

# South Korea Helicopter Services Market Size, Share, Trends and Forecast by Type, Application, End User, and Region, 2026-2034

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## Abstracts

The South Korea helicopter services market size reached USD 52.9 Million in 2025. Looking forward, IMARC Group expects the market to reach USD 66.6 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 2.52 % during 2026-2034. The South Korean industry is being considerably fueled by the nation's continued bid to upgrade its military and defense air capabilities. Additionally, the heightened demand for emergency medical services (EMS) and swift disaster response capability is supporting the market growth. Furthermore, the rise in offshore wind and energy infrastructure is expanding the South Korea helicopter services market share.

### SOUTH KOREA HELICOPTER SERVICES MARKET TRENDS:

#### Growing Demand for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Disaster Relief

The South Korea helicopter services sector is witnessing steady growth on account of the heightened demand for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and swift disaster response capability. With South Korea's mountainous territory with difficult terrain and high-density urban population, ground transport is slow or impossible to access in case of emergencies. Helicopter EMS is now playing an indispensable role in saving lives by providing quick and direct access to accident scenes, disaster-hit areas, or isolated rural communities. The government continues to invest in updating medical helicopters and increasing their deployment nationwide. Public perception of the value of speedy trauma treatment is also increasing, and helicopters are securing new alliances with hospitals to reinforce patient transport networks. In addition, climate change has made extreme weather more prevalent, and helicopters are playing more crucial roles in delivering faster and more adaptive disaster relief, services that they are increasingly providing. All

these trends are making the role of rotary-wing aeronautical services even stronger.

### Increased Offshore Wind and Energy Infrastructure

The South Korea helicopter services market growth is propelled by the increasing offshore wind and energy infrastructure. The South Korean government is also aggressively pushing its 'Green New Deal,' which targets huge investments in offshore wind farms to achieve renewable energy goals. Since the development of offshore wind farms is taking place further from the shore, helicopters are being used more for crew transfer, equipment transport, and maintenance operations. Helicopters are providing unparalleled speed and access to reach turbines that otherwise are not accessible by sea, particularly under harsh weather conditions. Power companies are further outsourcing the services to specialist helicopter operators, driving long-term contract opportunities. The trend is also promoting technological upgrades in aircraft to enhance safety and efficiency within offshore conditions. In addition, the continued exploration and upkeep of offshore oil and gas platforms are also continuing to depend on helicopter logistics. IMARC Group predicts that the South Korea energy market is projected to attain 827.7 TWh by 2033.

### Upgrading Military and Defense Helicopter Operations

The South Korean helicopter services industry is being considerably fueled by the nation's continued bid to upgrade its military and defense air capabilities. South Korea is in the process of replacing old fleets and acquiring new-generation multi-role helicopters to improve national defense readiness due to regional geopolitical tensions. The government is working with local companies such as Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) and foreign allies to develop and acquire sophisticated helicopters for transport, reconnaissance, search and rescue, as well as combat missions. These initiatives are generating more demand for support services like pilot training, maintenance, logistics support, and spares replacement. Providers of helicopter services are also getting orders to maintain and upgrade military helicopters, adding to sustained growth in the market. With further funding going to defense modernization and combined exercises with allies, the helicopter services market is leading the way in enhancing South Korea's air readiness and mobility. In 2025, South Korea has declared that it is speeding up the procurement of the Block 2 variant of the Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) KF-21 'Boramae' fighter jet for the air force, while advancing a strategy to substitute the navy's aging Westland WG13 Lynx Mk 99 helicopters with a modern rotary-wing solution.

## SOUTH KOREA HELICOPTER SERVICES MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country and regional levels for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on type, application, and end user.

### Type Insights:

Light

Medium

Heavy

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the type. This includes light, medium, and heavy.

### Application Insights:

Offshore

Air Ambulance

Business and Corporate Travel

Disaster and Humanitarian Aid

Transport

Leisure Charter

Others

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the application have also been provided in the report. This includes offshore, air ambulance, business and corporate travel, disaster and humanitarian aid, transport, leisure charter, and others.

## End User Insights:

Civil

Commercial

Military

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the end user have also been provided in the report. This includes civil, commercial, and military.

## Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

Others

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include Seoul Capital Area, Yeongnam (Southeastern Region), Honam (Southwestern Region), Hoseo (Central Region), and others.

## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE:

The market research report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape. Competitive analysis such as market structure, key player positioning, top winning strategies, competitive dashboard, and company evaluation quadrant has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major companies have been provided.

## KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT

How has the South Korea helicopter services market performed so far and how will it

perform in the coming years?

What is the breakup of the South Korea helicopter services market on the basis of type?

What is the breakup of the South Korea helicopter services market on the basis of application?

What is the breakup of the South Korea helicopter services market on the basis of end user?

What is the breakup of the South Korea helicopter services market on the basis of region?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea helicopter services market?

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