

Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

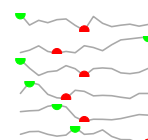


Korea, Rep.

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
1,508.9	50.9	29,654.6	3.5	4.0

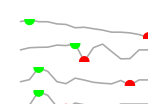
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	4.370	2.292	2.896	3.310	2.500	3.200
Current account balance	1.637	4.019	6.140	6.592	7.064	7.470
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	1.723	1.538	0.632	0.461	0.738	1.574
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.637	0.537	0.494	0.460	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	118.144	98.540	101.739	107.342	112.729	111.234
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.261	2.165	1.268	1.239	0.248	0.058



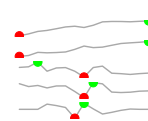
Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	32.43	29.11	29.11	28.83	28.16	27.00
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	32.00	31.00	29.10	29.16	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	1.07	0.78	0.98	0.70	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	3.96	3.15	NA	—	—	—



Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	80.903.3	106.849.6	106.748.1	105.909.6	107.295.3	108.600.9
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	0.003.6	5.186.5	6.580.7	7.087.3	7.533.6	8.139.0
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	10.227.3	4.753.8	4.083.3	3.007.7	4.161.8	4.917.4
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	8.540.9	2.073.8	1.382.4	1.922.9	3.474.3	3.924.4
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	6.566.4	5.775.8	6.222.5	6.514.7	—	—

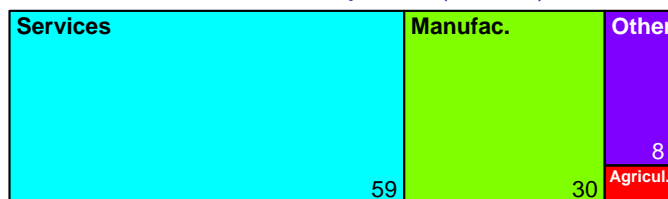


Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

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Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



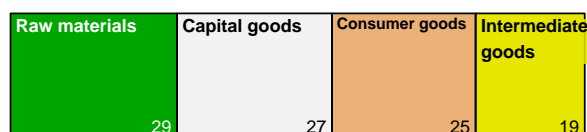
Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

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Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014



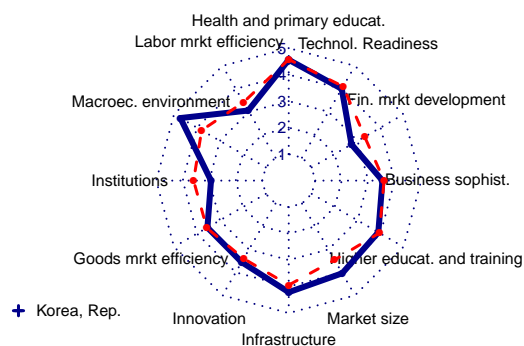
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	30	28	2
Ease of Doing Business Rank	4	4	0
Enforcing Contracts	2	2	0
Getting Credit	36	42	-6
Getting Electricity	1	1	0
Paying Taxes	27	29	-2
Protecting Minority Investors	8	8	0
Registering Property	38	40	-2
Resolving Insolvency	5	4	1
Starting a Business	16	23	-7
Trading Across Borders	30	31	-1

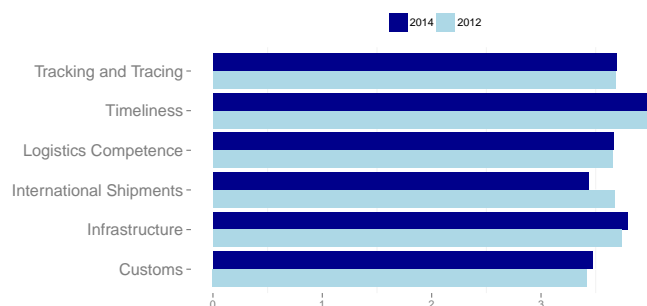
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



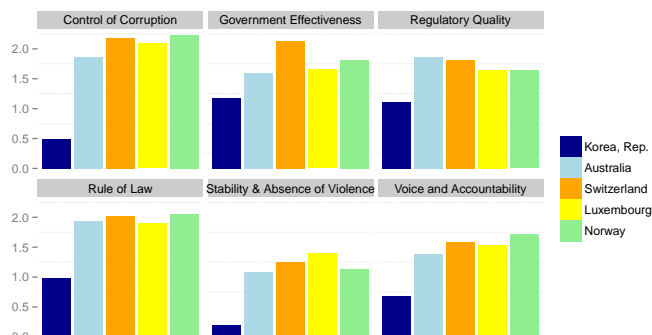
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

Trade Policy

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	10.1	5.4
Binding (%)	94.7	95.2
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	51.5	51.1
Import duties collected (% 2011-2013) [1]	—	1.4
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	48.6	46.3
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	6.3	6.3
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	12.1	11.5
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	98.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

	Korea, Rep.	East Asia and Pacific	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	—	3.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	—	35.00	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	20	12.80	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	65	74.70	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	0.1	6.70	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)

Data not available

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015