

# Korea, Republic of



## Statistical Country Profile



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## **General information**

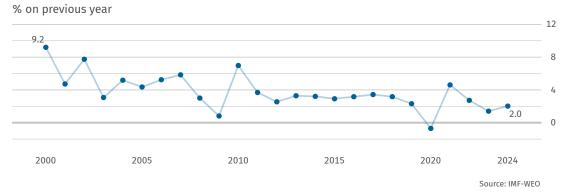
Capital city <b>Seoul</b>	Official language <b>Korean</b>	Currency <b>South Korean Won</b>
and area in relation to	Germany	
Korea, Repu 97,600	lic of	Germany 349,360
		Source: WB-WDI



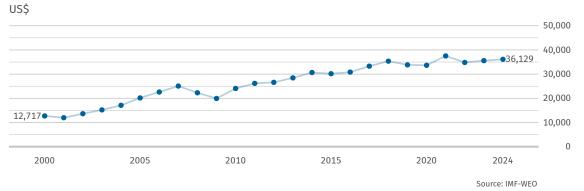
## **Economy and finance**



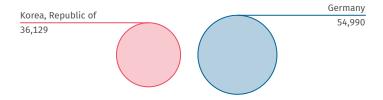
#### Gross domestic product, real change



### Gross domestic product per capita



## Gross domestic product per capita in relation to Germany, 2024 US\$



Source: IMF-WEO

Inflation rate (change of consumer price index) % on previous year

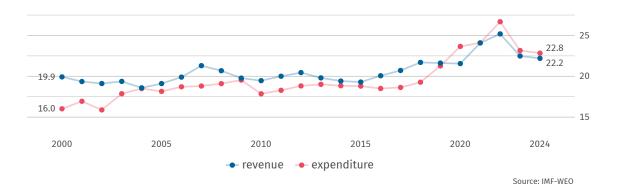
> **+2.3** (2024) Source: IMF-IFS

General government gross debt

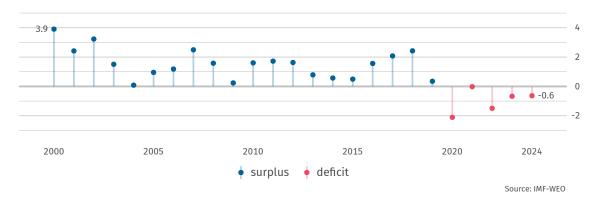
% of GDP **52.5** (2024) Source: IMF-WEO General government net lending / borrowing

% of GDP
-0.6
(2024)
Source: IMF-WEO

General government revenue and expenditure % of GDP



## General government net lending / borrowing % of GDP



Foreign direct investment (FDI): inward stocks

bn US\$

**284** (2023) Source: UNCTAD Foreign direct investment (FDI): outward stocks

bn US\$

**682** (2023) Source: UNCTAD Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, inward bn US\$

**15** 

(2023) Source: UNCTAD Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, outward

bn US\$

**35** (2023) Source: UNCTAD

### **Population**

Population total

**51,751** 

(2024) Source: WB-WDI Population density inhabitants per km²

**529** 

(2022) Source: WB-WDI Life expectancy at birth (women)

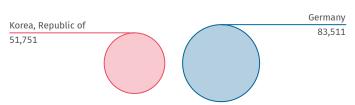
86.4

(2023) Source: WB-WDI Life expectancy at birth (men)

80.6

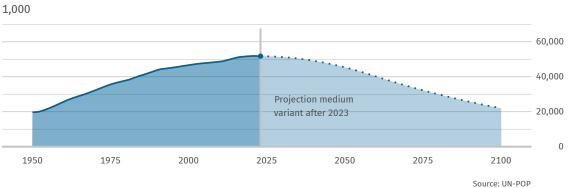
(2023) Source: WB-WDI

## Population in relation to Germany, 2024 1,000

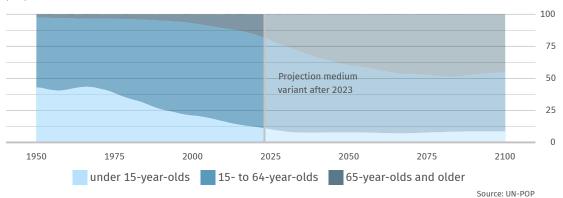


Source: WB-WDI

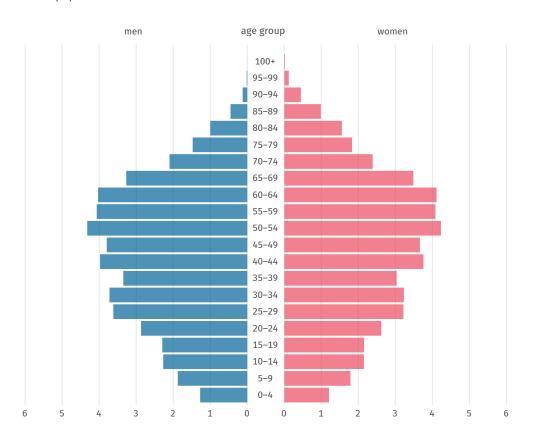
### Population



## Population by age group proportion, %



## Population pyramid, 2024 % of total population



Source: UN-POP



### Health

Practising physicians per 1,000 inhabitants
2.5
(2021)

