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The United States and South Korea in Profile

The United States and South Korea are leaders in the world. The US economy is the world’s largest, while South Korea’s is the fifteenth largest. The United States is the world’s largest exporter and South Korea is the eleventh largest. Both countries have democratic governments and populations that are almost evenly distributed between rural and urban areas. South Korea is, by some measures, the world’s most digitally advanced country, with more cell phones than people.



INDICATOR, 2009	UNITED STATES	SOUTH KOREA
Population, total	307 million 	48.7 million
GDP (current \$)	\$14,120 billion 	\$833 billion
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$)	\$45,989 	\$27,168
Trade (% of GDP)	25% 	96%
Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	11% 	50%
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (BoP, current \$)	\$135 billion 	\$1.5 billion
Land area (sq. mi.)	3,537,000 sq. mi. 	38,000 sq. mi.
Military expenditure (% of GDP)	5% 	3%
Time required to start a business (days)	6 days 	14 days
Trade in services (% of GDP)	6% 	16%
Internet penetration rate	75.1% 	75.6%

Sources: World Bank; US Central Intelligence Agency; US Census Bureau; US Department of State

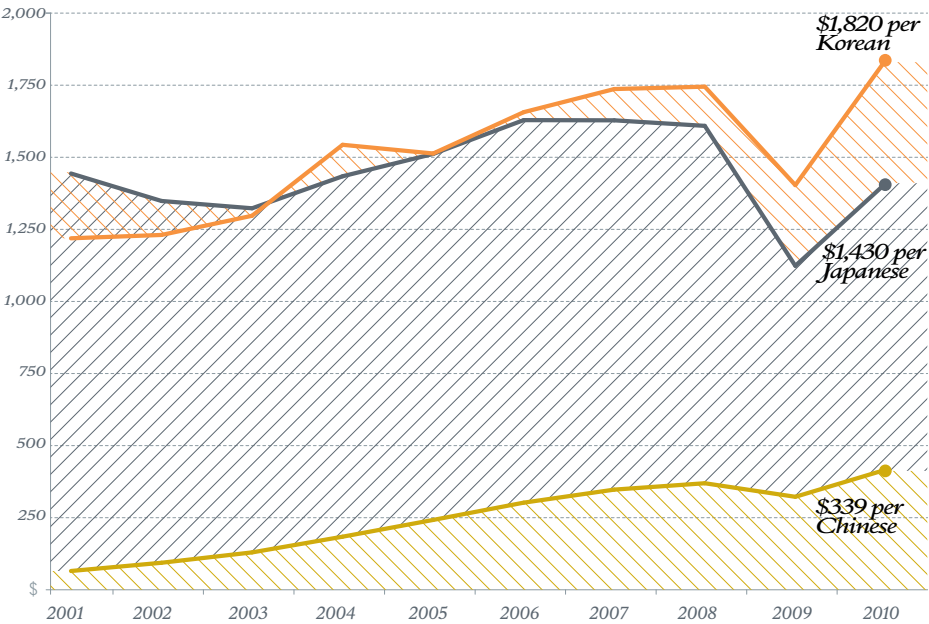
US Trade with South Korea Totals \$115 Billion

In 2010, South Korea was the United States’ seventh largest two-way trading partner. US exports of goods and services to Korea are valued at \$55 billion, an increase of 92% from 2001. US imports from South Korea are nearly \$60 billion. The US trade deficit on goods and services has declined 61%, from \$12 billion in 2001 to \$5 billion in 2010.

The Korea-US Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA), signed in 2007, would eliminate nearly 95 percent of all bilateral tariffs within three years of ratification.

US TRADE BY PARTNER COUNTRY POPULATION

US trade with Korea is higher than with China and Japan when adjusted for population.



Sources: US Department of Commerce; United Nations, 2010

TOP EXPORT PARTNERS: (IN BILLIONS)

US MERCHANDISE EXPORT PARTNERS, 2009

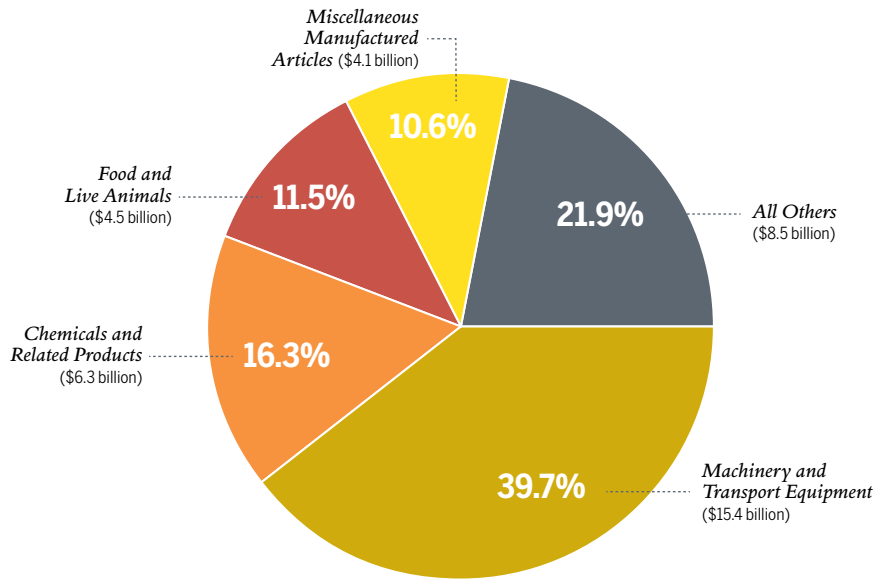
RANK	COUNTRY	US\$	%
1	Canada	\$204.7	19%
2	Mexico	\$129.0	12%
3	China (PRC)	\$69.6	7%
4	Japan	\$51.2	5%
5	United Kingdom	\$45.7	4%
6	Germany	\$43.3	4%
7	Netherlands	\$32.3	3%
8	South Korea	\$28.6	3%
9	France	\$27.0	3%
10	Brazil	\$26.2	2%
Total US Exports		\$1,057.1	

KOREA'S MERCHANDISE EXPORT PARTNERS, 2009

RANK	COUNTRY	US\$	%
1	China (PRC)	\$86.7	23%
2	United States	\$37.8	10%
3	Japan	\$21.7	6%
4	Hong Kong, SAR	\$19.7	5%
5	Singapore	\$13.6	4%
6	Germany	\$8.8	2%
7	India	\$8.0	2%
8	Vietnam	\$7.1	2%
9	Mexico	\$7.1	2%
10	Indonesia	\$6.0	2%
Total Korean Exports		\$373.2	

