Practices, experiences, and developments of gender statistics work in China

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In the late 1980s

With the support of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, China gradually introduced concepts such as "***gender***" and "***gender statistics***" .

In the 1990s

China promulgated and implemented the first cycle of ***the Outline for the Development of Chinese Women***,and the monitoring and evaluation of the goals outlined in the Outline facilitated the initial establishment of China's gender statistics work mechanism.

In 1995

China edited and published the first gender statistics material, "***Women and Men in Chinese Society: Facts and Figures***".

In 1998

The NBS of China and Statistics Sweden collaborated to translate and publish the book "***Gender Statistics: A Tool for Change***" and used this textbook to organize two large-scale training sessions for statistical personnel.

This marked the initial stage of gender statistics in China.

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In 2000

China promulgated and implemented the second cycle of the ***Outline for the Development of Chinese Women*** and the ***Outline for the Development of Children***.

China organized and conducted the second survey on the social status of Chinese women, and reflected the development status of Chinese women.

In 2021

China promulgated and implemented the fourth cycle of ***the Outline for the Development of Chinese Women***, explicitly stating the need to "***implement and gradually improve the gender statistics monitoring program***".

In 2024

The National Bureau of Statistics of China officially established the "***Gender Statistics Monitoring System***".

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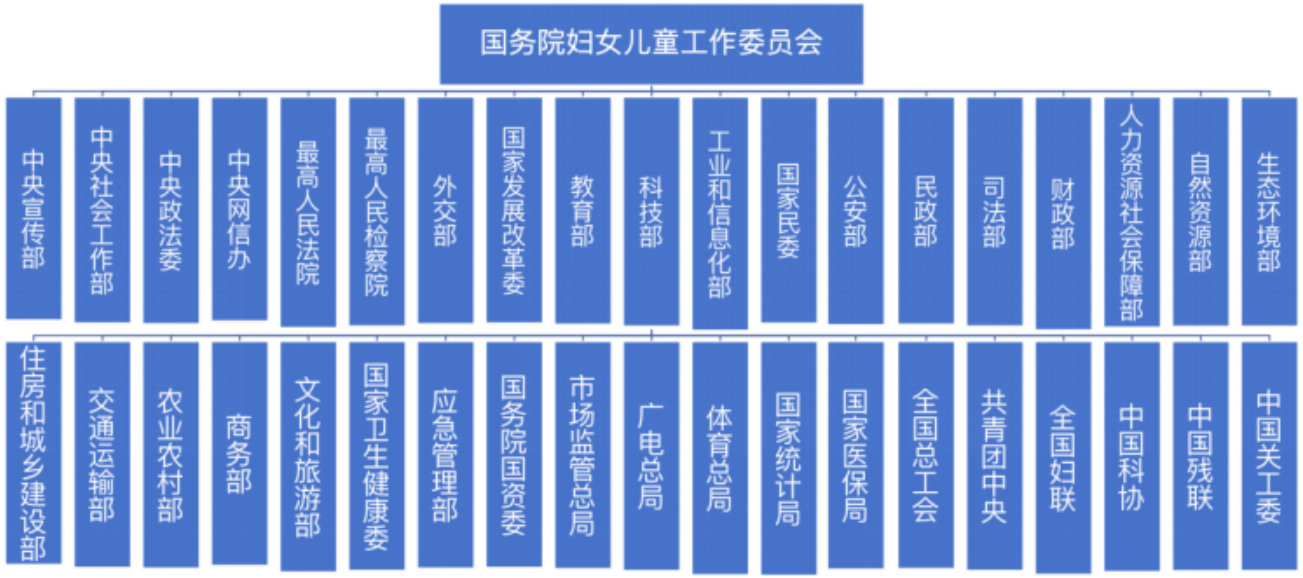
Current Status of Gender Statistics Work in China

1.The working echanism has been established.

- ✓ In 1990, the State Council Working Committee on Women and Children is established.
- ✓ The deliberative and coordinating body responsible for women's and children's work nationwide.
- ✓ The Committee consists of 38 member units.



