

- Capital city: Seoul
- Official language: Korean

1) Geographical features:

- Area: 99,720 sq km
- Geographical coordinates: 37 00 N, 127 30 E
- Climate: temperate, with rainfall heavier in summer than winter; cold winters
- Topography type: mostly hills and mountains; wide coastal plains in west and south

2) Political features:

- Government type: Republic
- Head of state: President Park Geun-hye (since 25 February 2013)
- Head of government: Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn (since 18 June 2015)

3) Economic features:

- Total GDP: \$1,410,382,943,972.8 (2014)
- GDP growth rate: 3.3% (2014)
- GDP per capita: \$27,970.5 (2014)
- GNI (PPP): \$ 1,745,784,553,871 (2014)
- Sectoral composition of economy (2014 est.):
 - » Agriculture: 2.3%
 - » Industry: 38.3%
 - » Services: 59.4%
- Currency and exchange rate: South Korean won (KRW) per US dollar - 1,053 (2014 est.)
- Exports: \$572.7 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest exporting partners: China 26.1%, US 11.1%, Japan 6.2%, Hong Kong 5% (2013)

- Imports: \$525.5 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest importing partners: China 16.1%, Japan 11.6%, US 8.1%, Saudi Arabia 7.3%, Qatar 5%, Australia 4% (2013)

4) Social and demographic features:

- Population size: 50,423,955.0 (2014)
- Main languages spoken: Korean, English (widely taught in junior high and high school)
- Main religions followed: Christian 31.6% (Protestant 24%, Roman Catholic 7.6%), Buddhist 24.2%, other or unknown 0.9%, none 43.3% (2010 survey)
- Biggest ethnic groups: homogeneous (except for about 20,000 Chinese)
- Available working population (as a percentage of total population): 73% (2014)
- Sex ratio: 1 male(s)/female (2015 est.)

5) Military and defense:

- Total defense expenditure: \$36,677m (2014)
- Defense expenditure as a % of GDP: 2.6% (2014)
- Military obligation: 21- 24 months service obligation
- Military strength (Active manpower): 624,465 (2014)

6) Important rankings:

- GDP ranking (nominal): 11 (2015)
- HDI ranking: 15 (2014)
- Global peace index: 42 (2015)
- KOF Globalization index: 62 (2015)
- Military strength ranking: 7 (2015)
- Where-to-be-born index: 19 (2013)