Table 17.1. Number of North Korean Defectors Entering South Korea, 2006-2017

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| Year | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Male | 515 | 573 | 608 | 662 | 591 | 795 | 404 | 369 | 305 | 251 | 302 | 188 |
| Female | 1513 | 1981 | 2195 | 2252 | 1811 | 1911 | 1098 | 1145 | 1092 | 1024 | 1116 | 939 |
| Total | 2028 | 2554 | 2803 | 2914 | 2402 | 2706 | 1502 | 1514 | 1397 | 1275 | 1418 | 1127 |
| Female Defectors % | 75 | 78 | 78 | 77 | 75 | 71 | 73 | 76 | 78 | 80 | 79 | 83 |

Source: ROK Ministry of Unification https://www.unikorea.go.kr/eng\_unikorea/relations/statistics/defectors/