Source: IMF Direction of Trade Statistics, 2009

COMPOSITION OF US GOODS EXPORTS TO KOREA, 2010



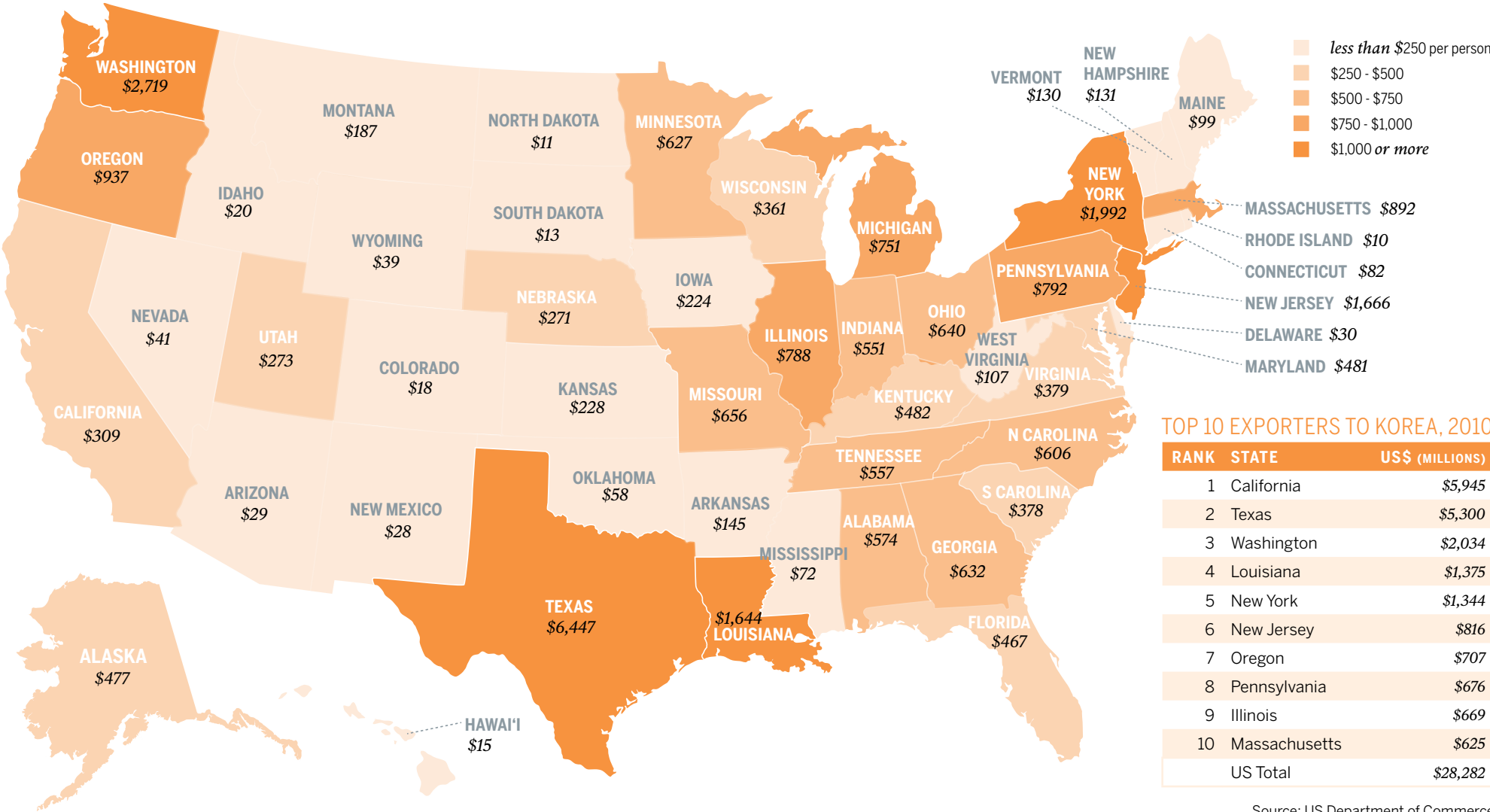
Source: US Department of Commerce

13 US States Have Doubled Exports to Korea since 2002

An additional ten states have increased exports by at least 50% during this period. Thirteen states export more than \$500 million a year to

Korea. Six states send 5% or more of their total merchandise exports to Korea; Alaska has the highest share at 14%.

STATE PER CAPITA EXPORTS TO SOUTH KOREA, 2010



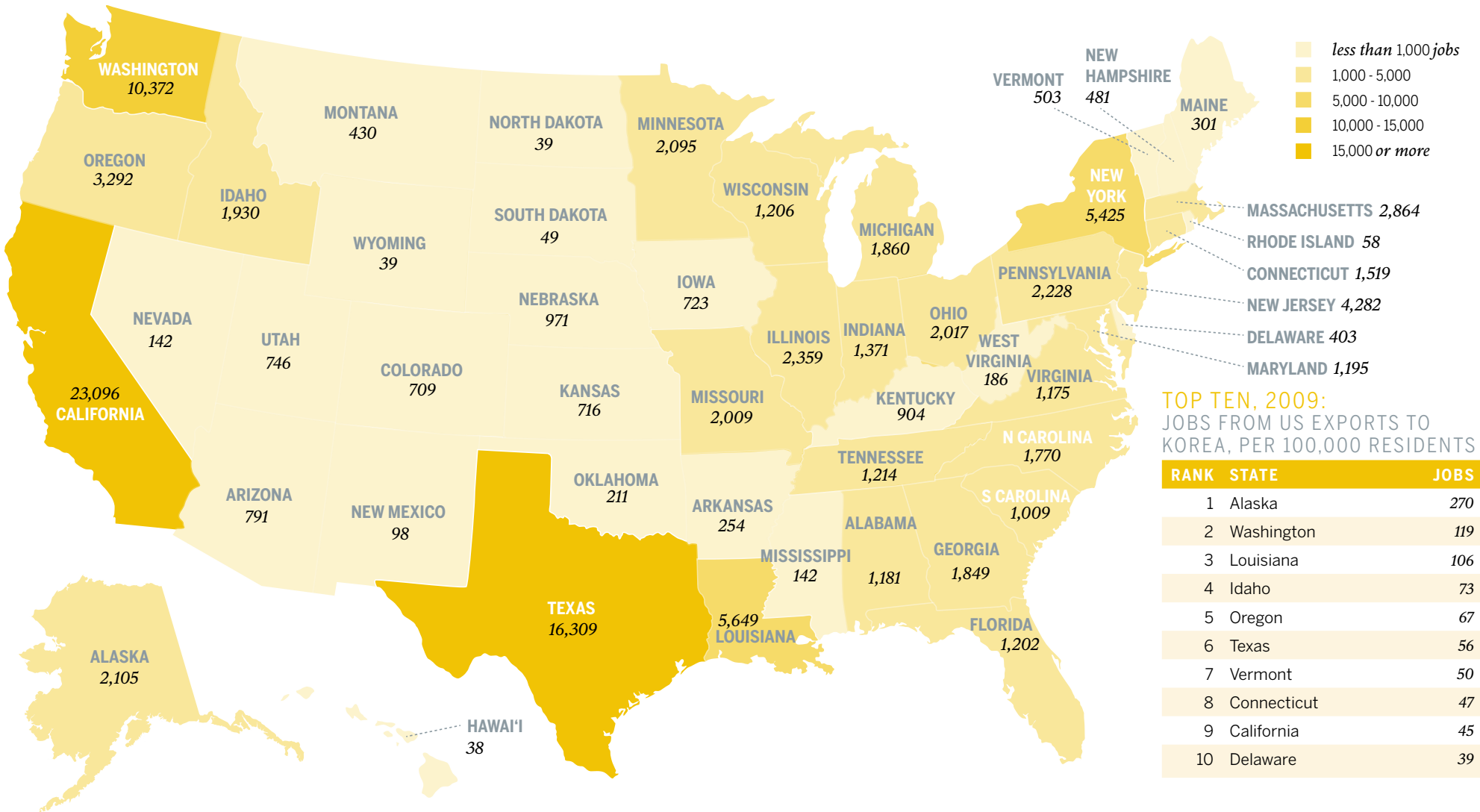
Source: US Department of Commerce

Exports to South Korea Support 114,000 US Jobs

Exports to Korea supported an estimated 114,000 jobs in the United States in 2010, 25% more than in 2002. These jobs are spread across the

country: 27 states had at least 1,000 jobs supported by exports to South Korea and 5 states had more than 5,000 jobs.

