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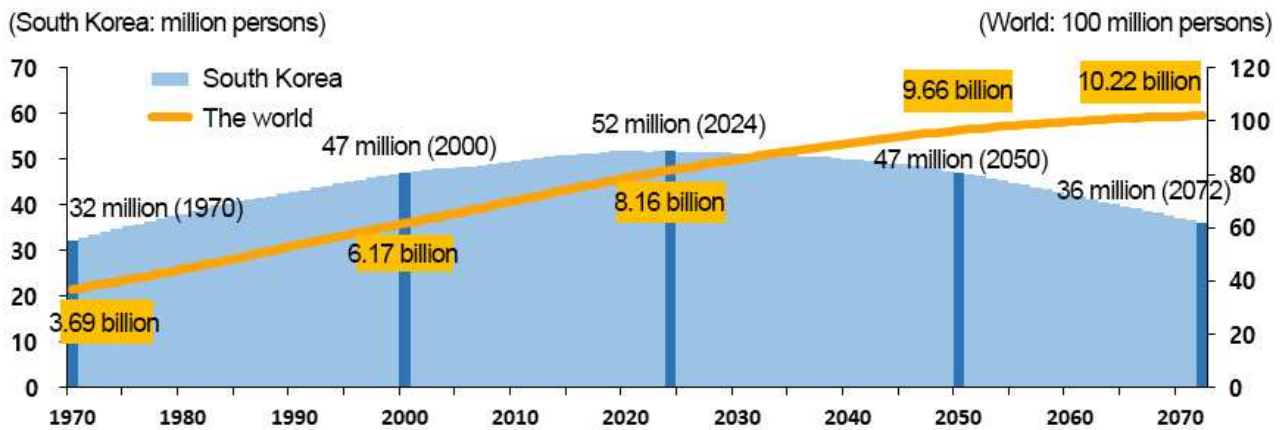
Note

- Statistics Korea prepared this report to examine the population status and future prospects of the world and South Korea.
- This report includes time series data for 102 years from 1970 and 2072.
- Population indicators (e.g. population size) refer to July 1st of the year.
- Data sources and coverage
 - (Data sources) This report is based on 「Population Projections」 of Statistics Korea for South Korea and 「World Population Prospects」 of the UN for other countries including North Korea.
 - * Medium growth scenario
 - 「Population Projections: 2022~2072」disseminated by Statistics Korea in December 2023
 - 「World Population Prospects 2024」disseminated by the UN in July 2024
 - The components of demographic variations (births, deaths and migration) of South Korea are produced on the basis of birth statistics, life tables and international migration statistics* of the year that Statistics Korea disseminated.
 - * Long-term international migration covers the entries and departures of Koreans and foreigners who stayed for more than 1 year after leaving their origin state.
 - (Coverage)
 - Population size and population growth rate: 237 countries or areas
 - Population structure and components of demographic variations: 236 countries or areas*
 - * Excluding the Holy See

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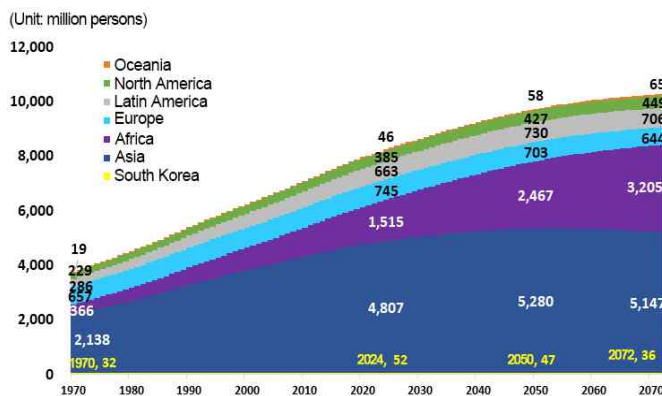
- The population of the world is projected to record 8.16 billion in 2024, rising by 2.2 times from 1970. This figure is projected to increase to 10.22 billion in 2072.
- The population of South Korea is projected to drop from 52 million in 2024 to 36 million in 2072.

