Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Total population: 24,763,000
Income group: Low
Life expectancy at birth: Total: 70 Males: 66 Females: 73
Total deaths: 228,000

Cancer Mortality Profile*

Males

- Trachea, bronchus, lung: 34.8%
- Stomach: 10.2%
- Liver: 16.9%
- Other: 23.9%
- Colorectum: 9.9%
- Oesophagus: 5.3%
- Other: 4.8%

Deaths: 19,600

Females

- Trachea, bronchus, lung: 30.7%
- Stomach: 6.6%
- Liver: 7.8%
- Colorectum: 10.2%
- Breast: 12.0%
- Other: 7.1%

Deaths: 19,400

Age-Standardized Cancer Mortality Trends*

Males

- Trachea, bronchus, lung: 60.7/100,000
- Stomach: 35.3/100,000
- Liver: 10.2/100,000
- Colorectum: 9.5/100,000
- Oesophagus: 5.3/100,000

Females

- Trachea, bronchus, lung: 40.3/100,000
- Breast: 35.3/100,000
- Stomach: 10.2/100,000
- Colorectum: 9.5/100,000
- Liver: 7.8/100,000

Cancer Incidence**

Males

- Lung: 7,358
- Liver: 3,391
- Colorectum: 3,378
- Stomach: 2,809
- Oesophagus: 1,226

Females

- Lung: 6,501
- Liver: 5,707
- Colorectum: 3,348
- Stomach: 1,881
- Oesophagus: 1,594

Adult Risk Factors

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Risk Factor</th>
<th>Males</th>
<th>Females</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Current tobacco smoking (2011)             | "...
| Total alcohol per capita consumption, in litres of pure alcohol (2010) | 7.4   | 0.4    | 3.7   |
| Physical inactivity (2010)                 | "...
| Obesity (2014)                             | 1.7%  | 3.3%    | 2.5%  |
| Household solid fuel use (2012)            | -     | -       | 92.0% |

## Cancer Plans, Monitoring and Surveillance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Has an operational cancer policy/strategy/action plan</th>
<th>Yes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Has a cancer registry</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Scope

- Hospital-based

### Coverage

- National

### Last year of data

- 2008

## Cancer Primary Prevention Policies

### Tobacco control

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce the burden of tobacco use</th>
<th>Yes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Smoke-free legislation</td>
<td>Three to five public places completely smoke-free</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobacco dependence treatment</td>
<td>NRT and/or some cessation services (at least one of which is cost-covered)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warning labels</td>
<td>No warnings or small warnings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bans on advertising, promotion and sponsorship</td>
<td>Complete absence of ban, or ban that does not cover national television, radio and print media</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tobacco taxes</td>
<td>Data not reported</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Overweight and obesity prevention and control

| Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan for reducing overweight/obesity | Yes |

### Physical inactivity prevention and control

| Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce physical inactivity and/or promote physical activity | Yes |

### Harmful use of alcohol prevention and control

| Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce the harmful use of alcohol | Yes |

### National immunization

- Human Papillomavirus vaccination schedule
- Hepatitis B vaccination schedule
- Hepatitis B vaccination coverage, infants

### Cancer Screening and Early Detection

#### Cervical cancer

- Cervical cytology (PAP)
- Acetic acid visualization (VIA)

#### Breast cancer

- Breast palpation / clinical breast exam (CBE)
- Mammogram

#### Colorectal cancer

- Faecal occult blood test or faecal immunological test
- Bowel cancer screening by exam or colonoscopy

### Cancer Treatment and Palliative Care

#### Radiotherapy

- Generally available in the public health system

#### Total high energy teletherapy units / million inhabitants

- 0.2

#### Number of radiotherapy centres

- 3

#### Number of radiation oncologists

- 1

#### Chemotherapy (medicines not specified)

- Generally available in the public health system

#### Oral morphine (formulation not specified)

- Not generally available in the public health system

#### Non-methadone morphine equivalent consumption per cancer death (mg)

- . . .

#### Community/home care for people with advanced stage cancer and other NCDs

- Generally available

---

*No mortality data available. Figures are based on national incidence estimates and modelled survival.*

**No incidence data available. Figures are based on national incidence estimates from neighbouring countries.*

---