2.The statistical system has been continuously improved.

- ✓ Various industry authorities (*such as the Ministry of Education, the National Health Commission, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, etc.*) organize statistical surveys in various fields such as education, health, and social security according to their respective job responsibilities.

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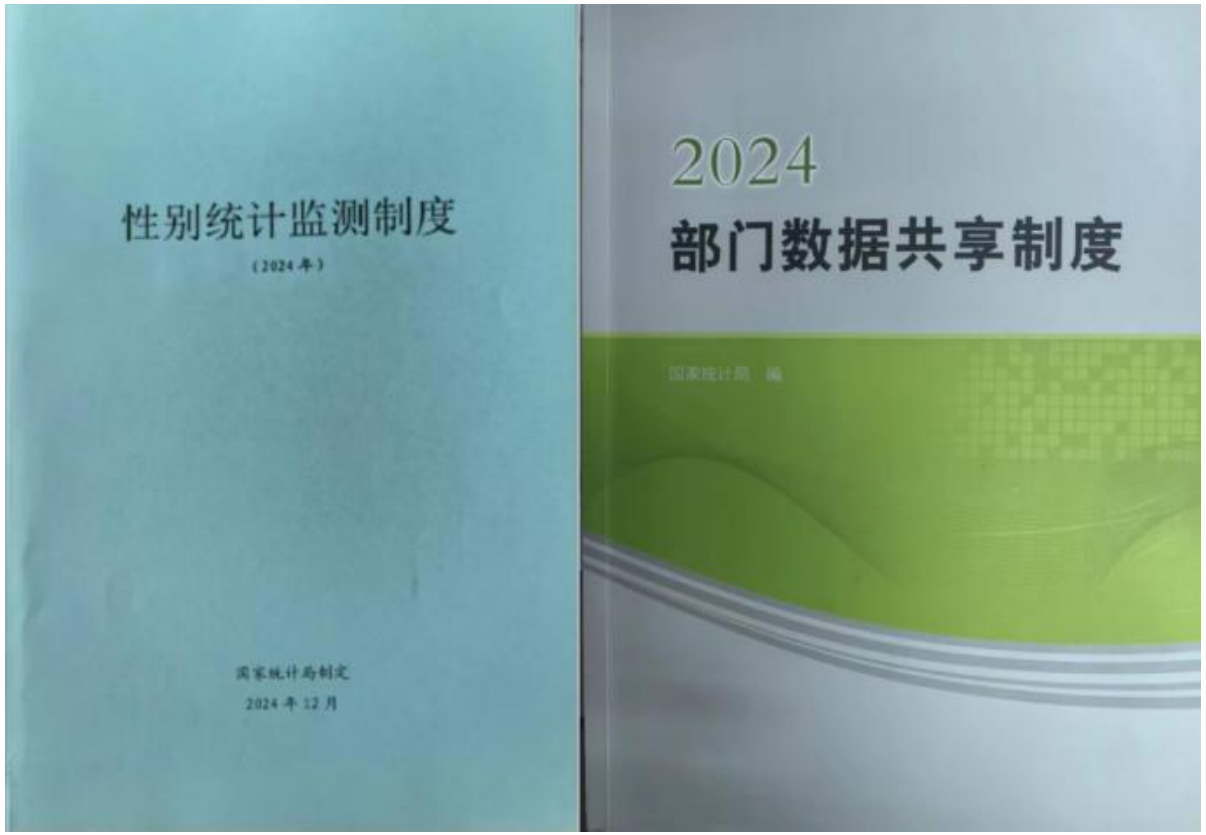
- ✓ The NBS conducts statistical surveys on population, employment, households, etc.
- ✓ The NBS conducts TUS, surveys on women's status in conjunction with the All-China Women's Federation
- ✓ Collecting gender-related statistical data from other departments according to the "Gender Statistics Monitoring System".



3.The statistical content has gradually enriched.

- ✓ Over 2,000 gender-related statistical indicators are included in the system.
- ✓ Cover 9 major areas: population, healthcare, education, employment and social security, social services, social participation, science and technology, sports, and legal protection.

