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1 Returned farmers

□ (Returned farmer households)

The number of returned farmer households was 10,307 households in 2023, which fell by 2,104 households ($\triangle 17.0\%$) from 12,411 households in 2022.

- The average returned farmer household size stood at 1.33 persons in 2023, dropping 0.03 person from 1.36 persons in 2022.

* Year-on-year percent change in returned farmer households (%): (2020) 9.3 \rightarrow (2021) 14.9 \rightarrow (2022) $\triangle 13.5$ \rightarrow (2023) $\triangle 17.0$

□ (Characteristics of returned farmer household heads)

The average age of returned farmer household heads stood at 56.3 years in 2023. Males accounted for 66.4% of the total returned farmer household heads.

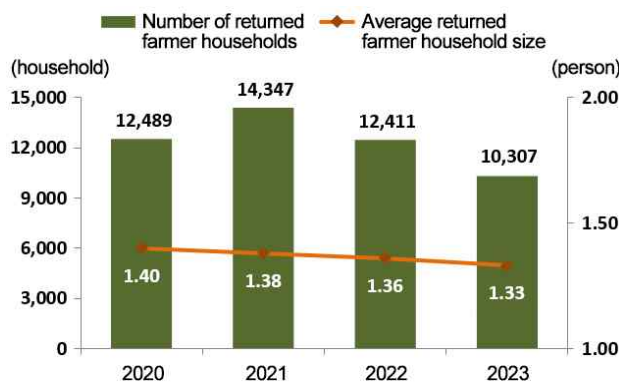
- As for returned farmer household heads by age group, heads aged '50~59' and '60~69' occupied 31.8% and 37.4%, respectively. These two age groups took up 69.2% of the total returned farmer household heads.

□ (Characteristics of returned farmer households)

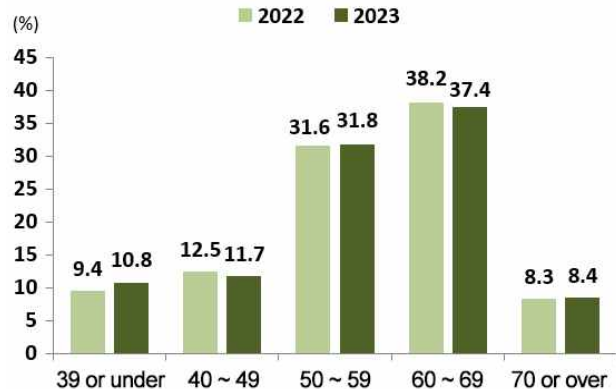
1-person households took up 76.8% of the total returned farmer households.

- Unmixed returned farmer households, in other words, households consisting of only returned farmer household members, occupied 75.0%. Whereas, mixed returned farmer households, in other words, households consisting of returned farmer household members as well as residents in rural areas, occupied 25.0%.

<Returned farmer households and average household size>



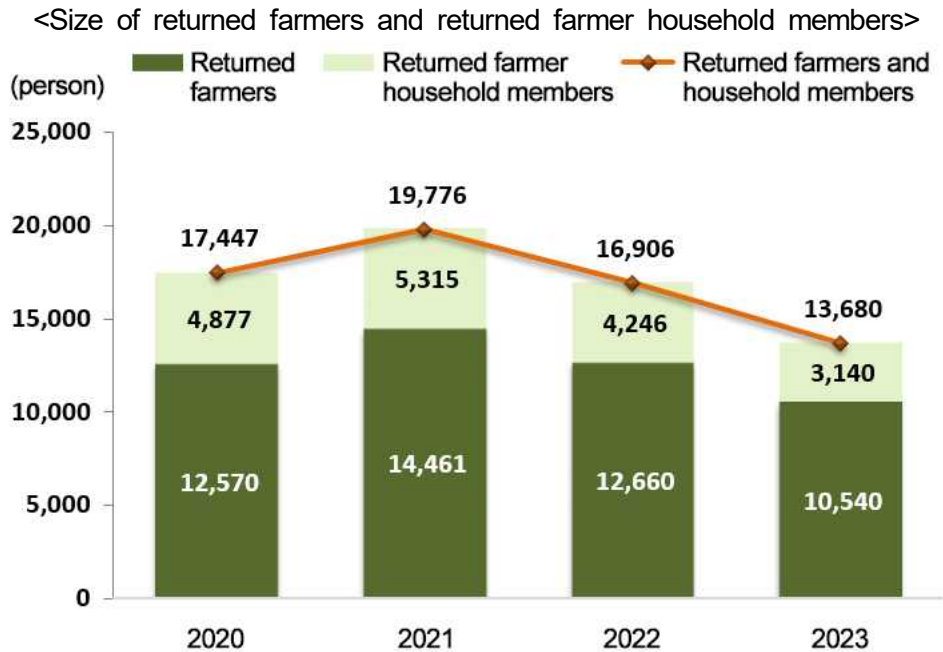
<Composition of returned farmer household heads by age group>



