	80	88	121	125	72	135.8%
[15]Beverage	73	83	99	103	108	111	111	114	41	56.2%
[13]Food processing	87	107	112	114	106	101	103	111	24	27.6%
[16]Tobacco	70	76	82	72	71	74	109	108	38	54.3%
[28]Chemical fiber	62	71	76	83	91	83	75	73	11	17.7%
[34]Metal products	46	53	59	62	63	59	65	68	22	47.8%
[14]Food Production	37	41	42	46	48	48	56	65	28	75.7%
[30]Plastic	31	38	43	46	48	49	55	61	30	96.8%
[29]Rubber	36	43	48	50	51	49	52	51	15	41.7%
[46]Tap water	14	15	23	27	30	34	39	46	32	228.6%
[42]Instruments	29	32	37	34	35	34	40	40	11	37.9%
[18]Garments	18	23	24	26	29	33	38	39	21	116.7%
[10]Nonmetal mining	16	16	18	19	23	28	23	29	13	81.3%
[23]Printing	14	17	19	20	22	23	27	27	13	92.9%
[19]Leather	16	19	21	21	21	21	23	24	8	50.0%
[45]Gas production	10	13	13	16	18	20	19	23	13	130.0%
[12]Timber logging	19	20	22	23	22	22	22	22	3	15.8%
[20]Timber	10	12	16	16	18	19	21	22	12	120.0%
[09]Nonferrous mining	18	18	19	19	19	19	20	21	3	16.7%
[43]Other manufacturing	9	11	11	10	12	11	13	13	4	44.4%
[08]Ferrous mining	6	7	8	11	9	8	8	10	4	66.7%
[24]Cultural	5	8	8	9	9	9	8	10	5	100.0%
[21]Furniture	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	2	50.0%
	3,282	3,708	4,202	4,610	4,807	4,964	5,327	5,725	2,443	74.4%

Table 1.3 Distribution of Total Liabilities in Sample Enterprises by Region: 1995-2002 (RMB Billion)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change in 95-02	Change/Level in 95
[44]Guangdong	299	348	414	436	434	468	509	559	260	87.0%
[32]Jiangsu	226	269	300	320	328	369	456	503	277	122.6%
[37]Shandong	262	295	336	354	416	436	455	490	228	87.0%
[31]Shanghai	231	273	323	337	347	334	349	376	145	62.8%
[21]Liaoning	293	310	346	362	320	323	335	354	61	20.8%
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	183	199	233	240	319	295	303	325	142	77.6%
[13]Hebei	143	166	184	199	213	224	249	257	114	79.7%
[41]Henan	133	156	165	204	210	219	234	254	121	91.0%
[42]Hubei	135	164	182	217	219	233	229	253	118	87.4%
[23]Heilongjiang	149	149	167	190	183	191	189	195	46	30.9%
[33]Zhejiang	121	143	153	157	159	166	170	187	66	54.5%
[12]Tianjin	108	110	119	156	155	144	153	175	67	62.0%
[22]Jilin	115	136	153	155	159	170	163	173	58	50.4%
[11]Beijing	98	113	132	166	154	157	187	169	71	72.4%
[61]Shaanxi	78	89	99	101	134	133	142	156	78	100.0%
[35]Fujian	47	55	54	55	62	66	135	149	102	217.0%
[43]Hunan	78	86	99	112	119	124	140	149	71	91.0%
[34]Anhui	81	92	108	108	113	131	129	145	64	79.0%
[14]Shanxi	78	89	100	129	129	135	126	133	55	70.5%
[53]Yunnan	58	64	68	75	76	75	103	114	56	96.6%
[62]Gansu	54	59	79	93	83	84	88	94	40	74.1%
[45]Guangxi	60	62	71	80	85	90	89	90	30	50.0%
[36]Jiangxi	58	68	72	78	87	88	90	88	30	51.7%
[15]Inner Mongolia	51	55	63	71	78	72	83	87	36	70.6%
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	34	34	43	56	57	63	55	79	45	132.4%
[52]Guizhou	44	40	47	59	63	74	72	78	34	77.3%
[65]Xinjiang	58	68	75	79	79	80	80	78	20	34.5%
[46]Hainan	12	15	19	20	23	20	15	16	4	33.3%
Total	3,287	3,707	4,204	4,609	4,804	4,964	5,328	5,726	2,439	74.2%

Table 3.1 Amount of Non-Performing Debts and NPD Ratio for the Whole Sample: 1995-2002

		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change in 95-02	Change in 98-02
Based on Imputed Profits	Amount of NPD (RMB Billion)										
	Within Total Liabilities	914	1,095	1,204	1,371	1,315	1,128	1,091	1,051	137	-320
	Within Long Term Liabilities	308	370	389	470	472	395	365	343	35	-127
	Within Short Term Liabilities	605	724	812	895	836	727	716	709	104	-186
	NPD Ratio (%)										
	Within Total Liabilities	27.8%	29.5%	28.7%	29.7%	27.4%	22.7%	20.5%	18.4%	-9.5%	-11.4%
	Within Long Term Liabilities	26.6%	29.5%	28.2%	30.3%	29.2%	24.2%	21.9%	19.9%	-6.7%	-10.4%
	Within Short Term Liabilities	28.5%	29.6%	29.1%	29.5%	26.5%	22.2%	19.8%	17.9%	-10.6%	-11.6%
Based on Reported Profits	Amount of NPD (RMB Billion)										
	Within Total Liabilities	792	1,002	1,167	1,580	1,427	1,185	1,392	1,311	519	-269
	Within Long Term Liabilities	282	327	368	556	504	411	441	408	126	-148
	Within Short Term Liabilities	509	674	793	1,014	916	759	930	891	382	-123
	NPD Ratio (%)										
	Within Total Liabilities	24.1%	27.0%	27.8%	34.3%	29.7%	23.9%	26.1%	22.9%	-1.2%	-11.4%
	Within Long Term Liabilities	24.4%	26.1%	26.7%	35.9%	31.1%	25.1%	26.5%	23.7%	-0.7%	-12.3%
	Within Short Term Liabilities	24.0%	27.5%	28.4%	33.4%	29.0%	23.2%	25.8%	22.5%	-1.5%	-11.0%

Table 4.1 Amount of NPD Estimated from Imputed Profitability by Industry: 1995-2002 (RMB Billion)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[44]Electric power	52	86	80	143	188	169	174	177
[26]Raw chemicals	52	65	92	127	108	88	97	89
[06]Coal mining	63	76	77	81	112	102	67	77
[36]Special equipment	69	74	86	103	98	93	83	76
[37]Transport equipment	63	81	90	101	96	93	103	72
[41]Electronic & telecom	47	52	60	64	54	56	52	60
[31]Nonmetal products	42	56	72	65	59	49	48	51
[35]Ordinary machinery	52	71	74	81	74	65	62	51
[17]Textile	113	124	106	105	72	47	44	44
[40]Electric equipment	39	51	58	53	52	45	48	40
[22]Papermaking	13	13	22	28	21	19	25	27
[28]Chemical fiber	17	22	21	33	26	22	24	24
[32]Pressing ferrous	75	70	85	81	85	62	35	23
[27]Medical	13	20	19	20	15	11	13	19
[46]Tap water	7	7	12	9	10	12	13	19
[13]Food processing	32	42	41	42	32	21	17	18
[33]Pressing nonferrous	28	35	36	47	28	22	22	16
[42]Instruments	15	17	19	17	14	13	14	16
[14]Food Production	13	13	16	14	11	8	12	14
[34]Metal products	16	19	23	27	22	18	13	14
[45]Gas production	9	12	11	10	10	13	13	14
[15]Beverage	11	12	13	14	12	13	9	13
[07]Petroleum extract	3	4	13	0	13	11	18	12
[25]Petroleum processing	3	9	7	15	18	8	17	10
[10]Nonmetal mining	7	5	7	7	6	6	7	9
[29]Rubber	9	9	9	11	18	9	9	9
[30]Plastic	12	12	14	16	14	10	7	9
[09]Nonferrous mining	5	6	6	9	6	5	6	7
[12]Timber logging	4	4	6	7	9	8	7	7
[20]Timber	5	4	6	8	7	6	5	6
[18]Garments	4	5	4	7	5	4	6	5
[23]Printing	4	4	6	5	6	6	6	5
[08]Ferrous mining	5	4	1	5	2	2	1	3
[19]Leather	6	5	5	7	4	5	3	3
[43]Other manufacturing	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
[24]Cultural	1	2	1	3	2	3	2	2
[16]Tobacco	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	1
[21]Furniture	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1
Total	915	1,095	1,203	1,372	1,315	1,131	1,090	1,046