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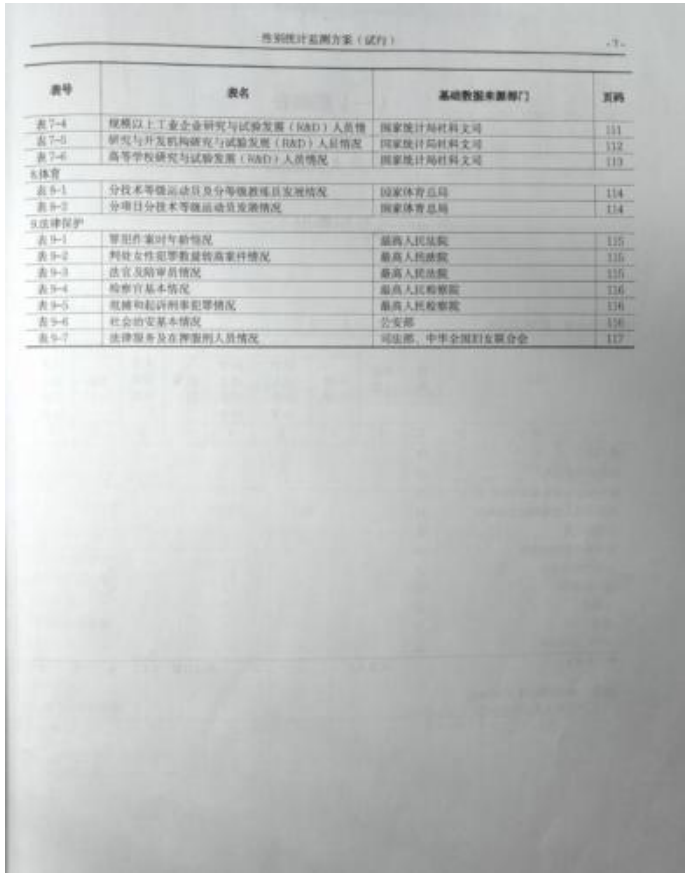
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