KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF East and South Asia

▼ OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Index score	Regional average score
na	67.2

SDG Global rank NA (OF 166)
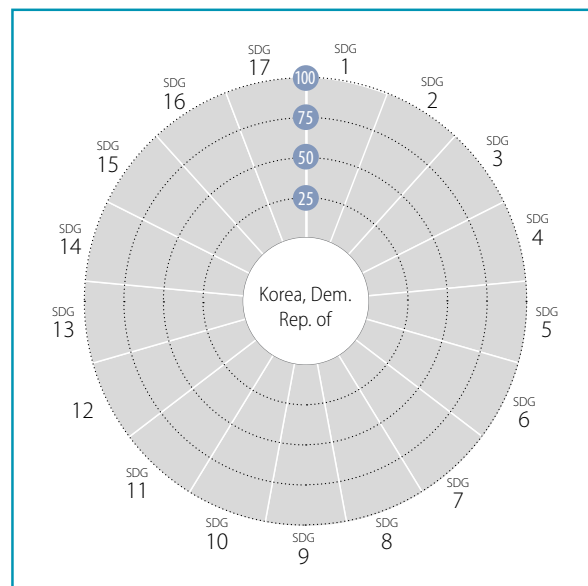
▲ AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG

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(Radar chart showing SDG 1 through SDG 17, with scale rings at 25, 50, 75, 100)

▼ SPILLOVER INDEX

100 (best) to 0 (worst)

(Bar chart ranging from 0 to 100)

▼ CURRENT ASSESSMENT – SDG DASHBOARD

1 NO POVERTY	2 ZERO HUNGER	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	13 CLIMATE ACTION	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	15 LIFE ON LAND	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

■ Major challenges   ■ Significant challenges   ■ Challenges remain   ■ SDG achieved   ■ Information unavailable

▼ SDG TRENDS

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●	→	●	⬆	→	⬇	→	●

↓ Decreasing   → Stagnating   ↗ Moderately improving   ⬆ On track or maintaining SDG achievement   ● Information unavailable

Notes: The full title of Goal 2 "Zero Hunger" is "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture".
The full title of each SDG is available here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals

SDG1 – No Poverty

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at $1.90/day (%)	* NA	NA	●	●
Poverty headcount ratio at $3.20/day (%)	* NA	NA	●	●

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	47.8	2017	red	↓
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	27.9	2012	red	↗
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	4.0	2012	green	↑
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	6.8	2016	green	↑
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.1	2017	green	↑
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	4.0	2017	green	↑
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (worst 0–1.41 best)	0.5	2015	yellow	→

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	89	2017	yellow	↗
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	9.7	2018	green	↑
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	18.2	2018	green	↑
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	513.0	2018	red	→
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	NA	NA	●	●
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	25.6	2016	red	→
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	207	2016	red	●
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	20.8	2013	red	●
Life expectancy at birth (years)	71.9	2016	orange	→
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 adolescent females aged 15 to 19)	0.3	2017	green	↑
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	100.0	2009	green	●
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	97	2018	green	↑
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	71.0	2017	yellow	↑
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	NA	NA	●	●

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	94.0	2009	yellow	●
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	NA	NA	●	●
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	100.0	2008	green	●

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49 who are married or in unions)	89.8	2014	green	↑
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	NA	NA	●	●
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	85.1	2019	green	↑
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	17.6	2020	red	→

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	94.5	2017	yellow	→
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	83.2	2017	orange	↗
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	27.7	2005	yellow	●
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	0.0	2018	red	●
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m3/capita)	0.2	2013	green	↑

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population with access to electricity (%)	43.9	2017	red	↗
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	10.8	2016	red	→
CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion for electricity and heating per total electricity output (MtCO2/TWh)	1.2	2017	yellow	↑

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	NA	NA	●	●
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	104.6	2018	red	●
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	NA	NA	●	●
Unemployment rate (% of total labor force)	2.7	2019	green	↑
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	0.0	2010	green	↑

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using the internet (%)	0.0	2012	red	●
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	15.0	2017	red	→
Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	NA	NA	●	●
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	* 0.0	2020	orange	●
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	0.0	2018	red	→
Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	* 0.0	2017	red	●

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	NA	NA	●	●

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) (µg/m3)	32.0	2017	red	↗
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	76.0	2017	orange	↓
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	NA	NA	●	●

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	NA	NA	●	●
Electronic waste (kg/capita)	NA	NA	●	●
Production-based SO_2 emissions (kg/capita)	24.5	2012	green	●
SO_2 emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.1	2012	green	●
Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	5.5	2010	green	●
Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.1	2010	green	●

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Energy-related CO_2 emissions (tCO2/capita)	1.8	2017	green	↑
CO_2 emissions embodied in imports (tCO2/capita)	0.0	2015	green	↑
CO_2 emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	NA	NA	●	●

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	0.0	2018	red	→
Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	53.6	2019	red	→
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	21.8	2014	green	↑
Fish caught by trawling (%)	30.0	2014	yellow	↓
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.0	2018	green	●

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	11.6	2018	orange	→
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	0.0	2018	red	→
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.9	2019	yellow	↓
Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	0.1	2018	yellow	●
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.0	2018	green	●

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Homicides (per 100,000 population)	* 4.4	2015	red	●
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	NA	NA	●	●
Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	NA	NA	●	●
Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	NA	NA	●	●
Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	100.0	2018	green	●
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	17	2019	red	↗
Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	NA	NA	●	●
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population)	* 0.0	2019	green	●
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	83.4	2019	red	→

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	NA	NA	●	●
For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	NA	NA	●	●
Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	NA	NA	●	●
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	* 0.0	2019	green	●

* Imputed data point.

Source: Sachs, J., Schmidt-Traub, G., Kroll, C., Lafortune, G., Fuller, G., Woelm, F. 2020. The Sustainable Development Goals and COVID-19. Sustainable Development Report 2020. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

5. Country Profiles