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

Returned farmers and their household members recorded 13,680 persons in 2023, decreasing by 3,226 persons ($\triangle 19.1\%$) from 16,906 persons in 2022.

- Returned farmers totaled 10,540 persons in 2023, falling by 2,120 persons ($\triangle 16.7\%$) from 12,660 persons in 2022. Their household members totaled 3,140 persons in 2023, falling by 1,106 persons ($\triangle 26.0\%$) from 2022.



□ **(Returned farmers by type)**

Full-time returned farmers amounted to 6,991 persons, which occupied 66.3% of the total returned farmers. In the meantime, part-time returned farmers amounted to 3,549 persons, which occupied 33.7% of the total returned farmers.

2 Returned fishermen

□ **(Returned fisherman households)**

The number of returned fisherman households was 716 households in 2023, which declined by 235 households ($\triangle 24.7\%$) from 951 households in 2022.

- The average returned fisherman household size was 1.26 persons in 2023, dropping 0.06 person from 1.32 persons in 2022.

* Year-on-year percent change in returned fisherman households (%): (2020) $\triangle 0.8$ \rightarrow (2021) 26.5 \rightarrow (2022) $\triangle 16.2$ \rightarrow (2023) $\triangle 26.2$

□ **(Characteristics of returned fisherman household heads)**

The average age of returned fisherman household heads stood at 52.9 years in 2023. Males accounted for 69.7% of the total returned fisherman household heads.

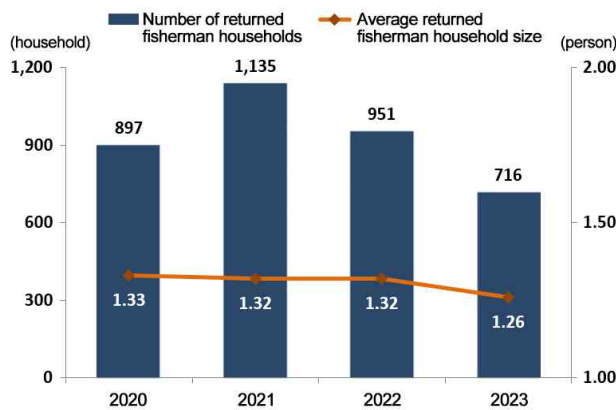
- As for returned fisherman household heads by age group, heads aged '50~59' and '60~69' occupied 33.4% and 28.8%, respectively. These two age groups took up 62.2% of the total returned fisherman household heads.

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

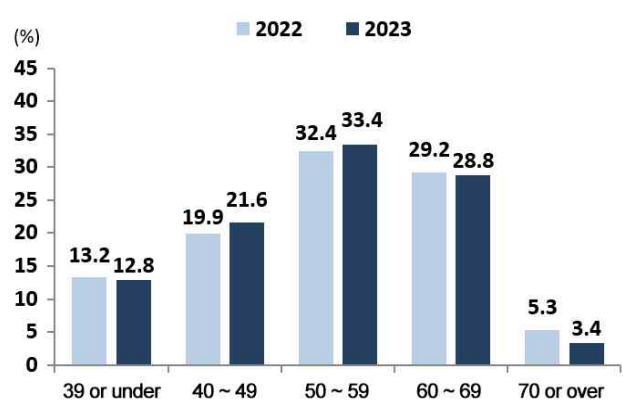
1-person households took up 80.3% of the total returned fisherman households.

