

The State Council is the chief administrative authority of the People's Republic of China. The State Council is one of three key elements of China's political structure, alongside the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the Central Military Commission (CMC). It oversees constituent ministries as well as provincial-level governments, but not CCP committees. In recent years, party organs have gained significant power at the expense of government ministries. The President is China's head of state and represents the PRC in international engagements. The position itself is largely ceremonial but is an important part of Xi's political dominance, as the president formally has the power to appoint state leaders, to promulgate laws, to declare states of emergency, and to declare war. The State Council has an Executive that meets regularly to discuss major governmental issues, and is currently comprised of the Premier, four Vice Premiers, and three State Councilors. The premier is nominated by the president and approved by the National People's Congress (NPC). Other members of the State Council are nominated by the premier and approved by the NPC or its standing committee. Members of the State Council are elected for five-year terms and are capped at two terms, but the unexpected removal of two state councilors in 2023 departed sharply from this norm.

President

Xi Jinping

习近平

CCP General Secretary;  
CMC Chairman

b. 1953



Vice President

Han Zheng

韩正

Ex-member,  
CCP Politburo  
Standing Committee

b. 1954



Premier



Li Qiang 李强

Member, CCP Politburo  
Standing Committee

Portfolio includes:  
Coordination of the State Council  
work

b. 1959

Vice Premiers



Ding Xuexiang 丁薛祥

Member, CCP Politburo  
Standing Committee

Portfolio includes:  
Education, Development &  
Reform, Science & Technology,  
Environment, Public Finance

b. 1962



He Lifeng 何立峰

Portfolio includes:  
Financial Regulation, Natural  
Resources, Commerce, Housing  
& Urban Development, Monetary  
Policy, Transport

b. 1955



Zhang Guoqing 张国清

Portfolio includes:  
Market regulation, Industry &  
Information Technology,  
State-Owned Enterprises

b. 1964



Liu Guozhong 刘国中

Portfolio includes:  
Agriculture & Rural Affairs,  
Health, Water Resources

b. 1962

State Councilors



Wang Xiaohong 王小洪

Minister of Public Security;  
Secretary, CCP Secretariat

Portfolio includes:  
Public Security

b. 1957



Wu Zhenglong 吴政隆

Secretary General,  
State Council

Portfolio includes:  
State Council Counselor's Office,  
National Government Offices  
Administration, State Council General  
Office, State Council Research Office

b. 1964



Shen Yiqin 谌贻琴

Portfolio includes:  
Civil Affairs, Veterans Affairs,  
Human Resources and Social  
Security, Sport

b. 1959

Ministers



Wang Yi  
王毅

Minister of  
Foreign Affairs



Dong Jun  
董军

Minister of  
National Defense



Zheng Shanjie  
郑栅洁

Director, National  
Development and  
Reform Commission



Huai Jinpeng  
怀进鹏

Minister of  
Education



Yin Hejun  
阴和俊

Minister of Science  
and Technology



Li Lecheng  
李乐成

Minister of Industry  
and Information  
Technology



Lu Zhiyuan  
陆治原

Minister of  
Civil Affairs



He Rong  
贺荣

Minister of Justice



Wang Xiaoping  
王晓萍

Minister of Human  
Resources and  
Social Security



Pan Yue  
潘岳

Director, National  
Ethnic Affairs  
Commission



Pan Gongsheng  
潘功胜

Governor, People's  
Bank of China (with  
ministerial rank)



Chen Yixin  
陈一新

Minister of State  
Security



Wang Wentao  
王文涛

Minister of  
Commerce



Lan Fo'an  
蓝佛安

Minister of Finance



Han Jun  
韩俊

Minister of  
Agriculture and  
Rural Affairs



Sun Yeli  
孙业礼

Minister of Culture  
and Tourism



Lei Haichao  
雷海潮

Director, National  
Health Commission



Guan Zhi'ou  
关志鸥

Minister of  
Natural Resources



Huang Runqiu  
黄润秋

Minister of Ecology  
and Environment



Ni Hong  
倪虹

Minister of Housing  
and Urban-Rural  
Development



Liu Wei  
刘伟

Minister of  
Transport



Li Guoying  
李国英

Minister of Water  
Resources



Pei Jinjia  
裴金佳

Minister of Veterans  
Affairs



Wang Xiangxi  
王祥喜

Minister of  
Emergency  
Management



Hou Kai  
侯凯

Auditor-general of  
the National Audit  
Office