



Republic of Korea

Capital: Seoul

Official Language: Korean

Population: 47,700,000

Government: Presidential Republic

Demographics: Due to rapid migration from the countryside during economic expansion in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s most South Koreans live in urban areas. The capital city, Seoul, is the largest city and main industrial center with 10.3 million inhabitants. Very few immigrants have remained permanently in South Korea and as result it is among the world's most ethnically homogeneous nations.

Religion: In 2005 around 46.5% of the South Korean population expressed no religious preference. While 29.3% of the population identified as Christian, 22.8% Buddhist, and the rest adhering Islam and various new religious movements

Language: The Korean language is spoken by the majority of the population however English is widely taught in primary school, middle school and high school, and continues to be taught in higher education. A great emphasis is placed on English for examination purposes.



40% of South Koreans profess religious affiliation.

30% of South Koreans identify as Christians

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