Source: WHO

Hospital beds
per 1,000 inhabitants
12.8
(2021)
Source: WHO

Prevalence of raised blood pressure

**12.7** (2019) Source: WHO Prevalence of obesity (BMI >= 30)

**7.3** (2022) Source: WHO



### **Education**

Government expenditure on education

% of GDP

**4.9** (2021) Source: UNESCO Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education)

**15.8** (2022) Source: UNESCO Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education)

11.5

(2022) Source: UNESCO Students (tertiary education)

per 100,000 inhabitants

**5,469** (2022) Source: UNESCO\*



%

#### **Labour force**

Employment rate (persons aged 15+)

**62.5** 

(2024) Source: ILOSTAT Labour force (persons aged 15+)

1,000 **29,694** 

(2024) Source: ILOSTAT Labour force participation rate (persons aged 15+)

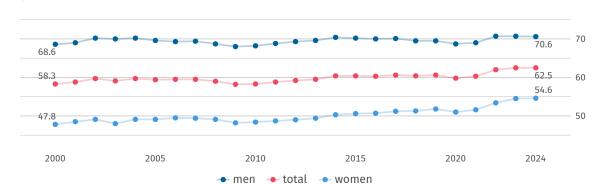
64.2

(2024) Source: ILOSTAT Self-employment (persons aged 15+)

% **23.2** 

(2023) Source: ILOSTAT

#### Employment rate (persons aged 15+)

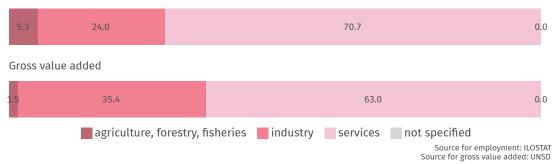


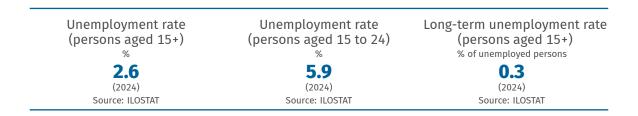
Source: ILOSTAT

#### Employment and gross value added by sector, 2023

%

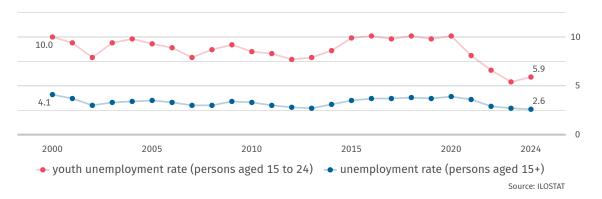






#### Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate

%





# Living conditions

**Human Development** Index (HDI) value (0 low to 1 high)

> 0.937 (2023)Source: UNDP

**Human Development** Index (HDI) rank (of 193 countries)

> 20 (2023) Source: UNDP

Income distribution: Gini coefficient

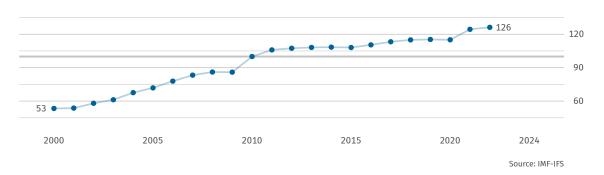
value (0 to 100; 0=equal distribution)

32.9 (2021)Source: WB-WDI



## Manufacturing

Index of industrial production 2010=100





## Agriculture and forestry

Change in agricultural production % since 2000

+4 (2023) Source: FAO\* Agricultural land % of land area

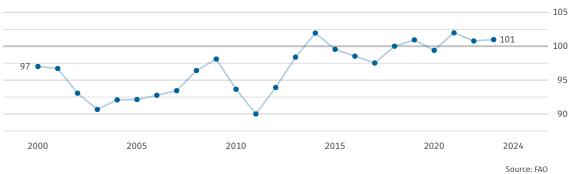
**16.1** (2023)Source: FAO\* Forest area