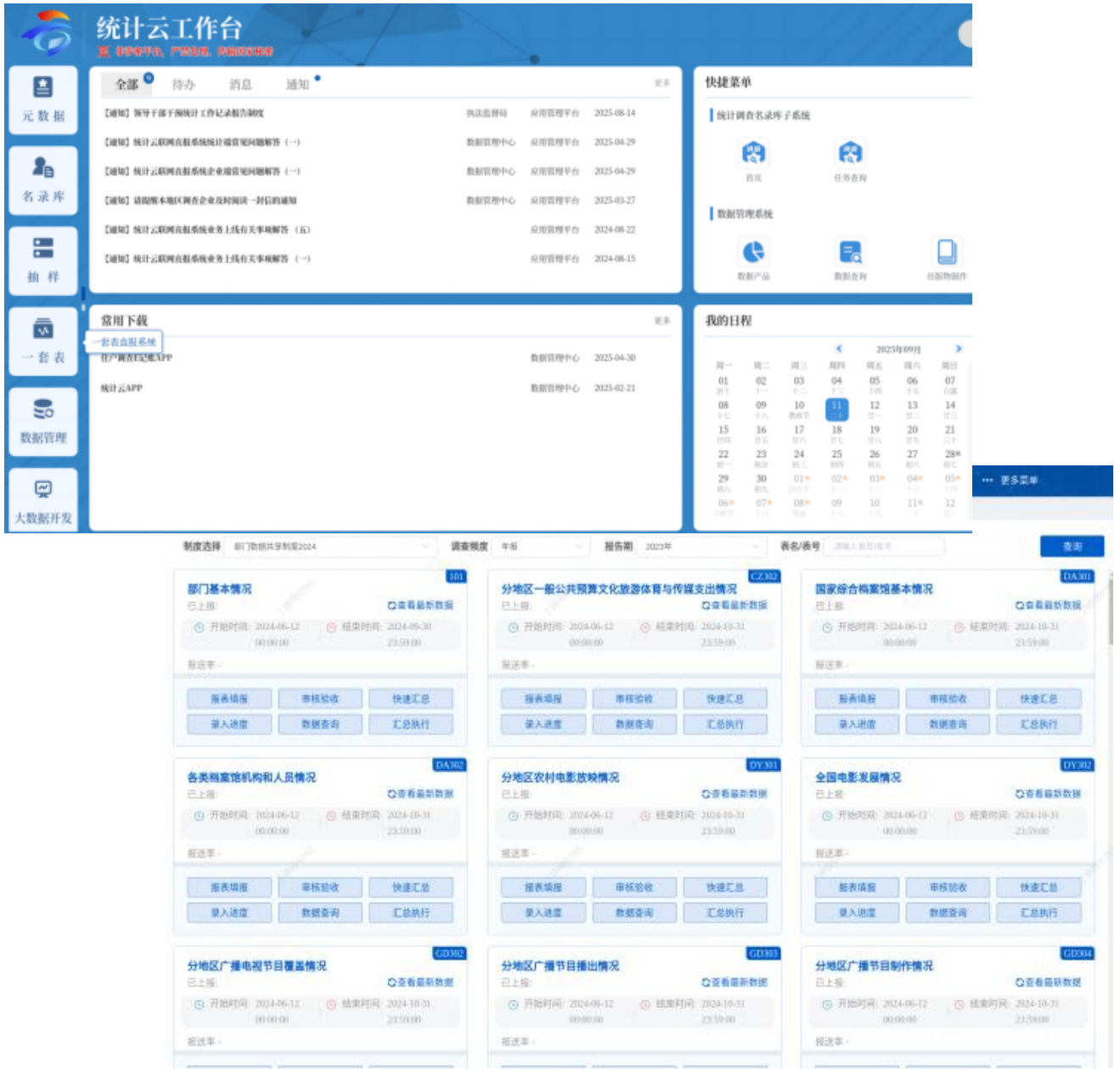
4.The level of informatization has been continuously improved.