[Population trends of the world and South Korea]

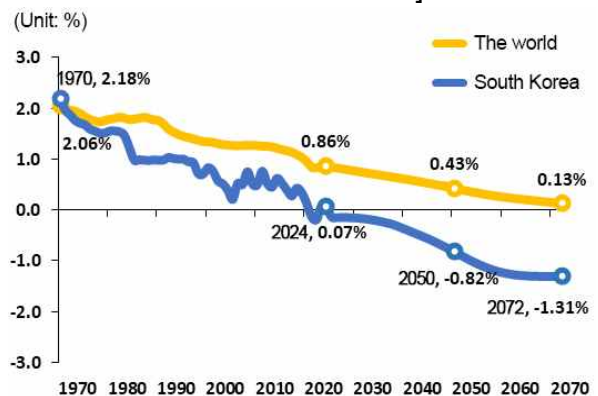


- During the 2024-2072 period, the population of Africa, North America, Asia and Latin America is projected to rise by 2.1 times, 1.2 times, 1.1 times and 1.1 times, respectively. Whereas, the population of Europe is projected to drop by 0.9 times over the same period.
- In 2024, the population growth rate of the world and South Korea is projected to stand at 0.86% and 0.07%, respectively.
- In 2050, the population growth rate of the world and South Korea is projected to stand at 0.43% and -0.82%, respectively. In 2072, the population growth rate of the world and South Korea is projected to stand at 0.13% and -1.31%, respectively.

[Population size by continent]



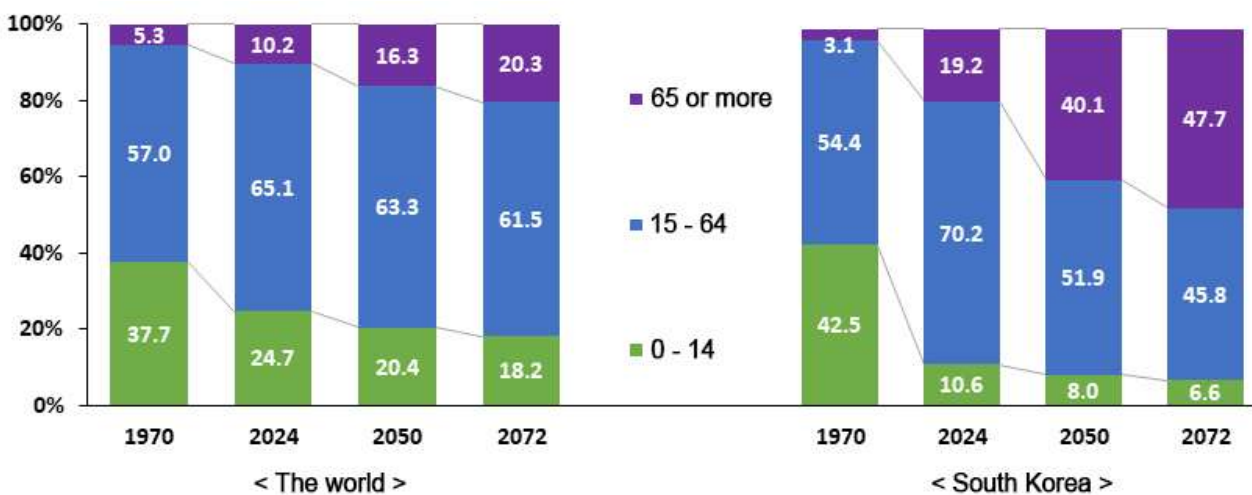
[Population growth rate of the world and South Korea]



The share of people aged 65 or more of the world is projected to rise from 10.2% in 2024 to 20.3% in 2072. The share of people aged 65 or more of South Korea is projected to rise from 19.2% in 2024 to 47.7% in 2072.

- During the 2024-2072 period, the share of the population aged 0~14¹⁾ of the world and South Korea is projected to decline by 6.5%p and 4.0%p, respectively. The share of the working age population aged 15~64²⁾ of the world and South Korea is projected to drop by 3.6%p and 24.4%p, respectively.
- On the other hand, during the 2024-2072 period, the share of the aged population³⁾ of the world and South Korea is projected to rise by 10.1%p and 28.5%p, respectively.

[Population structure of the world and South Korea]



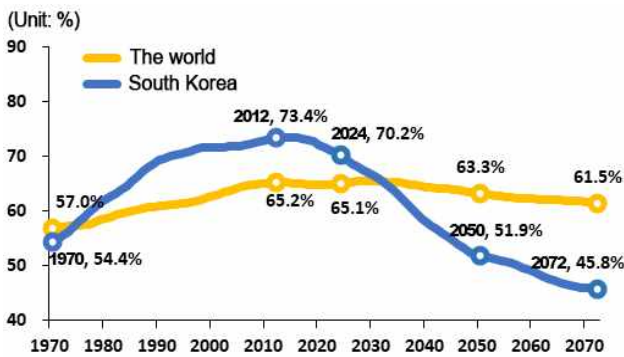
- The share of the population aged 0~14 of South Korea is projected to mark 10.6% in 2024, falling by 31.9%p from 42.5% in 1970. This figure is projected to drop to 6.6% in 2072.
- With a peak of 73.4% in 2012, the share of the working age population of South Korea is projected to decrease from 54.4% in 1970 to 70.2% in 2024, 51.9% in 2050 and 45.8% in 2072.
- The share of the aged population of South Korea is projected to mark 19.2% in 2024, rising by 6 times from 3.1% in 1970. This figure is projected to rise to 47.7% in 2072.

