

# HEPATITIS B COUNTRY PROFILE

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Country Demographics <sup>1,2,3,6</sup>	
Total population (2020) <sup>6</sup>	25,643,466
Urban population (% of total, 2020) <sup>6</sup>	62.4%
Health expenditure per capita (\$US, 2016) <sup>2</sup>	NR
Health expenditure, total (% of GDP, 2016) <sup>2</sup>	NR
Total births in thousands (2018) <sup>3</sup>	352
Surviving infants in thousands (2018) <sup>3</sup>	348
Life expectancy at birth (years, 2020) <sup>6</sup>	71.6 yrs
Number of districts (2013) <sup>1</sup>	209

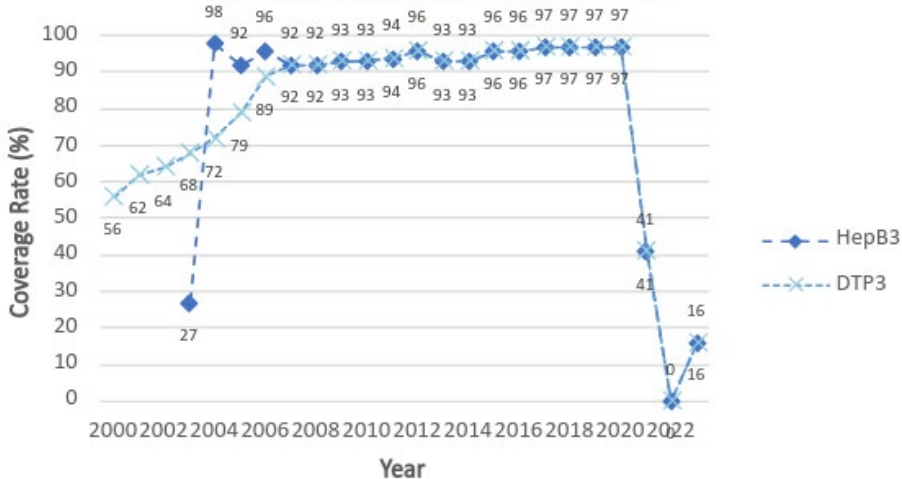
HBsAg Prevalence <sup>5</sup>	
Pre-vaccine HBsAg+ (%)	NR

Liver Cancer as Cause of Cancer Death (in Men) <sup>4</sup>	
Year: 2022	Ranking: 2

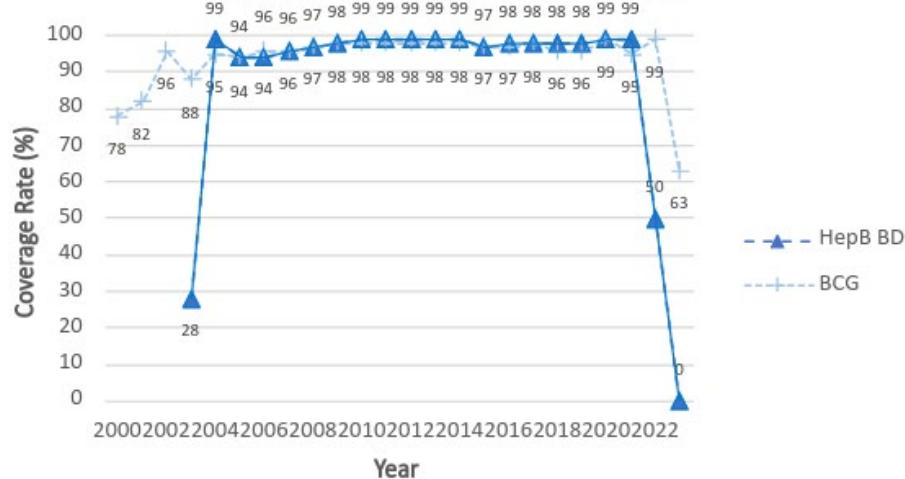
2023 Country Comparison in South East Asia Region (11 Countries) <sup>3</sup>				
	North Korea	Number of countries with reported coverage	Highest reported coverage in SEAR	Lowest reported coverage in SEAR
HepB3 <sup>3</sup>	16%	11	99% (Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka)	16% (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)
HepB BD <sup>3</sup>	0%	8	99% (Maldives)	0% (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)

Hepatitis B Immunization Coverage <sup>3</sup>																								
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
HepB3 <sup>3</sup>	NR	NR	NR	27%	98%	92%	96%	92%	92%	93%	93%	94%	96%	93%	93%	96%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%	41%	0%	16%
HepB BD <sup>3</sup>	NR	NR	NR	28%	99%	94%	94%	96%	97%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	98%	98%	98%	98%	99%	99%	50%	0%
DTP3 <sup>3</sup>	56%	62%	64%	68%	72%	79%	89%	92%	92%	93%	93%	94%	96%	93%	93%	96%	96%	97%	97%	97%	97%	41%	0%	16%
BCG <sup>3</sup>	78%	82%	96%	88%	95%	94%	96%	96%	97%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	97%	98%	96%	96%	99%	95%	99%	63%

Korea (Democratic): HepB3 vs. DTP3



Korea (Democratic): HepB BD vs. BCG



Abbreviations: NA= not applicable; NR= no report; HepB BD= birth dose within 24 hours; HepB3= at least 3 doses of HepB vaccine; HBsAg= HepB surface antigen. WHO UNICEF: Immunization Summary: A statistical reference containing data through 2013<sup>1</sup>, World DataBank: World Development Indicators database<sup>2</sup>, WHO Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Monitoring System. <https://data.unicef.org/resources/dataset/immunization/> accessed 01/09/2025.<sup>3</sup>, Global Cancer Observatory: Cancer Toda-IARC<sup>4</sup>, Estimations of worldwide prevalence of chronic hepatitis B virus infection: a systematic review of data published between 1965 and 2013<sup>5</sup>, CIA The World Factbook<sup>6</sup>