

there were 10,016 medical instructions and 262.2 thousand medical workers (including 2,180 thousand medical technicians), having increased 3.1% and 4.5% respectively. There were 145.4 thousand beds for patients, having increased 0.6%. Every thousand people shared 1.46 doctors, and every thousand people shared 2.23 beds.

The athletic cause got quite good achievements. In 1999, our province won six world championships and 17 gold medals, 3 silver medals and bronze medals in the important world competitions 33.5 gold medals, 30 silver medals and 35 bronze medals in the national sports games. Sports were further popularized among the masses, 32.8% of the population often took part in sports activities.

#### **X. population and Employment**

The population natural growth rate went down slightly. According to the sampling survey, the birth rate in 1999 reached 11.72%, death rate 7.12%, natural growth rate 4.6%. At the end of 1999, the total population of the province amounted to 65,320 thousands, having increased 300 thousands over the year before. The population in the cities and towns amounted to 17,240 thousands, making up 26.4% of the total population; the population in the countryside amounted to 48,080 thousands, making up 73.6% of the total population. Birth controlling got good achievement. Unplanned birth decreased 10.8%. The population of old age kept growing, at the end of the year the number of the people of 65 years and over reached 4,840 thousands, making up 7.4% of the total population.

The wage of the workers increased, reemployment got some progress, but the pressure was still great. At the end of the year, the number of professional people amounted to 34,730.7 thousands, having decreased 0.4%. The average wage of the workers at post reached 7,069 yuan, having increased 7.8%. The workers off post increased in number. Last year the accumulated number of the workers off post amounted to 1,011 thousands, of which 486.5 thousand people found job again, the factual number of unemployed workers amounted to 524.5 thousands, having increased 10.4%.

#### **XI. People's Life and Environment Protection**

The city residents' income kept increasing. According to the sampling survey, per-capita disposable