Social Indicators in 2022

◆ Population

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○ In 2022, the total population of South Korea recorded 51.63 million persons. This figure is projected to continuously decrease after marking a peak of 51.84 million persons in 2020.

○ In 2022, the total fertility rate was 0.78, dropping by 0.03 from 2021. This figure hit a record low after the first-time statistical production in 1970.

○ In 2022, the population of the Seoul Capital Area was 26.053 million persons, which exceeded half of the total population. This trend of population concentration in the Seoul Capital Area is expected to continue in the future.

* Change in the share of the population of the Seoul Capital Area: 46.3% (2000) → 49.3% (2010) → 50.5% (2022) → 53.0% (2050)

◆ Household and Family

In 2021, the average number of household members was 2.3 persons, which fell by 0.83 persons compared to 2000.

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In 2022, 50.0% of Koreans thought that they should get married, which fell by 1.2%p from 2020. 18.7% of Koreans thought that they could get divorced when there was a reason, which rose by 1.9%p from 2020.

< Number of household members>

Source: Population Census <Statistics Korea>

< Opinion on marriage and divorce >

Source: Social Survey <Statistics Korea>

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As for death rates, malignant neoplasm (cancer) recorded the highest figure in 2021, which was followed by heart diseases, pneumonia and cerebrovascular diseases. The death rate of Alzheimer's disease stood at 15.6 deaths per 100,000 population, which increased by 52 times from 0.3 deaths from 2000.


In 2021, the percentage of Koreans aged 19 or more who smoked stood at 18.2%, down 1.0%p from 2020. Whereas, the percentage of Koreans aged 19 or more who drank stood at 53.5%, down 1.7%p from 2020.
Education and Training

In 2022, the number of students per teacher recorded a year-on-year decrease in all school levels.

- In 2022, as for the number of students per teacher, elementary school recorded the highest figure of 13.7 students per teacher. This figure was followed by middle school (11.7 students per teacher), kindergarten (10.3 students per teacher) and high school (9.6 students per teacher). All school levels showed a year-on-year decrease in the number of students per teacher.

- In 2022, the private education participation rate of elementary, middle and high school students stood at 78.3%, rising by 2.8%p from 2021. In 2022, their average monthly private education expenditures stood at 410 thousand won per student, rising by 11.8% from 2021.

- In 2022, 51.1% of middle and high school students were satisfied with their overall school life, down 8.2%p from 2020.

Labor and Leisure

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- In 2022, the employment to population ratio of the disabled stood at 36.4%, up 1.8%p from 2021. The unemployment rate of the disabled stood at 4.5%, down 2.6%p from 2021. In 2022, the employment to population ratio of immigrants stood at 64.8%, up 0.6%p from 2021. The unemployment rate of immigrants stood at 4.2%, down 1.8%p from 2021.
In 2022, people aged 15 or more spent 3.7 hours on weekdays and 5.5 hours on weekends on their leisure activities. These figures decreased by 0.1 hour and 0.3 hour, respectively, from 2021.

- 51.8% of Koreans aged 15 or more spent their leisure time alone, going down by 11.8%p from 2021. The share of Koreans aged 15 or more spending leisure time mainly with their family members and friends, going up 4.7%p and 5.9%p, respectively, from 2021.

### Income, Consumption and Wealth

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- In 2022, the Gross Domestic Product recorded 2,1506 trillion won, which grew by 3.8% from 2021. The Gross National Income per capita stood at US$32,661, which fell by 7.7% from 2021.

- In 2022, the Consumer Price Index rose by 5.1% from 2021. The Consumer Price Index for Living Necessaries rose by 6.0% from 2021.

- In 2021, the annual average household income recorded 64.14 million won, rising by 2.89 million won from 2020. In 2022, the monthly average household consumption expenditures recorded 2.64 million won, rising by 145 thousand won from 2021.

- In 2022, the net worth recorded 456.02 million won per household, rising by 10.0% from 2021.
In 2021, the price to income ratio (PIR) showed a year-on-year increase. The rent to income ratio (RIR) showed a year-on-year decrease.

- In 2021, the number of housing units per 1,000 population stood at 423.6 units, which grew by 5.4 units from 2020. In 2021, the housing supply ratio stood at 102.2%, down 1.4%p from 2020.

- In 2021, the price to income ratio (PIR) stood at 6.7 times, which went up by 1.2 time points from 2020. In 2021, the rent to income ratio (RIR) stood at 15.7%, down 0.9%p from 2020.

* PIR (Price to Income Ratio), RIR (Rent to Income Ratio)

- In 2021, the residential area recorded 30.3㎡ per person, rising by 0.6㎡ from 2018. The per-capita residential area of the Seoul Capital Area (Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi) was narrower than that of the other local areas.
◆ Living Environment

In 2021, the annual average concentration of fine dust showed a year-on-year increase. The annual average concentration of ultrafine dust showed a year-on-year decrease.

- In 2021, the concentration level of fine dust (PM-10) recorded 36\(\mu g/m^3\) on an annual average, which increased by 3\(\mu g/m^3\) from 2020. Whereas, the concentration level of ultrafine dust (PM-2.5) recorded 18\(\mu g/m^3\) on an annual average, which decreased by 1\(\mu g/m^3\) from 2020.

- In 2021, four metropolitan cities of Seoul, Busan, Daegu and Incheon exceeded the noise standard during the daytime (65dB) and night time (55dB).

- In 2021, the area of urban parks per capita was 11.6\(m^2\), which increased by 0.6\(m^2\) from 2020.

< Fine dust concentration >

![Graph of Fine dust concentration]

Source: Annual Report on Air Environment <National Institute of Environmental Research>

< Area of urban parks per capita >

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Source: Urban Planning Status <Korea Land and Housing Corporation>

◆ Crime and Safety

In 2021, the number of crimes per 100,000 population recorded 2,960 cases, which decreased by 10.5% from 2020.

- In 2021, the death rate of road traffic accidents was 5.6 deaths per 100,000 population, which fell by 0.3 death from 2020. This figure showed a decreasing trend from 2000.

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◆ Social Integration and Subjective Well-being

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- In 2021, the largest share of Koreans (7.6%) experienced discrimination against gender, which was followed by 'Age' (7.5%) and 'Economic status' (6.2%).
- In 2022, 75.4% of Koreans thought that they were satisfied with their life, up 3.0%p from 2021.