Table 4.2 NPD Ratios Estimated from Imputed Profitability by Industry: 1995-2002 (%)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[45]Gas production	90.0%	92.3%	84.6%	58.8%	58.8%	68.4%	72.2%	60.9%
[46]Tap water	50.0%	43.8%	50.0%	34.6%	32.3%	34.3%	33.3%	41.3%
[36]Special equipment	46.3%	46.0%	48.9%	55.1%	52.7%	48.9%	45.1%	39.6%
[42]Instruments	51.7%	53.1%	51.4%	50.0%	40.0%	38.2%	35.0%	39.0%
[06]Coal mining	49.2%	51.7%	45.8%	44.5%	54.6%	48.8%	30.9%	35.8%
[09]Nonferrous mining	27.8%	35.3%	31.6%	47.4%	33.3%	26.3%	30.0%	35.0%
[28]Chemical fiber	27.4%	31.0%	28.0%	39.8%	28.9%	26.5%	32.0%	32.9%
[12]Timber logging	21.1%	20.0%	27.3%	30.4%	40.9%	34.8%	33.3%	31.8%
[10]Nonmetal mining	41.2%	33.3%	38.9%	36.8%	27.3%	21.4%	30.4%	31.0%
[08]Ferrous mining	83.3%	57.1%	12.5%	45.5%	25.0%	22.2%	12.5%	30.0%
[20]Timber	55.6%	33.3%	37.5%	50.0%	38.9%	31.6%	23.8%	28.6%
[31]Nonmetal products	30.4%	33.7%	38.7%	33.3%	29.5%	25.1%	23.0%	23.8%
[43]Other manufacturing	30.0%	20.0%	27.3%	30.0%	25.0%	27.3%	25.0%	23.1%
[35]Ordinary machinery	33.1%	39.7%	38.1%	39.1%	36.6%	31.7%	29.5%	23.0%
[26]Raw chemicals	23.0%	24.6%	28.3%	34.8%	29.3%	22.7%	25.5%	22.3%
[22]Papermaking	24.5%	20.3%	30.6%	38.4%	26.3%	21.6%	20.7%	21.6%
[14]Food Production	35.1%	31.7%	38.1%	29.8%	22.9%	16.7%	21.1%	21.5%
[34]Metal products	34.8%	35.8%	39.0%	43.5%	34.9%	30.5%	20.0%	20.6%
[24]Cultural	20.0%	25.0%	12.5%	33.3%	22.2%	33.3%	25.0%	20.0%
[44]Electric power	17.6%	27.1%	22.2%	27.4%	30.6%	23.5%	21.7%	19.0%
[17]Textile	44.0%	45.3%	36.9%	38.2%	29.5%	20.0%	19.1%	18.8%
[23]Printing	28.6%	25.0%	31.6%	25.0%	26.1%	26.1%	22.2%	18.5%
[29]Rubber	25.0%	21.4%	18.8%	22.0%	35.3%	18.4%	17.3%	18.0%
[40]Electric equipment	28.5%	31.1%	31.4%	27.2%	26.8%	23.1%	22.0%	17.7%
[21]Furniture	50.0%	25.0%	20.0%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	33.3%	16.7%
[13]Food processing	36.4%	39.3%	36.6%	36.5%	30.2%	20.8%	16.5%	16.2%
[30]Plastic	38.7%	31.6%	32.6%	34.8%	29.2%	20.4%	12.7%	15.0%
[37]Transport equipment	27.5%	29.3%	27.7%	28.1%	24.9%	23.3%	23.4%	14.7%
[27]Medical	22.0%	27.4%	23.5%	22.2%	15.5%	10.5%	10.7%	14.3%
[41]Electronic & telecom	32.2%	31.1%	30.3%	27.9%	21.5%	19.6%	14.2%	14.2%
[18]Garments	23.5%	21.7%	16.7%	25.9%	16.7%	12.5%	16.2%	13.2%
[19]Leather	37.5%	26.3%	23.8%	33.3%	19.0%	23.8%	13.0%	12.5%
[15]Beverage	15.1%	14.5%	13.1%	13.7%	11.1%	11.7%	8.1%	11.4%
[33]Pressing nonferrous	29.5%	34.7%	30.8%	35.6%	20.0%	15.7%	14.4%	9.9%
[07]Petroleum extract	2.0%	2.5%	7.9%	0.0%	8.1%	7.0%	12.1%	7.8%
[25]Petroleum processing	3.0%	7.9%	4.3%	8.3%	10.0%	4.3%	9.6%	5.8%
[32]Pressing ferrous	22.7%	19.7%	21.5%	19.5%	19.3%	15.2%	8.4%	5.2%
[16]Tobacco	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	4.2%	1.4%	2.7%	2.8%	0.9%
Total	27.9%	29.6%	28.6%	29.8%	27.4%	22.8%	20.5%	18.3%

Table 4.3 Amount of NPD Estimated from Reported Profitability by Industry: 1995-2002 (RMB Billion)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[44]Electric power	83	39	76	119	161	147	173	183
[26]Raw chemicals	39	51	103	174	158	123	134	140
[37]Transport equipment	57	68	89	106	114	117	108	117
[25]Petroleum processing	4	22	16	76	39	86	98	76
[41]Electronic & telecom	31	41	53	60	54	35	59	73
[31]Nonmetal products	43	64	83	88	74	54	70	72
[17]Textile	104	135	128	135	88	51	74	69
[35]Ordinary machinery	36	52	58	72	64	59	68	65
[36]Special equipment	50	57	68	88	81	76	86	65
[40]Electric equipment	30	41	52	61	52	42	62	45
[28]Chemical fiber	11	20	16	34	27	17	32	32
[33]Pressing nonferrous	18	35	35	68	46	21	33	32
[13]Food processing	29	52	53	68	51	28	29	31
[22]Papermaking	13	17	26	32	27	23	40	30
[15]Beverage	18	21	22	29	27	25	27	29
[32]Pressing ferrous	45	61	69	68	81	41	43	25
[06]Coal mining	29	33	31	79	99	78	67	23
[27]Medical	12	17	24	23	15	14	17	20
[34]Metal products	15	21	26	30	27	21	19	19
[14]Food Production	12	15	17	18	13	12	17	18
[30]Plastic	11	12	14	17	14	13	13	15
[46]Tap water	4	5	10	12	9	9	11	15
[16]Tobacco	5	6	7	6	5	8	25	14
[42]Instruments	10	12	15	17	14	9	11	13
[10]Nonmetal mining	7	6	6	7	6	7	5	11
[29]Rubber	11	11	10	13	19	18	15	11
[45]Gas production	4	10	9	8	8	10	8	10
[07]Petroleum extract	28	40	6	22	7	2	3	9
[18]Garments	3	5	7	8	6	5	9	8
[20]Timber	4	5	7	8	7	6	8	8
[19]Leather	5	6	6	6	5	5	5	7
[09]Nonferrous mining	7	8	6	9	6	3	5	6
[12]Timber logging	3	5	8	7	7	8	7	6
[23]Printing	3	3	5	5	4	3	4	4
[08]Ferrous mining	5	3	2	2	3	3	2	3
[43]Other manufacturing	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	3
[21]Furniture	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
[24]Cultural	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Total	793	1,004	1,169	1,581	1,424	1,184	1,393	1,309

Table 4.4 NPD Ratios Estimated from Reported Profitability by Industry: 1995-2002 (%)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[25]Petroleum processing	4.0%	19.3%	9.8%	42.2%	21.7%	46.7%	54.7%	43.9%
[28]Chemical fiber	17.7%	28.2%	21.1%	41.0%	29.7%	20.5%	42.1%	43.8%
[45]Gas production	40.0%	76.9%	69.2%	50.0%	44.4%	50.0%	44.4%	41.7%
[10]Nonmetal mining	43.8%	37.5%	33.3%	35.0%	27.3%	25.9%	21.7%	37.9%
[20]Timber	40.0%	41.7%	43.8%	50.0%	41.2%	31.6%	38.1%	36.4%
[26]Raw chemicals	17.3%	19.3%	31.6%	47.7%	42.8%	31.7%	35.3%	34.9%
[36]Special equipment	33.8%	35.6%	38.6%	47.1%	43.5%	39.8%	46.7%	33.9%
[31]Nonmetal products	31.2%	38.3%	44.9%	45.4%	37.0%	27.7%	33.5%	33.6%
[46]Tap water	26.7%	31.3%	43.5%	44.4%	29.0%	26.5%	28.2%	32.6%
[42]Instruments	34.5%	37.5%	40.5%	51.5%	40.0%	26.5%	27.5%	31.7%
[08]Ferrous mining	71.4%	37.5%	25.0%	18.2%	33.3%	37.5%	25.0%	30.0%
[17]Textile	40.3%	49.3%	44.6%	49.1%	35.9%	21.8%	32.0%	29.5%
[35]Ordinary machinery	22.8%	28.9%	29.9%	34.8%	31.7%	28.8%	32.5%	29.4%
[19]Leather	31.3%	31.6%	28.6%	28.6%	23.8%	22.7%	21.7%	29.2%
[09]Nonferrous mining	38.9%	47.1%	31.6%	47.4%	33.3%	15.8%	25.0%	28.6%
[34]Metal products	31.9%	38.9%	44.1%	48.4%	42.9%	35.6%	29.2%	28.4%
[13]Food processing	33.3%	48.6%	47.7%	59.1%	48.1%	28.0%	28.2%	27.9%
[14]Food Production	32.4%	36.6%	40.5%	39.1%	27.1%	24.5%	30.4%	27.7%
[12]Timber logging	15.8%	25.0%	36.4%	30.4%	31.8%	34.8%	31.8%	26.1%
[15]Beverage	24.7%	25.3%	22.2%	28.4%	25.2%	22.5%	24.5%	25.4%
[30]Plastic	35.5%	31.6%	32.6%	37.0%	29.2%	26.5%	23.6%	24.6%
[22]Papermaking	24.5%	26.2%	36.1%	43.8%	33.8%	26.4%	33.1%	24.0%
[37]Transport equipment	24.9%	24.6%	27.4%	29.4%	29.6%	29.2%	24.5%	23.8%
[29]Rubber	30.6%	25.6%	20.8%	25.5%	37.3%	36.7%	28.8%	21.6%
[43]Other manufacturing	22.2%	27.3%	27.3%	33.3%	33.3%	27.3%	23.1%	21.4%
[18]Garments	17.6%	21.7%	29.2%	29.6%	20.7%	15.2%	23.7%	20.5%
[40]Electric equipment	22.1%	25.0%	28.1%	31.3%	26.8%	21.5%	28.4%	19.9%
[33]Pressing nonferrous	18.9%	34.7%	30.2%	51.5%	32.9%	15.1%	21.4%	19.8%
[44]Electric power	28.0%	12.3%	21.1%	22.8%	26.2%	20.5%	21.6%	19.6%
[41]Electronic & telecom	21.4%	24.6%	26.6%	26.2%	21.5%	12.2%	16.1%	17.2%
[21]Furniture	25.0%	33.3%	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	33.3%	16.7%
[27]Medical	20.3%	23.6%	29.3%	25.3%	15.5%	13.3%	14.0%	15.0%
[23]Printing	21.4%	17.6%	25.0%	23.8%	18.2%	13.0%	14.8%	14.8%
[16]Tobacco	7.0%	7.9%	8.5%	8.3%	7.0%	10.8%	22.9%	13.0%
[24]Cultural	16.7%	12.5%	12.5%	22.2%	11.1%	11.1%	12.5%	11.1%
[06]Coal mining	22.5%	22.3%	18.5%	43.4%	48.1%	37.3%	30.9%	10.7%
[07]Petroleum extract	18.5%	25.5%	3.7%	12.9%	4.4%	1.3%	2.0%	5.9%
[32]Pressing ferrous	13.6%	17.1%	17.5%	16.3%	18.4%	10.1%	10.3%	5.6%
Total	24.1%	27.1%	27.8%	34.3%	29.6%	23.9%	26.1%	22.9%

Table 5.1 Amount of NPD Estimated from Imputed Profitability by Region: 1995-2002 (RMB Billion)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[31]Shanghai	70	94	95	98	92	78	69	81
[44]Guangdong	64	90	113	131	106	90	86	80
[41]Henan	23	39	37	63	61	64	69	72
[23]Heilongjiang	60	58	56	69	71	62	56	58
[21]Liaoning	105	117	115	110	87	63	75	57
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	71	71	109	88	127	124	104	57
[12]Tianjin	52	32	38	61	53	24	39	56
[42]Hubei	27	53	39	36	34	36	35	46
[13]Hebei	33	45	41	42	47	45	49	45
[37]Shandong	47	48	50	64	69	58	44	45
[11]Beijing	27	45	67	99	68	64	55	42
[22]Jilin	36	35	38	39	35	32	39	41
[32]Jiangsu	39	49	57	57	59	51	49	40
[61]Shaanxi	37	49	49	46	48	38	46	38
[14]Shanxi	24	33	29	50	44	33	24	35
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	12	18	23	18	14	11	11	34
[43]Hunan	29	28	33	37	35	34	30	32
[52]Guizhou	16	15	15	28	25	28	26	31
[34]Anhui	26	27	26	35	31	44	14	23
[45]Guangxi	18	18	23	20	21	17	16	22
[15]Inner Mongolia	17	16	14	27	46	25	34	21
[53]Yunnan	9	11	20	24	23	17	20	21
[35]Fujian	7	10	11	11	6	8	34	20
[62]Gansu	12	22	29	30	28	26	15	15
[36]Jiangxi	20	26	29	30	32	19	18	12
[33]Zhejiang	19	25	24	37	25	18	17	11
[65]Xinjiang	9	13	14	16	21	17	15	11
[46]Hainan	4	7	9	5	8	2	4	3
Total	913	1,094	1,203	1,371	1,316	1,128	1,093	1,049

