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Local Area Labour Force Survey in the First Half of 2025 (Major employment indicators of Si, Gun & Gu)

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□ Employed persons and employment-population ratio

- As for cities in 9 provinces, the number of employed persons was 14.175 million persons in the first half of 2025, going up by 162 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The employment-population ratio of cities stood at 62.6%, up 0.3%p from the first half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 77 cities in 9 provinces, Dangjin-si, Chungnam (72.2%) recorded the highest employment-population ratio, which was followed by Seogwipo-si, Jeju (71.7%) and Namwon-si, Jeonbuk (68.3%).
- As for counties in 9 provinces, the number of employed persons was 2.103 million persons in the first half of 2025, going down by 4 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The employment-population ratio of counties stood at 69.2%, down 0.1%p from the first half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 76 counties in 9 provinces, Ulleung-gun, Gyeongbuk (83.3%) recorded the highest employment-population ratio, which was followed by Sinan-gun, Jeonnam (80.2%) and Muju-gun, Jeonbuk (76.2%).
- As for 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities, the number of employed persons was 11.589 million persons in the first half of 2025, falling by 23 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The employment-population ratio of 'gu' regions stood at 58.8%, down 0.2%p from the first half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 75 'gu' regions, Ongjin-gun, Incheon (76.7%) recorded the highest employment-population ratio, which was followed by Gunwi-gun, Daegu (74.7%) and Gangseo-gu, Busan (69.0%).

< Employed persons and employment-population ratio >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

| | | First half of 2024 | | First half of 2025 | | Change | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| | | Employment-population ratio | | Employment-population ratio | | Employment-population ratio | |
| 77 cities | ▶ Employed persons | 14,013 | 62.3 | 14,175 | 62.6 | 162 | 0.3 |
| | • Males | 8,064 | 71.7 | 8,094 | 71.3 | 30 | -0.4 |
| | • Females | 5,948 | 52.9 | 6,081 | 53.8 | 133 | 0.9 |
| 76 counties | ▶ Employed persons | 2,108 | 69.3 | 2,103 | 69.2 | -4 | -0.1 |
| | • Males | 1,174 | 76.5 | 1,170 | 76.0 | -3 | -0.5 |
| | • Females | 934 | 61.9 | 933 | 62.3 | -1 | 0.4 |
| 75 'gu' regions | ▶ Employed persons | 11,612 | 59.0 | 11,589 | 58.8 | -23 | -0.2 |
| | • Males | 6,423 | 67.6 | 6,347 | 66.8 | -77 | -0.8 |
| | • Females | 5,189 | 51.0 | 5,243 | 51.4 | 54 | 0.4 |

□ Unemployed persons and unemployment rate

- As for cities in 9 provinces, the number of unemployed persons was 440 thousand persons in the first half of 2025, dropping by 7 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The unemployment rate of cities stood at 3.0%, down 0.1%p from the first half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 77 cities in 9 provinces, Yangju-si, Gyeonggi (5.4%) recorded the highest unemployment rate, which was followed by Gumi-si, Gyeongbuk (5.3%) and Wonju-si, Gangwon
- for counties in 9 provinces, the number of unemployed persons was 28 thousand persons in the first half of 2025, which remained the same as the first half of 2024. The unemployment rate of counties stood at 1.3%, which remained the same as the first half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 76 counties in 9 provinces, Chilgok-gun, Gyeongbuk (3.1%) recorded the highest unemployment rate, which was followed by Hwasun-gun, Jeonnam (3.0%) and Jeungpyeong-gun, Chungnam (2.5%).
- As for 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities, the number of unemployed persons was 467 thousand persons in the first half of 2025, falling by 16 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The unemployment rate of 'gu' regions stood at 3.9%, down 0.1%p from the first half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 75 'gu' regions, Dong-gu, Ulsan (5.7%) recorded the highest unemployment rate, which was followed by Geumcheon-gu, Seoul (5.5%) and Michuhol-gu, Incheon (5.4%).

< Unemployed persons and unemployment rate >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

| | | First half of 2024 | | First half of 2025 | | Change | |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|------|
| | | Unemployment rate | Unemployment rate | Unemployment rate | Unemployment rate | | |
| 77 cities | ▶ Unemployed persons | 447 | 3.1 | 440 | 3.0 | -7 | -0.1 |
| | • Males | 240 | 2.9 | 250 | 3.0 | 10 | 0.1 |
| | • Females | 207 | 3.4 | 190 | 3.0 | -17 | -0.4 |
| 76 counties | ▶ Unemployed persons | 28 | 1.3 | 28 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | • Males | 16 | 1.4 | 17 | 1.5 | 1 | 0.1 |
| | • Females | 12 | 1.2 | 11 | 1.1 | -1 | -0.1 |
| 75 'gu' regions | ▶ Unemployed persons | 483 | 4.0 | 467 | 3.9 | -16 | -0.1 |
| | • Males | 260 | 3.9 | 264 | 4.0 | 4 | 0.1 |
| | • Females | 223 | 4.1 | 203 | 3.7 | -20 | -0.4 |

□ Locally active population

- As for cities in 9 provinces, the locally active population was 21.919 million persons in the first half of 2025, which rose by 90 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The locally active population stood at 96.7% compared to the total resident population aged 15 or more, down 0.4%p from the first half of 2024.

