

Table 3.6. Vital Statistics, Age Structure, Labour Input and Education Levels, China, 1952–95

	Crude Birth Rate per 1 000	Life Expectancy at birth (years)	Per cent of Population of Working Age	Per cent of Population Employed	Years of Equivalent Primary Education per person aged 15 and older
1952	37.00	38 ^a	51.7	36.4	1.70
1978	18.25	64	53.6	41.9	5.33
1995	17.12	69	61.2	51.7	8.93

a. 1950.

Source: First column from SSB, *China Statistical Yearbook*, 1996, p. 69, second column from World Bank, *World Development Report*, various issues, third column from 1996 *Yearbook*, pp. 71–2, fourth from Appendix D. Working age population in China refers to males aged 15–60 and females aged 15–55. Education levels are derived by extrapolation from population census estimates for 1964, 1982 and 1990, see *China Statistical Yearbook*, 1996, p. 71. Primary education is given a weight of 1, secondary 1.4 and higher 2, in line with international evidence on relative earnings associated with the different levels of education.