% of land area

64.1 (2023) Source: FAO\*

### Index of agricultural production

2014 to 2016 = 100





## Foreign trade

Export of goods bn US\$

683

(2024)

Source: UN Comtrade

Import of goods

bn US\$

632 (2024)

Source: UN Comtrade

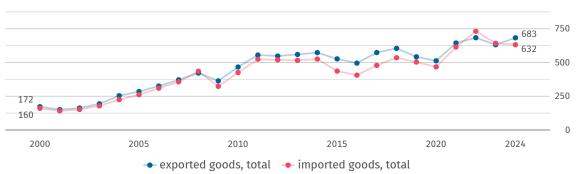
Trade balance, goods bn US\$

+51

(2024)Source: UN Comtrade\*

### Export and import of goods

bn US\$



Source: UN Comtrade

#### Foreign trade balance

bn US\$



Source: UN Comtrade

Goods exported to Germany

mn US\$

9,033

(2024)Source: UN Comtrade Goods exported to Germany

% of all goods exported

1.3

(2024)Source: UN Comtrade\* Goods imported from Germany

mn US\$

22,292

(2024)Source: UN Comtrade

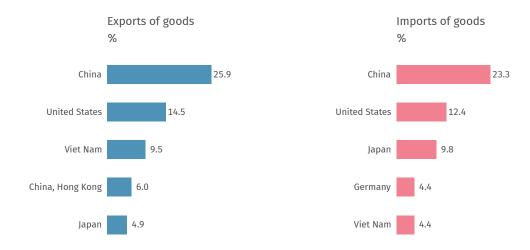
Goods imported from Germany % of all goods imported

3.5

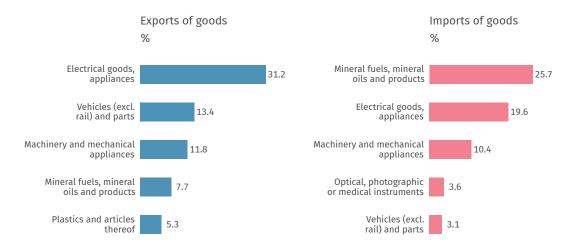
(2024)

Source: UN Comtrade\*

#### Main trading partners, 2024



#### Main commodities traded, 2024



Source: UN Comtrade\*

Classification of commodities: Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (HS2).



Passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants

> **371** (2020) Source: OICA\*

Total rail network km per 1 mn inhabitants

> 83 (2021) Source: WB-WDI\*

Air transport, passengers per 1,000 inhabitants

> 657 (2021) Source: WB-WDI\*

#### Pump price for gasoline in relation to Germany US\$ per litre



Source: GPP, 2025-09-08



## **Environment and energy**

Carbon dioxide emissions tonnes per capita

> 11.0 (2023)Source: EDGAR

Total primary energy supply kg oil equivalent per capita

(2023)

Source: WB-WDI

Gross electricity consumption

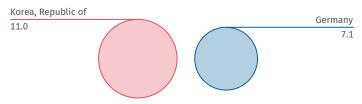
kWh per capita

11,308 (2023) Source: WB-WDI Renewable energy

% of total final energy consumption

3.6 (2021) Source: WB-WDI

Carbon dioxide emissions in relation to Germany, 2023 tonnes per capita



Source: EDGAR



### Science, research and technology

Gross domestic expenditure on R&D

% of GDP

**5.2** (2022)

Source: UNESCO

Researchers

per 1 mn inhabitants

9,435 (2022)

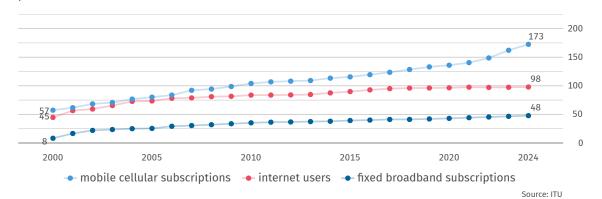
Source: UNESCO

Resident patent applications per 1 mn inhabitants

3,696

(2023)Source: WIPO

#### Dissemination of communication technology per 100 inhabitants





**EDGAR** Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research, European Commission

United Nations, Food and Agricultural Organization FAO

**GPP** GlobalPetrolPrices.com

International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT - Database **ILOSTAT** 

IMF-IFS International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics

**IMF-WEO** International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook ITU United Nations, International Telecommunication Union OICA International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers

**UN Comtrade** United Nations, Comtrade Database

**UNCTAD** United Nations, Conference on Trade and Development

**UNDP United Nations Development Programme** 

United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization **UNESCO** 

United Nations, Population Division **UNPOP United Nations, Statistics Division** UNSD

World Bank, World Development Indicators WB-WDI

WHO World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization

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