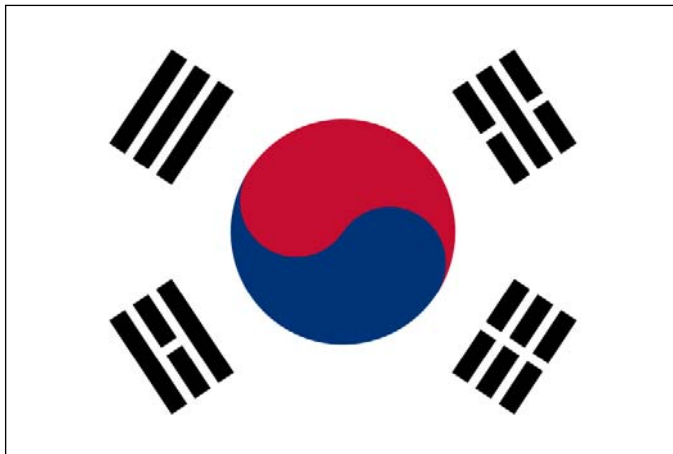


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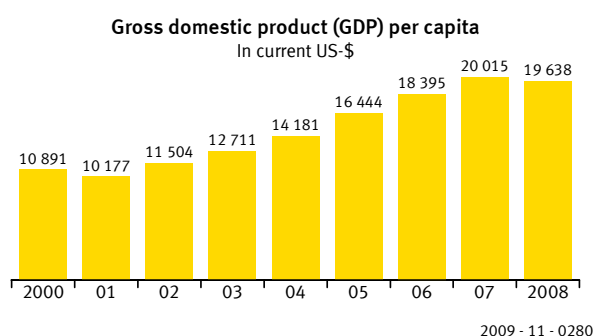


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General information

Capital city	Seoul	
Currency	Won	
Official language	Korean	
Population (1 000)	48 333 (UN projection 2009)	
Land area (km ²)	99 260	
Gross domestic product (current prices, mn US\$)	953 489 (2008)	
Exchange rate, annual average, Won per €	1 606.9 (2008)	



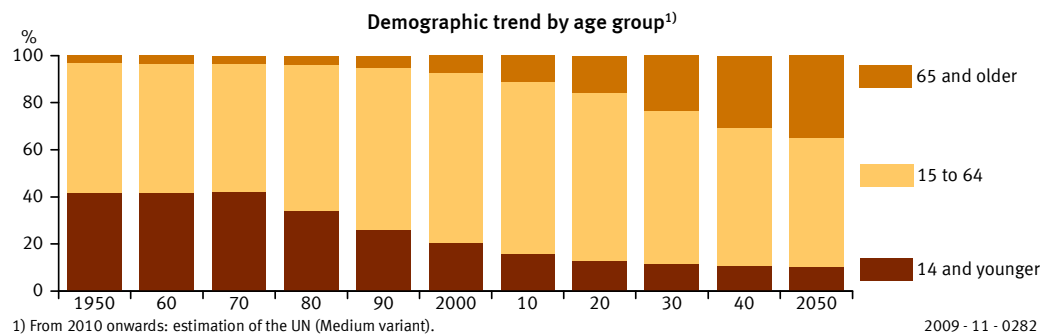
Economy and finance

	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2008 ¹
Gross domestic product (GDP), current prices	bn US-\$	517.2	512.0	791.6	953.5
GDP per capita, current prices	US-\$	11 470	10 891	16 444	19 638
Economic development (GDP)	% change on previous year	9.2	8.5	4.2	4.1
General government budget balance	% of GDP	0.3	1.1	1.9	1.6
Public debt	% of GDP	5.5	16.3	24.7	32.6
Inflation rate (annual change of price index)	% change on previous year	4.5	2.3	2.8	4.8
Consumer price index, food	2000 = 100	82.2	100.0	128.6	139.1
Tax revenue	% of GDP	19.4	23.6	25.5	28.7
Exchange rate, annual average	Won per US-\$	771.4	1 130.6	1 024.2	1 116.6
Stock of inward foreign direct investment (FDI)	bn US-\$	9.5	38.1	104.9	119.6
Stock of outward foreign direct investment (FDI)	bn US-\$	10.2	26.8	38.7	66.2
Net flow: inward FDI	mn US-\$	1 270	9 004	7 055	2 628
Net flow: outward FDI	mn US-\$	3 552	4 999	4 298	15 276
Stock of FDI from Germany	mn €	499	2 834	5 787	4 942 ²
Gross value added (GVA): Agriculture	% of GDP	6.3	4.9	3.4	3.5
Gross value added (GVA): Industry	% of GDP	41.9	40.7	40.3	40.2
Gross value added (GVA): Services	% of GDP	51.8	54.4	56.3	56.3

¹ Data is provisional in some cases. Data on direct investment, tax revenue and GVA: 2007. – ² 2006.