JOBS FROM US EXPORTS TO SOUTH KOREA, 2010



Sources: The Trade Partnership, Washington, DC; US Census Bureau

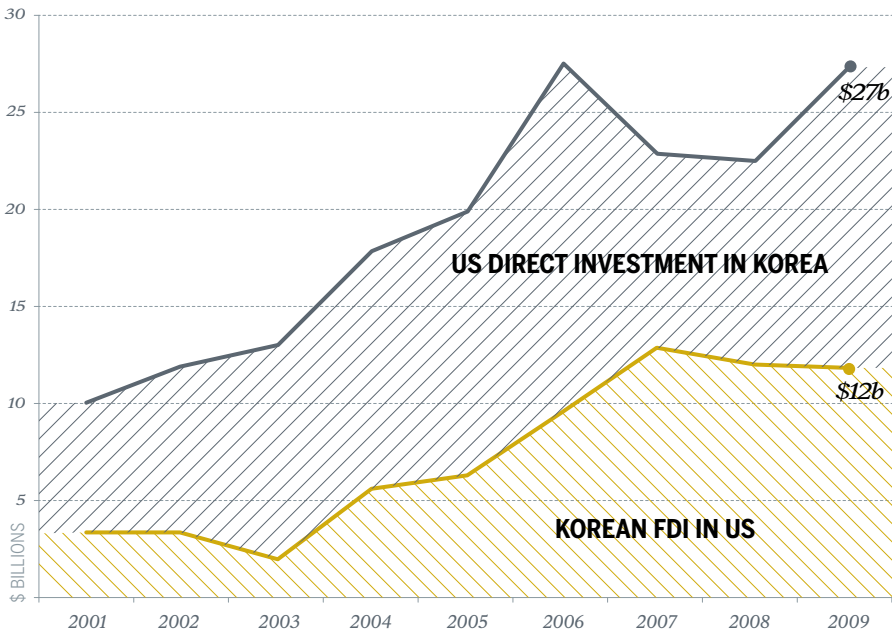
Korean Investment in the US Has Increased 400% in the Last Decade

South Korean investment in the United States increased from \$3 billion in 2001 to \$12 billion in 2009. US investment in South Korea has nearly tripled, from \$10 billion in 2001 to \$27 billion in 2009. This investment creates jobs, such as at South Korean car manufacturing plants. Hyundai’s plant in Montgomery, Alabama, and Kia’s plant in West Point, Georgia, together have created about 8,000 jobs in the last few years.

Other leading Korean investors in the US include Samsung, Hyundai, Kia, Doosan Heavy Industry, and SK Corporation. Leading US investors in Korea include 3M, GM, Chevron, IBM, and Citigroup.

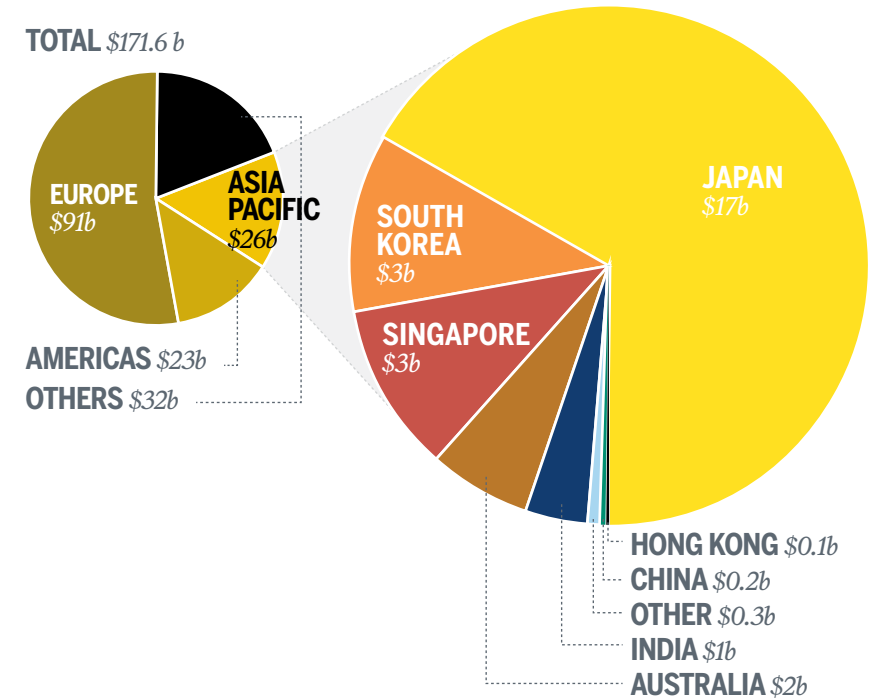
US-SOUTH KOREA INVESTMENT (STOCK), 2001-2009

Sources: US Bureau of Economic Analysis; Economist Intelligence Unit



NET INVESTMENT FLOWS INTO US, 2010 (US\$ BILLIONS)

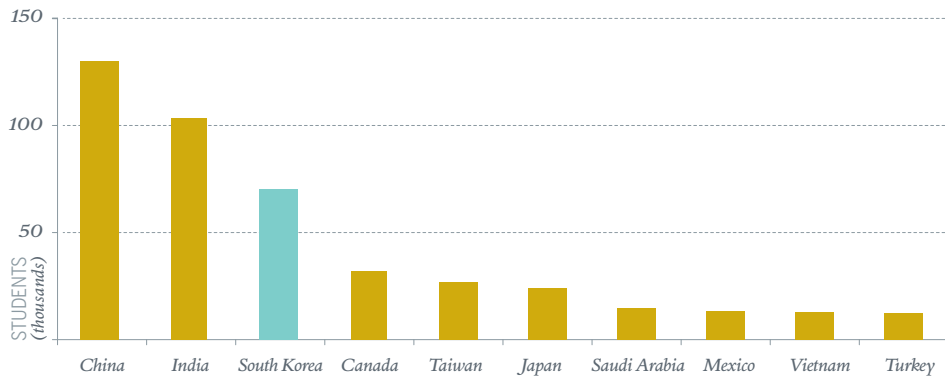
Source: Economist Intelligence Unit, 2010



South Korea is the 3rd Leading Source of Foreign Students in the US

The number of South Korean students in the United States has increased significantly in the last decade, rising by nearly half from 49,000 students in the academic year starting 2001 to 72,000 in 2009. Only China and India have more students in the US.

TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS IN US, 2009

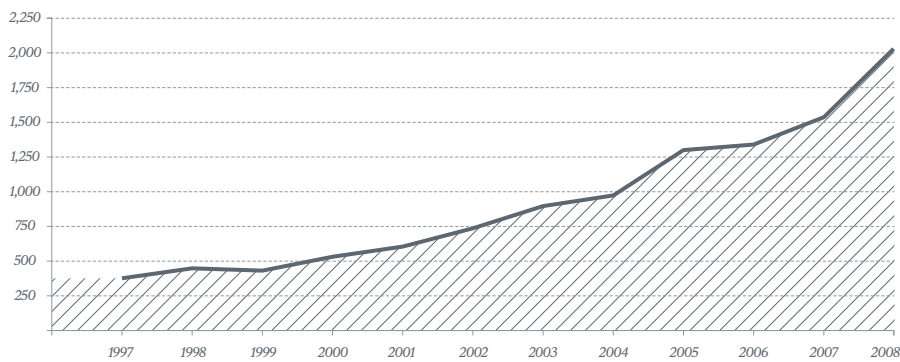


When adjusted for population, Korea sends the greatest number of students among the top five sources of international students in the US.

