



General information (Sustainability):

- Sustainability Goals Data: <https://country-profiles.unstatshub.org/>
- SDG Report 2019 (UN): <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2019/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2019.pdf>
- Sustainable Development Report 2019: https://s3.amazonaws.com/sustainabledevelopment.report/2019/2019_sustainable_development_report.pdf
- UN Data: <http://data.un.org/>
- SDG Data Hub (limited countries): <https://unstats-undesa.opendata.arcgis.com/>

Summary for East Asia:

China:

- SDG Index Rank: 39 (out of 162)
- Index score (out of 100): 73.2

Goals needing improvement:

- Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities
- Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Goal 13: Climate Action
- Goal 14: Life Below Water
- Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Japan:

- SDG Index Rank: 15 (out of 162)
- Index score (out of 100): 78.3

Goals needing improvement:

- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- Goal 14: Life Below Water

Note: Japan has created a “Society 5.0 for SDGs” and is looking at the SDGs and how to improve many of them, including Goal 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14).



South Korea (Republic of Korea):

- SDG Index Rank: 18 (out of 162)
- Index score (out of 100): 78.3

Goals needing improvement:

- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- Goal 13: Climate Action
- Goal 14: Life Below Water

North Korea (Democratic Republic of Korea):

(Note: some information is not as easy to obtain when researching this country)

- SDG Index Rank: n/a (out of 162)
- Index score (out of 100): 65.7

Goals needing improvement:

- Goal 2: Zero Hunger
- Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being
- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Goal 13: Climate Action
- Goal 14: Life Below Water
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Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities (measures):

- Annual Mean Concentration of particulate matter in urban areas

Goal 13: Climate Action (measures):

- Energy related CO₂ emissions per capita
- People affected by climate-related disasters

Goal 14: Life Below Water (measures):

- Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity
- Ocean Health Index Goal – Clean Waters
- Fish caught by trawling

Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (measures):

- Freedom of Press Index

SDG Country Profile: <https://country-profiles.unstatshub.org/chn>

Progress report (highlights, discusses SDG 6,7, 11,12,15)

Progress report (all goals): [http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/specials/China%27sProgressReport2\(CN\).pdf](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/specials/China%27sProgressReport2(CN).pdf)

UN General Indicators: <http://data.un.org/en/iso/cn.html>



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Goals needing improvement: 2, 5, 12, 14, 15, 17, getting there but still needing improvement: 9, 10, 11:

Goal 5: Gender Equality (measures):

- Seats held by women in national parliament
- Gender wage gap
- Gender gap in minutes spent per day doing unpaid work
- Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods

Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production (measures):

- E-waste generated
- Net imported emissions of reactive nitrogen
- Imported SO₂ emissions
- Nitrogen production footprint

Goal 14: Life Below Water (measures):

- Fish stocks overexploited or collapsed by EEZ
- Ocean Health Index Goal – Clean Waters

SDG Country Profile: <https://country-profiles.unstatshub.org/jpn>

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<https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/sdgs/index.html>

https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/sdgs/pdf/about_sdgs.pdf

https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/sdgs/pdf/Japans_Effort_for_Achieving_the_SDGs.pdf

Website with all the UN SDG’s and what companies and organizations are doing for each of them:

<https://www.keidanrens-dgs-world.com/post/about-this-website>

Example: Epson (how corporate and SDG overlap): https://global.epson.com/SR/csr_initiative/sdgs.html

UN General Indicators: <http://data.un.org/en/iso/jp.html>



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Goals needing improvement: 5, 12, 13, 14, 15 Need to improve: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10

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- Seats held by women in national parliament
- Gender wage gap
- Gender gap in minutes spent per day doing unpaid work

Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production (measures):

- E-waste generated

Goal 13: Climate Action (measures):

- Energy-related CO₂ emissions per capita
- Effective Carbon rate from all non-road energy, excluding emissions from biomass

Goal 14: Life Below Water (measures):

- Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity
- Ocean Health Index Goal – Clean Waters
- Fish caught by trawling

SDG Country Profile: <https://country-profiles.unstatshub.org/kor>

UN General Indicators: <http://data.un.org/en/iso/kr.html>

Review of progress:

[https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/10632National%20Voluntary%20Review%20Report%20\(rev_final\).pdf](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/10632National%20Voluntary%20Review%20Report%20(rev_final).pdf)

UNDP Seoul Center:

[https://www.undp.org/content/dam/uspc/docs/Final%20HLPF%20brochure%20\(7.14\).pdf](https://www.undp.org/content/dam/uspc/docs/Final%20HLPF%20brochure%20(7.14).pdf)

<https://www.unsdsn.org/south-korea>



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Goal 2: Zero Hunger (measures):

- Prevalence of undernourishment
- Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age

Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being (measures):

- Incidence of tuberculosis
- Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and air pollution
- Traffic deaths rate
- Life expectancy
- Universal Health Coverage Tracer index

Goal 5: Gender Equality (measures):

- Seats held by women in national parliament

Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy (measures)

- Access to electricity
- Access to clean fuels and technology for cooking
- CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion/electricity output

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities (measures):

- Annual Mean Concentration of particulate matter in urban areas

Goal 13: Climate Action (measures):

- People affected by climate-related disasters

Goal 14: Life Below Water (measures):

- Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity
- Ocean Health Index Goal – Clean Waters

Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (measures):

- Freedom of Press Index

SDG Country Profile: <https://country-profiles.unstatshub.org/prk>

UN General Indicators: <http://data.un.org/en/iso/kp.html>