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Local Area Labour Force Survey in the Second 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 14.178 million persons in the second half of 2025, going up by 116 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. The employment-population ratio of cities stood at 62.4%, remaining the same as the second half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 77 cities in 9 provinces, Dangjin-si, Chungnam (72.9%) recorded the highest employment-population ratio, which was followed by Seogwipo-si, Jeju (72.1%) and Sangju-si, Gyeongbuk (69.8%).
- As for counties in 9 provinces, the number of employed persons was 2.104 million persons in the second half of 2025, rising by 11 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. The employment-population ratio of counties stood at 68.9%, down 0.5%p from the second half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 76 counties in 9 provinces, Ulleung-gun, Gyeongbuk (83.2%) recorded the highest employment-population ratio, which was followed by Sinan-gun, Jeonnam (78.2%) and Hwacheon-gun, Gangwon (76.7%).
- As for 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities, the number of employed persons was 11.589 million persons in the second half of 2025, falling by 40 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. The employment-population ratio of 'gu' regions stood at 58.8%, down 0.2%p from the second half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 75 'gu' regions, Ongjin-gun, Incheon (79.0%) recorded the highest employment-population ratio, which was followed by Gunwi-gun, Daegu (76.3%) and Gangseo-gu, Busan (69.3%).

< Employed persons and employment-population ratio >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

		Second half of 2024		Second half of 2025		Change	
			Employment-population ratio		Employment-population ratio		Employment-population ratio
77 cities	▶ Employed persons	14,062	62.4	14,178	62.4	116	0.0
	• Males	8,059	71.5	8,049	70.7	-10	-0.8
	• Females	6,003	53.3	6,129	54.0	126	0.7
76 counties	▶ Employed persons	2,115	69.4	2,104	68.9	-11	-0.5
	• Males	1,177	76.4	1,170	75.2	-8	-1.2
	• Females	937	62.2	935	62.3	-3	0.1
75 'gu' regions	▶ Employed persons	11,629	59.0	11,589	58.8	-40	-0.2
	• Males	6,397	67.3	6,319	66.5	-79	-0.8
	• Females	5,232	51.3	5,270	51.6	38	0.3

□ Unemployed persons and unemployment rate

- As for cities in 9 provinces, the number of unemployed persons was 431 thousand persons in the second half of 2025, rising by 14 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. The unemployment rate of cities stood at 2.9%, remaining the same as the second half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 77 cities in 9 provinces, Uijeongbu-si, Gyeonggi (5.3%) recorded the highest unemployment rate, which was followed by Gumi-si, Gyeongbuk (4.9%) and Suncheon-si, Jeonnam (3.4%).
- As for counties in 9 provinces, the number of unemployed persons was 27 thousand persons in the second half of 2025, which grew by 3 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. The unemployment rate of counties stood at 1.3%, up 0.2%p from the second half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 76 counties in 9 provinces, Hwasun-gun, Jeonnam (3.2%) recorded the highest unemployment rate, which was followed by Jincheon-gun, Chungbuk (2.9%) and Uljin-gun, Gyeongbuk (2.8%).
- As for 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities, the number of unemployed persons was 433 thousand persons in the second half of 2025, rising by 18 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. The unemployment rate of 'gu' regions stood at 3.6%, up 0.2%p from the second half of 2024.
 - Among a total of 75 'gu' regions, Gwanak-gu, Seoul (5.7%) recorded the highest unemployment rate, which was followed by Bupyeong-gu, Incheon (5.6%) and Dong-gu, Ulsan (5.2%).

< Unemployed persons and unemployment rate >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

		Second half of 2024		Second half of 2025		Change	
			Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate		Unemployment rate
77 cities	▶ Unemployed persons	417	2.9	431	2.9	14	0.0
	• Males	239	2.9	253	3.0	14	0.1
	• Females	178	2.9	178	2.8	0	-0.1
76 counties	▶ Unemployed persons	25	1.1	27	1.3	3	0.2
	• Males	15	1.3	18	1.5	2	0.2
	• Females	9	1.0	9	1.0	0	0.0
75 'gu' regions	▶ Unemployed persons	415	3.4	433	3.6	18	0.2
	• Males	232	3.5	243	3.7	11	0.2
	• Females	183	3.4	190	3.5	7	0.1

□ Locally active population

- As for cities in 9 provinces, the locally active population was 21.991 million persons in the second half of 2025, rising by 151 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. Compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, this figure stood at 96.8%, down 0.1%p from the second half of 2024.

