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Local Area Labour Force Survey in the Second Half of 2025 (Employment of double-earner couple households and one-person households)

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Employment of double-earner couple households

☐ Double-earner couple households

- In October 2025, married couple households amounted to 12.65 million households. Among them, double-earner couple households marked 6.153 million households in October 2025, which rose by 67 thousand households from October 2024.
 - Compared to October 2024, the share of double-earner couple households went up by 0.6%p to 48.6% of the married couple households in October 2025.
- As for the share of double-earner couple households by age of household head, household heads aged '30~39' recorded the highest figure of 63.3%, which was followed by those aged '40~49' (61.3%). All the age groups showed a year-on-year increase in the share of double-earner couple households.

☐ Households of double-earner couples living together

- Among double-earner couple households (6.153 million households), the households of double-earner couples living together amounted to 5.293 million households. Compared to October 2024, this figure grew by 62 thousand households.
- Among the households of double-earner couples living together, the households of double-earner couples engaged in the same industry accounted for 34.8% in October 2025, down 0.5%p from October 2024.
 - As for the share of households of double-earner couples engaged in the same industry, 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing' showed the highest figure of 76.0%, which was followed by 'Accommodation and food service activities' (64.5%).
- Among the households of double-earner couples living together, the households of double-earner couples engaged in the same occupation took up 36.6% in October 2025, down 1.1%p from October 2024.
 - As for the share of households of double-earner couples with the same occupation, 'Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries skilled workers' showed the highest figure of 74.3%, which was followed by 'Professionals and related workers' (51.1%).

☐ Households of double-earner couples with children aged 17 or less

- Married couple households with children aged 17 or less totaled 3.785 million households. Among them, double-earner couple households amounted to 2.287 million households, which fell by 17 thousand households year-on-year.
 - The share of double-earner couple households among married couple households with children aged 17 or less stood at 60.4% in October 2025, up 1.9%p from October 2024.
- Among married couple households with children aged 17 or less, as for the share of double-earner couple households by age of the youngest child, the double-earner couple

households with children 'aged 6 or less', 'aged 7~12' and 'aged 13~17' rose by 3.3%p, 1.4%p and 0.4%p, respectively, compared to October 2024.

- The average weekly working hours of double-earner couple households with children aged 17 or less stood at 38.6 hours in October 2025, which fell by 0.4 hours from October 2024.

Employment of one-person households

☐ One-person households

- In October 2025, the number of one-person households was 8.215 million households, rising by 212 thousand households year-on-year.
- Employed one-person households totaled 5.198 million households in October 2025, rising by 98 thousand households from October 2024.
 - Employed one-person households occupied 63.3% of the total one-person households, down 0.4%p year-on-year.

☐ Status of employed one-person households

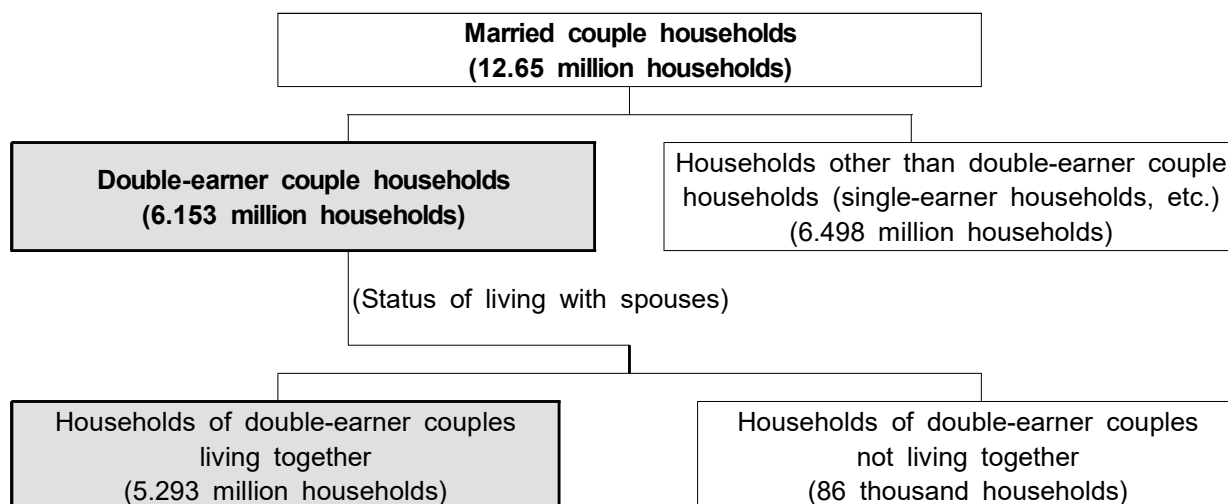
- As for the share of employed one-person households by gender, males (69.3%) recorded a higher share than females (57.1%).
 - The share of employed one-person female households went up by 0.2%p year-on-year. Whereas, the share of employed one-person male households went down by 1.2%p year-on-year.
- As for the share of employed one-person households by age group, people aged 30~39 recorded the highest figure of 87.0%, which was followed by those aged 40~49 (82.1%).
- As for the share of employed one-person households by industry, 'Manufacturing' recorded the highest figure of 14.6%, which was followed by 'Human health and social work activities' (12.3%) and 'Wholesale and retail trade' (9.8%).
- As for the share of employed one-person households by occupation, 'Professionals and related workers' marked the highest figure of 25.2%, which was followed by 'Clerks' (16.8%) and 'Elementary workers' (15.8%).
- The average weekly working hours of employed one-person households stood at 37.7 hours in October 2025, which dropped by 0.5 hours from October 2024.

