

Republic of Korea Fact Sheet

Basic data

Area	99,117 km ²
Population	42.8 million (1990)
Capital	Seoul, estimated population 11 million (1990)
Language	Korean

Political data

System of government	Constitutional republic with elected National Assembly and power centralized in an executive president
President	Roh Tae-Woo
Prime minister	Chong Won-Shik
Minister of foreign affairs	Lee Sang-Ock
Minister of trade and industry	Lee Bong-Suh

Economic data

GNP	US\$230 billion (1990)
	Growth 9.2% (1990)
	Estimated growth 9% (1991)
	Per capita GNP US\$5000 (1990)
Currency	Korean won (W)
Exchange rate	C\$1 = 630 won (June 1991)
Inflation rate	9.4% (1990)
Unemployment rate	2.4% (1990)

Trade data

Value of Korean trade with Canada (C\$ million)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Exports	1749	1844	2272	2441	2252
Imports	958	1167	1200	1592	1563
Balance	791	676	1072	849	689
Total	2707	3011	3472	4033	3815

Major Korean imports from Canada Coal, aluminum, sulphur, uranium, potash, ores, iron and steel, wood pulp, telecommunications

Major Korean exports to Canada Computers, vehicles and parts, electronic equipment (televisions, VCRs), footwear, textiles and accessories, clothing, iron and steel