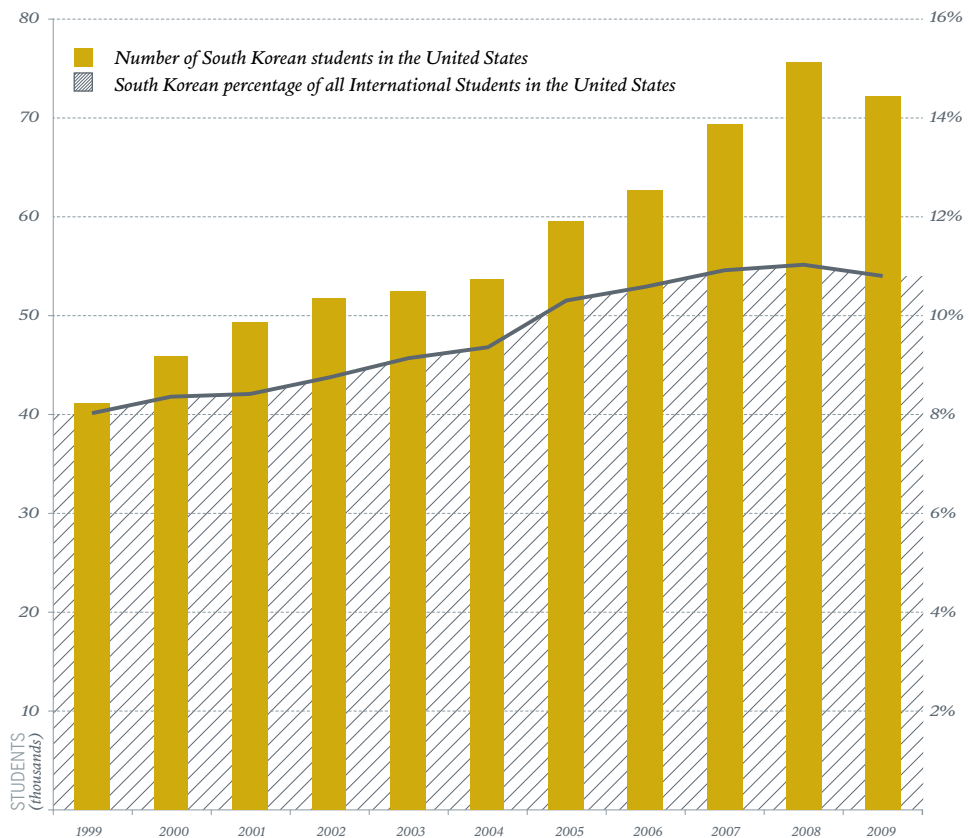
COUNTRY	STUDENTS IN US PER 100,000 SOURCE COUNTRY POP.
South Korea	150.4
Taiwan	115.7
Canada	82.7
China	9.6
India	9.5

Source: International Institute of Education, 2009-10 academic year

US STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS IN KOREA (TOTAL STUDENTS BY ACADEMIC YEAR)



SOUTH KOREAN STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES: INCREASING SHARE & NUMBERS



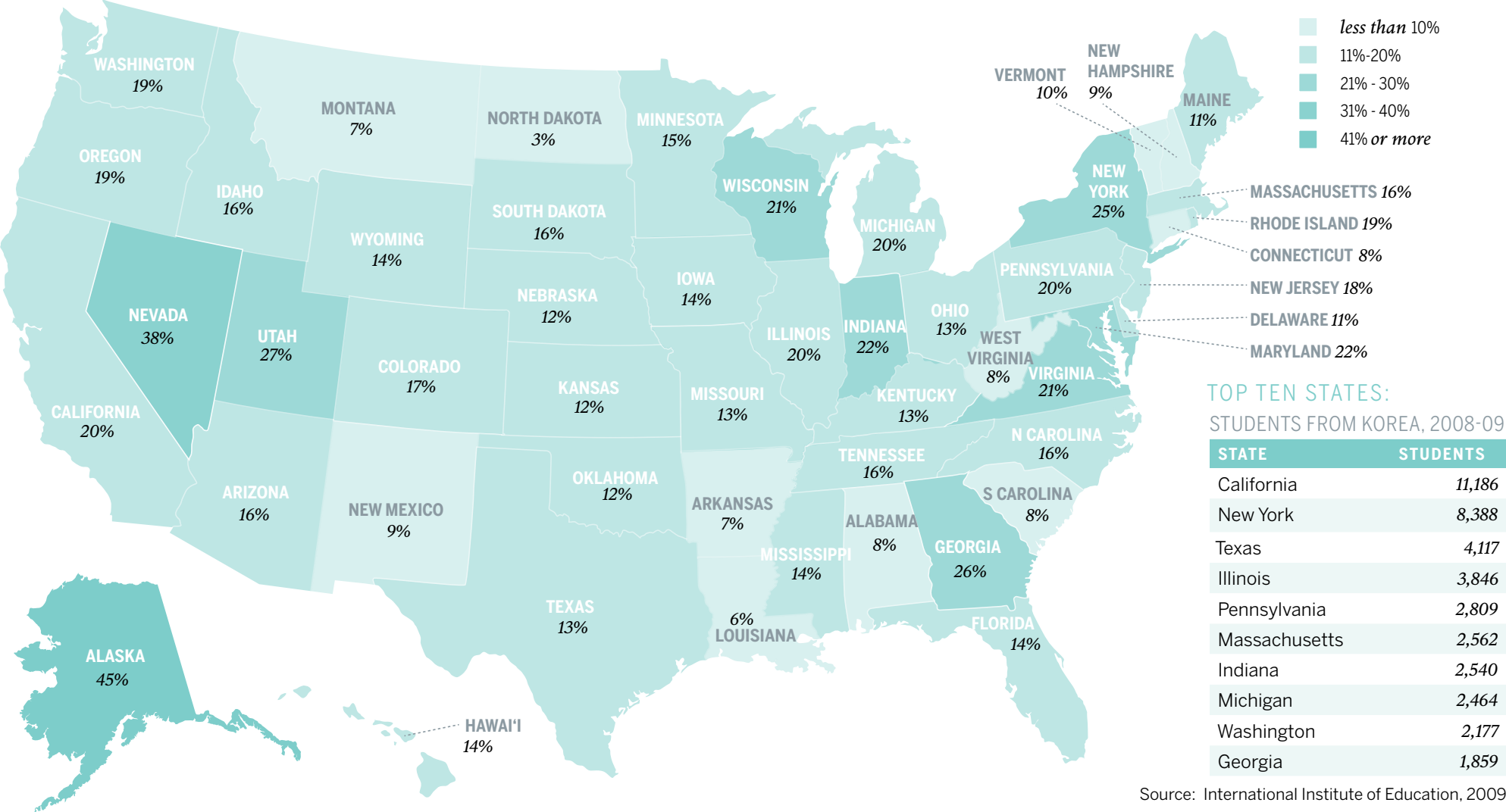
Source: International Institute of Education

Korean Students Contribute \$2 Billion to the US Economy

South Koreans also make up an increasing share of all international students. In 2001/02, they represented 8.4% of all international students in the United States; in 2008/09 they reached a high of 11.2%. A majority

of South Korean students are undergraduates (50%), while about one in three is a graduate student.

