# **ENERGY PROFILE**

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# **Republic of Korea**

## COUNTRY INDICATORS AND SDGS















**TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES)** 

Total Energy Supply (TES)	2016	2021
Non-renewable (TJ)	11 651 612	11 963 080
Renewable (TJ)	183 920	271 318
Total (TJ)	11 835 532	12 234 398
Renewable share (%)	2	2
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Non-renewable (%)	+2.7	+5.8
Renewable (%)	+47.5	+5.5
Total (%)	+3.4	+5.8

Primary energy trade	2016	2021
Imports (TJ)	13 024 589	12 893 911
Exports (TJ)	2 695 375	2 465 041
Net trade (TJ)	-10 329 214	-10 428 870
Imports (% of supply)	110	105
Exports (% of production)	126	113
Energy self-sufficiency (%)	18	18

Total energy supply in 2021 2% ■ Oil 27% 39% Gas Nuclear Coal + others 14% Renewables 19%

Renewable energy supply in 2021





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## **RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (TFEC)**

Renewable energy consumption in 2021





# **ELECTRICITY CAPACITY**



Net capacity change in 2023 (MW)

Non-renewable		Hydro and marine			
	+ 2 968			-	8
Solar		Wind			
	+ 2 968		ł	25	59
Bioenergy		Geothermal			
	+ 15				0

Renewable capacity in 2023











## **ELECTRICITY GENERATION**



1 2030 Methane Emissions Reduction Roadmap	2023
2 Critical Mineral List in Korea	2023
3 Korea-Canada MOU on Cooperation in Critical Mineral Supply Chains, the Clean Energy Transition and Energy Security	2023
4 Strategy for Industrial New Growth through Invigoration of Circular Economy	2023
5 The strategy for securing reliable critical minerals supply	2023

LATEST POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND LEGISLATION



### **RENEWABLE RESOURCE POTENTIAL**



Annual generation per unit of installed PV capacity (MWh/kWp)

#### **Biomass potential: net primary production**





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#### Indicators of renewable resource potential

**Solar PV:** Solar resource potential has been divided into seven classes, each representing a range of annual PV output per unit of capacity (kWh/kWp/yr). The bar chart shows the proportion of a country's land area in each of these classes and the global distribution of land area across the classes (for comparison).

**Onshore wind:** Potential wind power density (W/m<sup>2</sup>) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

Blomass: Net primary production (NPP) is the amount of carbon fixed by plants and accumulated as biomass each year. It is a basic measure of biomass productivity. The chart shows the average NPP in the country (tC/ha/yr), compared to the global average NPP of 3-4 tonnes of carbon

Sources: IRENA statistics, plus data from the following sources: UN SDG Database (original sources: WHO; World Bank; IEA; IRENA; and UNSD); UN World Population Prospects: UNSD Energy Balances; UN COMTRADE; World Bank World Development Indicators; EDGAR; REN21 Global Status Report; IEA-IRENA Joint Policies and Measures Database; IRENA Global Atlas; and World Bank Global Solar Atlas and Global Wind Atlas.

Additional notes: Capacity per capita and public investments SDGs only apply to developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (H5). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8.760h/year. Avoided emissions from renewable power is calculated as renewable generation divided by fossil fuel generation multiplied by reported emissions from the power sector. This assumes that, if renewable power did not exist, fossil fuels would be used in its place to generate the same amount of power and using the same mix of fossil fuels. In countries and years where no fossil fuel generation occurs, an average fossil fuel emission factor has been used to calculate the avoided emissions.

These profiles have been produced to provide an overview of developments in renewable energy in different countries and areas. The IRENA statistics team would welcome comments and feedback on its structure and content, which can be sent to statistics@irena.org.

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