- Unmixed returned fisherman households, in other words, households consisting of only returned fisherman household members, occupied 67.5%. Whereas, mixed returned fisherman households, in other words, households consisting of returned fisherman household members as well as residents in fishing villages, occupied 32.5%.

<Returned fisherman households and average returned fisherman household size>



<Composition of returned fisherman households by age group>

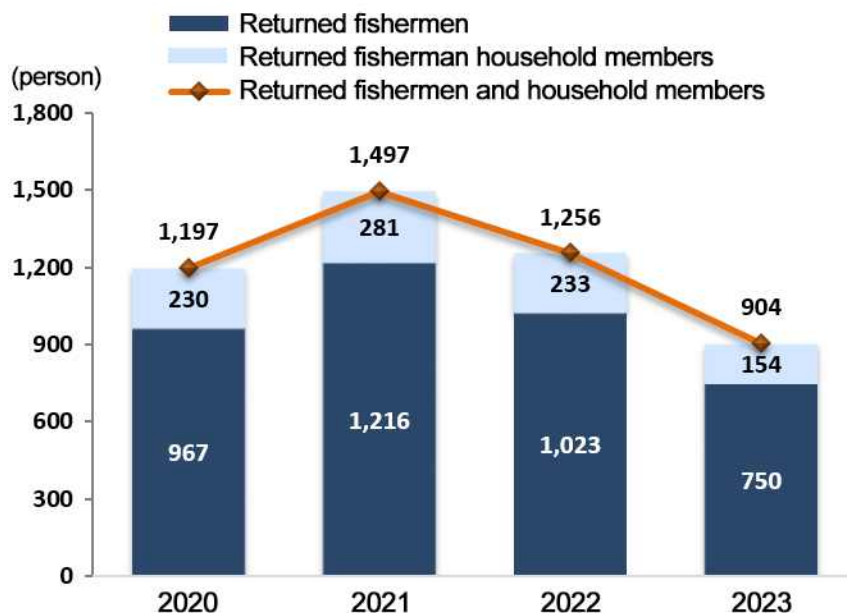


□ **(Size of returned fisherman household members)**

Returned fishermen and their household members totaled 904 persons in 2023, dropping by 352 persons (△28.0%) compared to 1,256 persons in 2022.

- Returned fishermen totaled 750 persons in 2023, falling by 273 persons (△26.7%) from 1,023 persons in 2022. Their household members totaled 154 persons in 2023, falling by 79 persons (△33.9%) from 2022.

<Size of returned fishermen and household members>



(Returned fishermen by type)

Full-time returned fishermen amounted to 477 persons, which occupied 63.6% of the total returned fishermen. In the meantime, part-time returned fishermen amounted to 273 persons, which occupied 36.4% of the total returned fishermen.

3 Migrators to rural regions

(Migrant households in rural areas)

The number of migrant households in rural areas was 306,441 households in 2023, which fell by 12,328 households ($\triangle 3.9\%$) from 318,769 households in 2022.

- The average migrant household size was 1.31 persons in 2023, falling by 0.01 person from 1.32 persons in 2022.

* Year-on-year percent change in migrant households in rural areas (%): (2020) 8.7 \rightarrow (2021) 5.3 \rightarrow (2022) $\triangle 12.3$ \rightarrow (2023) $\triangle 3.9$

(Characteristics of migrant household heads)

The average age of migrant household heads stood at 45.4 years in 2023. Males accounted for 60.0% of the total migrant household heads.

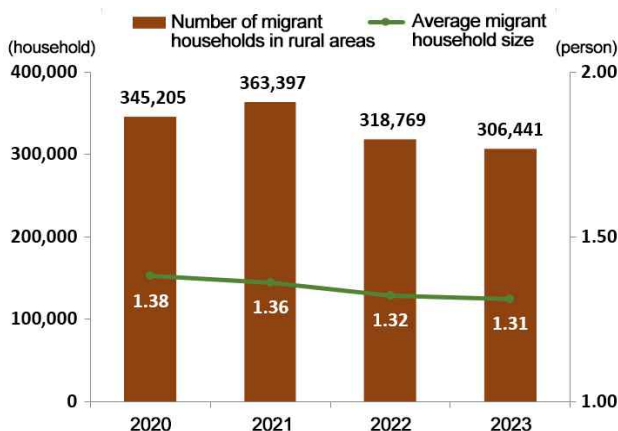
- As for migrant household heads by age group, heads aged '30~39', '29 or under' and '50~59' occupied 22.4%, 20.9% and 17.8%, respectively.