SHARE OF ALL FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE US



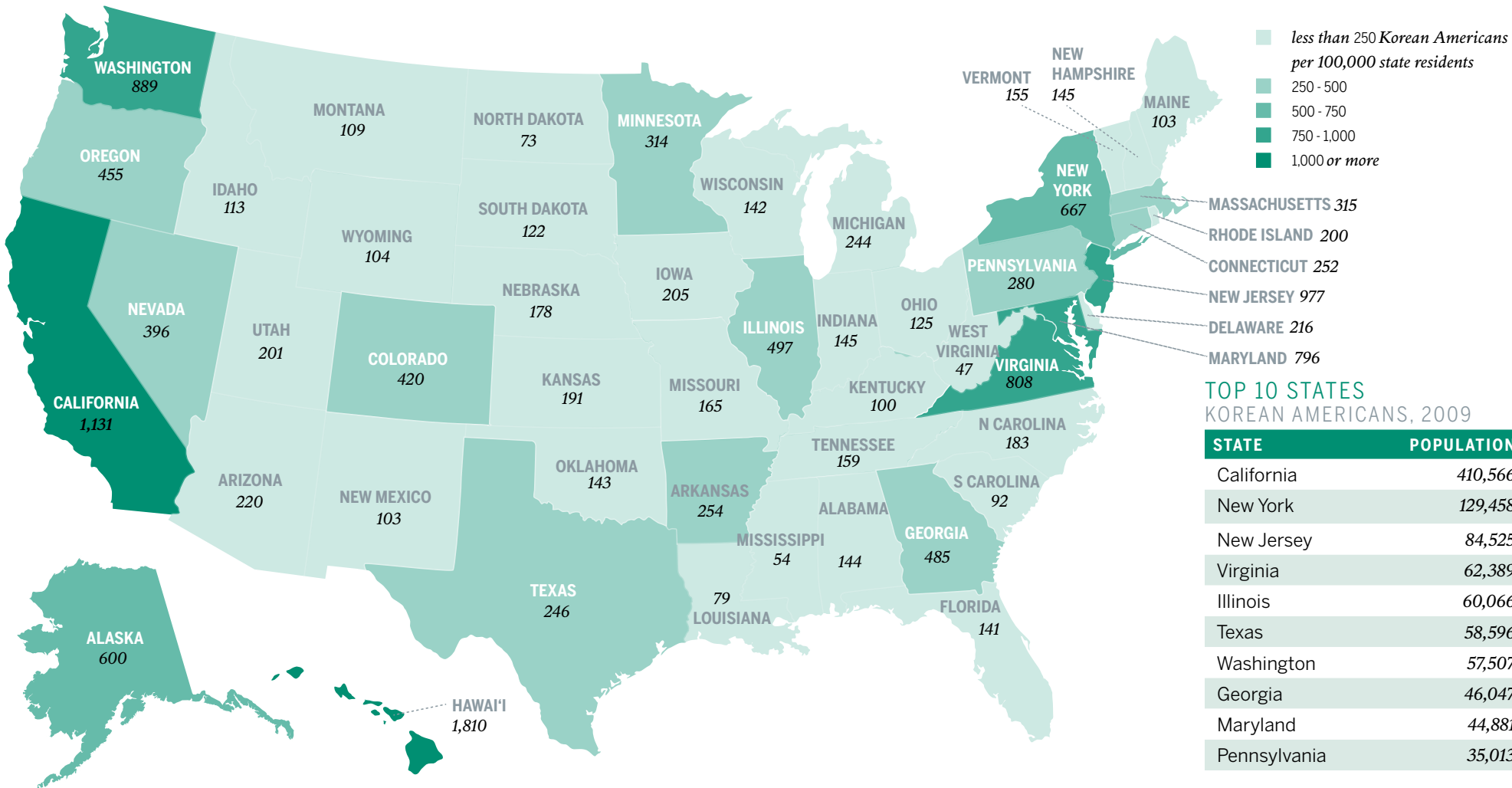
Source: International Institute of Education, 2009

Koreans Make Up 10% of the Asian American Population

More than 1.3 million Korean Americans live in the United States, an increase of 4.4% since 2004. Nearly 75% of Korean Americans are

foreign-born. Koreans are the fifth largest Asian American community after Chinese, Indians, Filipinos, and Vietnamese.

KOREAN AMERICAN POPULATION, 2009

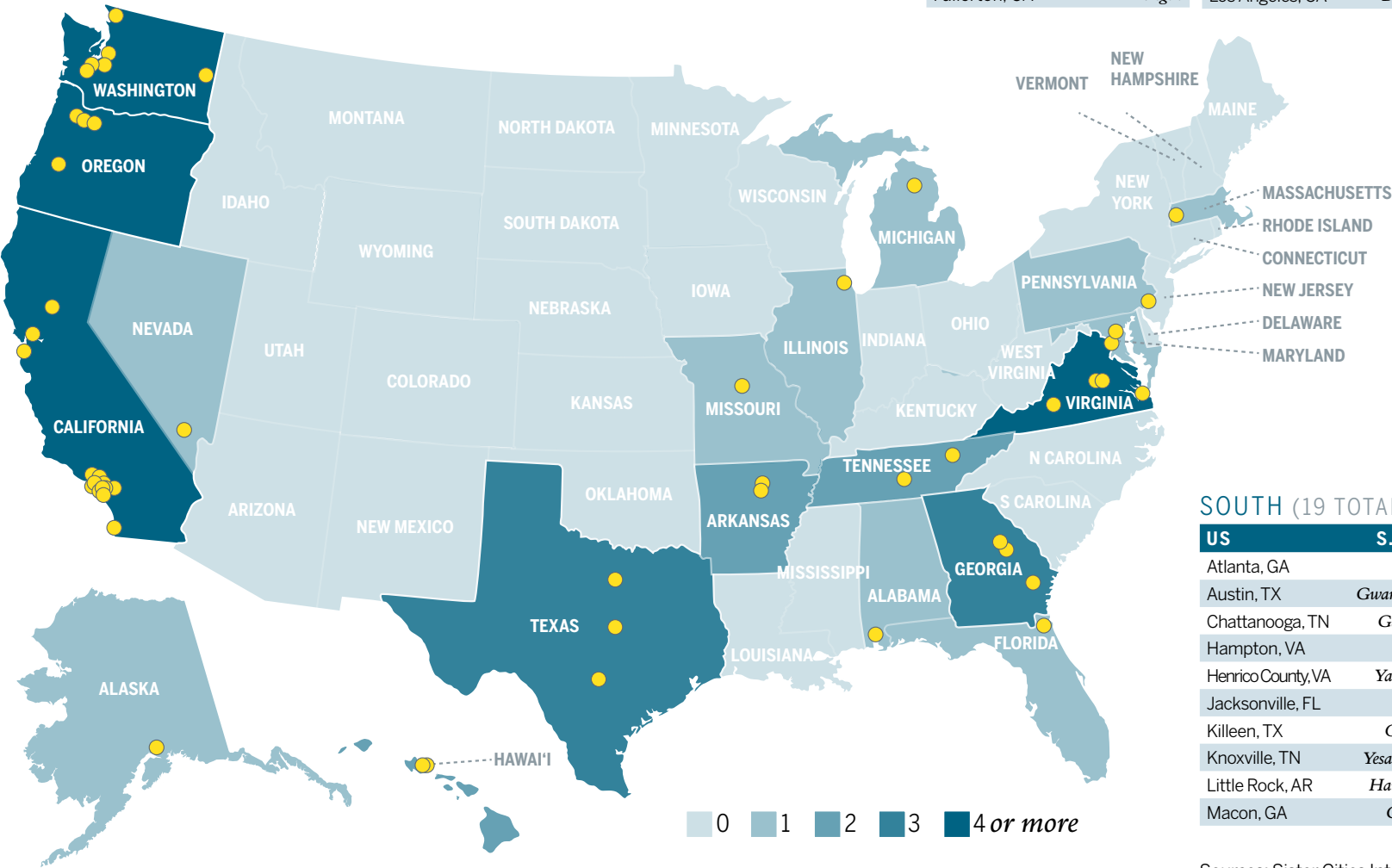


Source: US Census Bureau

US and Korea Share 54 Sister City Relationships

The United States and South Korea have a total of 54 sister city relationships, which are municipal partnerships between US cities, counties, and states with similar jurisdictions in South Korea.

