**Country Fact Folder**

Name: John Date: 2013.4.22

Official name: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Common name(s): North Korea

Flag:

(CIA)



**Geography**

Location:

Eastern Asia, northern half of the Korean Peninsula bordering the Korea Bay and the Sea of Japan, between China and South Korea.(CIA)

Map:

(CIA)



Area:

1. Total: 120,538km²
2. Land: 120,408km²
3. Water: 130km²(CIA)

Bordering nations:

China and South Korea

Natural resources, including well-known rivers, mountains, deserts, etc:

Coal, lead, tungsten, zinc, graphite, magnetite, iron ore, copper, gold, pyrites, salt, fluorspar, hydropower. (CIA)

**People**

Population:

1. Total: 24,720,407
2. Male: 11,984,169
3. Female: 12,736,238(CIA)

Population growth rate (how quickly the population grows): 0.535 % (CIA)

Birth rate (of X babies born, the % that survives): 97.379 % (CIA)

Life expectancy (for how many years is the average person able to live):

69.2 years (CIA)

What are the biggest ethnic groups?

Racially homogeneous; there is a small Chinese community and a few ethnic Japanese. (CIA)

What are the most common religions?

traditionally Buddhist and Confucianism, some Christian and syncretic Chondogyo (CIA)

Most common language(s) spoken:

Korean (CIA)

How to say “hello” in most common language(s):

안녕 하세요(an niang ha se yo) (you Dao)

Literacy (the % of people who can read and write):

1. Total: 99%
2. Male: 99%
3. Female: 99% (CIA)

**Government**

Government type:

Communist state one-man dictatorship (CIA)

Capital: Pyongyang

Major cities:

Nason-si, Pyongyang (CIA)

Independence (what year was the country established as a modern nation-state?):

Adopted 1948; revised several times (CIA)

Key political leaders:

Chief of state: KIM Jong Un (CIA)

Participation in *regional* organizations, conventions, treaties, and agreements:

ARF (CIA)

Participation in *international* organizations, conventions, treaties, and agreements:

FAO, G-77, ICAO, ICC (NGOs), ICRM, IFAD, IFRCS, IHO, IMO, IOC, IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU, NAM, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO (CIA)

*Describe* the country’s position and influence in its region:

DPRK has an important role in the economics of Asia; it is trade partner of China and South Korea.

*Describe* the country’s position and influence internationally:

DPRK wants to develop nuclear weapons, so it makes many countries very scared

**Economy**

GDP: $28 billion as of year 2009s (CIA)

GDP per capita: $1,800 as of year 2011 (CIA)

Agricultural products:

Rice, corn, potatoes, soybeans, pulses; cattle, pigs, pork, eggs (CIA)

Industries:

Military products; machine building, electric power, chemicals; mining (coal, iron ore, limestone, magnetite, graphite, copper, zinc, lead, and precious metals), metallurgy; textiles, food processing; tourism (CIA)

What does the country import and export?

Exports: Minerals, metallurgical products, manufactures (including armaments), textiles, agricultural and fishery products (CIA)

Imports: Petroleum, coking coal, machinery and equipment, textiles, grain (CIA)

Which countries are your country’s biggest trade partners?

China, South Korea (CIA)

Currency:

North Korean won (KPW) (CIA)

Exchange rate:

KPW 137 = USD 1 (CIA)

**Military**

Military branches (the different parts of the military):

North Korean People's Army: Ground Forces, Navy, Air Force; civil security forces (CIA)

Manpower available for military service:

1. Total: 12,933,972
2. Males: 6,515,279
3. Females: 6,418,693 (CIA)

Military expenditures (% of GDP):

NA (CIA)

**International Issues**

Military, political, and border disputes:

risking arrest, imprisonment, and deportation, tens of thousands of North Koreans cross into China to escape famine, economic privation, and political oppression; North Korea and China dispute the sovereignty of certain islands in Yalu and Tumen rivers; Military Demarcation Line within the 4-km-wide Demilitarized Zone has separated North from South Korea since 1953; periodic incidents in the Yellow Sea with South Korea which claims the Northern Limiting Line as a maritime boundary; North Korea supports South Korea in rejecting Japan's claim to Liancourt Rocks (CIA)

Economic disputes:

Use the old planned economic system

Environmental problems:

N/A (CIA)

Illicit trade (drugs, weapons, people, etc):

heroin and methamphetamine, Trafficking in persons (CIA)

Refugees and displaced persons:

Undetermined (periodic flooding and famine during mid-1990s) (CIA)

Other disputes and issues:

N/A (CIA)

**Source**

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Other than a few citations issues, great job, John!

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