North Korea

North Korea is scored against 188 of 193 other countries. At the UN it votes most alike with Russia, Syria, China; least alike with Micronesia, United States, Canada.

Groups: APG

WHERE NORTH KOREA STANDS IN UN VOTES, 2025

Voting position -0.15 (90% range -0.3 to -0.0), among 191 countries. Distance from China 0.22, Russia 0.23, United States 3.04.



Nearest voting positions: Central African Republic (0.01, ranges overlap), Mexico (0.01, ranges overlap), Chile (0.02, ranges overlap), DR Congo (0.02, ranges overlap), Myanmar (0.03, ranges overlap), Malawi (0.03, ranges overlap).

WHO IT VOTES WITH

Votes most alike at the UN		Votes least alike at the UN	
Russia	88% vote agreement	Micronesia	26% vote agreement
Syria	92% vote agreement	United States	21% vote agreement
China	86% vote agreement	Canada	34% vote agreement
Belarus	86% vote agreement	Israel	24% vote agreement
Iran	84% vote agreement	United Kingdom	34% vote agreement
Nicaragua	85% vote agreement	Hungary	34% vote agreement

VOTES CAST WITH 15 COUNTRIES OR FEWER (SINCE 2010)

Sustainable and resilient tourism and sustainable development in Central America and the Dominican Republic
2025 · A/RES/80/134 · North Korea: No · overall 152 yes, 4 no, 14 abstain

Report of the Human Rights Council
2025 · A/RES/80/189 · North Korea: No · overall 114 yes, 7 no, 59 abstain

Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chornobyl disaster
2025 · A/RES/80/111 · North Korea: No · overall 97 yes, 8 no, 39 abstain

Return of Ukrainian children
2025 · A/RES/ES-11/9 · North Korea: No · overall 91 yes, 12 no, 57 abstain

Possible risks of the integration of artificial intelligence into command, control and communications systems of nuclear weapons
2025 · A/RES/80/23 · North Korea: No · overall 118 yes, 9 no, 44 abstain

Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction
2025 · A/RES/80/34 · North Korea: No · overall 155 yes, 9 no, 11 abstain

Steps to building a common roadmap towards a world without nuclear weapons
2025 · A/RES/80/48 · North Korea: No · overall 147 yes, 5 no, 26 abstain

Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation
2025 · A/RES/80/55 · North Korea: No · overall 174 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain

THE BIG THREE

United States: index -35 (Opposed), votes -99, trade $821 thousand a year
China: index +58 (Very close), votes +97, trade $2.2 billion a year
Russia: index +44 (Close), votes +99

NORTH KOREA IN NUMBERS (CONTEXT, NOT SCORED)

Population	26.6 m (2025)
Electoral democracy	0.08 (2025)

TRADE, SECURITY AND CLUBS

Biggest trade ties

China	$2.2 billion
Papua New Guinea	$429 million
Trinidad and Tobago	$44 million
Gabon	$19 million
Togo	$15 million
Burkina Faso	$13 million

Opposite sides in armed conflict (latest year)

Ukraine	2025
Australia	1953
Belgium	1953
Canada	1953
Colombia	1953
Ethiopia	1953

SOURCES AND LIMITS

Votes: UN General Assembly roll calls (Voeten et al.; UN Digital Library) via Nations on Record. Trade: IMF via Nations on Record. Conflict: Uppsala Conflict Data Program 26.1. Context numbers: World Bank, IMF, SIPRI, V-Dem. Voting positions: Bailey, Strezhnev and Voeten. A vote shows how a government voted on a text, not why. Scores are not predictions and not advice. Rules and checks: https://nationsrelations.org/method

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