SOUTH KOREA AND US SISTER CITIES



WEST (30 TOTAL)

US	S.KOREA	US	S.KOREA	US	S.KOREA
Anchorage, AK	Incheon	Garden Grove, CA	Anyang	Los Angeles, CA	Pusan
Bakersfield, CA	Bucheon	Gresham, OR	Sokcho	Portland, OR	Ulsan
Beaverton, OR	Cheonan	Honolulu, HI	Seoul	Riverside, CA	Gangnam District
Bellingham, WA	Cheongju	Honolulu, HI	Incheon	Sacramento, CA	Yongsan District
Burbank, CA	Incheon	Irvine, CA	Nowon County	San Diego, CA	Jeonju
Carson, CA	Wanju District	Irvine, CA	Seocho District	San Francisco, CA	Seoul
Culver City, CA	Iksan City	Lakewood, WA	Gimhae	Seattle, WA	Taejon
Eugene, OR	Chinju	La Habra, CA	Eumbyeong District	Spokane, WA	Chechon
Federal Way, WA	Donghae	Las Vegas, NV	Ansan	Tacoma, WA	Gunsan
Fullerton, CA	Yongin	Los Angeles, CA	Busan City	Vallejo, CA	Chincheon County

MIDWEST (3 TOTAL)

US	S.KOREA
Chicago, IL	Busan City
Columbia, MO	Suncheon
Lansing, MI	Asan

NORTHEAST (2 TOTAL)

US	S.KOREA
Philadelphia, PA	Incheon
Pittsfield, MA	Cheongju

SOUTH (19 TOTAL)

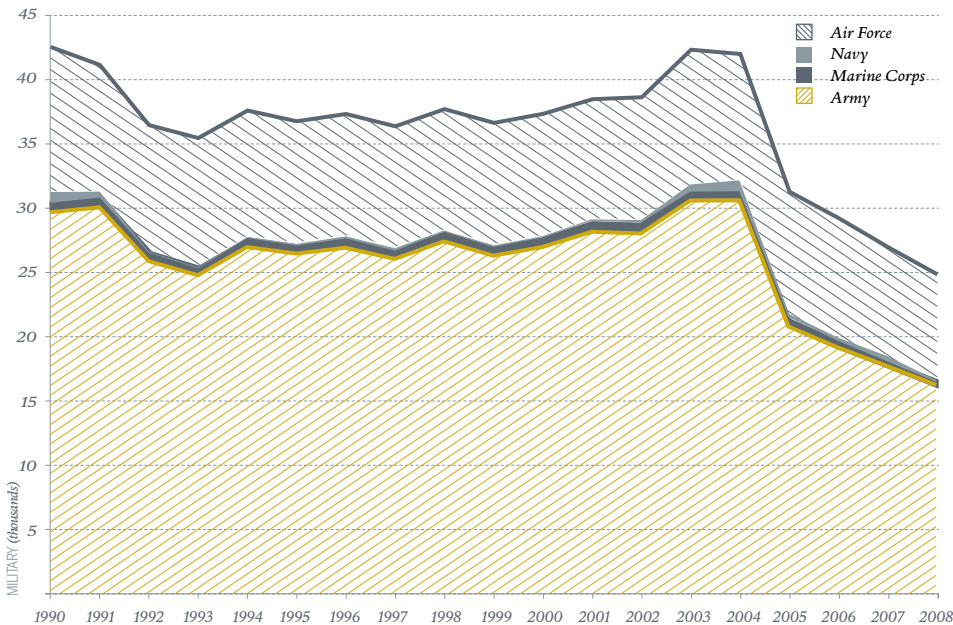
US	S.KOREA	US	S.KOREA
Atlanta, GA	Daegu	Marietta, GA	Seongdong District
Austin, TX	Gwangmyeong	State of Maryland	Gyeongangnam
Chattanooga, TN	Gangneung	Mobile, AL	Pyeongtaek
Hampton, VA	Anyang	Newport Beach, CA	Yosu City
Henrico County, VA	Yangju City	N. Little Rock, AR	Uiwang City
Jacksonville, FL	Masan	Richmond, VA	Uijongbu
Killeen, TX	Osan City	Roanoke, VA	Wonju
Knoxville, TN	Yesan County	San Antonio, TX	Gwangju
Little Rock, AR	Hanam City	Washington, DC	Seoul
Macon, GA	Gwacheon		

Sources: Sister Cities International; Individual sister city associations

The United States and South Korea Are Allies

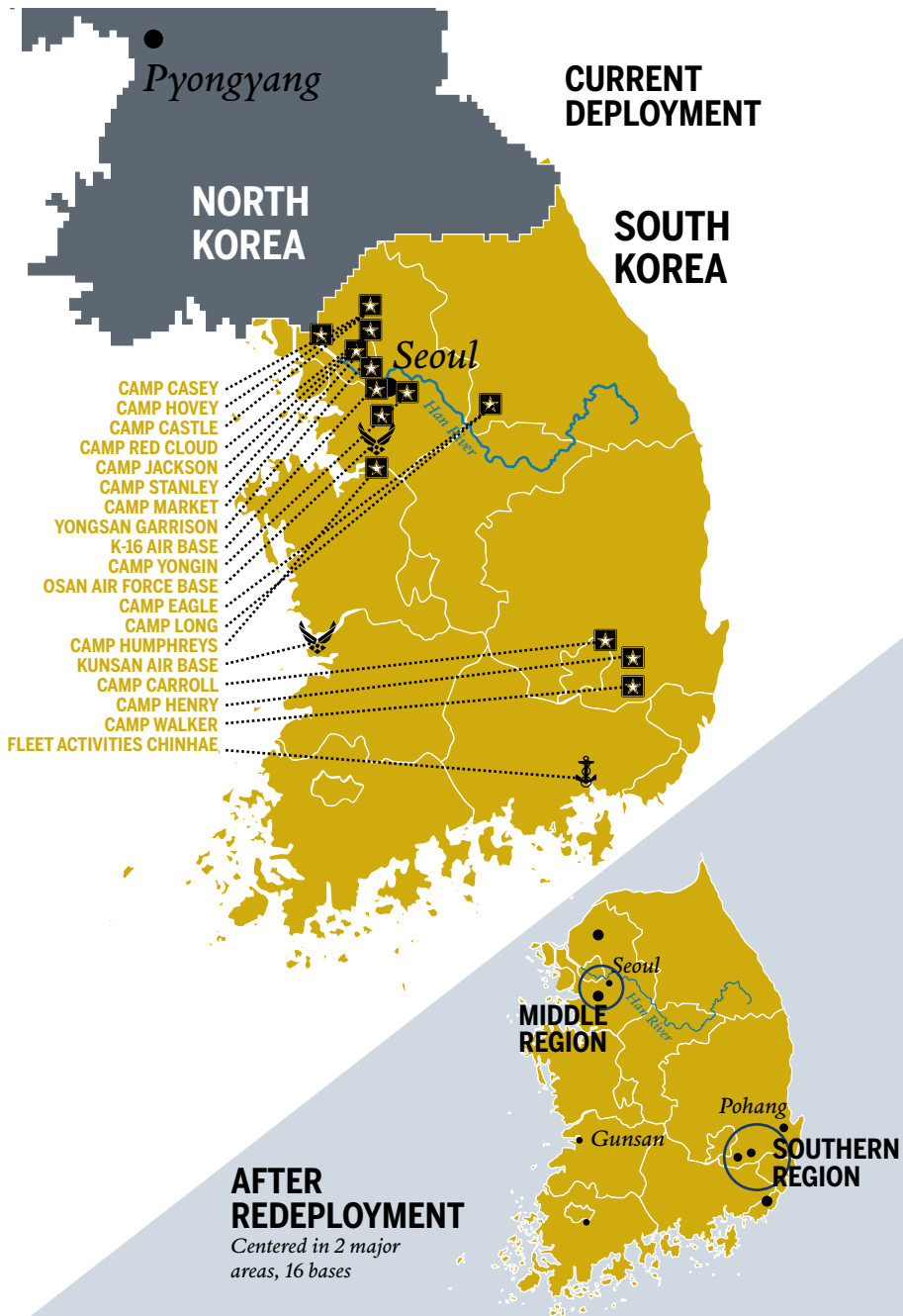
The 1953 Mutual Defense Treaty remains the cornerstone of the two countries' security relationship, which has guaranteed peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and the region for over fifty years. The United States currently maintains about 28,500 military personnel in the Republic of Korea (ROK), and the Combined Forces Command (CFC), established in 1978, has been the centerpiece of the ROK-US Alliance. However, responding to the vast increase in capabilities of the ROK Armed Forces, armistice Operational Control of the ROK Armed Forces was returned to the ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) in 1994. The Alliance is currently implementing a comprehensive strategy to achieve transfer of wartime Operational Control by 2015 to the ROK JCS.

