

Population Trends and Projections of the World and Korea

The population of the world is projected to rise from 7.32 billion in 2015 to 9.96 billion in 2060. The population of South Korea is projected to drop from 51 million in 2015 to 44 million in 2060.

- In 2015, the population of the world records 7.32 billion, up 1.2 times compared to 2000. For the next 15 years, it will increase at a similar pace to reach 8.42 billion in 2030.
 - * The population of the world is projected to reach 9.96 billion in 2060.
- The population of South Korea records 51 million in 2015, up 1.1 times compared to 2000. For the next 15 years, it will show a slight increase to reach a peak at 52 million in 2030.
 - * The population of South Korea is predicted to record 44 million in 2060.
 - The population of South Korea ranks the 27th largest in 2015. It is predicted to drop to the 31st largest in 2030 and the 49th largest in 2060.
- The population of Africa and Asia is projected to increase by 2.4 times and 1.2 times for the next 45 years (2015~2060), respectively. The population of Europe is projected to decrease by 0.9 times for the next 45 years (2015~2060).
 - Between 2015 and 2060, among a total of 233 countries, 129 countries including India and the United States will show a continuously increasing trend. 78 countries including China and Brazil will decrease after showing an increase. 21 countries such as Russia and Japan will show a continuously decreasing trend.
- In the period 2010~2015, the population growth rate of the world marked 1.1 percent, while that of South Korea marked 0.5 percent. In the period 2030~2035, the population growth rate of the world marked 0.7 percent, while that of South Korea marked -0.1 percent.
 - * In the period 2055~2060, the population growth rate of the world is projected to record 0.4 percent, while that of South Korea is projected to record -1.0 percent.

The share of people aged 65 or more in the world is predicted to rise from 8.2 percent in 2015 to 17.6 percent in 2060. The share of people aged 65 or more in South Korea is predicted to rise from 13.1 percent in 2015 to 40.1 percent in 2060.

- Between 2015 and 2060, the share of the population aged 0~14 of the world and South Korea is projected to decline by 5.5%p and 3.7%p, respectively. The share of the working age population aged 15 to 64 of the world and South Korea is projected to drop by 3.8%p and 23.3%p, respectively.
 - In the meantime, the share of the aged population of the world and South Korea is predicted to rise by 9.3%p and 27.0%p, respectively.
- The working age population of South Korea occupies 73.0 percent in 2015. This figure shows a decrease after recording 53.0 percent in 1966 and reaching a peak at 73.1 percent in 2012. It is projected to drop to 63.1 percent in 2030 and 49.7 percent in 2060.
 - The share of the working age population of South Korea ranked the 106th in 1960, reaching the 10th in 2015. It is projected to drop to the 115th in 2030 and the 199th in 2060.
- In 2015, the aged population of South Korea accounted for 13.1 percent of the total population, which rose by 4.5 times from 2.9 percent in 1960. The share of the aged population is projected to increase to 24.3 percent in 2030 and 40.1 percent in 2060.
 - The share of the aged population of South Korea ranked the 152nd in 1960, reaching the 51st in 2015. It is projected to rise to the 15th in 2030 and the 2nd in 2060.

The total fertility rate of South Korea stood at 1.23 children per woman in the period 2010~2014, which ranked the 4th lowest in the world. In the meantime, the life expectancy at birth of South Korea recorded 81.3 years in the period 2010~2013, which ranked the 14th highest in the world.

[Total fertility rate]

- The total fertility rate of the world stood at 2.5 children per woman in the period 2010~2015, which declined by 1.9 children per woman from 4.4 children per woman in the period 1970~1975.
- In the period 1970~1974, the total fertility rate of South Korea stood at 4.21 children per woman, which ranked the 73rd lowest in the world. In the meantime, in the period 2010~2014, the total fertility rate of South Korea stood at 1.23 children per woman, which ranked the 4th lowest in the world.

[Life expectancy at birth]

- The life expectancy at birth of the world recorded 70.0 years in the period 2010~2015, which rose by 11.2 years from 58.8 years in the period 1970~1975.
- The life expectancy at birth of South Korea recorded 62.7 years in the period 1970~1974, which ranked the 98th highest in the world. In the meantime, the life expectancy at birth of South Korea recorded 81.3 years in the period 2010~2013,

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[International migration]

- In the period 2010~2015, the population of continents such as Asia and Latin America is estimated to record a plus international migration. The population of continents such as North America and Europe is estimated to record a minus international migration.
- South Korea showed a minus international migration in the period 2000~2004 (26 thousand persons on an annual average), which turned into a plus international migration in the period 2010~2013 (68 thousand persons on an annual average). This figure ranked the 22nd in the world.

The population of South and North Korea is projected to be 79 million in 2030, ranking the 21st in the world. The population of South Korea is projected to be 52 million in 2030, ranking the 31st in the world.

[Population size of South and North Korea]

- The population of South and North Korea is projected to be 76 million in 2015 and 79 million in 2030.
- The population of South and North Korea is projected to rank the 19th in 2015 and the 21st in 2030. It is projected to reach a peak in 2032.

[Population structure of South and North Korea]

- The share of the working age population of South and North Korea records 71.8 percent in 2015, down 1.2%p compared to that of South Korea. The share of the working age population of South and North Korea records 64.8 percent in 2030, up 1.7%p compared to that of South Korea.
- The share of the aged population of South and North Korea records 11.9 percent in 2015, down 1.2%p compared to that of South Korea. The share of the aged population of South and North Korea records 20.2 percent in 2030, down 4.1%p compared to that of South Korea.

[Total fertility rate and life expectancy at birth of South and North Korea]

- In the period 2010~2015, the total fertility rate of North Korea stood at 2.00 children per woman, which was 0.76 children per woman higher than that of South Korea (1.23 children per woman in the period 2010~2014).
- The life expectancy at birth of North Korea recorded 69.9 years in the period 2010~2015, which was 11.4 years lower than that of South Korea (81.3 years in the period 2010~2013).