Table 5.2 NPD Ratios Estimated from Imputed Profitability by Region: 1995-2002 (%)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	35.3%	52.9%	53.5%	31.6%	24.6%	17.7%	20.0%	42.5%
[52]Guizhou	36.4%	37.5%	31.9%	47.5%	39.7%	37.8%	36.1%	40.3%
[12]Tianjin	48.1%	29.4%	32.2%	39.1%	34.2%	16.6%	25.5%	32.0%
[23]Heilongjiang	40.0%	38.9%	33.7%	36.3%	38.8%	32.6%	29.5%	29.7%
[41]Henan	17.3%	25.0%	22.3%	30.9%	29.0%	29.2%	29.5%	28.3%
[14]Shanxi	30.4%	37.1%	29.0%	38.5%	34.1%	24.4%	19.0%	26.5%
[11]Beijing	27.6%	39.8%	51.1%	59.6%	44.2%	40.8%	29.6%	24.9%
[45]Guangxi	30.5%	29.5%	32.9%	24.7%	24.7%	18.9%	18.0%	24.4%
[61]Shaanxi	47.4%	55.7%	50.0%	45.1%	35.8%	28.6%	32.4%	24.2%
[15]Inner Mongolia	33.3%	28.6%	22.2%	38.6%	59.0%	34.7%	41.0%	24.1%
[22]Jilin	31.3%	25.5%	24.8%	25.2%	22.0%	18.8%	23.9%	23.7%
[31]Shanghai	30.3%	34.3%	29.4%	29.1%	26.5%	23.4%	19.8%	21.6%
[43]Hunan	36.7%	32.6%	33.3%	33.0%	29.4%	27.4%	21.3%	21.5%
[46]Hainan	33.3%	43.8%	50.0%	25.0%	34.8%	10.5%	25.0%	18.8%
[53]Yunnan	15.5%	17.5%	29.4%	32.4%	30.3%	22.7%	19.2%	18.4%
[42]Hubei	20.0%	32.3%	21.4%	16.7%	15.5%	15.5%	15.3%	18.2%
[13]Hebei	23.1%	27.1%	22.2%	21.1%	22.1%	20.0%	19.7%	17.6%
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	38.8%	35.7%	46.8%	36.7%	39.8%	42.0%	34.3%	17.5%
[21]Liaoning	35.8%	37.7%	33.3%	30.5%	27.2%	19.5%	22.3%	16.1%
[34]Anhui	32.1%	29.7%	24.1%	32.4%	27.4%	33.8%	10.9%	16.0%
[62]Gansu	22.2%	37.3%	37.2%	32.6%	33.3%	31.0%	16.9%	16.0%
[44]Guangdong	21.4%	25.9%	27.3%	30.0%	24.4%	19.3%	16.9%	14.3%
[65]Xinjiang	15.8%	19.1%	18.9%	20.3%	26.3%	21.3%	18.5%	13.9%
[36]Jiangxi	34.5%	38.2%	40.3%	38.5%	36.8%	21.3%	20.0%	13.6%
[35]Fujian	14.9%	18.2%	20.0%	20.0%	9.7%	12.1%	25.2%	13.3%
[37]Shandong	17.9%	16.3%	14.8%	18.1%	16.6%	13.3%	9.7%	9.2%
[32]Jiangsu	17.3%	18.2%	19.1%	17.8%	18.0%	13.8%	10.7%	8.0%
[33]Zhejiang	15.8%	17.5%	15.7%	23.6%	15.6%	10.8%	10.0%	5.9%
Total	27.8%	29.5%	28.7%	29.8%	27.4%	22.7%	20.5%	18.3%

Table 5.3 Amount of NPD Estimated from Reported Profitability by Region: 1995-2002 (RMB Billion)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[21]Liaoning	89	87	95	117	77	46	94	114
[44]Guangdong	68	121	137	170	151	118	131	111
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	61	60	71	94	129	101	91	88
[32]Jiangsu	41	54	63	83	74	64	96	73
[31]Shanghai	34	50	63	82	72	47	63	69
[12]Tianjin	28	33	41	66	55	57	55	67
[37]Shandong	46	45	51	68	67	56	72	63
[22]Jilin	35	42	64	78	57	46	52	62
[42]Hubei	33	54	60	77	73	79	65	62
[23]Heilongjiang	47	59	58	104	69	74	74	56
[43]Hunan	24	31	45	54	37	48	41	55
[13]Hebei	28	30	40	54	47	48	64	53
[61]Shaanxi	31	34	38	49	53	46	48	45
[41]Henan	34	44	45	51	51	55	69	43
[62]Gansu	16	16	17	41	36	11	31	40
[35]Fujian	9	10	8	11	9	10	38	36
[36]Jiangxi	19	24	26	35	36	32	32	31
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	14	17	21	26	21	25	10	30
[45]Guangxi	14	27	31	35	30	23	25	29
[14]Shanxi	15	20	24	54	53	38	35	28
[15]Inner Mongolia	18	16	16	30	36	24	30	28
[34]Anhui	21	22	25	52	49	25	33	26
[53]Yunnan	8	9	15	21	25	19	24	26
[65]Xinjiang	10	36	16	21	25	22	28	26
[11]Beijing	11	18	37	40	39	37	51	22
[33]Zhejiang	19	22	28	38	26	20	23	14
[52]Guizhou	15	13	20	18	16	11	11	11
[46]Hainan	4	8	11	8	12	4	6	4
Total	792	1,002	1,166	1,577	1,425	1,186	1,392	1,312

Table 5.4 NPD Ratios Estimated from Reported Profitability by Region: 1995-2002 (%)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[62]Gansu	29.1%	27.1%	21.5%	44.6%	42.9%	13.1%	35.2%	43.0%
[12]Tianjin	25.9%	30.0%	34.5%	42.6%	35.5%	39.6%	35.9%	38.5%
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	41.2%	50.0%	48.8%	45.6%	36.8%	39.7%	18.2%	38.0%
[43]Hunan	30.8%	36.0%	45.5%	48.6%	31.1%	38.7%	29.1%	37.2%
[22]Jilin	30.2%	30.7%	41.8%	50.3%	35.8%	27.1%	31.9%	35.8%
[36]Jiangxi	32.8%	35.3%	36.1%	44.3%	41.4%	36.0%	35.6%	35.2%
[65]Xinjiang	17.5%	52.2%	21.3%	26.9%	31.6%	27.5%	35.0%	32.9%
[45]Guangxi	23.7%	43.5%	44.3%	43.2%	35.3%	25.3%	27.8%	32.2%
[21]Liaoning	30.4%	28.0%	27.5%	32.3%	24.1%	14.3%	28.1%	32.2%
[15]Inner Mongolia	34.6%	28.6%	25.4%	42.9%	45.6%	32.9%	36.1%	31.8%
[61]Shaanxi	39.7%	38.6%	38.4%	48.5%	39.6%	34.6%	33.8%	28.8%
[23]Heilongjiang	31.3%	39.6%	34.9%	54.7%	37.7%	38.7%	38.9%	28.6%
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	33.3%	30.2%	30.5%	39.0%	40.4%	34.2%	30.0%	27.1%
[46]Hainan	36.4%	53.3%	61.1%	40.0%	50.0%	20.0%	37.5%	25.0%
[42]Hubei	24.4%	32.9%	33.0%	35.5%	33.5%	34.1%	28.5%	24.5%
[35]Fujian	19.1%	18.2%	14.8%	20.4%	14.5%	15.2%	28.1%	24.0%
[53]Yunnan	13.8%	14.1%	22.1%	28.0%	33.3%	25.3%	23.3%	22.8%
[14]Shanxi	19.0%	22.7%	24.0%	41.9%	41.4%	27.9%	27.8%	21.2%
[13]Hebei	19.6%	18.1%	21.7%	27.1%	22.1%	21.4%	25.8%	20.6%
[44]Guangdong	22.8%	34.8%	33.1%	39.0%	34.8%	25.2%	25.7%	19.9%
[31]Shanghai	14.7%	18.2%	19.5%	24.4%	20.7%	14.1%	18.1%	18.4%
[34]Anhui	25.9%	24.2%	23.1%	48.1%	43.0%	19.2%	25.8%	17.9%
[41]Henan	25.6%	28.0%	27.3%	25.1%	24.3%	25.1%	29.5%	16.9%
[32]Jiangsu	18.1%	20.1%	21.1%	25.9%	22.6%	17.3%	21.1%	14.5%
[52]Guizhou	34.1%	32.5%	41.7%	30.5%	25.0%	14.9%	15.3%	14.3%
[11]Beijing	11.2%	16.1%	28.2%	24.1%	25.3%	23.4%	27.3%	13.0%
[37]Shandong	17.6%	15.3%	15.2%	19.2%	16.1%	12.8%	15.8%	12.9%
[33]Zhejiang	15.7%	15.4%	18.3%	24.2%	16.4%	12.0%	13.5%	7.5%
Total	24.1%	27.0%	27.8%	34.2%	29.7%	23.9%	26.1%	22.9%

Table 6.1 Estimating the Declining Trend of NPD Ratios and Comparing Gaps in NPD Ratios across Ownership

Dependent Variable: NPD Ratio	NPD Ratios estimated from Imputed Profitability and shown in Table 3.2		NPD Ratio Estimated from Reported Profitability and shown in Table 3.3	
	B	t	B	t
Intercept	2,996.8	10.9	1,092.6	2.0
Year	-1.5	-10.7	-0.5	-1.9
Ownership = private enterprises	-21.3	-18.2	-13.9	-5.9
Ownership = Collective Enterprises	-18.2	-15.5	-10.7	-4.6
Ownership = mixed ownership domestic enterprises	-18.3	-15.7	-16.3	-7.0
Ownership = foreign invested enterprises	-13.3	-11.4	-5.1	-2.2
Ownership = enterprises with investment from Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan	-13.6	-11.7	-6.9	-3.0
Ownership = the Whole Sample	-12.4	-10.6	-11.0	-4.7
Ownership = state-owned enterprises	0		0	
Number of observations	56		56	
Adjusted R Square	0.906		0.538	

a. Regression equation: NPD Ratio = f(year, ownership).

b. Weighted Least Squares Regression with 100 weight to 2002, 95 to 2001, 90 to 2000, 85 to 1999, 80 to 1998, 75 to 1997, 70 to 1996 and 65 to 1995.

