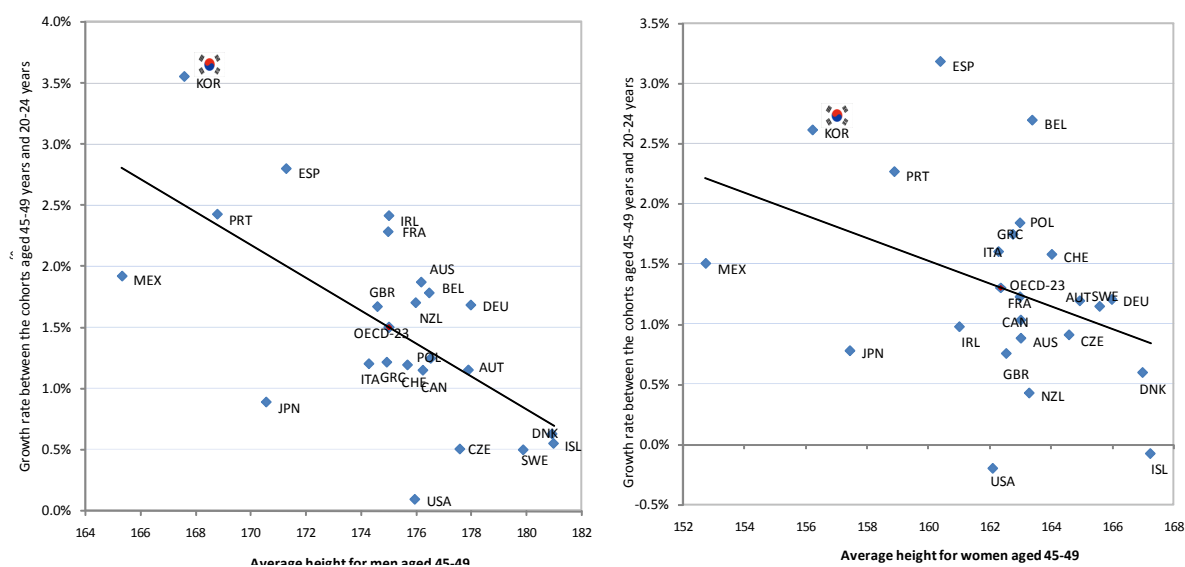


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KEY FINDINGS: KOREA

Height: Comparing the cohort aged 45-49 to the cohort aged 20-24 shows that in Korea young men are 6 cm taller than their fathers' generation and women 4 cm taller than their mothers' generation. These are the biggest height gains across the OECD, reflecting rapidly improving Korean health conditions during childhood. [[HTML](#)] [[XLS](#)]



Sleep: Koreans sleep the least out of 18 OECD countries. Koreans average 7 hours and 49 minutes of sleep per day. The French, on the other hand, sleep 8 hours and 50 minutes per day, the most in OECD-18. [[PDF](#)] [[XLS](#)] [[HTML](#)]

Gender differences in leisure: Along with Italy, Mexico, and Poland, Korea is a country where men have much more leisure time than women. Korean men report an average of 37 daily minutes of leisure more than women. . [[PDF](#)] [[XLS](#)] [[HTML](#)]

Life expectancy: In Korea, life expectancy at birth for women and men combined increased by 26.7 years between 1960 and 2006, one of the biggest increases in the OECD. [[PDF](#)] [[XLS](#)] [[HTML](#)]

Retirement: In Korea, Japan, and Mexico, the average retirement age exceeds the official age by more than five years. Korean men work more than ten years beyond the official retirement age. [[HTML](#)] [[XLS](#)]

Suicides: Suicides in Korea show a sharp increase from the late 1990s. Korea now has the highest suicide rates among OECD countries (around 22 deaths per 100 000 individuals). Gender gaps are small: around two male suicides for each female death. Suicide rates of the old are especially high in Korea. Where suicide rates by age show a steep increase from the ages of 45-54. [[PDF](#)] [[XLS](#)] [[HTML](#)]