- ✓ The NBS has established a data submission and processing platform named “***statistical cloud***”.
- ✓ Relevant departments submit gender-related statistics on line.
- ✓ Collection, review, and storage gender-related statistics on line.



5. Gender statistical products are abundant and diverse.

- China's gender statistical products are abundant and diverse, with more diversified forms of release
- Optimizing the content of yearbook materials
- Releasing various types of data through government portals website
- Publish videos and illustrations through Weibo, WeChat, and other platforms

5.1 Diversified statistical products

- ✓ The China Statistical Yearbook
- ✓ The China Population and Employment Statistical Yearbook
- ✓ The Statistical Materials on the Status of Chinese Women and Children
- ✓ Women and Men in Chinese Society
- ✓ The China Time Use Survey Yearbook
- ✓ Statistical materials from other departments

Pocket Book of Gender Statistics

5.2 Publicly release statistical data on departments portals websites

Annual data, quarterly data, monthly data on the website of NBS

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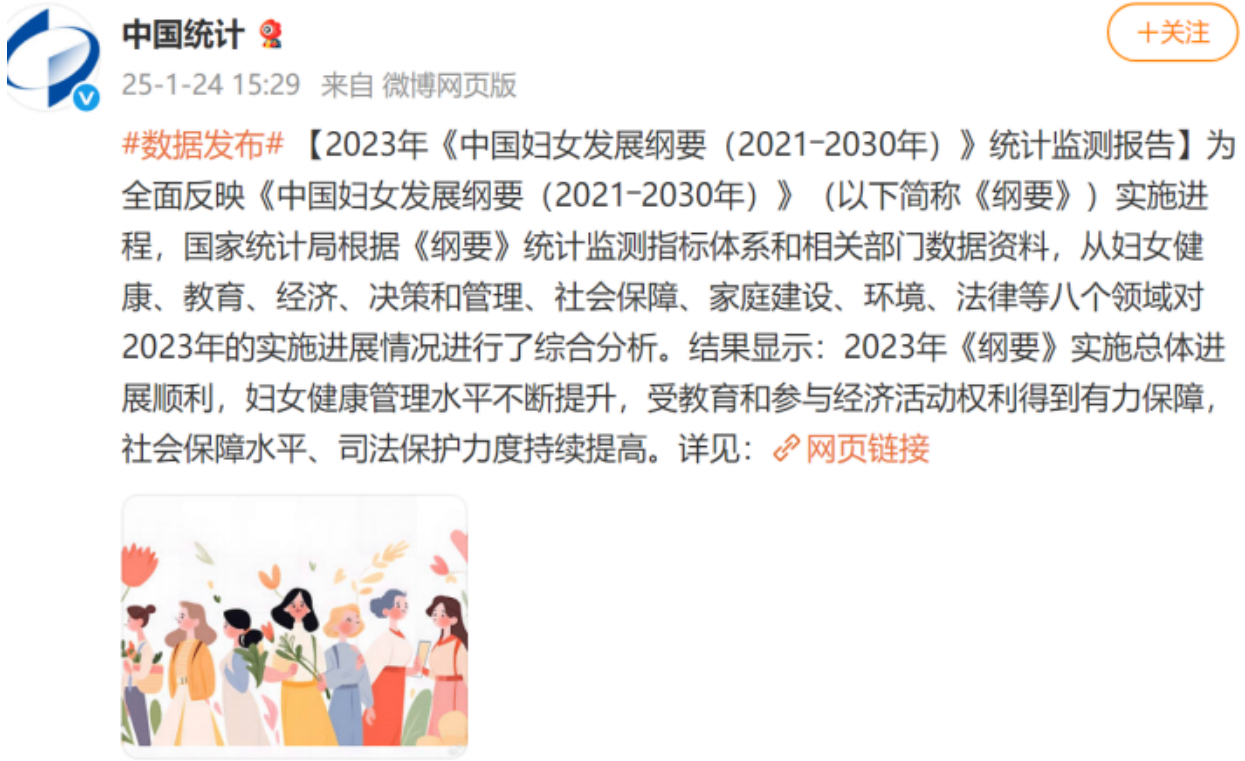
5.3 Publish videos and illustrations through Weibo, WeChat, and other platforms



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Main Data of Gender Statistics in China

Health

the average life expectancy

According to the estimation results of the United Nations' World Population Prospects, in 2020, China's female population ranked 62nd out of 184 countries in terms of average life expectancy, which was 4 years higher than the world average for women.

Year	Total (year)			Female —Male
		Male	Female	
1981	67.77	66.28	69.27	2.99
1990	68.55	66.84	70.47	3.63
2000	71.40	69.63	73.33	3.70
2005	72.95	70.83	75.25	4.42
2010	74.83	72.38	77.37	4.99
2015	76.34	73.64	79.43	5.79
2020	77.93	75.37	80.88	5.51

Education

Net enrollment rate of primary school-age

girls has remained above 99.9% since 2015, basically on par with boys, and the gender gap in compulsory education has been basically eliminated.