Table 6.2 Estimating the Declining Trend of NPD Ratios and Comparing Gaps in NPD Ratios across Industry

Dependent Variable: NPD Ratio	NPD Ratio Based on Imputed Profitability and Shown in Table 4.2		NPD Ratio Based on Reported Profitability and Shown in Table 4.4	
Parameter	B	t	B	t
Intercept	3,571.4	15.7	1,754.7	6.4
Year	-1.8	-15.6	-0.9	-6.3
[07]Petroleum extract	-25.3	-11.1	-17.3	-6.3
[44]Electric power	-13.9	-6.1	-13.1	-4.8
[16]Tobacco	-26.6	-11.7	-13.0	-4.7
[24]Cultural	-7.1	-3.1	-8.5	-3.1
[27]Medical	-15.6	-6.9	-7.8	-2.9
[23]Printing	-1.2	-0.5	-7.5	-2.7
[18]Garments	-9.5	-4.2	-5.3	-1.9
[21]Furniture	-7.3	-3.2	-4.6	-1.7
[43]Other manufacturing	-8.2	-3.6	-4.0	-1.5
Industry = the Whole Sample	-8.4	-3.7	-4.0	-1.5
[26]Raw chemicals	-8.4	-3.7	-3.0	-1.1
[10]Nonmetal mining	-3.2	-1.4	-2.1	-0.8
[15]Beverage	-18.0	-7.9	-1.4	-0.5
[40]Electric equipment	-5.4	-2.4	-1.0	-0.4
[41]Electronic & telecom	1.0	0.4	-0.6	-0.2
[25]Petroleum processing	-15.5	-6.8	-0.5	-0.2
[22]Papermaking	-11.3	-5.0	-0.1	0.0
[46]Tap water	0.0		0.0	
[19]Leather	-5.9	-2.6	0.0	0.0
[06]Coal mining	8.6	3.8	0.2	0.1
[33]Pressing nonferrous	-6.9	-3.0	0.6	0.2
[09]Nonferrous mining	7.3	3.2	0.7	0.3
[08]Ferrous mining	-1.3	-0.6	1.4	0.5
[29]Rubber	-7.2	-3.2	1.8	0.6
[37]Transport equipment	-0.3	-0.1	2.1	0.8
[35]Ordinary machinery	1.0	0.4	3.3	1.2
[30]Plastic	-4.9	-2.1	3.8	1.4
[34]Metal products	-1.2	-0.5	4.2	1.5
[32]Pressing ferrous	-4.9	-2.1	4.4	1.6
[31]Nonmetal products	-6.8	-3.0	4.6	1.7
[28]Chemical fiber	-3.5	-1.5	4.6	1.7
[12]Timber logging	4.7	2.1	4.6	1.7
[14]Food Production	-4.8	-2.1	5.1	1.8
[17]Textile	-5.0	-2.2	5.4	2.0
[42]Instruments	9.5	4.2	5.5	2.0
[36]Special equipment	6.9	3.0	6.9	2.5
[13]Food processing	-4.9	-2.2	8.7	3.1
[20]Timber	2.6	1.1	8.7	3.2
[45]Gas production	35.0	15.4	22.1	8.0
Number of observations	312		312	
Adjusted R Square	0.850		0.610	

a. Regression equation: NPD Ratio = f(year, industry).

b. Weighted Least Squares Regression with 100 weight to 2002, 95 to 2001, 90 to 2000, 85 to 1999, 80 to 1998, 75 to 1997, 70 to 1996 and 65 to 1995.

Table 6.3 Estimating the Declining Trend of NPD Ratios and Comparing Gaps in NPD Ratios across Region

Dependent Variable: NPD Ratio	NPD Ratio Based on Imputed Profitability and Shown in Table 5.2		NPD Ratio Based on Reported Profitability and shown in Table 5.4	
	B	t	B	t
Intercept	4,537.3	16.1	2,022.1	5.5
Year	-2.2	-16.0	-1.0	-5.4
[37]Shandong	-24.9	-10.2	-28.2	-8.9
[33]Zhejiang	-24.1	-9.9	-25.1	-8.0
[35]Fujian	-18.5	-7.6	-22.3	-7.0
[32]Jiangsu	-24.0	-9.9	-21.1	-6.7
[11]Beijing	5.4	2.2	-20.6	-6.5
[31]Shanghai	-10.8	-4.4	-19.3	-6.1
Region = the Whole Sample	-17.6	-7.2	-19.3	-6.1
[13]Hebei	-15.7	-6.5	-18.8	-5.9
[15]Inner Mongolia	-16.5	-6.8	-14.4	-4.6
[41]Henan	-17.6	-7.2	-14.0	-4.4
[14]Shanxi	-7.8	-3.2	-12.5	-3.9
[53]Yunnan	-6.0	-2.5	-10.4	-3.3
[34]Anhui	-19.1	-7.8	-9.5	-3.0
[44]Guangdong	-13.2	-5.4	-9.3	-2.9
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	-7.3	-3.0	-9.1	-2.9
[42]Hubei	-14.8	-6.1	-7.2	-2.3
[21]Liaoning	-4.3	-1.8	-6.1	-1.9
[12]Tianjin	-4.0	-1.7	-5.0	-1.6
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	-4.5	-1.9	-4.9	-1.6
[22]Jilin	-4.3	-1.8	-4.0	-1.3
[23]Heilongjiang	-4.9	-2.0	-3.5	-1.1
[45]Guangxi	-14.0	-5.8	-3.3	-1.0
[36]Jiangxi	-8.1	-3.3	-2.7	-0.8
[46]Hainan	-7.7	-3.2	-2.1	-0.7
[62]Gansu	-3.4	-1.4	-2.1	-0.7
[52]Guizhou	2.4	1.0	-1.5	-0.5
[43]Hunan	-3.7	-1.5	-1.0	-0.3
[61]Shaanxi	1.4	0.6	-0.6	-0.2
[65]Xinjiang	0.0		0.0	
Number of observations	232		232	
Adjusted R Square	0.790		0.629	

a. Regression equation: NPD Ratio = f(year, region).

b. Weighted Least Squares Regression with 100 weight to 2002, 95 to 2001, 90 to 2000, 85 to 1999, 80 to 1998, 75 to 1997, 70 to 1996 and 65 to 1995.

