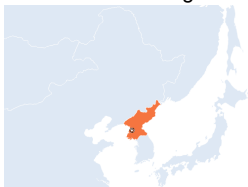


## Introduction

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 premier. 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:** President Kim Yong Nam

**Head of Govt.:** State Affairs Commission Chairman Kim Jong Un

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

**Major Languages:** <p>Korean</p>

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

**Calling Code:** 850

**Voltage:** 220

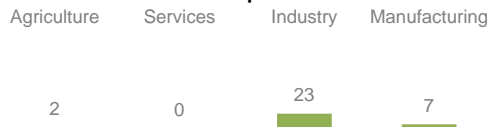
## Key Websites

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:	16,282,869 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	4.78% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.32 billion (2011)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.23 billion (2011)

## GDP Composition %



*\*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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