Employment

Employment personnel and gender composition

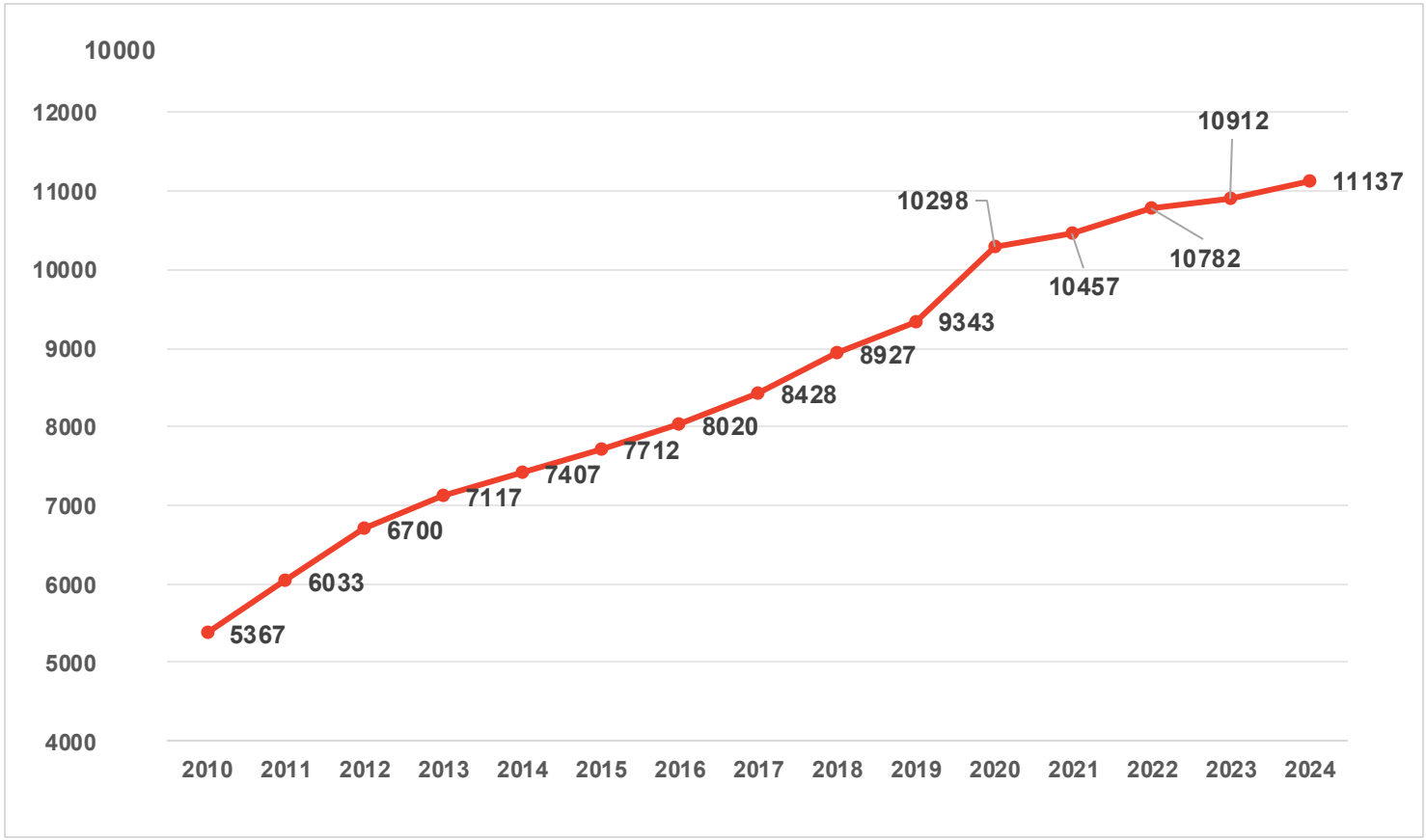
Among all employed individuals in society, women account for more than 40%.

Year	Total(10000)	Male（%）	Female（%）
2010	76105	55.3	44.7
2015	76320	57.1	42.9
2020	75064	56.5	43.5
2021	74652	56.9	43.1
2022	73351	56.8	43.2
2023	74041	56.7	43.3

Social security

The number of women participating in maternity insurance

In 2024, the number of women participating in maternity insurance across the society reached 111 million, an increase of 57.69 million compared to 2010.



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PART 04

Considerations for Improving Gender Statistics Work in China

Next Steps

- ✓ Continuously enriching the content of gender statistics.Conducting surveys on the social status of Chinese women.Conducting time use surveys.Continuously enrich the content of gender statistics.
- ✓ Learn and study the gender statistics indicator sets and gender statistics indices established by international organizations and other countries. Establish the gender statistics monitoring indicator system for China.
- ✓ Strengthen international cooperation and exchange on gender statistics. Enhance interaction and exchange with international organizations and other countries, actively participate in gender statistics conferences, and contribute to the development of gender statistics standards and methods.

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