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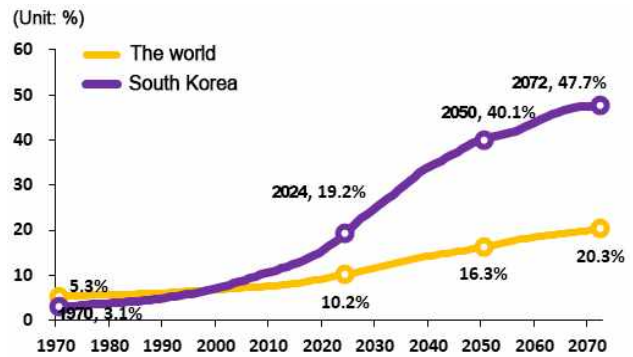
2) 15 ~ 64

3) 65 or more

[Share of the working age population of the world and South Korea]



[Share of the age population of the world and South Korea]



In 2023, the total fertility rate of South Korea stood at 0.72 children per woman, which was 1.53 children lower compared to that of the world (2.25 children per woman). The life expectancy at birth of South Korea recorded 82.7 years in 2022, which was 10.1 years higher compared to that of the world. (72.6 years).

○ (Total fertility rate)

In 2023, the total fertility rate of the world stood at 2.25 children per woman, which declined by 2.57 children per woman from 4.83 children per woman in 1970.

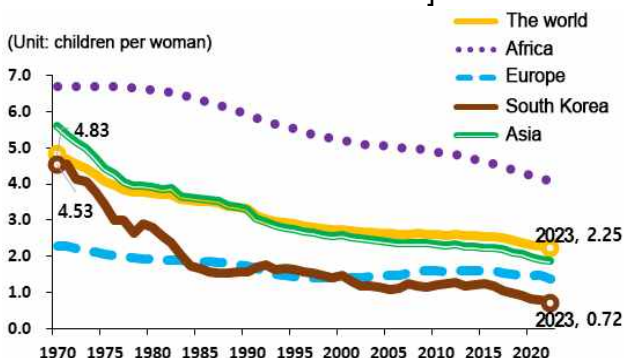
- In 2023, the total fertility rate of South Korea stood at 0.72 children per woman, which declined by 3.81 children per woman from 4.53 children per woman in 1970.

○ (Life expectancy at birth)

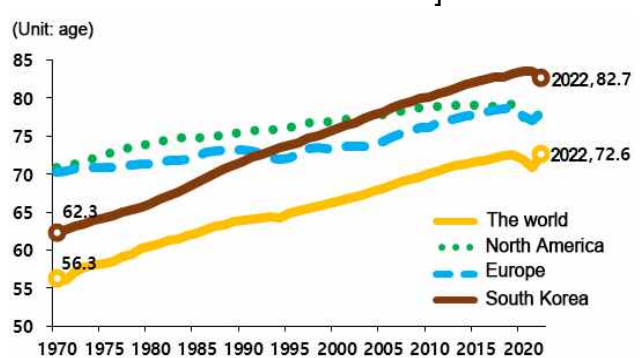
The life expectancy at birth of the world went up by 16.4 years from 56.3 years in 1970 to 72.6 years in 2022.

- The life expectancy at birth of South Korea rose by 20.5 years from 62.3 years in 1970 to 82.7 years in 2022.

[Total fertility rate of the world and South Korea]



[Life expectancy at birth of the world and South Korea]

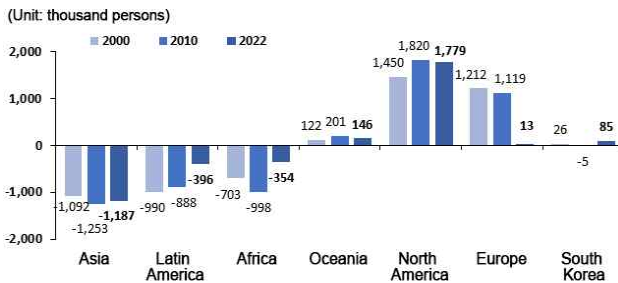


○ (Net international migration)

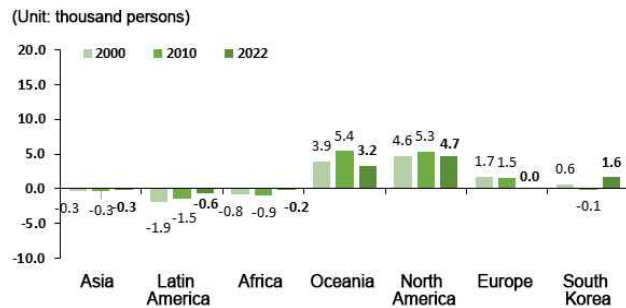
In 2000, 2010 and 2022, Asian, Latin American and African countries are estimated to show a minus international migration. Whereas, North American, Oceanian and European countries are estimated to show a plus international migration.