US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH KOREA, 1990-2008



Sources: United States Forces Korea; US Department of Defense; US Department of State

US BASES IN KOREA



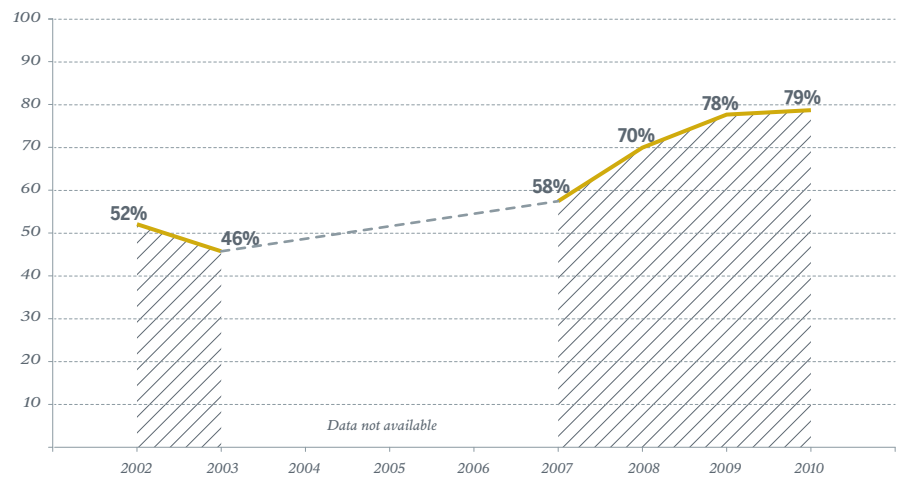
Sources: Department of Defense; CSIS; Korea Ministry of Defense

The United States and South Korea in Global Partnership

US-South Korea relations matter for the world. Together, the two countries fund nearly 30% of the total budget for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. The two countries are both members of the Group of Twenty (G20) and the Nuclear Security Summit, which was initiated by US President Barack Obama in 2010 and is scheduled to be held in 2012 in South Korea.

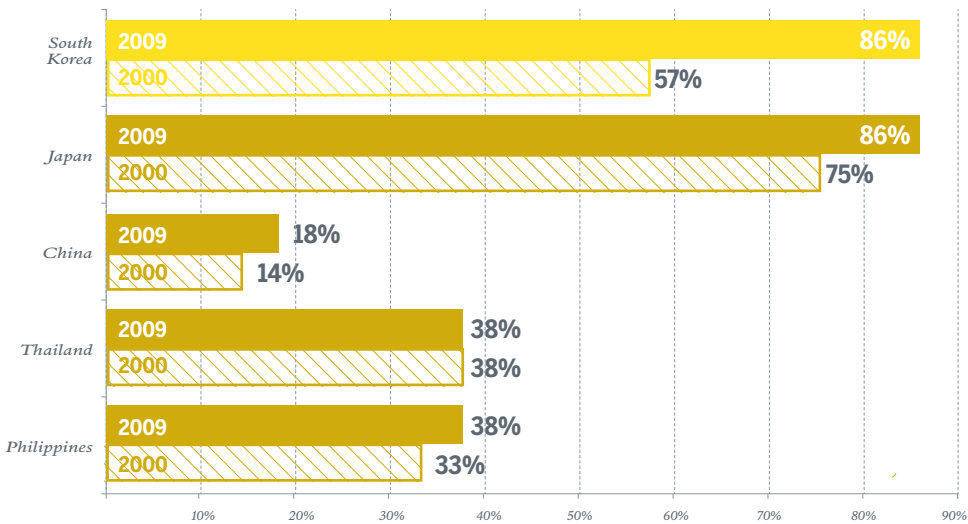
The two countries work closely on a broad range of issues, such as addressing the challenges of terrorism, piracy, climate change, poverty, infringement of human rights, security, and epidemic diseases. Korea contributes to peacekeeping and development assistance in Iraq and Afghanistan. Both countries seek permanent peace and peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. In the United Nations, South Korea is in the top quarter of countries that vote in agreement with the United States.

KOREAN FAVORABLE VIEWS OF THE US



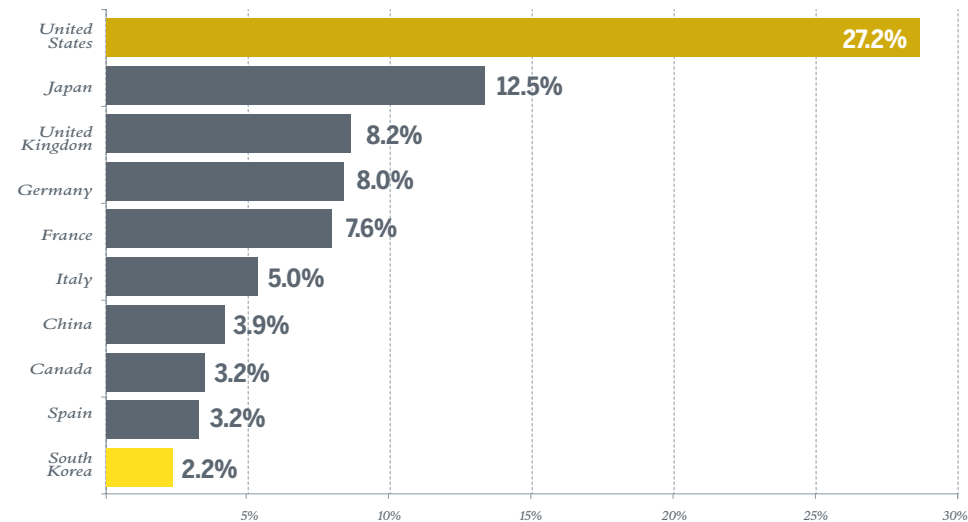
Source: Pew Global Attitudes Project, 2010

