

## Introduction

North Korea is a country in Eastern Asia occupying the northern half of the Korean Peninsula. It borders the Korea Bay and the Sea of Japan between China and South Korea.



North Korea is composed of mountains and uplands, separated by deep and narrow valleys. The government system is a communist state one-man dictatorship; the chief of state is the president, and the

head of state is the State Affairs Commission Chairman. North Korea has a command economy in which the central government directs the economy regarding the production and distribution of goods.



**Location:** Eastern Asia

**Capital City:** Pyongyang (+9 GMT)

**Chief of State:** State Affairs Commission President  
Kim Jong Un

**Head of Govt.:** Supreme People's Assembly  
President Choe Ryong Hae

**Currency:** North Korean won (KPW)

**Major Languages:** Korean

**Primary Religions:** Traditionally Buddhist and Confucianist, some Christian and syncretic Chondogyo (Religion of the Heavenly Way)

**Note:** Autonomous religious activities now almost nonexistent; government-sponsored religious groups exist to provide the illusion of religious freedom

**Calling Code:** 850

**Voltage:** 220

## Key Websites

Main Government Page: [korea-dpr.com](http://korea-dpr.com)

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Data Unavailable
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$0.97 billion (2012)
GDP growth (annual %):	-1.07% (2012)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$18,034.15 (2012)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	6.65% (2011)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.06 billion (2011)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	1.37% (2012)
Labor force, total:	15,831,330 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	2.96% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.32 billion (2011)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.23 billion (2011)

## GDP Composition %

Agriculture Services Industry Manufacturing



*\*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

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