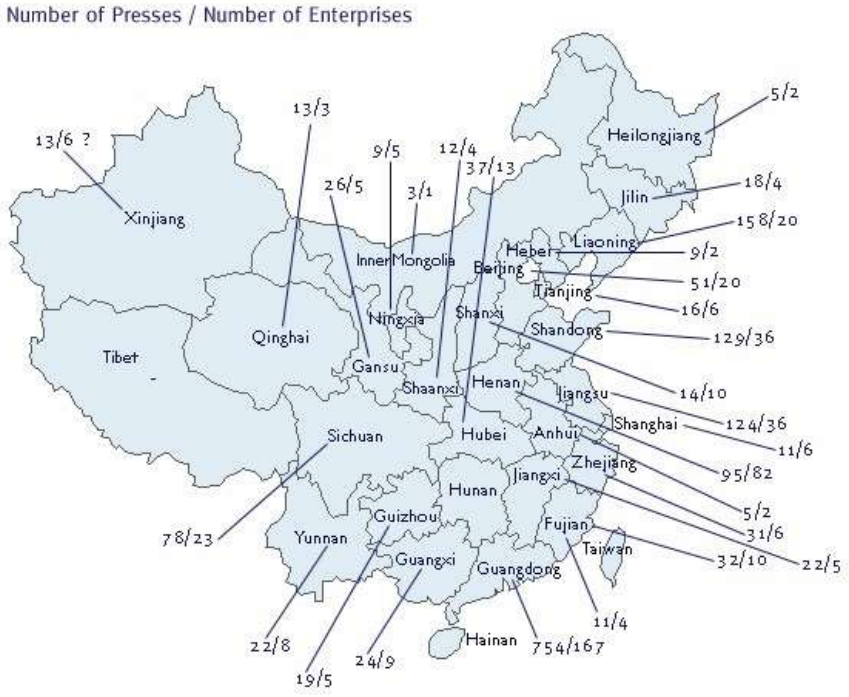
Extrusions

Official capacity figure of 3,753-ktpa is vastly understated

Extrusions account for around half of China's semi-fabricated aluminium products and as such they are the largest single segment within the industry. Official statistics reveal that China has close to 447 extrusion companies utilizing 1,741 presses with a total annual capacity of more than 3,753 ktp. However, visitors to Nanhai in Gunagdong province can confirm that the number of companies is much higher, probably closer to 3,000. The area is the centre for aluminium extrusions in China and there is street after street of family-owned operations that are too small to be recorded in offical statistics. The map at Exhibit 8.16 shows that of the officially recorded enterprises the vast majority, 167 companies, are located in Guangdong province.

Exhibit 8.16: Location of Chinese extrusion companies

Guangdong is the largest producer of extrusions with 754 presses and 167 companies



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