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2022 Statistics on Returned Farmers & Fishermen, and Migrators to Rural Regions

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1. Returned farmers

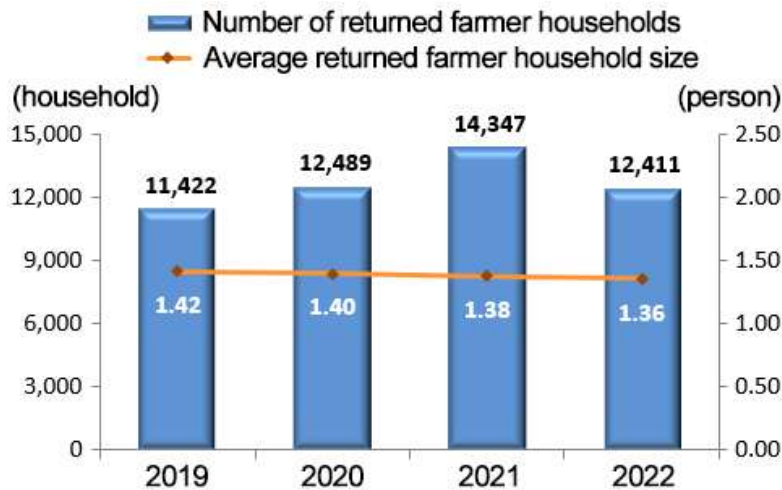
□ (Returned farmer households)

The number of returned farmer households was 12,411 households in 2022, which fell by 1,936 households ($\triangle 13.5\%$) from 14,347 households in 2021.

- The average returned farmer household size stood at 1.36 persons in 2022, dropping 0.02 person from 1.38 persons in 2021.

* Year-on-year percent change in returned farmer households (%): (2019) $\triangle 4.5 \rightarrow$ (2020) 9.3 \rightarrow (2021) 14.9 \rightarrow (2022) $\triangle 13.5$

<Returned farmer households and average household size>

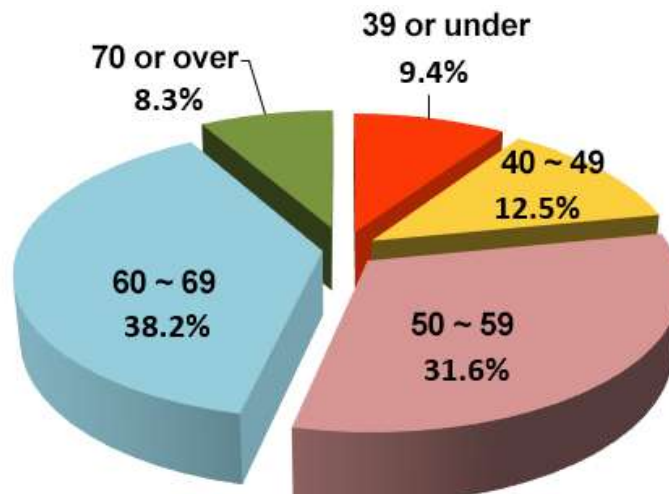


□ (Characteristics of returned farmer household heads)

The average age of returned farmer household heads stood at 56.4 years in 2022. Males accounted for 67.1% of the total returned farmer household heads.

- As for returned farmer household heads by age group, heads aged '50~59' and '60~69' occupied 31.6% and 38.2%, respectively. These two age groups took up 69.8% of the total returned farmer household heads.

<Composition of returned farmer household heads by age group>

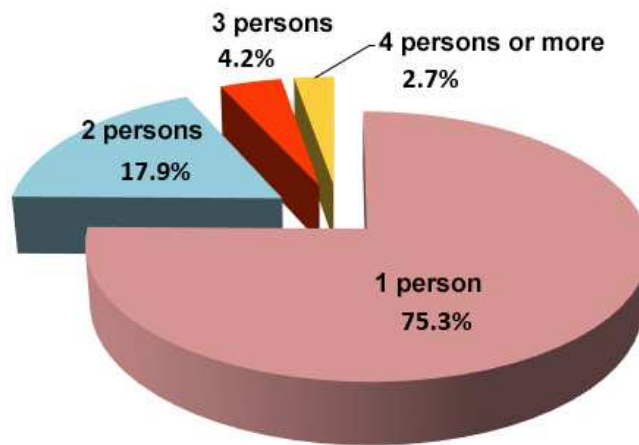


□ **(Characteristics of returned farmer households)**

1-person households took up 75.3% of the total returned farmer households.