Figure 1. Predicting NPD Ratios: Imputed Profitability and Weighted Regression

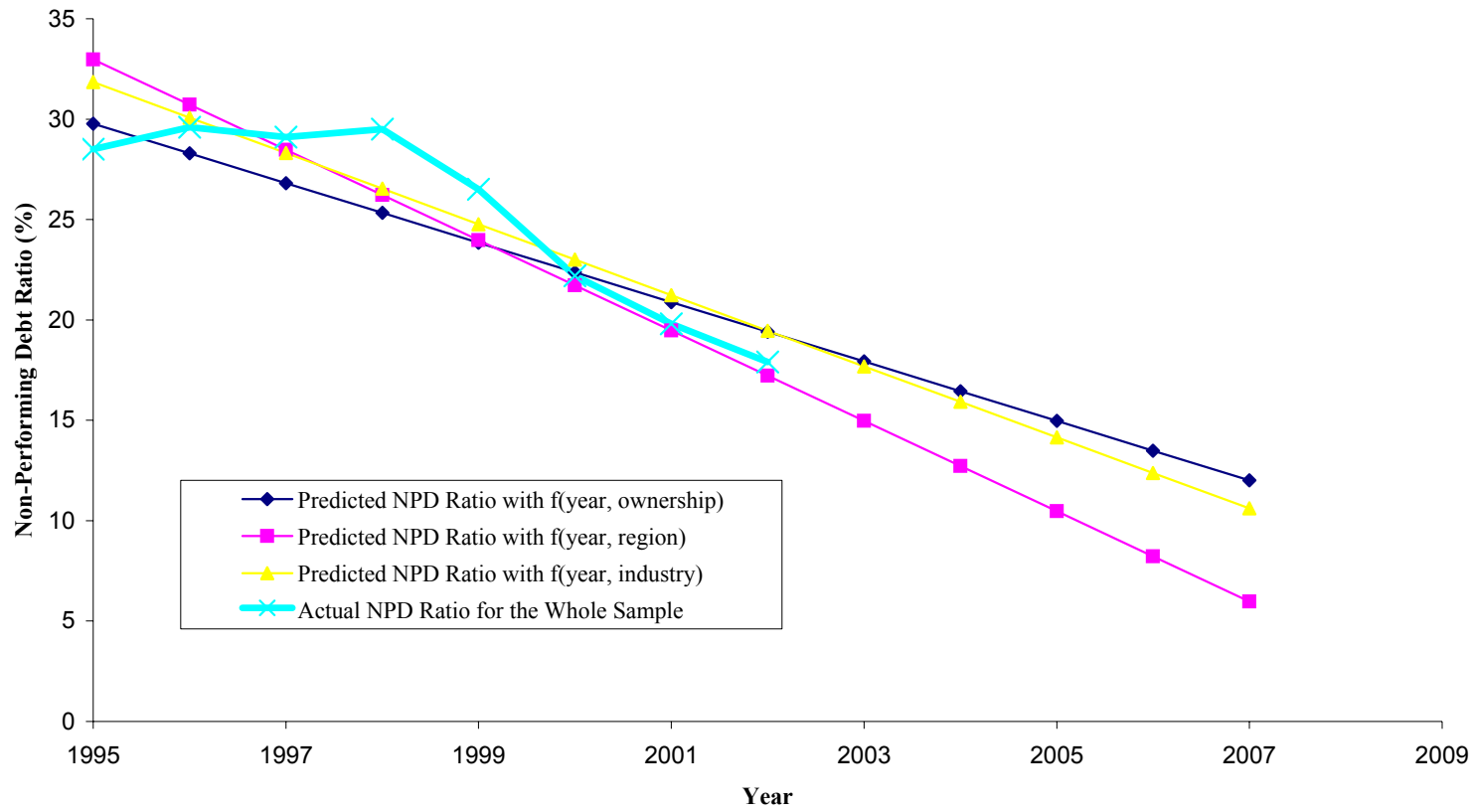


Figure 2. Predicting NPD Ratios: Reported Profitability and Weighted Regression

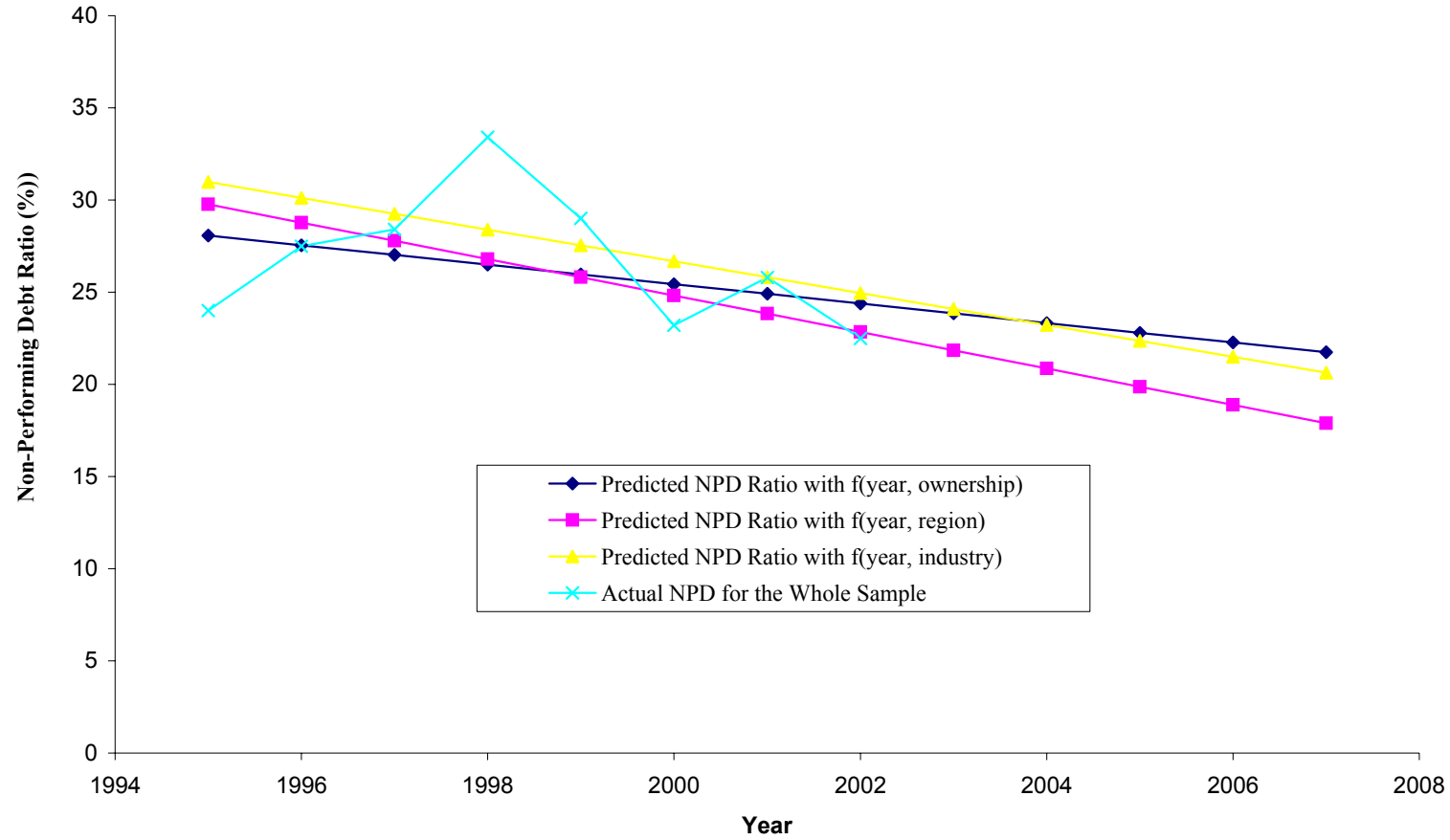


Table 6.4 Scenarios for NPD Ratio of the Whole Sample by the Year 2007

	Alternative Assumptions about Distribution of Total Liabilities	Pessimistic Case: Two Year Slower than Predicted by the Trend	Likely Case: As Predicted by the Trend	Optimistic Case: Two Year Faster than Predicted by the Trend
Alternative Assumptions about the Value of NPD Ratios	private collective mixed foreign HK-M-Taiwan state-owned	2.9% 2.6% 38.0% 13.5% 7.7% 36.2%	3.7% 1.8% 44.2% 15.3% 8.3% 28.2%	4.5% 1.0% 50.4% 17.1% 8.9% 20.2%
Optimistic Case: 2002 NPD Ratios Estimated from Imputed Profitability (%)	private 7.4% collective 10.0% mixed 10.8% foreign 15.2% HK-M-Taiwan 12.6% state-owned 25.4% weighted average for all 18.4%	16.8%	15.8%	14.7%
Likely Case: 2002 Average NPD Ratio (average over NPD statistics from both imputed and reported profitability)	private 11.6% collective 14.6% mixed 15.5% foreign 18.8% HK-M-Taiwan 15.4% state-owned 25.6% weighted average for all 20.6%	19.6%	18.9%	18.3%
Pesimistic Case: 2002 NPD Ratio Estimated from Reported Profitability (%)	private 15.8% collective 19.2% mixed 20.2% foreign 22.4% HK-M-Taiwan 18.2% state-owned 25.8% weighted average for all 22.9%	22.4%	22.1%	21.8%

Table 7.1 Summary Statistics for Key Variables in Profitability Regressions: 1995-2002

		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total
N	Return on TA with Reported Profit	22,543	22,974	22,957	22,293	21,463	20,738	21,898	22,220	177,086
	Return on TA with Imputed Profit	22,393	22,815	22,813	22,129	21,296	20,555	21,730	21,999	175,730
	Capital-Labor Ratio (RMB Thousand per Person)	22,295	22,724	22,708	22,046	21,240	20,505	21,641	21,972	175,131
	Asset-Liability Ratio	22,479	22,904	22,848	22,187	21,354	20,633	21,792	22,069	176,266
	Employment	22,543	22,974	22,957	22,293	21,463	20,738	21,898	22,220	177,086
	Market Share (% of 3-digit industry sales total)	22,543	22,974	22,957	22,293	21,463	20,738	21,898	22,220	177,086
	Industry Concentration (% by top 4 enterprises in 2-digit industry sales total)	22,543	22,974	22,957	22,293	21,463	20,738	21,898	22,220	177,086
Median	Return on TA with Reported Profit	0.27%	0.14%	0.09%	0.04%	0.18%	0.38%	0.53%	0.82%	0.23%
	Return on TA with Imputed Profit	3.42%	3.56%	3.40%	3.22%	4.51%	5.38%	6.59%	7.31%	0.0458
	Capital-Labor Ratio (RMB Thousand per Person)	27.4	36.5	41.6	49.4	57.9	63.6	70.0	75.5	49.2
	Asset-Liability Ratio	0.713	0.711	0.711	0.711	0.690	0.682	0.651	0.635	0.690
	Employment	877	823	793	715	654	620	560	520	701
	Market Share (% of 3-digit industry sales total)	0.207	0.192	0.182	0.185	0.199	0.201	0.192	0.185	0.193
	Industry Concentration (% by top 4 enterprises in 2-digit industry sales total)	10.4	11.1	11.6	12.1	12.4	13.1	11.7	12.3	11.6
Mean	Return on TA with Reported Profit	0.16%	-0.54%	-0.64%	-0.89%	0.34%	1.29%	1.69%	2.03%	0.41%
	Return on TA with Imputed Profit	5.04%	6.07%	5.74%	5.58%	7.72%	8.91%	10.65%	11.61%	7.63%
	Capital-Labor Ratio (RMB Thousand per Person)	51.4	65.9	74.1	95.0	118.3	130.0	152.4	165.6	105.8
	Asset-Liability Ratio	0.706	0.709	0.711	0.714	0.694	0.687	0.657	0.642	0.690
	Employment	1,696	1,633	1,593	1,502	1,428	1,361	1,237	1,189	1,458
	Market Share (% of 3-digit industry sales total)	0.838	0.831	0.823	0.839	0.867	0.907	0.881	0.869	0.856
	Industry Concentration (% by top 4 enterprises in 2-digit industry sales total)	11.4	12.0	13.0	13.4	13.5	13.8	13.9	14.1	13.1
Std. Deviation	Return on TA with Reported Profit	8.30%	9.24%	8.36%	8.53%	8.42%	8.46%	9.99%	8.97%	8.86%
	Return on TA with Imputed Profit	13.73%	16.25%	15.16%	14.27%	15.27%	16.06%	17.99%	19.51%	16.29%
	Capital-Labor Ratio (RMB Thousand per Person)	123.6	162.6	154.9	242.8	358.3	346.6	430.6	447.8	308.4
	Asset-Liability Ratio	0.23828	0.25137	0.26388	0.28025	0.27605	0.28080	0.28693	0.28883	0.27218
	Employment	5,215	4,908	4,719	4,482	4,401	3,947	3,599	3,560	4,404
	Market Share (% of 3-digit industry sales total)	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
	Industry Concentration (% by top 4 enterprises in 2-digit industry sales total)	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.1	6.9	7.1	6.2	6.1	7.1

Table 7.2 Median of Key Variables for Profitability Regressions by Owership: 1995-2002