(Characteristics of migrant households)

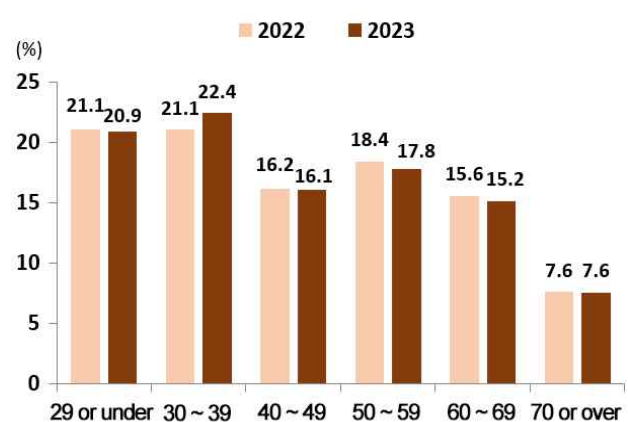
1-person households occupied 78.5% of the total migrant households in rural areas.

- Unmixed migrant households in rural areas, in other words, households consisting of only migrant household members, occupied 68.0%. Whereas, mixed migrant households, in other words, households consisting of migrant household members as well as residents in rural areas and fishing villages, occupied 32.0%.

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



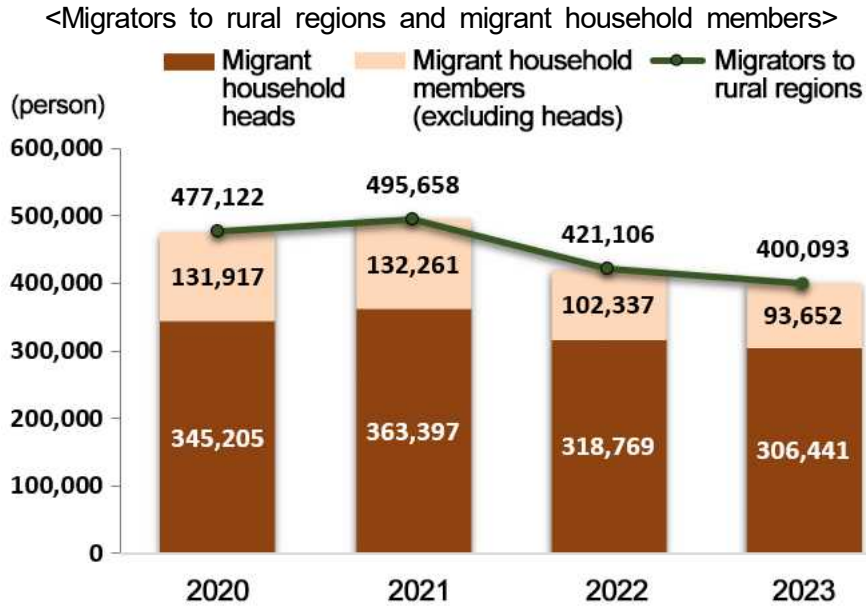
<Composition of migrant household heads by age group>



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

The number of migrators to rural regions recorded 400,093 persons in 2023, decreasing by 21,013 persons ($\triangle 5.0\%$) from 421,106 persons in 2022.

- The average age of migrators to rural regions stood at 43.2 years in 2023. Migrators to rural regions aged 29 or less occupied the largest share at 24.7%, which was followed by those aged 30~39 (21.8%) and those aged 50~59 (16.8%).



□ **(Residence region before migration)**

As for residence region before migration, Gyeonggi recorded the highest figure of 101,467 persons (25.4%), which was followed by Seoul (52,231 persons, 13.1%) and Gyeongnam (28,683 persons, 7.2%). Migrants from Seoul Capital Area (Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi) accounted for 42.4%.