☐ Distribution of wage workers by wage level among employed one-person households

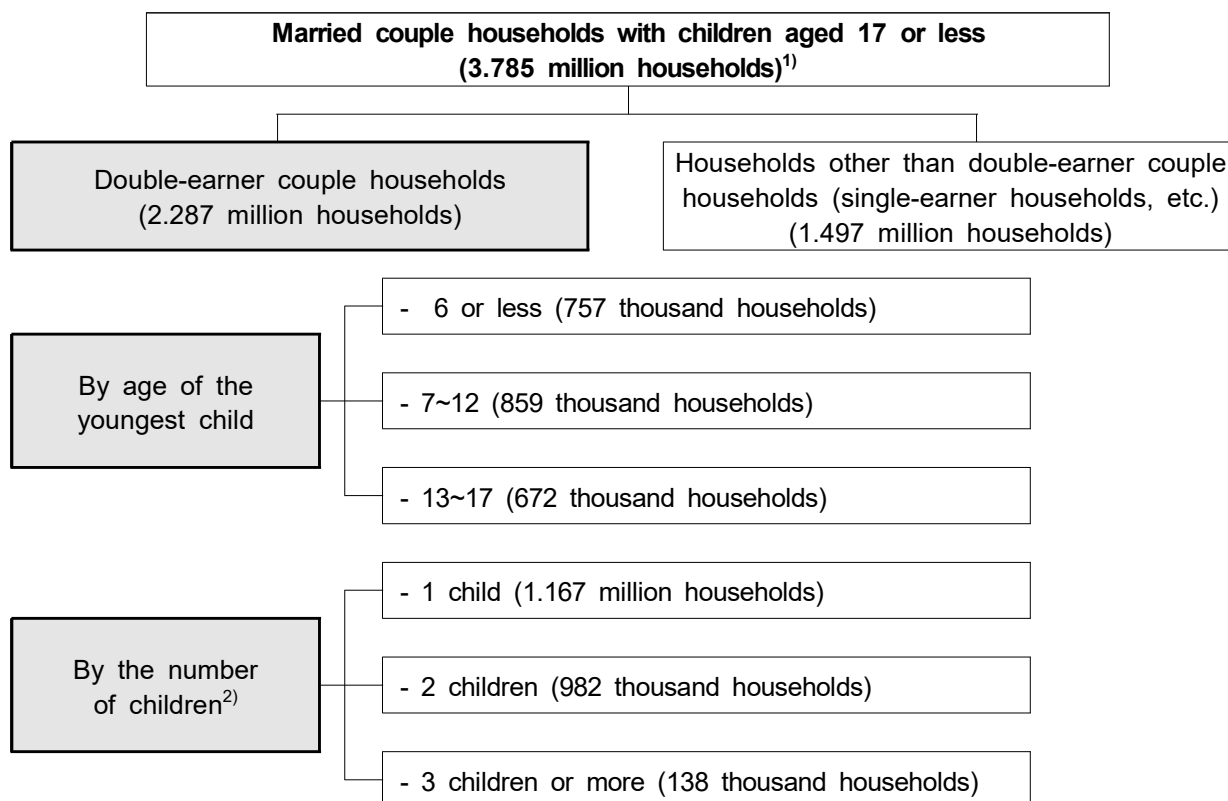
- Among one-person wage worker households, workers earning '2 million won ~ less than 3 million won' occupied the largest share at 29.5%, which was followed by those earning '3 million won ~ less than 4 million won' (26.4%).

- Compared to October 2024, the share of wage workers earning '2 million won ~ less than 3 million won' declined by 2.4%p. Whereas, the share of wage workers earning '3 million won ~ less than 4 million won' and '4 million won or more' rose by 1.1%p and 1.5%p, respectively.

< Composition of double-earner couple households >



< Composition of double-earner couple households with children aged 17 or less¹⁾ >



1) The figures are based on the youngest child aged 17 or less among married couple households. (Households without a child aged 17 or less are excluded from the figures.)

2) The number of children of households with the youngest child aged 17 or less.