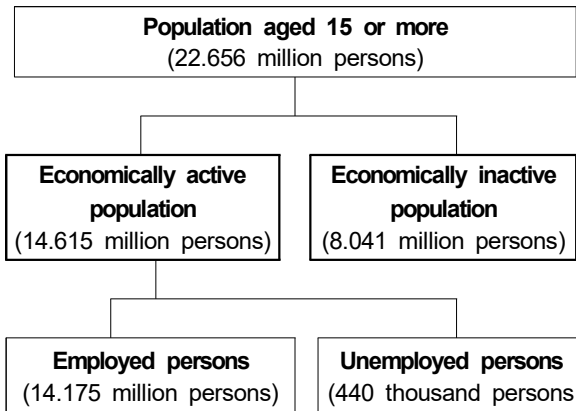
- Among a total of 77 cities in 9 provinces, Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi (136.8%) recorded the highest share of the locally active population compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, which was followed by Sacheon-si, Gyeongnam (116.0%) and Gimje-si, Jeonbuk (113.6%).
- As for counties in 9 provinces, the locally active population was 3.333 million persons in the first half of 2025, which fell by 8 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The locally active population stood at 109.7% compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, down 0.1%p from the first half of 2024.
- Among a total of 76 counties in 9 provinces, Yeongam-gun, Jeonnam (138.2%) recorded the highest share of the locally active population compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, which was followed by Goryeong-gun, Gyeongbuk (133.2%) and Eumseong-gun, Chungbuk (124.6%).
- As for 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities, the locally active population was 20.171 million persons in the first half of 2025, which rose by 96 thousand persons from the first half of 2024. The locally active population stood at 102.4% compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, up 0.4%p from the first half of 2024.
- Among a total of 75 'gu' regions, Jung-gu, Seoul (344.4%) recorded the highest share of the locally active population compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, which was followed by Jung-gu, Busan (217.9%) and Jung-gu, Incheon (146.1%).

Employed persons commuting within the residential area

- As for the share of employed persons commuting within their residential area of cities in 9 provinces, Yeosu-si, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 98.3%, which was followed by Geoje-si, Gyeongnam (97.8%).
- Whereas, Uiwang-si, Gyeonggi (23.2%) recorded the lowest share of employed persons commuting within their residential area, which was followed by Mokpo-si, Jeonnam (68.1%).
- As for the share of employed persons commuting within their residential area of counties in 9 provinces, Ulleung-gun, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 100.0%, which was followed by Jindo-gun, Jeonnam (99.5%).
- Whereas, Chilgok-gun, Gyeongbuk (62.9%) recorded the lowest share of employed persons commuting within their residential area, which was followed by Muan-gun, Jeonnam
- As for the share of employed persons commuting within their residential area of 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities, Ongjin-gun, Incheon recorded the highest figure of 98.3%, which was followed by Gunwi-gun, Daegu (94.5%).
- Whereas, Dongjak-gu, Seoul (25.8%) recorded the lowest share of employed persons commuting within their residential area, which was followed by Dongnae-gu, Busan (34.1%).

【 Composition of the labor force by area 】

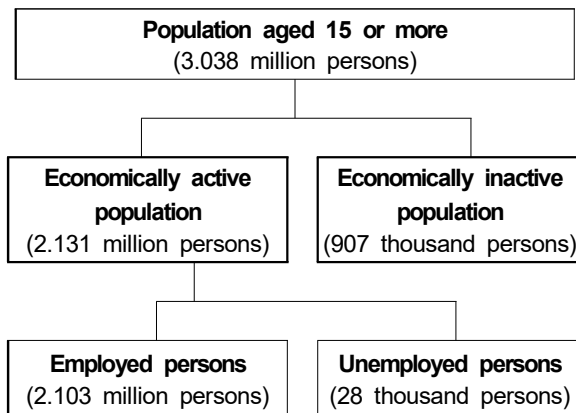
【77 cities in 9 provinces】



(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

| | First half of 2024 | First half of 2025 | Change |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Population aged 15 or more | 22,486 | 22,656 | 169 |
| Labor force participation rate | 64.3 | 64.5 | 0.2 |
| Employed persons | 14,013 | 14,175 | 162 |
| Employment-population ratio | 62.3 | 62.6 | 0.3 |
| Unemployed persons | 447 | 440 | -7 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.1 | 3.0 | -0.1 |

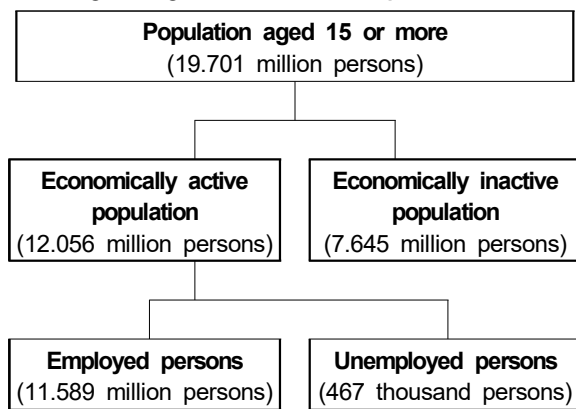
【76 counties in 9 provinces】



(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

| | First half of 2024 | First half of 2025 | Change |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Population aged 15 or more | 3,042 | 3,038 | -4 |
| Labor force participation rate | 70.2 | 70.2 | 0.0 |
| Employed persons | 2,108 | 2,103 | -4 |
| Employment-population ratio | 69.3 | 69.2 | -0.1 |
| Unemployed persons | 28 | 28 | 0 |
| Unemployment rate | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 |

【75 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities】



(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

| | First half of 2024 | First half of 2025 | Change |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Population aged 15 or more | 19,688 | 19,701 | 13 |
| Labor force participation rate | 61.4 | 61.2 | -0.2 |
| Employed persons | 11,612 | 11,589 | -23 |
| Employment-population ratio | 59.0 | 58.8 | -0.2 |
| Unemployed persons | 483 | 467 | -16 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.0 | 3.9 | -0.1 |