

**BASIC STATISTICS OF KOREA, 2012**  
(Numbers in parentheses refer to the OECD average)<sup>a</sup>

LAND, PEOPLE AND ELECTORAL CYCLE				
Population (million)	50.0		Population density per km <sup>2</sup>	500.5 (34.3)
Under 15 (%)	15.1	(18.4)	Life expectancy (years, 2011)	81.1 (80.0)
Over 65 (%)	11.8	(15.3)	Men	77.7 (77.3)
Foreign (% , 2011)	2.0		Women	84.5 (82.8)
Latest 5-year average growth (%)	0.6	(0.5)	Latest general election	March 2012
ECONOMY				
Gross domestic product (GDP)			Value added shares (%)	
In current prices (billion USD)	1 223.9		Primary sector	2.6 (2.5)
In current prices (billion KRW)	1 377 456.7		Industry including construction	39.7 (27.5)
Latest 5-year average real growth (%)	3.2	(0.6)	Services	57.7 (70.0)
Per capita, PPP (thousand USD)	32.5	(37.3)		
Household income (thousand USD)	21 100	(20 400)		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Per cent of GDP				
Expenditure	32.7	(42.7)	Gross financial debt	34.8 (107.6)
Revenue	33.7	(36.8)	Net financial debt	-35.9 (67.9)
EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS				
Exchange rate (KRW per USD)	1 125.5		Main exports (% of total merchandise exports)	
PPP exchange rate (USA = 1)	847.9		Machinery and transport equipment	52.5
In per cent of GDP			Manufactured goods	13.8
Exports of goods and services	56.3	(53.8)	Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	11.2
Imports of goods and services	53.5	(50.4)	Main imports (% of total merchandise imports)	
Current account balance	4.0	(-0.5)	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	35.8
Net international investment position	-8.6		Machinery and transport equipment	24.6
			Manufactured goods	10.9
LABOUR MARKET, SKILLS AND INNOVATION				
Employment rate (%) for 15-64 year-olds	64.2	(65.0)	Unemployment rate, Labour Force Survey (age 15 and over) (%)	3.2 (7.9)
Men	74.9	(73.1)	Youth (age 15-24) (%)	9.0 (16.2)
Women	53.5	(57.0)	Long-term unemployed (1 year and over) (%)	0.01 (2.7)
Participation rate (%) for 15-64 year-olds	66.4	(70.9)	Tertiary educational attainment 25-64 year-olds (% , 2011)	40.4 (31.5)
Average hours worked per year	2 163	(1 769)	Gross domestic expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	4.4 (2.4)
ENVIRONMENT				
Total primary energy supply per capita (toe)	5.3	(4.2)	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion per capita (tonnes, 2011)	11.8 (10.0)
Renewables (%)	0.7	(8.5)	Water abstractions per capita (1 000 m <sup>3</sup> , 2005)	0.6
Fine particulate matter concentration (urban, PM <sub>10</sub> , µg/m <sup>3</sup> , 2010)	30.3	(20.1)	Municipal waste per capita (tonnes, 2010)	0.4 (0.5)
SOCIETY				
Income inequality (Gini coefficient, 2010)	0.310	(0.304)	Education outcomes (PISA score, 2012)	
Relative poverty rate (% , 2010) <sup>b</sup>	14.9	(10.9)	Reading	536 (497)
Public and private spending (% of GDP)			Mathematics	554 (494)
Health care (2011)	7.4	(9.5)	Science	538 (501)
Pensions (2009)	3.0	(8.7)	Share of women in parliament (% , January 2014)	15.7 (26.5)
Education (primary, secondary, post sec non tertiary, 2010)	4.2	(4.0)	Net official development assistance (% of GNI)	0.1 (0.4)

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a) Where the OECD aggregate is not provided in the source database, a simple OECD average of latest available data is calculated where data exist for at least 29 member countries.

b) The threshold is set at 50% of the median disposable income.

Source: Calculations based on data extracted from the databases of the following organisations: OECD, International Energy Agency, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Inter-Parliamentary Union.



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