



# NORTH KOREA



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Supreme People's Assembly President KIM Yong Nam

### Head of Government

State Affairs Commission Chairman KIM Jong Un

### Government Type

dictatorship, single-party state; official state ideology of "Juche" or "national self-reliance"

### Capital

Pyongyang

### Legislature

unicameral Supreme People's Assembly or Ch'oeo Inmin Hoeui (687 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court or Central Court (consists of one judge and 2 "People's Assessors" or, for some cases, 3 judges)

### Ambassador to US

none; North Korea has a Permanent Mission to the UN in New York

### US Ambassador

none; note - Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang represents the US as consular protecting power

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 120,538 sq km  
Land: 120,408 sq km  
Water: 130 sq km

### Climate

temperate, with rainfall concentrated in summer; long, bitter winters

### Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, limestone, magnesite, graphite, copper, zinc, lead, precious metals, hydropower

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

one of the world's most centrally directed and least open economies; faces stagnation, underinvestment, and chronic shortages, largely as a result of large-scale missile and nuclear programs

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$40 billion (2015 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,700 (2015 est.)

### Exports

\$45.82 billion (2017 est.)  
partners: China 86.3% (2017)

### Imports

\$43.75 billion (2018 est.)  
partners: China 91.9% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

25.4 million (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

0.82% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

racially homogeneous; there is a small Chinese community and a few ethnic Japanese

### Language

Korean

### Religion

traditionally Buddhist and Confucianist, some Christian and syncretic Chondogyo (Religion of the Heavenly Way)

### Urbanization

urban population: 61.9% of total population (2018)  
rate of urbanization: 1.07% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

100% (2015 est.)

