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The UNESCO-UNEVOC TVET Country Profiles aim to provide concise, reliable and up-to-date information on TVET systems worldwide. Dynamic TVET diagrams illustrate education systems and the role of TVET at a glance. Statistical data can easily be compared across countries. Please help us improve the profiles by using the feedback form.

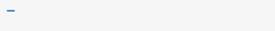
## KEY STATISTICS

## Vocational education

Enrolment in secondary vocational, both sexes (number)



Of which female (%)

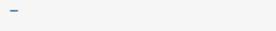


## SDG4

Participation in education and training in the previous year



Participation in vocational education (youth)

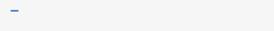


## General education

Net Enrolment Rate, secondary education, male (%)



For female students

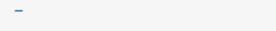


## Education finance

Government expenditure on education (% of total)



On vocational education (% of total)

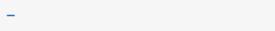


## Socio-economic

GDP (current USD)



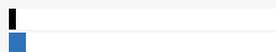
GDP growth (annual %)



## Labour Market

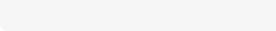
Unemployment (%)

2.6%



Unemployment, youth (%), modeled ILO estimate

6.1%



## Literacy

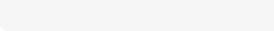
Youth literacy rate, population 15-24 years, both sexes (%)

100%



Labor force participation rate, total (% of total...)

75.5%



## Demography

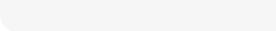
Total Population

25.9 million



Population aged 15-24 years (%)

14.8%



## Vocational education

DPR  
Korea

## Secondary education

Enrolment in secondary vocational, both sexes (number)

Source: World Bank / UIS



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Percentage of students who are female (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



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## Upper secondary education (ISCED 3)

Students enrolled in vocational programmes, both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



0

(2018)

Percentage of students who are female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



0

(2018)

## Tertiary education (ISCED 5)

Population with at least short-cycle tertiary degree, both sexes (%). ISCED 5

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Population with at least short-cycle tertiary degree, female (%). ISCED 5

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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## SDG4

DPR  
Korea

Target 4.3.1 - Participation of youth and adults in formal and non-formal education and training in the previous 12 months.

Both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Male (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Target 4.3.3 - Participation in technical and vocational programmes, 15-24 year-olds.

Both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Male (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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## General education

DPR  
Korea

Primary education (ISCED 1)

Gross Enrolment Rate (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Students who are female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

89.3  
(2018)

Secondary education, all programs

Net Enrolment Rate, secondary education,  
male (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



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Net Enrolment Rate, secondary education,  
female (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS



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Gross Enrolment Rate (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS

92.3  
(2015)

Percentage of students who are female (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS

92.9  
(2015)

Higher secondary (ISCED-3)

Gross Enrolment Rate (%)

Source: World Bank / UIS

94.4  
(2018)

Students who are female (%)  
Source: World Bank / UIS



95.4  
(2018)

### Tertiary education (ISCED 5-8)

Gross Enrolment Rate

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



26.8  
(2018)

Students who are female (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



18.1  
(2018)

## Education finance

DPR  
Korea

### Government expenditure

Expenditure (% of total)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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Expenditure on vocational education (% of total government expenditure)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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## Socio-economic

DPR  
Korea

### Gross Domestic Product

GDP (current USD)

Source: World Bank



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GDP growth (annual %)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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GDP per capita (current USD)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



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#### By sector

Agriculture, value added (% GDP)

Source: World Bank



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Industry, value added (% GDP)

Source: World Bank



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Services, value added (% GDP)

Source: World Bank



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# Labour Market

DPR  
Korea

## Employment

Labor force participation rate (% of total pop. ages 15+)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



81.5  
(2021)

Labor force participation rate (% of total population ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



75.5  
(2021)

Vulnerable employment, total (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



85.8  
(2019)

Youth unemployment (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



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## Gender-wise Employment Indicators

Unemployment, male (% of male labor force)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



2.5  
(2021)

Unemployment, female (% of female labor force)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



2.7  
(2021)

Unemployment, youth male (% of male labor force ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



5.4  
(2021)

Unemployment, youth female (% of female labor force ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



6.9  
(2021)

Labor force participation rate, male (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



86.1  
(2021)

Labor force participation rate, female (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



77.2  
(2021)

Labor force participation rate, male (% of male population aged 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



73.7  
(2021)

Labor force participation rate, female (% of female population aged 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



77.3  
(2021)

Vulnerable employment, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



85.8  
(2019)

Vulnerable employment, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



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Youth unemployment, male (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



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## Youth unemployment, female (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



## Employment, Sectoral Indicators

## Employment in agriculture (%)

Source: World Development Indicators



(2019)

## Employment in agriculture, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Employment in agriculture, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Employment in services (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Employment in services, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Employment in services, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Employment in industry (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Employment in industry, male (% of male employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Employment in industry, female (% of female employment)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Self-employed (%)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Self-employed, male (% of male employment) (Modeled ILO Estimate)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Self-employed, female (% of female employment) (Modeled ILO Estimate)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



(2019)

## Literacy

DPR  
Korea

## Literacy

## Youth literacy rate, population 15-24 years, both sexes (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



(2008)

Labor force participation rate (% of total population ages 15-24)

Source: World Bank / ILOSTAT



75.5  
(2021)

## Demography

DPR  
Korea

### Population

Total Population

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



25.9  
million  
(2021)

Population aged 15-24 years (thousands)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



3.9  
thousand  
(2019)

Population aged 15-24 years (%)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



14.8  
(2019)

Population growth (annual, %)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics



0.4  
(2021)

Population ages 65 and above (%)

Source: World Bank



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Median Age of Population

Source: UNDESA



35.3  
(2020)

## GOVERNANCE



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