8 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in the Republic of Korea

The maternal mortality ratio in the Republic of Korea has remained stagnant over the last 20 years roughly around 8. Maternal mortality in the Republic of Korea is lower than its regional average. Maternal mortality ratio is the number of women who die from pregnancy-related causes while pregnant or within 42 days of pregnancy termination per 100,000 live births.

Maternal mortality ratio (deaths per 100,000 live births)

[Graph showing maternal mortality ratio for Korea, East Asia & Pacific, and High income from 2000 to 2020]


2 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in the Republic of Korea in 2020

In the Republic of Korea, the rate of adolescent fertility has remained roughly the same since 2010. The rate in 2020 was lower than the average rate in its income group.

Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)

[Graph showing adolescent fertility rate for Korea, East Asia & Pacific, and High income from 1960 to 2020]


89.8% of girls and 90.6% of boys complete lower secondary school in the Republic of Korea as of 2020 data

The female rate in the Republic of Korea is lower than both East Asia & Pacific and the high-income group. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.

Lower secondary completion rate, by sex (% of relevant age group)

[Graph showing lower secondary completion rate for Korea, East Asia & Pacific, and High income by sex]


Adult literacy in the Republic of Korea is nearly the same among women and men (2018)

In the Republic of Korea, both women and men have very high literacy rates. Adult literacy rate is the percentage of people ages 15 and above who can both read and write with understanding a short simple statement about their everyday life.

Adult literacy rate, by sex (% of people ages 15 and above)

[Graph showing adult literacy rate for Korea, East Asia & Pacific, and High income by sex]

In the Republic of Korea, the labor force participation rate among females is 54.6% and among males is 73.4% for 2022.

The labor force participation rate is the proportion of the population ages 15 and older that is economically active. Since 1990, female labor force participation has increased. Compared with labor force participation in the high-income group, the gap between men and women is higher in the Republic of Korea.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in the Republic of Korea since 1991.

Workers in vulnerable employment are the least likely to have formal work arrangements, social protection, and safety nets to guard against economic shocks; thus they are more likely to fall into poverty. Vulnerable employment among women is 17.7% and among men is 20.2% in the Republic of Korea for 2021. The rate of vulnerable employment is lower for men and women in the Republic of Korea compared to the average rate in East Asia & Pacific.
In the Republic of Korea, women spend 3.2 times as much time on unpaid domestic and care work than men.

The data, expressed as a proportion of time in a day, measure the average time an individual spends on household provision of services for own consumption. In 2019, women in the Republic of Korea spent 14.1% of their day and men spent 4.4% of their day on unpaid work. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2010 and 2019.

![Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)](image)

Source: National statistical offices or national database and publications compiled by United Nations Statistics Division. The data were downloaded on December 3 from the Global SDG Indicators Database:

More men than women owned a business in 2016

The share of female business owners for the Republic of Korea falls in the third quintile of all countries for which there are data. Share of business is calculated as the proportion of female or male newly registered limited liability company owners out of the total number of newly registered limited liability company owners in the economy in the calendar year. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2016 and 2018.

![Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners)](image)


In 2017, 94.7% of women and 95% of men in the Republic of Korea had an account.

The female rate in the Republic of Korea is higher than East Asia & Pacific but nearly the same as the high-income group. Account ownership denotes the percentage of respondents who report having an account (by themselves or together with someone else) at a bank or another type of financial institution or report personally using a mobile money service in the past 12 months.

![Account ownership at a financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider, by sex (% of population ages 15+)](image)

Source: Demirgüç-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.
Data is not available for the Republic of Korea for House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

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Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Statcompiler (https://www.statcompiler.com/)

18.6% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in the Republic of Korea

Women in parliaments are the percentage of parliamentary seats in a single or lower chamber held by women. The proportion of seats held by women in the Republic of Korea has increased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in high-income countries.

Seats held by women in national parliaments, female (%)

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (www.ipu.org). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.
More men than women used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2021

The female rate in the Republic of Korea is higher than both East Asia & Pacific and the high-income group. Internet usage denotes the percentage of respondents who report using a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past 12 months.

Source: Global Findex database

Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal