

2.5 percent, if the change in price's was taken into consideration, the real growth was 3 percent. In 2001, the housing condition both rural and municipal residents kept further improving. Per capita municipal residents' housing area reached 11.8 square meters and more 0.4 square meters than last year; the rural resident's per capital housing areas reached 32.87 square meters and more 1.95 square meters than last year, the percentage of brick-wood and concrete structure accounted for 93.6 percent, rose 0.4 percentage points.

Social security system was further strengthened. With the improvement of social security system, there were 4.52 million staff and workers participated in the retirement security program by the end of the year and having decreased 0.97 percent over the previous year; and a total of 1.48 million retirees participated in the retirement security program, raised 8.4 percent; some of 3.55 million staff and workers participated in the unemployment insurance program, grew 2.5 percent; and 33 thousand people received their monthly unemployment insurance. There were 3.51 million staff and workers participated in the general health care program, aad a growth of 175.7 percent; by the end of November this year, some of 482.2 thousand retirees participated in the general health care program, increased by 82.3 percent; employers joining the life insurance reached 1.41 million and having increased 110.5 percent.

**Notes:**

1. All figures in the Communique are preliminary statistics.
2. Figures in value terms on Gross Domestic Product and Value-added of various sectors quoted in the Communique are at current prices, whereas growth rates are calculated at comparable prices.