Korea has the second smallest government across the OECD, with government expenditures representing 30.2% of GDP in 2011.

With 13.1%, Korea is the OECD country that allocates the lowest share of government expenditures towards social protection.

Korea received among the highest scores on both the OECD index on the use of performance budgeting practices (0.66) and on the OECD index on asset disclosure across all branches of government (0.86).

Did you know?

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**Strategic Governance**

**Trust in government**

% of citizens who have confidence in their national government (2007 & 2012)

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Percentage point change 2007-2012

- Korea: -1
- OECD: -5

Source: Gallup World Poll

**Impact of the tax system and grants on reducing income inequality**

Differences in income inequality before and after tax and government transfers (2010)

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Source: OECD Income Distribution Database

**Public sector efficiency**

Education: performance in PISA reading scores and expenditure per student (aged 6 to 15) in USD PPP (2009)

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Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2012

**Fiscal sustainability**

Total consolidation requirements between 2012 and 2030 in order to reduce government debt to 60% of GDP

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Note: In Korea, no consolidation is needed to achieve the 60% debt-to-GDP ratio by 2030.

Source: OECD Economic Outlook No. 93 (May 2013)
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Asset disclosure: Level of disclosure of private interests and public availability of information (2012)

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Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Serving Citizens: quality of public services

Access to medical care (2011)
out of pocket expenditure as a % of final household consumption

- Korea: 4.6%
- OECD: 2.9%

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2013

Citizen take-up of e-government services (2012)
% of individuals using the internet to interact with public authorities

- Korea: 50%
- OECD: 50%

Note: Data for Korea are not available.

Source: Eurostat and OECD

Satisfaction and confidence across public services (2012)
% of citizens expressing confidence/satisfaction

- National government
- Judicial system
- Local police
- Health care
- Education system

Note: Data for Korea are for 2011.

Source: World Gallup Poll

Government at a Glance 2013

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