- Unmixed returned farmer households, in other words, households consisting of only returned farmer household members, occupied 80.3%. Whereas, mixed returned farmer households, in other words, households consisting of returned farmer household members as well as residents in rural areas, occupied 19.7%.

<Composition of returned farmer households by household size>

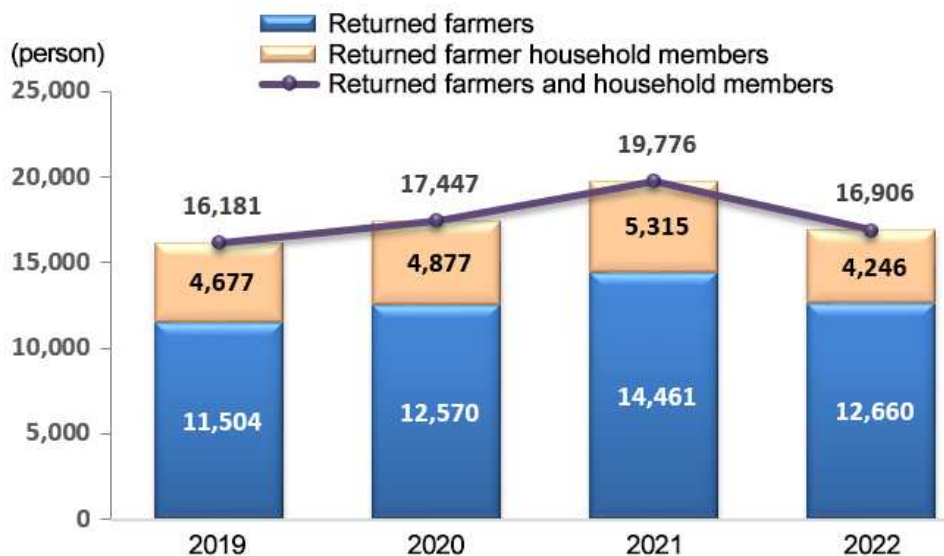


□ **(Size of returned farmer household members)**

Returned farmers and their household members recorded 16,906 persons in 2022, decreasing by 2,870 persons (△14.5%) from 19,776 persons in 2021.

- Returned farmers totaled 12,660 persons in 2022, falling by 1,801 persons (△12.5%) from 14,461 persons in 2021. Their household members totaled 4,246 persons in 2022, falling by 1,069 persons (△20.1%) from 2021.

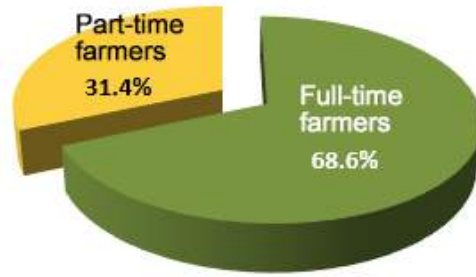
<Size of returned farmers and returned farmer household members>



□ **(Returned farmers by type)**

Full-time returned farmers amounted to 8,679 persons, which occupied 68.6% of the total returned farmers. In the meantime, part-time returned farmers amounted to 3,981 persons, which occupied 31.4% of the total returned farmers.

<Composition of returned farmers by type>



2. Returned fishermen

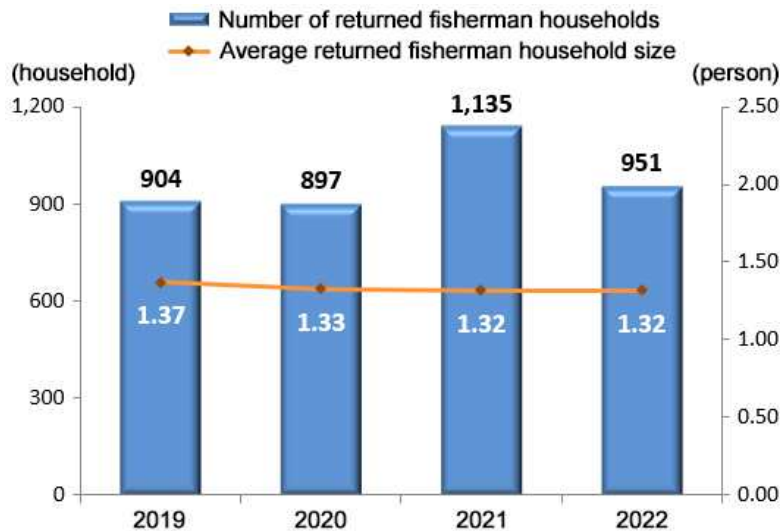
□ (Returned fisherman households)

The number of returned fisherman households was 951 households in 2022, which declined by 184 households ($\Delta 16.2\%$) from 1,135 households in 2021.

○ The average returned fisherman household size was 1.32 persons in 2022, which remained the same year-on-year.

* Year-on-year percent change in returned fisherman households (%): (2019) $\Delta 1.4 \rightarrow$ (2020) $\Delta 0.8 \rightarrow$ (2021) 26.5 \rightarrow (2022) $\Delta 16.2$

<Returned fisherman households and average returned fisherman household size>

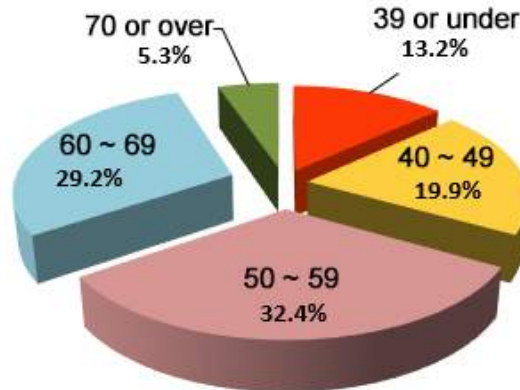


□ (Characteristics of returned fisherman household heads)

The average age of returned fisherman household heads stood at 53.4 years in 2022. Males accounted for 69.1% of the total returned fisherman household heads.

○ As for returned fisherman household heads by age group, heads aged '50~59' and '60~69' occupied 32.4% and 29.2%, respectively. These two age groups took up 61.6% of the total returned fisherman household heads.

<Composition of returned fisherman household heads by age group>

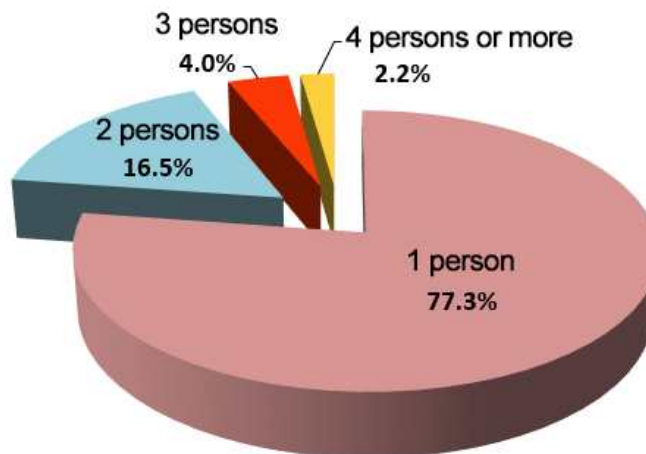


(Characteristics of returned fisherman households)

1-person households took up 77.3% of the total returned fisherman households.

- Unmixed returned fisherman households, in other words, households consisting of only returned fisherman household members, occupied 72.2%. Whereas, mixed returned fisherman households, in other words, households consisting of returned fisherman household members as well as residents in fishing villages, occupied 27.8%.

<Composition of returned fisherman households by household size>

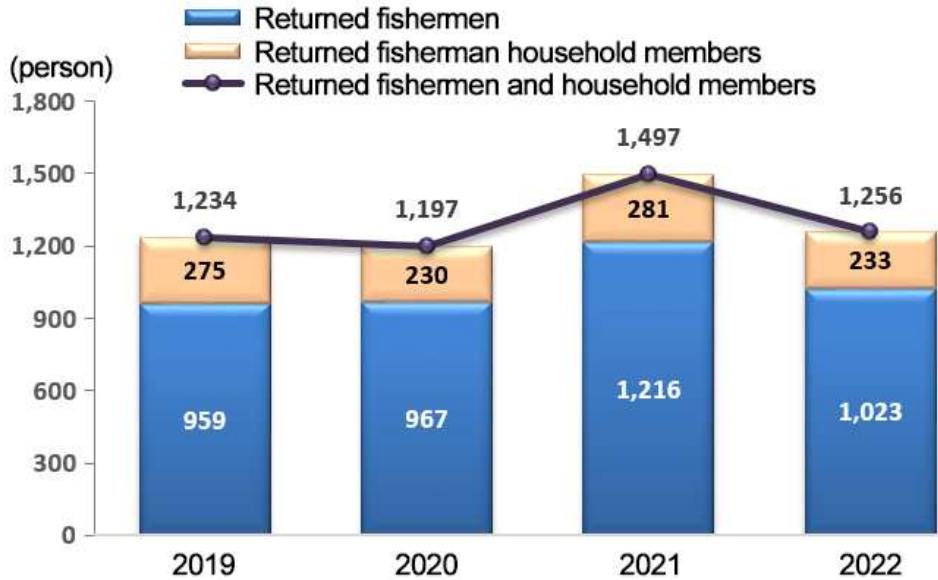


(Size of returned fisherman household members)

Returned fishermen and their household members totaled 1,256 persons in 2022, dropping by 241 persons ($\triangle 16.1\%$) compared to 1,497 persons in 2021.