- In 2000, South Korea marked a plus international migration of 26 thousand persons. In 2010, it marked a minus international migration of 5 thousand persons. In 2022, it marked a plus international migration of 85 thousand persons. In 2022, the net international migration rate of South Korea stood at 1.6 persons per 1,000 population.

[Net international migration by continent]



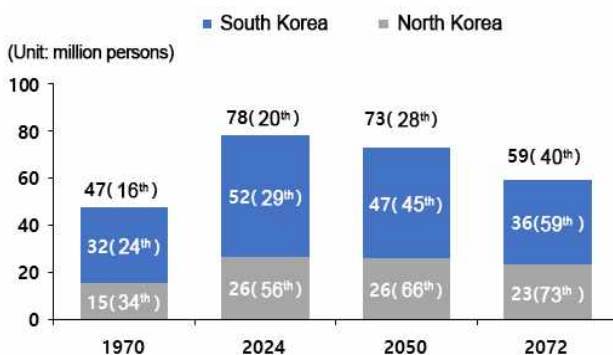
[Net international migration rate by continent]



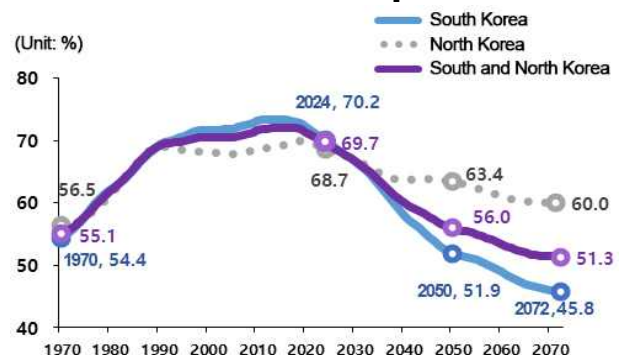
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- (Population size of South and North Korea)
 - The population of South and North Korea is projected to fall from 78 million in 2024 to 59 million in 2072.
 - The population of North Korea is projected to decline from 26 million in 2024 to 23 million in 2072.
- (Population structure of South and North Korea)
 - In 2024, the share of the working age population of South and North Korea is projected to stand at 69.7%, which is 0.5%p lower than that of South Korea. On the other hand, in 2072, the share of the working age population of South and North Korea is projected to stand at 51.3%, which is 5.5%p higher than that of South Korea.
 - In 2024, the share of the aged population of South and North Korea is projected to stand at 16.9%, which is 2.3%p lower than that of South Korea. In 2072, the share of the aged population of South and North Korea is projected to stand at 39.3%, which is 8.4%p lower than that of South Korea.

[Population of South and North Korea]



[Working age population of South and North Korea]



* The figures in parentheses represent the ranking of the population in the world.

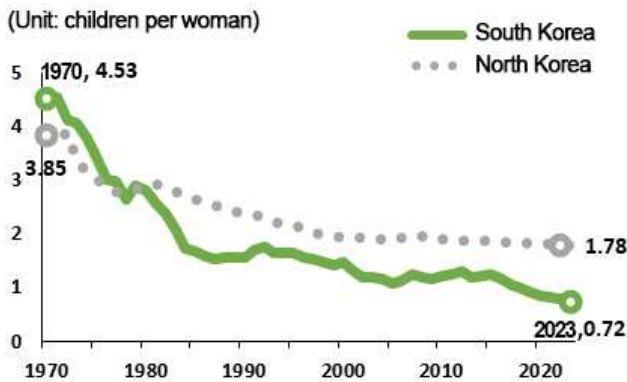
○ (Total fertility rate)

In 1970, the total fertility rate of North Korea stood at 3.85 children per woman, which was 0.68 children lower than that of South Korea. In the meantime, in 2023, the total fertility rate of North Korea stood at 1.78 children per woman, which was 1.06 children higher than that of South Korea (0.72 children per woman).

○ (Life expectancy at birth)

In 1970, the life expectancy at birth of North Korea stood at 62.0 years, which was 0.2 years lower than that of South Korea. In 2022, the life expectancy at birth of North Korea stood at 73.6 years, which was 9.1 years lower than that of South Korea (82.7 years).

[Total fertility rate of South and North Korea]



[Life expectancy at birth of South and North Korea]

