

Table 1 The data resource of metal in Provincial capatital city

Cities	Reference
Beijing	Bai et al., 2014; Chen et al., 2010; He et al., 2016; Li, 2013; Li, 2009; Li He et al., 2009; Li, 2012; Ma, 2007; Meng, 2017; Xu, 2008; Zhai et al., 2013;
Changsha	Cheng, 2008; Guo et al., 2014; Li, 2007; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Wei et al., 2012b; Yuan et al., 2006;
Changchun	Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Zhao, 2011;
Chengdu	An, 2015; Li, 2006; Li, 2015; Wang et al., 2018;
Chongqing	Chen et al., 2006; Chen et al., 2004; Ding, 2008; Wang et al., 2018; Zhao, 2008;
Fuzhou	Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Yang et al., 2012; Yi, 2005;
Guangzhou	Cai, 2013; Guo, 2007; Huang et al., 2015; Xie et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2008;
Guiyang	Chen, 2007; Li et al., 2011; Wang, 2016b; Wang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2015; Wen et al., 2016; Zhao, 2014;
Haikou	Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang, 2016a; Wang et al., 2018;
Hangzhou	Chang, 2013; Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Shang and Liu, 2018; Sun, 2007; Wang et al., 2018;
Harbin	Bian, 2009; Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Meng et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2018; Zhang, 2013; Zhao, 2011;
Hefei	Deng et al., 2015; Guo et al., 2014; Jin et al., 2009; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2011a; Zhang et al., 2011b;
Hohhot	Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018;
Ji'nan	Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Wang, 2016c; Zhao, 2008; Zhao and Ma, 2008;
Kunming	He et al., 2010; Li et al., 2015; Liu, 2014; Lu and Yang, 2013; Wang et al., 2018; Wu, 2011;

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Lanzhou	Guo et al., 2014; Jing et al., 2010; Liu et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2011; Pan, 2011; Wang, 2013; Wang et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2018;
Lhasa	Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018;
Nanchang	Chen, 2011; Ding et al., 2014; Hu et al., 2010; Sun, 2015; Wang et al., 2018; Zhao et al., 2013;
Nanjing	Li et al., 2017; Lu et al., 2012; Ma, 2007; Wang et al., 2018; Zheng, 2007;
Nanning	Guo et al., 2014; Lin et al., 2016; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018;
Shanghai	Liang et al., 2013; Lu, 2013a; Su, 2015b; Wang et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2013;
Shenyang	Fu et al., 2010; Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Song et al., 2012; Tie et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2018; Zhao, 2013; Zhou, 2013;
Shijiazhuang	Guo et al., 2014; Ma, 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Yu, 2011; Zhao et al., 2009;
Taiyuan	Cui and Wang, 2011; Guo, 2007; Han, 2011; Liu, 2007; Wang, 2006; Wang et al., 2018; Xu and Zhang, 2012;
Tianjin	Guo et al., 2014; Wang and Jiang, 2012; Wang et al., 2010; Zeng et al., 2009;
Urumqi	Gu and Ai, 2013; Guo et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2012; Luo et al., 2011; Luo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018;
Wuhan	Lu, 2006; Su, 2015a; Wang et al., 2006; Wang et al., 2018; Ye T., 2007; Zhu et al., 2010;
Xi'an	Li et al., 2014; Liu, 2012; Wang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2012a; Wang et al., 2008; Yi et al., 2013;
Xining	Guo et al., 2014; Ma et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Zhao and Shi, 2006;
Yinchuan	Bao, 2008; Guo et al., 2014; Lu, 2013b; Wang et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2006;
Zhengzhou	Guo et al., 2014; He ang Shen, 2009; Huang et al., 2017; Ma et al., 2011; Niu and Zheng, 2011; Wang et al., 2018; Wang, 2008;

Table 2 The descriptive statistics of baseline and background value in provincial capital city

Unit: mg/kg

Cities	Statistics	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Hg	Ni	Pb	Zn
Beijing	Mean	43.10	1.70	80.81	198.72	12.42	56.68	65.70	1018.97
	SD	60.58	0.91	45.93	73.05	3.85	61.78	38.21	403.95
	Range	7.9-216	0.24-3	31-192.5	48.9-315.5	7-20	16-246.4	25.77-157	654.99-2000
Changchun	Mean	14.70	2.12	101.50	194.55	3.38	33.67	67.56	691.54
	SD	1.73	1.22	27.65	28.86	1.65	6.77	35.34	127.62
	Range	13.65-16.7	0.82-3.25	71.05-125.05	172.3-227.16	2.27-5.28	28.26-41.26	39.3-107.18	604.8-838.08
Changsha	Mean	28.96	5.98	252.50	226.06	1.69	46.11	120.08	584.02
	SD	30.54	2.64	175.46	129.19	0.28	9.44	48.88	304.44
	Range	10-64.19	3.37-8.9	134.5-454.13	94.07-387.14	1.37-1.9	35.61-53.9	73.82-184.16	273.81-1000.14
Chengdu	Mean	15.86	2.02	118.34	129.50	2.10	76.76	38.21	797.10
	SD	5.90	0.43	67.64	75.37	0.59	62.99	19.41	412.63
	Range	11.9-22.64	1.64-2.48	71.23-195.84	47.68-196.11	1.31-2.7	37.27-149.4	21.27-59.38	465.2-1259.1
Chongqing	Mean	9.44	3.16	102.72	106.20	2.01	55.21	62.27	477.68
	SD	4.04	1.07	36.71	3.25	0.41	12.95	10.36	103.67
	Range	4.2-12.82	2.34-4.73	64.93-139.4	103.81-109.9	1.54-2.26	45.2-69.83	53.55-73.72	357.97-537.53
Fuzhou	Mean	10.95	3.76	234.33	265.63	1.61	51.10	100.85	722.76
	SD	6.74	1.87	180.11	136.15	0.49	41.95	56.62	509.31

