South Korea

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Data Source

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Settlement Points: These settlement points were created using the European Commission Global Human Settlement Layer (GHSL), 100 meter resolution 2025 Estimated Population Raster Layer. The points were verified using the latest Esri imagery. More information about the data can be found here: https://ghslsys.jrc.ec.europa.eu.

Dataset Information

South Korea	
3 Letter ISO Country code	KOR
Currency	South Korean won
3 Letter Currency code	KRW
Number of attributes available	126
Number of geography levels	3

Geography Levels

Esri Geography Name	Local Geography Name	Feature Count
Country	Hanguk	1
Provinces	Si-Do	17
Districts	Si-Gun-Gu	229

Data Apportionment Settings

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Threshold Upper Bound	Aggregation Method	Level of Geography
150 km	Block Apportion	KR.Districts
more	Centroids In Polygon	KR.Districts

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Change Summary

Changes to geography level names

None.

New Attributes

Attribute Name	Alias Name	Category
EDUC01_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: Elementary School	Education
EDUC02_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: Middle School	Education
EDUC03_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: High School	Education
EDUC04_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: University (4 Yrs or Less)	Education
EDUC05_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: University (4 Yrs or More)	Education
EDUC06_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: Graduate Master's Degree	Education
EDUC07_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: PhD Graduate	Education
EDUC08_CY	2026 Pop 15+/Edu: No Schooling Inc Preschool	Education
EDUC_BASE	2026 Education Attainment Base	Education

Attributes no longer available

None.

Change Notes

Market Data are now projections for 2026 (previously 2024). Population projections at the national level declined by 0.27% compared to former estimates; this difference is attributed to updates to United Nations data that is based on input data from Statistics Korea. The Purchasing Power and Consumer Spending projections in national currency for 2026 show an upward trend due to a revision of economic data.

No changes were made to the settlement points since the last MBR Data release.

Other Data Notes

None.