

Golden Pig babies

The Chinese New year – in which the sign of the Pig coincides with the element of Gold – is expected to herald a baby boom, even under China's One-Child Policy



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► Pig characteristics:

Easy-going, lucky

► Gold: Riches

Births (000s)

2006 2007 expected

Beijing	129	150
Shanghai	131	137

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