Cities	Statistics	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Hg	Ni	Pb	Zn
	Range	5.9-18.6	1.6-5.9	22.48-482.19	129-472.3	1.3-2.18	9.4-93.3	64-200.03	326.13-1529.8
Guangzhou	Mean	30.36	2.44	236.46	751.60	1.62	65.04	120.71	789.32
	SD	14.41	1.27	248.84	955.70	0.35	32.97	66.68	285.25
	Range	19.15-49.7	1.15-5	51.9-828.05	146-2538.89	1.16-1.91	18.15-102.7	48.95-245	340.41-1219.8
Guiyang	Mean	28.19	5.07	135.66	224.68	1.40	61.19	144.65	1028.55
	SD	26.16	5.54	138.85	231.43	0.79	55.71	108.44	713.42
	Range	6-60	1-17.1	23.81-373	80.45-632.5	0.58-2.7	13.09-152.7	40.57-282	286.5-2126
Haikou	Mean	13.23	4.69	136.68	309.72	1.73	45.56	83.28	1158.64
	SD	10.93	3.41	25.66	79.01	0.49	20.70	27.14	467.25
	Range	5.91-25.8	1.4-8.2	121.3-166.31	222.67-376.9	1.37-2.29	22.2-61.6	57.99-111.96	780.5-1681
Hangzhou	Mean	30.03	6.32	369.28	591.06	2.04	111.01	111.82	1457.97
	SD	19.52	2.57	461.05	322.03	0.50	80.46	34.23	552.45
	Range	8.34-59	4.54-10.07	117-1190.66	287.99-1135.99	1.3-2.37	50.6-251.25	83.93-167.75	924.1-2198.25
Harbin	Mean	13.75	2.31	77.95	138.19	3.59	27.32	50.83	709.33
	SD	4.84	1.98	15.33	100.71	1.65	2.88	16.30	400.64
	Range	6.96-17.67	0.56-4.49	64.7-92.29	11.69-310	2.27-5.93	25.5-31.55	33.42-74.48	394.39-1449.8
Hefei	Mean	13.52	3.32	124.23	279.66	1.52	49.75	75.55	1087.97
	SD	9.93	1.94	46.63	181.89	0.24	30.99	48.09	758.31

Cities	Statistics	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Hg	Ni	Pb	Zn
	Range	1.3-27.16	1.25-5.9	95.17-193.85	96.69-530	1.3-1.79	21.78-93.3	18.64-146.51	9.12-1677.76
Hohhot	Mean	15.48	3.24	121.90	197.92	7.54	56.74	85.63	743.50
	SD	2.18	0.83	52.30	31.83	6.57	17.07	23.54	85.64
	Range	13.65-17.9	2.4-4.06	68.1-172.55	164.01-227.16	1.97-15.4	41.26-75.05	60.5-107.18	671.22-838.08
Ji'nan	Mean	11.54	3.73	159.80	271.04	2.22	69.46	85.11	802.00
	SD	6.11	1.88	46.45	176.30	0.89	31.84	33.87	466.76
	Range	7.99-18.6	1.52-5.9	99.38-201.67	38.58-472.3	1.3-3.07	21.09-93.73	44.16-122	452-1529.8
Kunming	Mean	27.11	6.71	120.79	190.20	2.42	38.65	70.09	494.17
	SD	12.14	4.46	43.18	22.24	0.90	9.72	20.74	415.99
	Range	18.5-45.06	2.38-12.5	67.1-171.85	165.38-210.95	1.4-3.55	27.63-46	45.3-101.8	34.58-1044.43
Lanzhou	Mean	14.79	1.94	145.64	99.21	2.05	22.54	34.27	411.93
	SD	2.07	1.22	52.40	7.99	0.14	6.48	7.89	113.91
	Range	12.4-16.06	0.87-3.7	86.56-186.5	91.23-107.3	1.9-2.18	17.09-30.14	23.32-41.15	286.74-532.04
Lhasa	Mean	14.04	4.90	140.49	203.76	2.20	39.88	102.65	900.31
	SD	1.86	1.68	16.01	59.14	0.23	6.12	26.07	145.01
	Range	12.4-16.06	3.25-6.6	125.05-157.02	136.5-247.616	1.9-2.44	33.19-45.2	74.6-126.155	796.8-1066.04
Nanchang	Mean	11.78	3.48	99.11	232.52	1.13	45.46	77.24	666.61
	SD	3.77	4.21	79.19	130.47	0.83	24.36	58.77	467.28