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Population and migration	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Population	1 000	45 093	47 008	48 294	48 530
Population density	inhabitants per km ²	456.7	476.1	489.2	491.5
Share of population aged under 15	% of total population	23.4	20.8	18.6	17.6
Share of population aged 15 to 64 years	% of total population	70.8	71.8	71.9	72.2
Share of population aged 65 years and older	% of total population	5.8	7.4	9.4	10.2
Share of foreign-born population	% of total population	1.30	1.21	1.15	.
Fertility rate, total	births per woman	1.65	1.47	1.08	1.13 ¹
Population change	% on previous year	+1.43	+0.84	+0.44	+0.23
Life expectancy at birth (male)	years	69.6	72.3	75.1	75.1 ¹
Life expectancy at birth (female)	years	77.4	79.6	81.9	82.0 ¹



Health	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Health expenditure	% of GDP	3.7	4.4	6.0	6.5
Hospital beds	per 1 000 people	4.4	6.1	7.9	8.5
Physicians	per 1 000 people	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.7
Infant mortality rate	per 1 000 live births	5.8	5.0	4.6	4.5

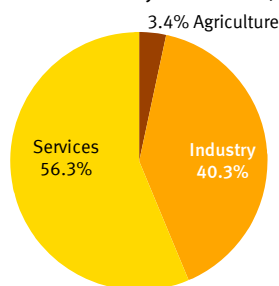
Education	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Public expenditure on education	% of GDP	.	4.3	4.4	.
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary	number	.	32.1	27.9	26.6 ¹
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary	number	.	21.0	18.0	18.0 ¹
Tertiary graduation rate (OECD)	% of pop. at typ. grad. age	29.2	36.9	51.0	.
Graduates: science	% of tertiary graduates	.	6.1	10.2	7.3
Graduates: engineering, construction	% of tertiary graduates	.	35.4	27.5	28.1
Students from Germany	number	.	15	45	74

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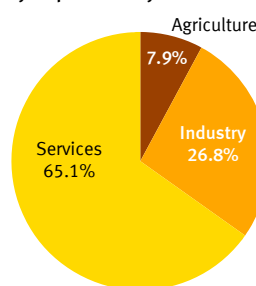
Labour force	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Labour force (age 15-64)	1 000	20 105	21 128	22 382	22 692
Labour force participation rate (age 15-64)	%	64.9	64.4	66.3	66.2
Labour force participation rate (male, 15-64)	%	78.7	77.1	78.2	77.6
Labour force participation rate (female, 15-64)	%	51.4	52.0	54.5	54.8
Employment rate (age 15-64)	%	63.5	61.5	63.7	63.9
Employment rate (age 55-64)	%	63.6	57.8	58.7	60.6
Unemployed persons (age 15-64)	1 000	429	973	877	773
Unemployment rate (age 15-64)	%	2.1	4.6	3.9	3.4
Long-term unemployment rate (age 15-64)	% of unemployed persons	4.9	3.1	1.0	0.7
Unemployment rate (age 15-24)	%	6.3	10.8	10.2	8.8
Average labour costs in manufacturing	US-\$ per hour	9.17 ¹	9.26	14.30	18.36
Average working hours in manufacturing	hours per week	49.2	49.3	46.9	45.4

Gross value added by sector 2007, in %



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Employed persons by sector 2005, in %



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Living conditions	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Gross national income, Atlas method	US-\$ per capita	10 770	9 800	15 880	19 690
Final household consumption expenditure	US-\$ per capita	5 868	5 756	8 467	10 583
Expenditure on housing	% of consumption expend.	15.4	17.3	16.9	16.9
Expenditure on food, non-alcoholic beverages	% of consumption expend.	17.1	16.5	15.0	14.8