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total
Return on TA with Reported Profit									
private	1.78%	4.84%	0.36%	0.03%	1.00%	1.03%	1.38%	1.72%	1.34%
collective	0.69%	0.50%	0.34%	0.28%	0.51%	0.67%	0.72%	0.91%	0.52%
mixed	2.07%	1.46%	0.89%	0.52%	0.88%	1.10%	1.24%	1.33%	1.11%
foreign	1.70%	0.83%	0.77%	0.54%	1.65%	2.93%	2.99%	3.61%	2.08%
HK-M-Taiwan	1.31%	1.01%	0.89%	0.43%	0.87%	1.35%	1.55%	1.95%	1.26%
state-owned	0.14%	0.05%	0.02%	0.00%	0.03%	0.09%	0.06%	0.09%	0.05%
Total	0.27%	0.14%	0.09%	0.04%	0.18%	0.38%	0.53%	0.82%	0.23%
Return on TA with Imputed Profit									
private	11.25%	17.44%	9.65%	7.39%	12.01%	11.34%	12.93%	13.98%	12.67%
collective	7.44%	8.24%	7.17%	7.52%	8.60%	9.46%	10.57%	10.97%	8.41%
mixed	7.13%	6.78%	6.36%	6.06%	7.11%	7.83%	8.83%	9.43%	7.85%
foreign	5.80%	6.31%	6.09%	5.49%	8.15%	9.93%	11.01%	11.24%	8.66%
HK-M-Taiwan	6.57%	6.75%	6.23%	5.41%	6.99%	8.19%	8.86%	9.69%	7.61%
state-owned	2.14%	2.01%	1.86%	1.34%	2.18%	2.53%	2.80%	2.87%	2.14%
Total	3.42%	3.56%	3.40%	3.22%	4.51%	5.38%	6.59%	7.31%	4.58%
Capital-Labor Ratio (RMB Thousand per Person)									
private	26	54	49	48	52	51	52	56	52
collective	25	30	33	40	44	45	49	52	37
mixed	33	39	42	46	52	57	62	67	54
foreign	71	91	114	134	144	145	149	145	129
HK-M-Taiwan	63	79	82	98	109	108	107	103	96
state-owned	26	35	40	47	55	62	68	74	44
Total	27	36	42	49	58	64	70	75	49
Asset-Liability Ratio									
private	0.531	0.653	0.722	0.724	0.686	0.693	0.667	0.654	0.671
collective	0.708	0.718	0.723	0.717	0.707	0.712	0.690	0.686	0.711
mixed	0.646	0.636	0.650	0.672	0.664	0.660	0.653	0.644	0.654
foreign	0.574	0.553	0.554	0.538	0.534	0.516	0.479	0.472	0.517
HK-M-Taiwan	0.638	0.622	0.625	0.614	0.603	0.589	0.544	0.520	0.583
state-owned	0.731	0.733	0.737	0.747	0.732	0.732	0.718	0.704	0.732
Total	0.713	0.711	0.711	0.711	0.690	0.682	0.651	0.635	0.690
Employment									
private	500	453	718	429	391	394	383	367	384
collective	643	599	565	511	490	461	437	408	528
mixed	1,010	972	897	820	748	711	645	606	725
foreign	408	387	376	350	321	332	320	320	341
HK-M-Taiwan	446	390	387	360	364	360	343	340	363
state-owned	1,014	975	946	873	829	793	753	729	894
Total	877	823	793	715	654	620	560	520	701
Market Share (% of 3-digit industry sales total)									
private	0.159	0.285	0.283	0.118	0.147	0.148	0.148	0.141	0.146
collective	0.206	0.190	0.175	0.193	0.192	0.185	0.161	0.146	0.185
mixed	0.361	0.310	0.253	0.212	0.221	0.213	0.198	0.183	0.214
foreign	0.450	0.402	0.399	0.419	0.406	0.396	0.355	0.318	0.381
HK-M-Taiwan	0.339	0.331	0.341	0.341	0.329	0.343	0.312	0.277	0.318
state-owned	0.185	0.169	0.156	0.149	0.158	0.155	0.145	0.143	0.160
Total	0.207	0.192	0.182	0.185	0.199	0.201	0.192	0.185	0.193
Industry Concentration (% by top 4 enterprises in 2-digit industry sales total)									
private	12.6	9.5	8.6	10.8	11.7	11.0	11.6	11.1	11.6
collective	9.9	8.5	9.7	10.8	10.6	11.3	11.6	11.1	10.5
mixed	10.5	11.3	11.6	11.7	12.4	12.9	11.7	12.3	11.8
foreign	10.5	11.3	13.3	12.5	13.8	13.1	14.0	12.3	12.4
HK-M-Taiwan	9.9	10.6	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.1	13.1	12.3	11.7
state-owned	10.4	11.1	11.6	12.1	12.4	13.4	13.1	12.5	11.7
Total	10.4	11.1	11.6	12.1	12.4	13.1	11.7	12.3	11.6

Table 7.3 Profitability Regressions

Dependent Variable	Imputed profitability (1=profit; 0=loss)			Reported profitability (1=profit; 0=loss)			Return on total assets by imputed profitability		Return on total assets by reported profitability	
	B	S.E.	Exp(B)	B	S.E.	Exp(B)	B	SE	B	SE
Constant	2.174 ***	0.120	8.797	2.430 ***	0.118	11.353	0.142 ***	0.008	0.014 ***	0.004
Log(capital-labor ratio)	0.005	0.007	1.005	-0.063 ***	0.007	0.939	-0.012 ***	0.000	0.001 ***	0.000
Asset-liability ratio	-1.730 ***	0.023	0.177	-3.156 ***	0.026	0.043	-0.116 ***	0.001	-0.115 ***	0.001
Log(employees)	0.029 ***	0.007	1.029	0.080 ***	0.007	1.084	-0.003 ***	0.000	0.003 ***	0.000
Market share	0.109 ***	0.005	1.115	0.175 ***	0.006	1.191	0.004 ***	0.000	0.002 ***	0.000
Industry concentration	-0.001	0.003	0.999	0.005	0.003	1.005	-0.001 ***	0.000	0.000 ***	0.000
private							0.106 ***	0.003	0.029 ***	0.001
collective	-0.450 ***	0.059	0.637	-0.215 ***	0.049	0.806	0.070 ***	0.001	0.022 ***	0.001
mixed	-0.534 ***	0.059	0.586	-0.094 ***	0.048	0.910	0.047 ***	0.001	0.017 ***	0.001
foreign	-0.763 ***	0.061	0.466	-0.940 ***	0.051	0.391	0.065 ***	0.002	0.017 ***	0.001
HK-M-Taiwan	-0.757 ***	0.061	0.469	-0.658 ***	0.051	0.518	0.053 ***	0.002	0.015 ***	0.001
state-owned	-1.235 ***	0.057	0.291	-0.585 ***	0.047	0.557	0	.	0	.
1995	-0.390 ***	0.025	0.677	0.061 ***	0.025	1.062	-0.049 ***	0.002	-0.005 ***	0.001
1996	-0.397 ***	0.024	0.673	-0.118 ***	0.024	0.889	-0.038 ***	0.001	-0.012 ***	0.001
1997	-0.394 ***	0.024	0.674	-0.236 ***	0.024	0.790	-0.040 ***	0.001	-0.014 ***	0.001
1998	-0.412 ***	0.024	0.662	-0.393 ***	0.023	0.675	-0.041 ***	0.001	-0.016 ***	0.001
1999	-0.231 ***	0.024	0.794	-0.111 ***	0.024	0.895	-0.027 ***	0.001	-0.008 ***	0.001
2000	-0.093 ***	0.025	0.911	0.225 ***	0.025	1.252	-0.018 ***	0.001	-0.001 ***	0.001
2001	0.016	0.025	1.016	-0.005	0.024	0.995	-0.007 ***	0.001	-0.001 ***	0.001
2002							0	.	0	.
Regression method	Logistic			Logistic			General Linear Model		General Linear Model	
Nagelkerke R SQUARE	0.189			0.251						
Ajusted R SQUARE							0.181		0.218	
Number of observations	177,086			177,086			172,985		174,317	

a. Coefficients for Industry and region dummies are omitted in this table but will be used to calculate the pure industry and region profitability index in the next table.

Table 7.4 Indices of Pure Industry Profitability during the Period 1995–2002 for Large and Medium Industrial Enterprises

	PI-1	PI-2	PI-3	PI-4	PI-5	PI-6
Industry	Pure Industry Profitability Index (estimated from reported profits)	Pure Industry Profitability Index (estimated from imputed profits)	Pure Industry Profitability Index (estimated from reported return on total assets)	Pure Industry Profitability Index (estimated from imputed return on total assets)	(PI-1 + PI-2)/2	(PI-3 + PI-4)/2
[16]Tobacco	3.196	8.018	1.030	1.301	5.607	1.166
[07]Petroleum extract	1.314	3.714	1.060	1.142	2.514	1.101
[44]Electric power	2.451	1.764	1.019	1.021	2.107	1.020
[15]Beverage	1.548	2.654	1.006	1.065	2.101	1.036
[27]Medical	1.903	2.064	1.021	1.039	1.984	1.030
[22]Papermaking	1.353	1.508	1.007	1.008	1.431	1.008
[26]Raw chemicals	1.510	1.333	1.007	1.001	1.422	1.004
[25]Petroleum processing	0.833	1.783	0.999	1.052	1.308	1.026
[23]Printing	1.628	0.942	1.003	0.974	1.285	0.989
[33]Pressing nonferrous	1.230	1.174	1.002	1.001	1.202	1.002
[13]Food processing	1.095	1.277	0.999	1.039	1.186	1.019
[40]Electric equipment	1.283	1.021	1.004	0.996	1.152	1.000
[41]Electronic & telecom	1.396	0.851	1.008	0.986	1.124	0.997
[18]Garments	1.173	0.960	0.999	1.006	1.066	1.003
[31]Nonmetal products	1.007	1.122	0.993	0.971	1.065	0.982
[12]Timber logging	1.034	1.048	1.005	0.974	1.041	0.990
[37]Transport equipment	1.119	0.943	1.001	0.985	1.031	0.993
[17]Textile	1.044	1.016	0.992	0.978	1.030	0.985
[19]Leather	1.061	0.897	0.995	1.004	0.979	0.999
[14]Food Production	0.935	1.007	0.995	1.005	0.971	1.000
[32]Pressing ferrous	0.858	1.061	0.994	0.998	0.960	0.996
[35]Ordinary machinery	1.088	0.832	0.997	0.961	0.960	0.979
[29]Rubber	0.780	0.984	0.992	0.990	0.882	0.991
[43]Other manufacturing	0.927	0.838	0.996	0.999	0.882	0.998
[30]Plastic	0.913	0.812	0.995	0.967	0.862	0.981
[24]Cultural	0.937	0.777	0.998	0.974	0.857	0.986
[10]Nonmetal mining	0.882	0.829	0.995	0.968	0.856	0.982
[28]Chemical fiber	0.856	0.852	0.996	0.996	0.854	0.996
[34]Metal products	0.883	0.748	0.993	0.972	0.816	0.982
[20]Timber	0.827	0.793	0.992	0.990	0.810	0.991
[36]Special equipment	0.853	0.651	0.995	0.960	0.752	0.978
[09]Nonferrous mining	0.898	0.602	1.010	0.964	0.750	0.987
[21]Furniture	0.768	0.688	0.990	0.977	0.728	0.984
[06]Coal mining	0.797	0.551	0.996	0.953	0.674	0.974
[42]Instruments	0.748	0.554	0.997	0.957	0.651	0.977
[08]Ferrous mining	0.430	0.676	0.991	0.973	0.553	0.982
[46]Tap water	0.454	0.571	0.966	0.942	0.513	0.954
[45]Gas production	0.159	0.132	0.962	0.907	0.146	0.935

a. The indices in this table are derived from the coefficients of industry dummies in the profitability regressions reported in Table 7.3. For easy comparison, each profitability index is normalized by the sample average. Index that is greater than 1 would indicate profitability better than the sample average. The 6 index values are sorted by PI-5.

