

Data Crunch

- South Korea's GDP (purchasing power parity) is **\$1,622 billion**. North Korea's is **\$40 billion**.
- South Korea's GDP (real growth rate) is **2.7%**. In the North it is **0.8%**.
- The GDP per capita is **\$32,400** in South Korea. In the North it is just **\$1,800**.
- South Korea exports total **\$552.6 billion**, while the North's are just **\$4.71 billion**.
- For every 1,000 live births in South Korea, **4.08** of the infants die on average. In the North, **26.21** die.
- Life expectancy in the South is **79.3** years. In the North it is ten years less at **69.2**.
- **81.5%** of South Korea has access to the Internet. **Less than 0.1%** of North Koreans do.
- The intentional homicide rate per 100,000 people is **2.6** in the South. In North Korea it is **15.2**.
- One well-known statistic not featured by the Guardian — the [BBC](#) reports that [North Koreans tend](#) to be **1.2 - 3.1 inches shorter** than their South Korean counterparts.

So, judging by this it looks a lot like the South trumps the North. Except in one key area:

- The South has **655,000** actively serving in the military service. The North has **1.19 million**.