

## KOREA, REPUBLIC OF (SOUTH KOREA)

**TOTAL POPULATION** 48,199,000  
**CHILD POPULATION** 9,639,800

### **TOTAL CHILD LABOUR**

No confirmed figures of child labor, but economically active children gives a rough estimate of children working in the age group of 10-14

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

### **ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION**

For the year 2010, 26,782,000 are estimated to be economically active with no child between 10-14 years being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

### **GENDER RATIO**

990 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an estimate for 2005)

### **CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL**

Data not available

### **PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG**

South Korea's level of progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high given that its EDI is 0.990

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

### **CHILD SLAVERY**

No confirmed data

### **CHILD TRAFFICKING**

South Korea is a source, transit, and destination country for women who are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Women from Russia, the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.), the Philippines, Thailand, and other Southeast Asian countries are trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation to South Korea. Korean women are trafficked to Japan and to the United States, sometimes via Canada, for exploitation in prostitution.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

Many of those trafficked into Korea are believed to be under 18

ECPAT CSEC Database, [http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat\\_inster/projects/monitoring/online\\_database/index.asp](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inster/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp)

### **CHILD PROSTITUTION**

Research indicates that child prostitution can be found throughout South Korean society. Karaoke bars, "ticket" teahouses (where children are found to provide sex), massage houses, restaurants, video-viewing rooms, nightclubs and brothels are locations where child prostitution is known to exist. The age of the children victimised is decreasing. There has also been an increase in the procurement of sexual service through the use of electronic media and telephone chat rooms.

In an area known as "Texas Miari" named for the American soldiers who popularised the area, it is estimated by Police Chief Kim Kang Ja, that 80% of the 1500 prostitutes were underage victims of prostitution.

### **CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No confirmed data

### **CHILD SOLDIERS**

The minimum voluntary recruitment age was 17. It was not known whether under-18s were serving in the armed forces.

### **CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

No confirmed data

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CSUCS Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004