- Returned fishermen totaled 1,023 persons in 2022, falling by 193 persons ($\triangle 15.9\%$) from 1,216 persons in 2021. Their household members totaled 233 persons in 2022, falling by 48 persons ($\triangle 17.1\%$) from 2021.

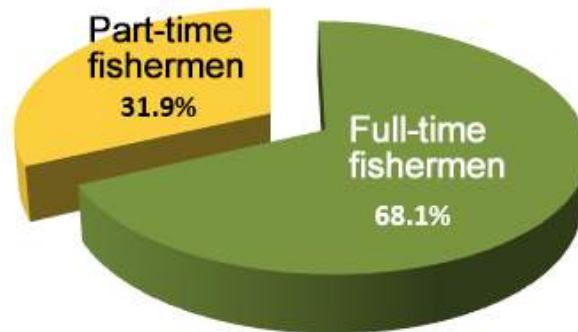
<Size of returned fishermen and household members>



□ **(Returned fishermen by type)**

Full-time returned fishermen amounted to 697 persons, which occupied 68.1% of the total returned fishermen. In the meantime, part-time returned fishermen amounted to 326 persons, which occupied 31.9% of the total returned fishermen.

<Composition of returned fishermen by type>



3. Migrants to rural regions

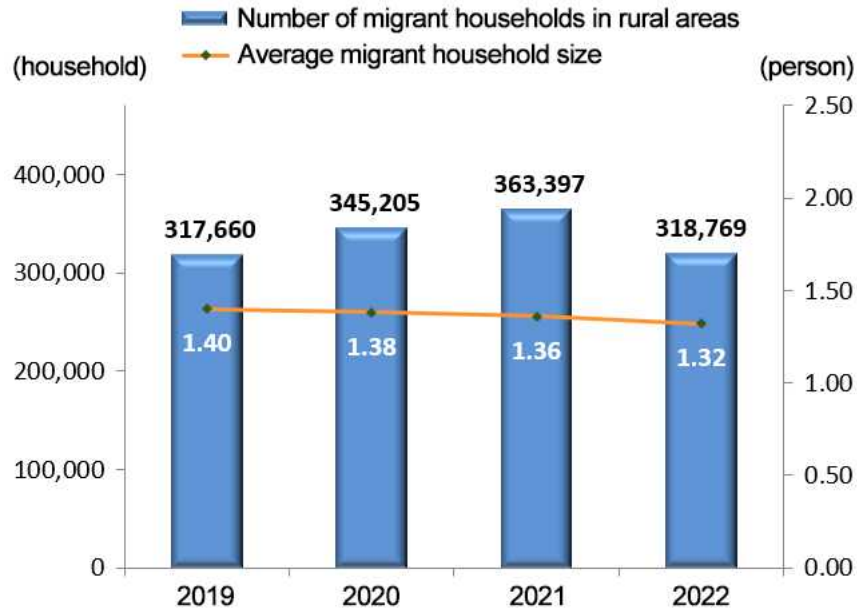
□ **(Migrant households in rural areas)**

The number of migrant households in rural areas was 318,769 households in 2022, which fell by 44,628 households (Δ 12.3%) from 363,397 households in 2021.

○ The average migrant household size was 1.32 persons in 2022, falling by 0.04 person from 1.36 persons in 2021.

* Year-on-year percent change in migrant households in rural areas (%): (2019) Δ 3.3 \rightarrow (2020) 8.7 \rightarrow (2021) 5.3 \rightarrow (2022) Δ 12.3

<Migrant households in rural areas and average migrant household size>

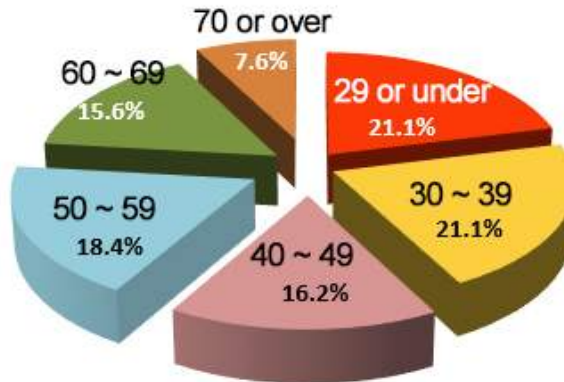


(Characteristics of migrant household heads)

The average age of migrant household heads stood at 45.7 years in 2022. Males accounted for 60.3% of the total migrant household heads.