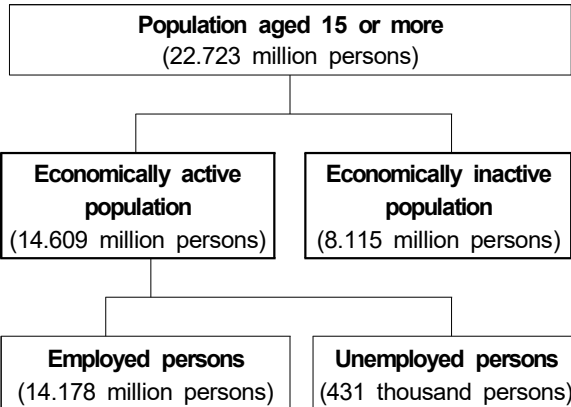
- Among a total of 77 cities in 9 provinces, Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi (147.7%) recorded the highest share of the locally active population compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, which was followed by Miryang-si, Gyeongbuk (113.0%) and Gimje-si, Jeonbuk (112.6%).
- As for counties in 9 provinces, the locally active population was 3.339 million persons in the second half of 2025, remaining the same as the second half of 2024. Compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, this figure stood at 109.3%, down 0.2%p from the second half of 2024.
- Among a total of 76 counties in 9 provinces, Yeongam-gun, Jeonnam (136.0%) 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 (134.4%) and Haman-gun, Gyeongnam (126.7%).
- As for 'gu' regions in 7 metropolitan cities, the locally active population was 20.185 million persons in the second half of 2025, rising by 55 thousand persons from the second half of 2024. Compared to the resident population aged 15 or more, this figure stood at 102.4%, up 0.2%p from the second half of 2024.
- Among a total of 75 'gu' regions, Jung-gu, Seoul (356.9%) 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 (220.2%) and Jung-gu, Incheon (144.3%).

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 98.6%, which was followed by Boryeong-si, Chungnam (97.1%).
- Whereas, Uiwang-si, Gyeonggi (22.1%) recorded the lowest share of employed persons commuting within their residential area, which was followed by Suncheon-si, Jeonnam (70.9%).
- 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 Jeongseon-gun, Gangwon (99.3%).
- Whereas, Muan-gun, Jeonnam (61.7%) recorded the lowest share of employed persons commuting within their residential area, which was followed by Chilgok-gun, Gyeongbuk (62.5%).
- 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 96.3%, which was followed by Gunwi-gun, Daegu (93.2%).
- Whereas, Dongjak-gu, Seoul (24.8%) recorded the lowest share of employed persons commuting within their residential area, which was followed by Yeonje-gu, Busan (35.4%).

【 Composition of the labor force by area 】

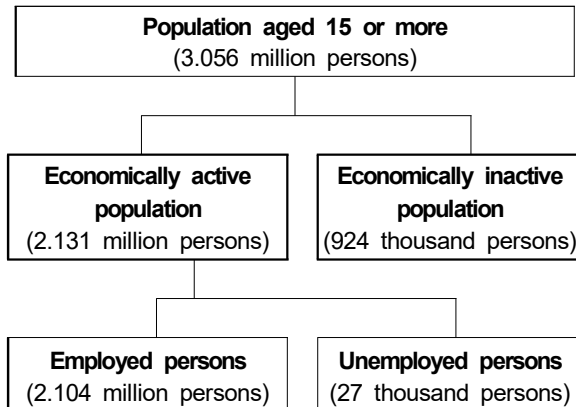
【77 cities in 9 provinces】



(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

	First half of 2024	First half of 2025	Change
Population aged 15 or more	22,537	22,723	186
Labor force participation rate	64.2	64.3	0.1
Employed persons	14,062	14,178	116
Employment-population ratio	62.4	62.4	0.0
Unemployed persons	417	431	14
Unemployment rate	2.9	2.9	0.0

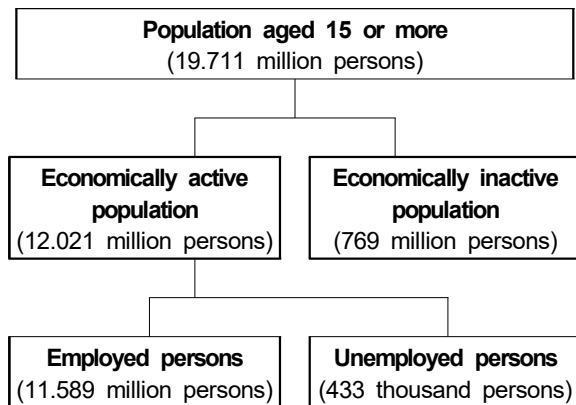
【76 counties in 9 provinces】



(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

	First half of 2024	First half of 2025	Change
Population aged 15 or more	3,048	3,056	8
Labor force participation rate	70.2	69.7	-0.5
Employed persons	2,115	2,104	-11
Employment-population ratio	69.4	68.9	-0.5
Unemployed persons	25	27	3
Unemployment rate	1.1	1.3	0.2

【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	19,699	19,711	13
Labor force participation rate	61.1	61.0	-0.1
Employed persons	11,629	11,589	-40
Employment-population ratio	59.0	58.8	-0.2
Unemployed persons	415	433	18
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.6	0.2