Cities	Statistics	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Hg	Ni	Pb	Zn
	Range	7.64-15	0.13-11.72	2.16-203	14.94-383.47	0.17-1.62	27.56-73.2	3.34-169.5	31.58-1460.9
Nanjing	Mean	9.27	4.96	77.03	112.28	2.89	61.55	58.24	576.14
	SD	3.66	3.65	66.46	44.88	0.75	37.13	36.46	217.68
	Range	6.42-13.4	0.61-9.47	30.2-153.1	55.69-165.4	2.23-3.7	30.95-114.8	23.15-107.3	371.55-871.2
Nanning	Mean	20.60	4.74	105.02	249.55	1.69	49.80	64.76	675.77
	SD	10.65	3.36	34.59	150.30	0.45	12.22	29.78	314.07
	Range	8.34-27.65	1.48-8.2	65.29-128.46	83.76-376.9	1.3-2.18	37.2-61.6	30.45-83.93	322.72-924.1
Shanghai	Mean	30.46	1.76	307.20	497.74	1.74	77.27	69.82	1215.50
	SD	39.11	0.97	238.38	335.38	1.12	49.16	43.90	549.14
	Range	8.4-89	0.7-2.88	46.8-578	186-1067.5	0.21-2.8	47.2-134	15-136.5	442-1819
Shenyang	Mean	11.72	4.43	85.85	245.58	1.95	33.86	157.26	376.80
	SD	4.49	1.48	51.70	137.70	1.14	15.19	119.47	273.69
	Range	7.99-16.7	1.49-5.48	26.71-122.44	51.97-413.3	0.26-2.65	15.89-52.89	34.68-357.4	90.85-720
Shijiangzhuang	Mean	13.90	6.91	129.08	197.80	7.50	55.60	111.85	1555.22
	SD	1.05	5.03	63.93	51.57	3.25	3.85	56.17	1110.28
	Range	12.8-14.9	2.4-13.9	68.1-218	144-246.8	3.97-10.5	52.89-60	60.5-190	721.2-2815.45
Taiyuan	Mean	17.90	4.06	172.55	164.01	1.97	75.05	89.20	671.22
	SD	5.14	2.07	182.62	97.95	1.57	52.49	45.63	280.60

Cities	Statistics	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Hg	Ni	Pb	Zn
	Range	12.7-24.2	0.05-6.14	4.56-482.95	33.85-316.4	0.64-3.7	18.88-165	54.45-160.34	214.9-913.5
Tianjin	Mean	17.19	2.61	481.86	467.80	8.49	87.17	241.80	1374.11
	SD	7.95	0.77	344.99	355.50	3.34	22.57	246.23	794.87
	Range	10-27	1.1-3.08	136-1050	156-1078	4.35-11.8	53.9-101.67	22.4-669	611.33-2272
Urumqi	Mean	14.79	4.86	157.02	247.62	2.44	33.19	126.16	1066.04
	SD	2.07	2.32	61.29	262.39	1.38	9.75	182.71	584.51
	Range	12.4-16.06	2.4-8	86.56-198	17.57-700	1.3-3.97	22-39.87	27.95-400	550.33-1880
Wuhan	Mean	11.07	3.11	255.12	301.87	1.54	52.34	80.25	1535.63
	SD	1.42	2.31	146.38	297.75	0.45	32.06	35.84	877.17
	Range	10.1-12.7	0.47-6.21	144.8-421.18	111.5-645	1.04-1.91	32.11-89.3	54.08-133	785.27-2500
Xi'an	Mean	48.33	7.13	343.62	210.48	4.16	67.21	93.20	950.65
	SD	60.71	4.77	285.64	81.13	4.48	28.60	29.15	618.41
	Range	13.7-156.4	1.14-11.41	189.3-771.63	139.17-346	0.19-12.2	46.4-116.4	50.8-131.55	465.7-2009
Xining	Mean	14.57	2.34	163.85	153.15	2.18	30.12	68.52	464.20
	SD	1.30	1.98	33.76	100.53	0.80	14.26	43.30	303.63
	Range	13.65-16.06	0.074-3.7	125.05-186.5	38.7-227.16	1.3-3.21	9.5-41.26	18-107.18	127-838.08
Yinchuan	Mean	16.06	3.22	139.78	263.30	3.71	33.37	94.24	504.65
	SD	3.85	2.18	78.21	209.44	2.12	9.44	27.42	80.30

Cities	Statistics	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Hg	Ni	Pb	Zn
	Range	10.7-19	0.54-5.6	45.3-218.9	97.6-498.7	0.97-6.3	22.54-39.87	48.5-122.7	411.93-551.7
Zhengzhou	Mean	15.69	2.02	163.95	276.53	1.99	47.38	54.07	657.44
	SD	7.64	1.21	64.96	118.43	0.42	10.25	25.69	266.74
	Range	10-24.37	1.14-3.77	100.49-251.93	163.35-455.22	1.67-2.6	35.61-54.29	21.25-81	335.24-916.65

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