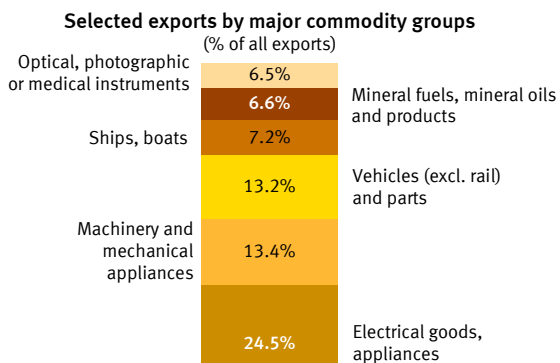
Business, production	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Production index of manufacturing industry	2000 = 100	.	100.0	134.6	160.3
Production: crude steel	mn metric tons	36.7	43.1	47.8	53.5
Production: passenger cars	1 000	1 999	2 627	3 357	3 451
Retail trade turnover index	2000 = 100	84.7	100.0	103.2	112.4 ²
Producer price index	2000 = 100	.	100.0	109.9	112.1

¹ 1996 – ² 2007.

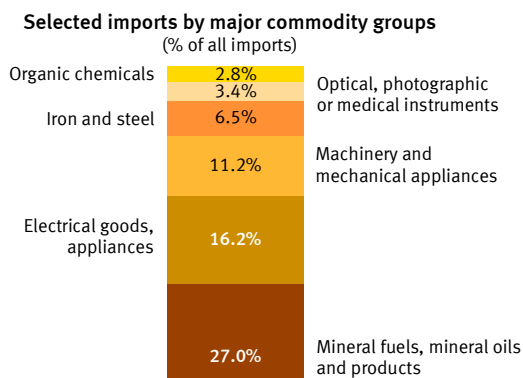
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Agriculture

	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
Agricultural land	% of land area	20.7	20.0	19.1	.
Employment in agriculture	1 000	2 945	2 379	1 833	.
Index of agricultural export value	1999 – 2001 = 100	101	91	135	140
Index of agricultural production	1999 – 2001 = 100	90.5	100.6	96.7	94.4



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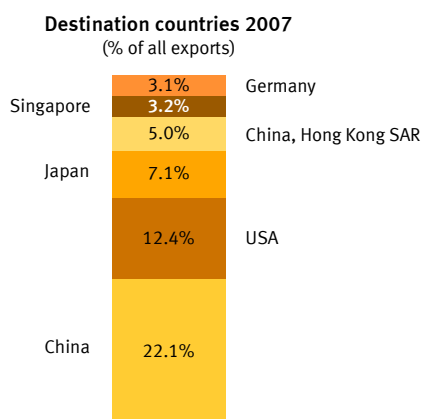
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External trade

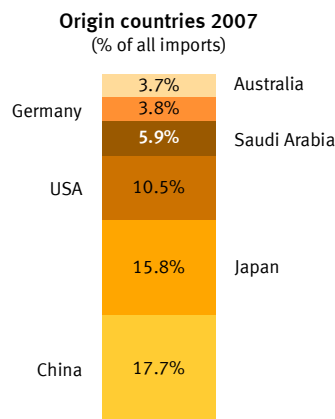
	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Import of goods	bn US-\$	135.1	160.5	261.2	356.8
Export of goods	bn US-\$	125.1	172.3	284.4	371.5
Trade balance	bn US-\$	-10.0	11.8	23.2	14.7

Imports from Germany	mn US-\$	6 584	4 625	9 772	13 534
Main product group: machines, mech. appliances	mn US-\$	2 903	1 464	2 713	3 852
Share of imports from Germany	% of total imports	4.9	2.9	3.7	3.8

Exports to Germany	mn US-\$	5 965	5 154	10 304	11 542
Main product group: electrical goods, appliances	mn US-\$	3 410	1 933	3 768	3 356
Share of exports to Germany	% of total exports	4.8	3.0	3.6	3.1



