

China vs. North Korea

	China	North Korea
Government type	Communist	Communist: one-man dictatorship
Life expectancy	total population: 75.15 years	total population: 69.81 years
Infant mortality rate	total: 14.79 deaths/1,000 live births	total: 24.5 deaths/1,000 live births
Children under the age of 5 years underweight	3.4% (2010)	18.8% (2009)
Economy	Since the late 1970s China has moved from a closed, centrally planned system to a more market-oriented one that plays a major global role - in 2010 China became the world's largest exporter.	North Korea, one of the world's most centrally directed and least open economies, faces chronic economic problems. Industrial machines and tools are nearly beyond repair as a result of being outdated, shortages of spare parts, and poor maintenance. Large-scale military spending decreases the resources needed for economic improvements and consumption of goods by citizens.
Roadways	total: 2,551,590 miles paved: 2,146,147 mi (includes 52,782 mi of expressways) unpaved: 405,442 mi (2011)	total: 15,878 miles paved: 449 mi (same distance as Portland to Boise, ID) unpaved: 15,428 mi (2006)
Broadcast media	All broadcast media are owned by, or affiliated with, the Communist Party of China or a government agency; no privately owned TV or radio stations; state-run Chinese Central TV, provincial, and municipal stations offer more than 2,000 channels; the Central Propaganda Department lists subjects that are off limits to domestic broadcast media with the government maintaining authority to approve all programming; foreign-made TV programs must be approved prior to broadcast	No independent media; radios and TVs are pre-tuned to government stations; 4 government-owned TV stations; the Korean Workers' Party owns and operates the Korean Central Broadcasting Station, and the state-run Voice of Korea operates an external broadcast service; the government prohibits listening to and jams foreign broadcasts (2008)

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