Table 7.5 Indices of Pure Region Profitability during the Period 1995-2002 for Large and Medium Industrial Enterprises

	PR-1	PR-2	PR-3	PR-4	PR-5	PR-6
Region	Pure Region Profitability Index (estimated from reported profits)	Pure Region Profitability Index (estimated from imputed profits)	Pure Region Profitability Index (estimated from reported return on total assets)	Pure Region Profitability Index (estimated from imputed return on total assets)	(PI-1 + PI-2)/2	(PI-3 + PI-4)/2
[37]Shandong	2.829	2.105	1.023	1.047	2.467	1.035
[32]Jiangsu	1.532	1.799	1.009	1.040	1.666	1.024
[13]Hebei	1.746	1.445	1.014	1.030	1.595	1.022
[33]Zhejiang	1.622	1.496	1.014	1.005	1.559	1.010
[41]Henan	1.346	1.700	1.009	1.032	1.523	1.021
[34]Anhui	1.035	1.623	1.001	1.030	1.329	1.016
[15]Inner Mongolia	1.103	1.316	1.002	1.014	1.210	1.008
[31]Shanghai	1.432	0.858	1.007	0.989	1.145	0.998
[35]Fujian	1.253	1.011	1.007	1.015	1.132	1.011
[14]Shanxi	1.082	1.028	1.002	1.001	1.055	1.002
[42]Hubei	0.827	1.279	1.004	1.032	1.053	1.018
[45]Guangxi	0.764	1.327	0.996	1.009	1.045	1.003
[36]Jiangxi	0.901	1.140	1.000	1.003	1.021	1.001
[44]Guangdong	0.913	0.969	0.998	1.006	0.941	1.002
[23]Heilongjiang	0.905	0.939	0.998	0.997	0.922	0.997
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	0.908	0.886	0.993	0.994	0.897	0.993
[11]Beijing	1.341	0.445	0.996	0.961	0.893	0.979
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	0.825	0.833	0.990	0.983	0.829	0.987
[53]Yunnan	0.885	0.764	0.997	0.978	0.824	0.988
[22]Jilin	0.809	0.816	0.994	0.994	0.812	0.994
[12]Tianjin	0.815	0.738	1.004	0.970	0.776	0.987
[46]Hainan	0.721	0.812	0.996	0.975	0.766	0.985
[61]Shaanxi	0.766	0.760	0.992	0.990	0.763	0.991
[43]Hunan	0.660	0.857	0.989	0.989	0.758	0.989
[62]Gansu	0.686	0.794	0.984	0.982	0.740	0.983
[52]Guizhou	0.727	0.735	0.994	0.986	0.731	0.990
[21]Liaoning	0.774	0.662	0.993	0.974	0.718	0.983
[65]Xinjiang	0.705	0.695	0.992	0.973	0.700	0.983

a. The indices in this table are derived from the coefficients of region dummies in the profitability regressions reported in Table 7.3. For easy comparison, each profitability index is normalized by the sample average. Index that is greater than 1 would indicate profitability better than the sample average. The 6 index values are sorted by PR-5.

Table A.1 Distribution of Usable and Unusable Observations by Ownership: 1995-2002

			1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Data Quality	bad	private	2	1	2	3	9	14	26	54
		collective	60	72	93	66	58	77	86	89
		mixed	23	24	39	73	82	145	178	158
		foreign	41	67	64	43	42	65	65	98
		HK-M-Taiwan	31	36	34	28	43	59	60	89
		state-owned	307	525	583	901	538	626	674	615
		total	464	725	815	1,114	772	986	1,089	1,103
		private	28.6%	6.7%	5.6%	1.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.6%	4.0%
	collective	1.5%	1.7%	2.2%	1.8%	1.7%	2.6%	3.5%	4.0%	
	mixed	1.8%	1.7%	1.9%	2.4%	2.2%	3.2%	3.1%	2.5%	
	foreign	3.9%	4.9%	4.0%	2.7%	2.1%	3.1%	2.4%	3.2%	
	HK-M-Taiwan	3.2%	3.1%	2.7%	1.9%	2.7%	3.7%	2.6%	3.4%	
	state-owned	2.0%	3.4%	3.9%	6.7%	4.8%	6.3%	7.7%	7.9%	
	total	2.0%	3.1%	3.4%	4.8%	3.5%	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%	
	fine	private	5	14	34	176	307	498	958	1,302
		collective	4,008	4,199	4,116	3,577	3,350	2,899	2,394	2,138
		mixed	1,233	1,406	2,064	2,934	3,592	4,381	5,619	6,135
foreign		1,000	1,305	1,525	1,579	1,924	2,048	2,610	2,935	
HK-M-Taiwan		936	1,115	1,222	1,454	1,524	1,552	2,211	2,495	
state-owned		15,361	14,935	14,350	12,573	10,766	9,360	8,106	7,215	
total		22,543	22,974	23,311	22,293	21,463	20,738	21,898	22,220	
Total		private	7	15	36	179	316	512	984	1,356
collective	4,068	4,271	4,209	3,643	3,408	2,976	2,480	2,227		
mixed	1,256	1,430	2,103	3,007	3,674	4,526	5,797	6,293		
foreign	1,041	1,372	1,589	1,622	1,966	2,113	2,675	3,033		
HK-M-Taiwan	967	1,151	1,256	1,482	1,567	1,611	2,271	2,584		
state-owned	15,668	15,460	14,933	13,474	11,304	9,986	8,780	7,830		
total	23,007	23,699	24,126	23,407	22,235	21,724	22,987	23,323		

Table A.2 Distribution of Unusable Observations by Industry: 1995-2002

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[06]Coal mining	0.4%	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%	0.7%	3.2%	1.8%	3.7%
[07]Petroleum extract	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	7.1%	3.0%	2.6%	2.6%	0.0%
[08]Ferrous mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	7.1%	0.0%
[09]Nonferrous mining	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	3.7%	2.3%	2.9%	3.7%	3.3%
[10]Nonmetal mining	1.4%	0.9%	2.8%	3.4%	0.0%	2.8%	5.1%	5.4%
[12]Timber logging	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	4.0%	4.3%	5.4%
[13]Food processing	2.3%	2.7%	3.7%	5.0%	3.6%	5.4%	6.9%	6.5%
[14]Food Production	3.6%	6.6%	7.3%	5.9%	3.9%	5.8%	5.4%	5.7%
[15]Beverage	1.6%	3.1%	3.2%	3.6%	2.5%	3.6%	3.4%	4.5%
[16]Tobacco	0.7%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
[17]Textile	2.5%	3.0%	3.8%	6.0%	3.8%	3.8%	4.4%	4.8%
[18]Garments	2.8%	1.5%	1.8%	1.6%	1.3%	2.0%	2.0%	3.1%
[19]Leather	2.6%	4.5%	2.8%	6.3%	5.0%	6.5%	4.9%	4.3%
[20]Timber	7.4%	1.5%	1.3%	5.2%	5.3%	4.9%	4.1%	5.4%
[21]Furniture	3.1%	5.6%	1.3%	3.1%	2.7%	1.4%	2.3%	2.3%
[22]Papermaking	2.6%	3.3%	3.0%	6.7%	4.4%	6.1%	5.1%	4.6%
[23]Printing	1.1%	1.3%	2.5%	1.3%	2.3%	1.6%	2.3%	1.6%
[24]Cultural	9.4%	8.9%	0.9%	2.7%	2.7%	7.1%	3.7%	3.2%
[25]Petroleum processing	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	0.8%	0.0%	2.5%	3.8%	5.6%
[26]Raw chemicals	2.4%	2.7%	2.2%	4.2%	2.5%	4.3%	4.9%	5.1%
[27]Medical	1.6%	2.4%	1.8%	3.9%	3.4%	3.8%	4.1%	2.9%
[28]Chemical fiber	2.4%	1.1%	4.7%	3.7%	2.4%	4.6%	3.4%	5.3%
[29]Rubber	4.7%	3.4%	3.4%	4.4%	3.2%	3.1%	4.2%	6.1%
[30]Plastic	2.6%	3.6%	2.9%	2.1%	2.8%	4.4%	4.6%	5.1%
[31]Nonmetal products	2.0%	3.2%	3.2%	5.2%	3.0%	4.0%	4.7%	4.2%
[32]Pressing ferrous	0.4%	3.5%	3.2%	8.5%	2.6%	5.4%	6.8%	5.7%
[33]Pressing nonferrous	1.1%	2.3%	1.4%	2.2%	3.2%	1.9%	3.0%	2.8%
[34]Metal products	0.9%	1.9%	3.1%	4.2%	2.0%	4.4%	3.8%	4.4%
[35]Ordinary machinery	0.5%	1.0%	1.9%	2.2%	1.8%	2.6%	2.4%	2.6%
[36]Special equipment	0.9%	1.7%	1.3%	1.9%	2.1%	2.8%	3.2%	3.8%
[37]Transport equipment	1.6%	2.5%	2.2%	3.6%	2.9%	3.3%	3.3%	2.6%
[40]Electric equipment	1.8%	2.6%	1.9%	3.1%	1.7%	3.4%	2.5%	3.8%
[41]Electronic & telecom	1.8%	2.4%	3.0%	3.0%	2.1%	2.9%	4.3%	2.8%
[42]Instruments	0.6%	1.6%	1.3%	4.4%	2.1%	2.8%	3.9%	5.1%
[43]Other manufacturing	3.0%	4.2%	3.8%	2.8%	2.1%	3.7%	3.8%	5.9%
[44]Electric power	4.7%	14.2%	18.6%	22.8%	19.5%	20.3%	18.4%	16.8%
[45]Gas production	2.9%	2.9%	7.6%	4.7%	7.1%	6.2%	9.8%	4.8%
[46]Tap water	1.1%	1.5%	1.0%	1.9%	1.9%	1.4%	2.6%	1.7%
Total	2.0%	3.1%	3.4%	4.8%	3.5%	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%