- As for migrant household heads by age group, heads aged '29 or under', '30~39' and '50~59' occupied 21.1%, 21.1% and 18.4%, respectively.

<Composition of migrant household heads by age group>

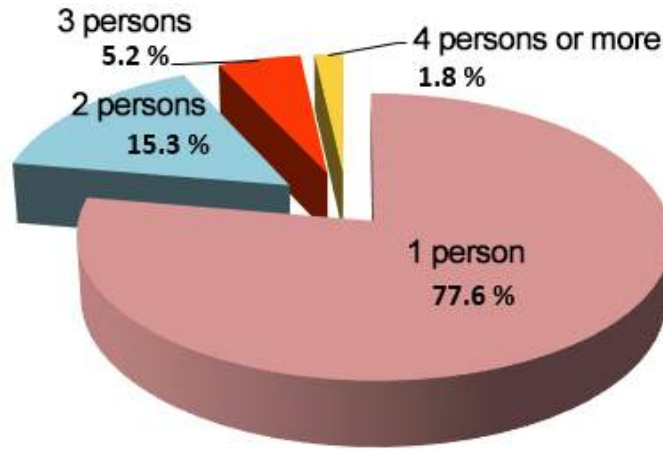


(Characteristics of migrant households)

1-person households occupied 77.6% of the total migrant households in rural areas.

- Unmixed migrant households in rural areas, in other words, households consisting of only migrant household members, occupied 70.2%. Whereas, mixed migrant households, in other words, households consisting of migrant household members as well as residents in rural areas and fishing villages, occupied 29.8%.

<Composition of migrant households by household size>

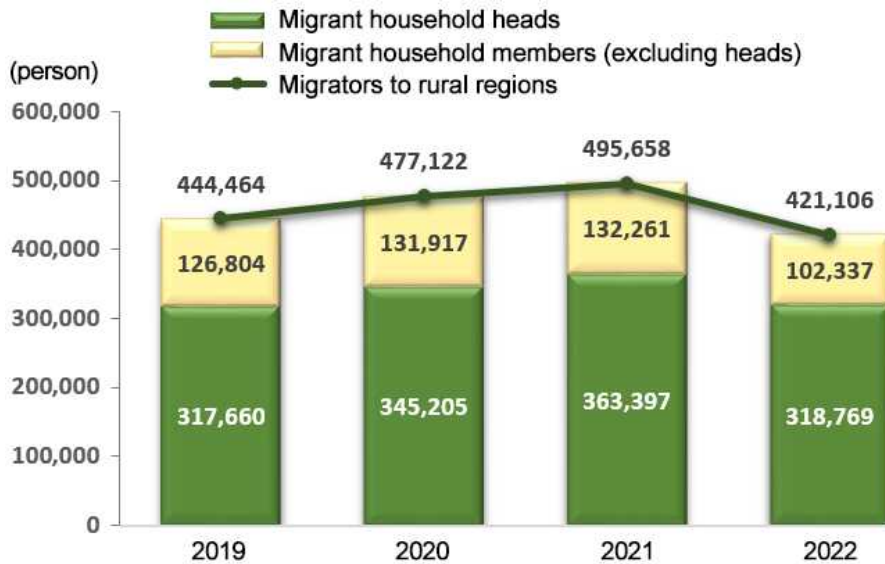


□ **(Size of migrant household members)**

The number of migrators to rural regions recorded 421,106 persons in 2022, decreasing by 74,552 persons ($\triangle 15.0\%$) from 495,658 persons in 2021.

- The average age of migrators to rural regions stood at 43.4 years in 2022. Migrators to rural regions aged 29 or less occupied the largest share at 25.1%, which was followed by those aged 30~39 (20.4%) and those aged 50~59 (17.4%).

<Migrators to rural regions and migrant household members>



□ **(Residence region before migration)**

As for residence region before migration, Gyeonggi recorded the highest figure of 105,857 persons (25.1%), which was followed by Seoul (59,072 persons, 14.0%) and Gyeongnam (30,509 persons, 7.2%). Migrants from Seoul Capital Area (Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi) accounted for 43.2%.