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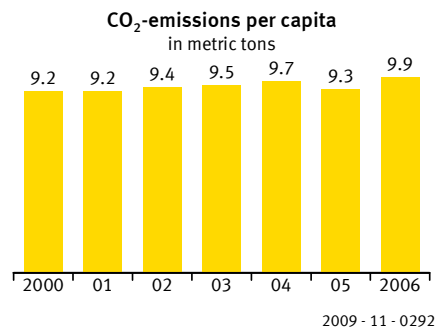
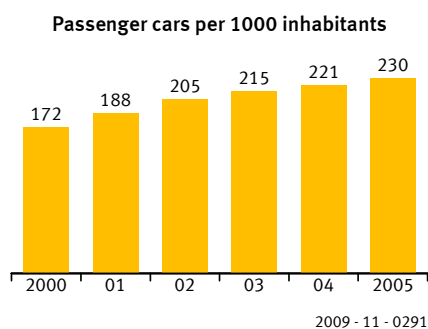


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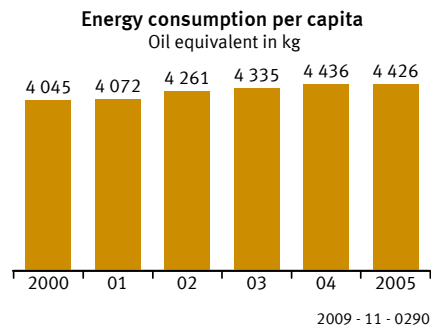
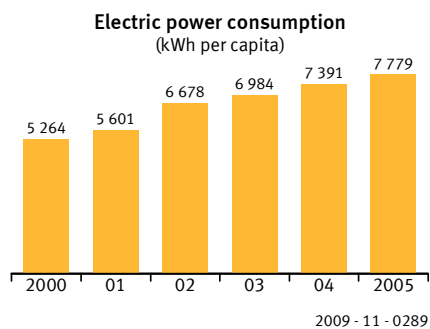
Transport

	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Passenger cars	per 1 000 inhabitants	133	172	230	.
Road transport (motorised vehicles)	mn passenger-km	72 324	74 572	91 665	.
Rail transport	mn passenger-km	29 292	28 527	31 004	31 596
Air transport (domestic only)	mn passenger-km	7 145	7 911	7 028 ¹	.



Environment, energy

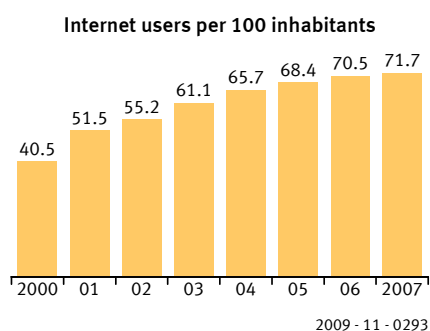
	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2006
CO ₂ -emissions	Metric tons per capita	8.3	9.2	9.3	9.9
Energy consumption	kg oil equivalent per capita	3 281	4 045	4 426	4 480
Gross electricity consumption	kWh per capita	3 881	5 264	7 779	8 063
Share of fossil-free energy	% of energy consumption	12.0	15.1	18.0	.
Forest area	% of total land area	64.5 ²	63.8	63.5	.



¹ 2004 – ² 1990.

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Science, research, technology	Unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Research and development (R&D) expenditure	% of GDP	2.42	2.39	2.98	3.23
Human resources in R&D	per mn inhabitants	2 190 ¹	2 317	3 756	4 162 ²
Resident patent applications	per mn inhabitants	146	488	1 106	1 888
Internet users	per 100 inhabitants	0.8	40.5	68.4	71.7
Mobile phone subscriptions	per 100 inhabitants	3.6	57.0	79.4	89.6



¹ 1996 – ² 2006.

Methodology and sources

The indicators presented in this country profile are predominantly taken from official international statistical sources. Official national statistics are only used to complete the profile where necessary. All database extractions were carried out in February and March 2008. The following overview lists the sources used for each section. More details regarding methodology and the sources used is available on our website in the section entitled “country profiles”.

Economy and finance ■ IMF, ILO, OECD, UNCTAD, German Federal Bank

Population and migration ■ World Bank, UNdata

Health ■ WHO, OECD, World Bank

Education ■ UNESCO, OECD

Labour force ■ OECD, ILO, BLS, World Bank

Living conditions ■ World Bank, UNdata

Business, production ■ UN (MBS), OECD, IMF

Agriculture ■ FAOSTAT

External trade ■ UN Comtrade

Transport ■ World Bank, UN Yearbook, national sources

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