Table A.3 Distribution of Unusable Observations by Region: 1995-2002

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
[11]Beijing	4.6%	3.0%	2.6%	4.4%	5.9%	9.5%	3.9%	4.1%
[12]Tianjin	4.4%	5.9%	13.9%	13.1%	9.3%	18.2%	18.5%	22.3%
[13]Hebei	1.5%	2.1%	2.1%	4.2%	3.4%	4.7%	7.9%	8.9%
[14]Shanxi	1.6%	1.9%	3.1%	5.1%	2.5%	4.4%	8.1%	8.6%
[15]Inner Mongolia	1.1%	5.1%	7.1%	7.6%	7.7%	9.1%	9.1%	9.6%
[21]Liaoning	2.3%	3.2%	2.9%	8.1%	2.0%	2.6%	4.4%	4.3%
[22]Jilin	2.2%	6.1%	7.8%	11.2%	12.5%	10.6%	11.3%	10.2%
[23]Heilongjiang	2.7%	4.3%	5.5%	10.2%	7.9%	8.2%	11.4%	9.0%
[31]Shanghai	5.4%	5.5%	5.4%	3.6%	1.1%	1.2%	0.4%	1.2%
[32]Jiangsu	0.6%	0.6%	1.3%	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%	1.0%
[33]Zhejiang	0.5%	1.7%	1.5%	1.9%	4.3%	4.7%	4.5%	3.1%
[34]Anhui	0.8%	1.2%	0.4%	3.7%	1.8%	2.7%	3.5%	3.6%
[35]Fujian	2.1%	1.7%	2.5%	4.2%	1.9%	3.3%	2.5%	2.5%
[36]Jiangxi	1.6%	1.9%	1.7%	5.6%	4.8%	8.2%	4.4%	5.3%
[37]Shandong	1.5%	2.3%	2.7%	2.6%	2.1%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%
[41]Henan	1.1%	7.5%	7.7%	8.2%	5.3%	8.1%	10.4%	12.2%
[42]Hubei	2.6%	3.3%	3.6%	5.7%	3.2%	4.0%	6.1%	5.0%
[43]Hunan	2.2%	4.2%	2.3%	5.1%	1.3%	2.0%	2.0%	2.4%
[44]Guangdong	2.8%	2.5%	2.2%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	2.5%	3.2%
[45]Guangxi	0.7%	5.6%	1.6%	2.8%	0.7%	2.2%	1.5%	2.8%
[46]Hainan	18.1%	10.7%	3.5%	8.1%	5.8%	7.6%	10.9%	7.8%
[50]Sichuan+Chongqing	1.7%	2.7%	1.8%	5.1%	4.9%	6.4%	5.8%	3.6%
[52]Guizhou	0.8%	6.9%	11.0%	10.0%	14.2%	15.3%	16.0%	8.9%
[53]Yunnan	0.9%	0.0%	1.2%	2.9%	1.1%	2.6%	1.5%	2.3%
[54]Tibet+Qinghai+Ningxia	0.0%	0.6%	2.7%	6.2%	2.4%	0.6%	4.4%	2.8%
[61]Shaanxi	1.5%	1.3%	0.6%	4.7%	2.1%	2.5%	2.3%	1.4%
[62]Gansu	1.4%	1.0%	6.9%	7.4%	8.7%	9.2%	8.8%	10.3%
[65]Xinjiang	1.5%	1.6%	1.4%	3.7%	0.6%	4.0%	2.2%	1.8%
Total	2.0%	3.1%	3.4%	4.8%	3.5%	4.5%	4.7%	4.7%

Table A.4 Summary Statistics for Sales, Output, Asset, Liability, Labor and Value Added for the Cleaned Sample (Value Unit: RMB Million)

	YEAR	Number of Enterprises	Mean	Std. Deviation	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Sum
Sales	1995	22,543	136	630	45	0.109	39,930	3,071,530
	1996	22,974	144	681	44	0.100	43,738	3,308,847
	1997	22,957	155	761	44	0.103	50,760	3,560,393
	1998	22,293	163	772	44	0.101	50,611	3,629,511
	1999	21,463	188	871	50	0.107	61,211	4,032,923
	2000	20,738	234	1,219	57	0.112	92,279	4,843,396
	2001	21,898	257	1,213	63	0.109	78,984	5,624,020
	2002	22,220	292	1,329	69	0.101	72,843	6,495,292
	Total	177,086	195	966	51	0.100	92,279	34,565,913
Gross Value of Industrial Output	1995	22,543	136	616	46	0.101	40,214	3,073,253
	1996	22,974	147	685	48	0.130	44,349	3,378,619
	1997	22,957	157	762	48	0.113	51,693	3,607,608
	1998	22,293	165	767	48	0.100	51,646	3,681,858
	1999	21,463	190	874	54	0.106	63,918	4,068,673
	2000	20,738	230	1,171	61	0.150	92,617	4,775,290
	2001	21,898	255	1,177	67	0.140	79,422	5,573,291
	2002	22,220	288	1,275	71	0.100	73,633	6,388,539
	Total	177,086	195	943	54	0.100	92,617	34,547,132
Total Assets	1995	22,543	229	1,047	79	0.829	65,931	5,161,722
	1996	22,974	256	1,199	85	0.831	75,366	5,872,942
	1997	22,957	291	1,388	92	0.701	83,704	6,690,180
	1998	22,293	329	1,522	99	0.701	90,322	7,323,630
	1999	21,463	369	1,684	105	1.350	91,485	7,918,937
	2000	20,738	397	1,763	111	1.770	85,791	8,239,931
	2001	21,898	420	1,846	113	0.741	86,018	9,196,855
	2002	22,220	446	1,882	115	0.835	85,809	9,909,926
	Total	177,086	341	1,564	98	0.701	91,485	60,314,123
Total Liabilities	1995	22,543	146	595	56	0.028	29,785	3,285,112
	1996	22,974	161	658	60	0.016	27,652	3,706,920
	1997	22,957	183	788	64	0.016	31,269	4,201,084
	1998	22,293	207	859	69	0.098	33,133	4,609,115
	1999	21,463	224	895	71	0.022	32,958	4,804,740
	2000	20,738	239	957	74	0.010	46,409	4,962,981
	2001	21,898	243	908	72	0.001	33,647	5,328,350
	2002	22,220	258	990	71	0.016	43,050	5,723,794
	Total	177,086	207	840	66	0.001	46,409	36,622,096
Number of Employees	1995	22,543	1,696	5,215	877	30	254,078	38,223,099
	1996	22,974	1,633	4,908	823	30	197,048	37,513,117
	1997	22,957	1,593	4,719	793	30	193,076	36,581,069
	1998	22,293	1,502	4,482	715	30	193,110	33,490,764
	1999	21,463	1,428	4,401	654	30	194,410	30,656,548
	2000	20,738	1,361	3,947	620	30	161,654	28,225,561
	2001	21,898	1,237	3,599	560	30	147,722	27,079,491
	2002	22,220	1,189	3,560	520	30	137,962	26,426,284
	Total	177,086	1,458	4,404	701	30	254,078	258,195,933
Reported Value Added	1995	22,543	43	332	11	-424	32,912	958,256
	1996	22,974	44	348	11	-3,241	34,809	1,016,728
	1997	22,957	47	382	12	-6,738	39,565	1,080,121
	1998	22,293	51	398	12	-5,939	41,525	1,131,106
	1999	21,463	60	479	14	-1,954	53,645	1,288,589
	2000	20,738	73	690	16	-12,140	79,063	1,520,978
	2001	21,898	80	660	18	-1,796	78,355	1,741,547
	2002	22,220	91	652	20	-2,339	72,057	2,012,908
	Total	177,086	61	510	14	-12,140	79,063	10,750,232

Table A.5 Size of Sales, Output, Asset, Liability, Labor and Value Added at Selected Percentiles for the Cleaned Sample (Value Unit: RMB Million)

	YEAR	Percentiles						
		5	10	25	50	75	90	95
Sales	1995	6	10	20	45	101	233	418
	1996	5	9	19	44	102	245	438
	1997	4	8	19	44	105	264	488
	1998	4	7	18	44	107	286	530
	1999	6	9	21	50	125	325	614
	2000	6	10	23	57	146	387	739
	2001	6	11	25	63	162	444	838
	2002	6	11	27	69	181	505	983
Gross Value of Industrial Output	1995	7	10	22	46	104	236	403
	1996	6	10	21	48	110	250	440
	1997	5	9	21	48	112	266	489
	1998	5	9	20	48	115	288	536
	1999	7	11	24	54	131	333	606
	2000	6	11	25	61	151	388	730
	2001	7	12	27	67	169	444	836
	2002	7	12	29	71	186	505	956
Total Assets	1995	22	28	44	79	167	378	676
	1996	23	29	46	85	180	414	745
	1997	22	29	48	92	198	474	888
	1998	23	30	50	99	218	538	1,007
	1999	24	32	54	105	239	603	1,144
	2000	23	31	54	111	259	672	1,304
	2001	22	31	54	113	271	725	1,445
	2002	21	30	54	115	282	775	1,589
Total Liabilities	1995	12	17	29	56	115	245	424
	1996	12	18	31	60	125	268	471
	1997	12	18	33	64	137	301	542
	1998	12	19	34	69	151	345	641
	1999	12	18	35	71	160	381	709
	2000	11	18	35	74	169	412	784
	2001	9	16	32	72	170	429	848
	2002	9	15	31	71	176	459	910
Number of Employees	1995	211	306	520	877	1,515	2,858	4,631
	1996	186	271	475	823	1,457	2,806	4,584
	1997	168	248	445	793	1,429	2,767	4,595
	1998	141	208	388	715	1,340	2,656	4,429
	1999	126	187	348	654	1,257	2,566	4,258
	2000	116	173	323	620	1,208	2,497	4,143
	2001	103	150	288	560	1,129	2,332	3,815
	2002	92	134	260	520	1,079	2,257	3,778
Reported Value Added	1995	-2	1	4	11	26	64	121
	1996	-2	0	4	11	29	69	131
	1997	-2	0	4	12	30	74	141
	1998	-2	1	4	12	31	80	159
	1999	0	2	5	14	37	95	183
	2000	0	2	6	16	43	115	215
	2001	1	2	7	18	49	131	247
	2002	0	2	7	20	54	147	289

Table A6 The Weight of the Sample Enterprises in the Chinese Economy

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
(1) Number of enterprises in the sample	22,543	22,974	23,311	22,293	21,463	20,738	21,898	22,220
(2) Number of all industrial SOEs plus the non-state industrial enterprises with annual sales above RMB 5 million				165,080	162,033	162,885	171,256	181,557
(3) Reported value added for all enterprises in the sample (RMB Billion)	958	1,017	1,080	1,131	1,289	1,521	1,742	2,013
(4) Total industrial value added in China (RMB Billion)	2,472	2,908	3,241	3,339	3,509	3,905	4,238	4,654
(3)/(4) = Sample VA / China Industrial VA	38.8%	35.0%	33.3%	33.9%	36.7%	39.0%	41.1%	43.3%
(5) GDP (RMB Billion)	5,848	6,789	7,446	7,835	8,207	8,947	9,731	10,479
(3)/(5) = Sample VA / China GDP	16.4%	15.0%	14.5%	14.4%	15.7%	17.0%	17.9%	19.2%
(6) Number of employees for all enterprises in the sample	38	38	37	34	31	28	27	26
(7) Number of employees in all industrial enterprises	66	65	62	48	44	41	38	37
(6)/(7) = Sample Employment / China Industrial Employment	57.8%	58.1%	58.8%	70.5%	69.3%	68.7%	70.6%	70.8%
(8) Urban employment in China	191	198	202	216	224	232	239	248
(6)/(8) = Sample Employment / China Urban Employment	20.0%	18.9%	18.1%	15.5%	13.7%	12.2%	11.3%	10.7%
(9) Total employment in China	679	689	696	706	714	721	730	737
(6)/(9) = Sample Employment / China Employment	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	4.7%	4.3%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%
(7)/(9) = China Industrial Employment / China Employment	9.7%	9.4%	8.9%	6.7%	6.2%	5.7%	5.3%	5.1%
(10) Total Liabilities for all enterprises in the sample (RMB Billion)	3,286	3,707	4,201	4,610	4,805	4,963	5,329	5,722
(11) Total loans in China (RMB Billion)	5,054	6,116	7,491	8,652	9,373	9,937	11,231	13,129
(10)/(11) = Sample Total Liabilities / Total Loans in China	65.0%	60.6%	56.1%	53.3%	51.3%	49.9%	47.4%	43.6%