UN "IMPORTANT" VOTES: AGREEMENT WITH US, 2000 & 2009

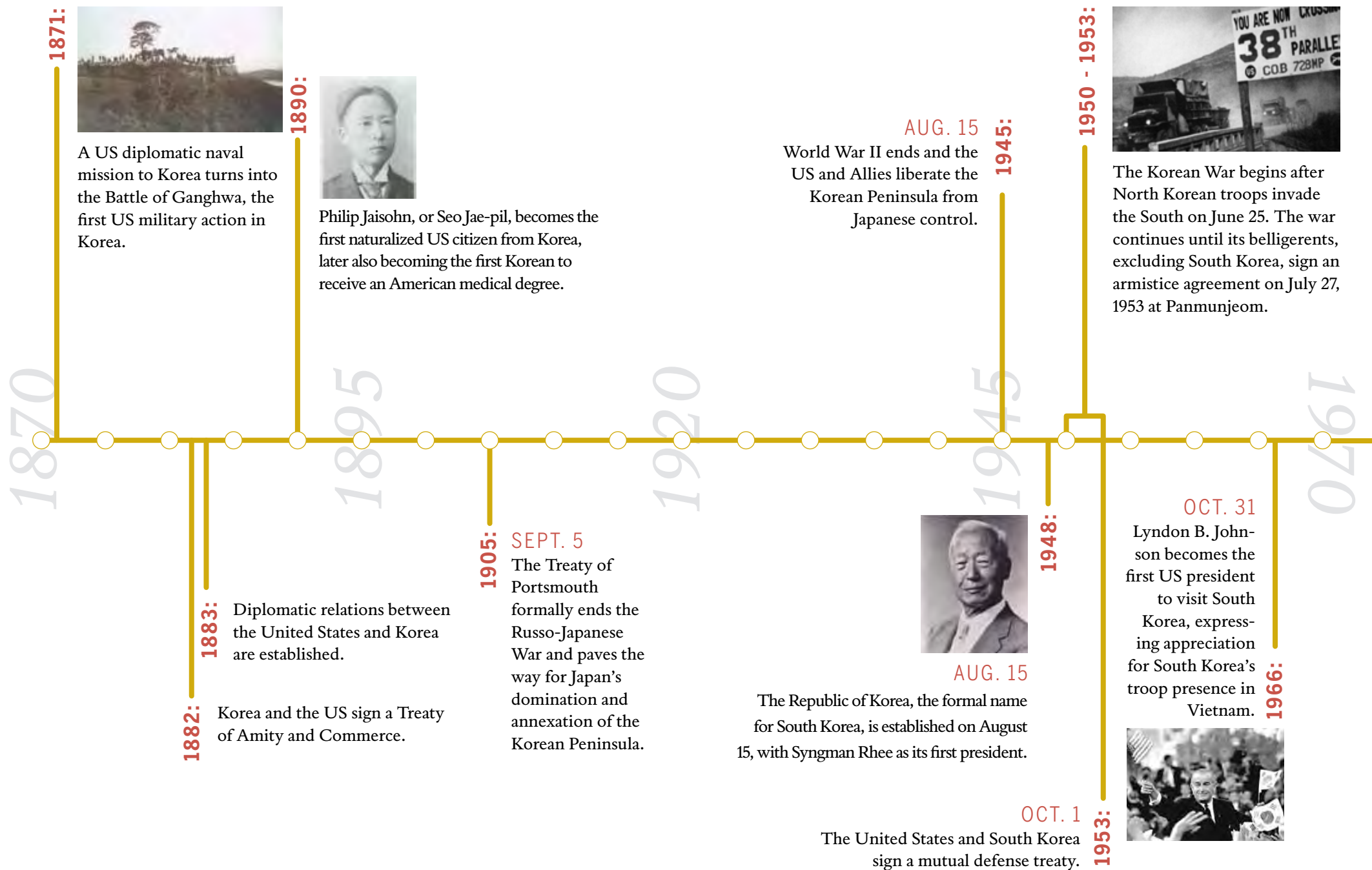


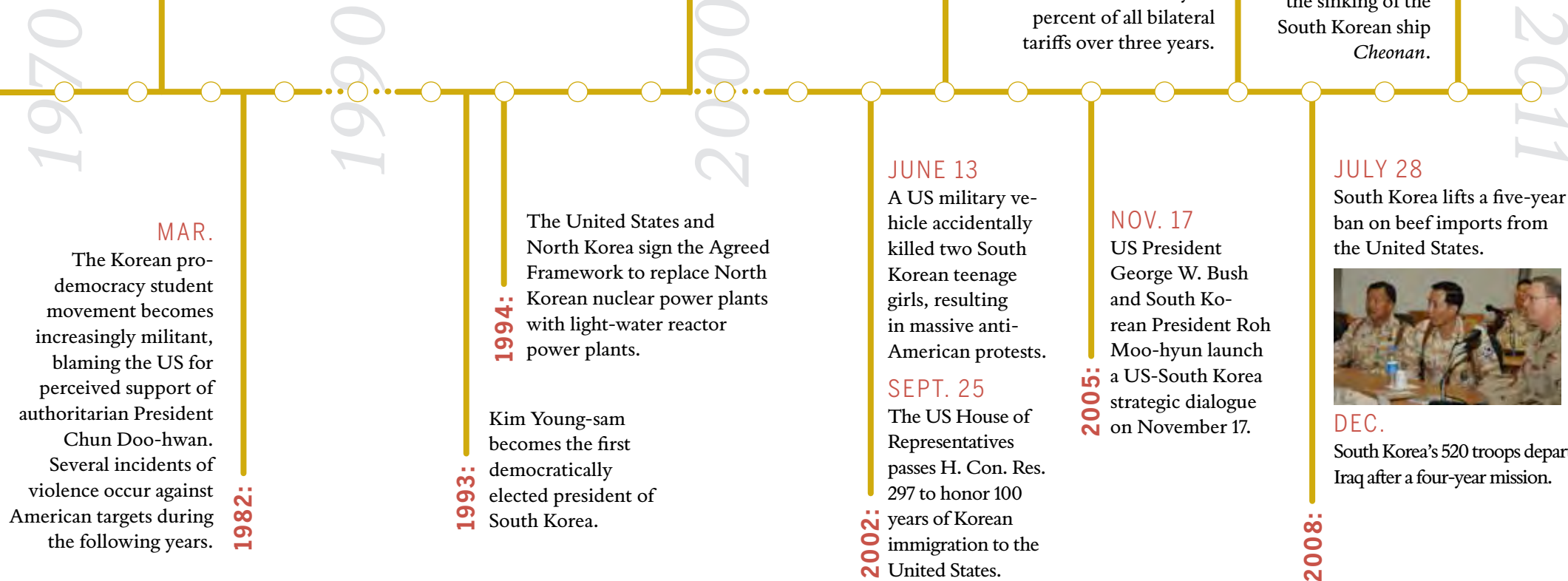
Source: US Department of State

UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS TOP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS, % OF UN BUDGET, 2009



Source: United Nations





The Ulchi-Focus Lens annual joint military exercise starts. Now known as Ulchi Freedom Guardian, it is the world's largest command and control simulation exercise.



JULY 2
US President Bill Clinton welcomes South Korean President Kim Dae-jung in Washington, DC, for a summit meeting.

2003: The first round of the Six Party Talks takes place, bringing together five Northeast Asian countries and the United States to discuss North Korea's unauthorized nuclear weapons program.



JULY 21
US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates meet with their South Korean counterparts after the sinking of the South Korean ship *Cheonan*.

JUNE 13
A US military vehicle accidentally killed two South Korean teenage girls, resulting in massive anti-American protests.

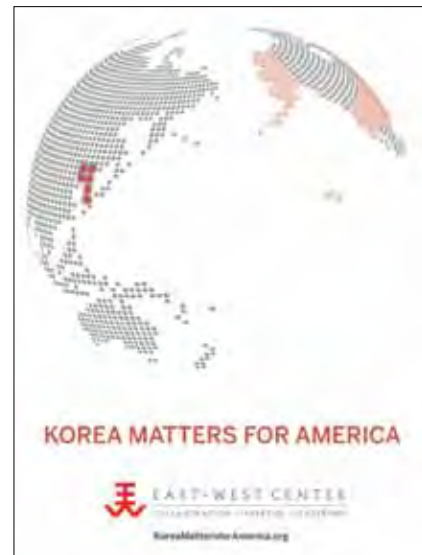
SEPT. 25
The US House of Representatives passes H. Con. Res. 297 to honor 100 years of Korean immigration to the United States.

NOV. 17
US President George W. Bush and South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun launch a US-South Korea strategic dialogue on November 17.

JULY 28
South Korea lifts a five-year ban on beef imports from the United States.



DEC.
South Korea's 520 troops depart Iraq after a four-year mission.



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