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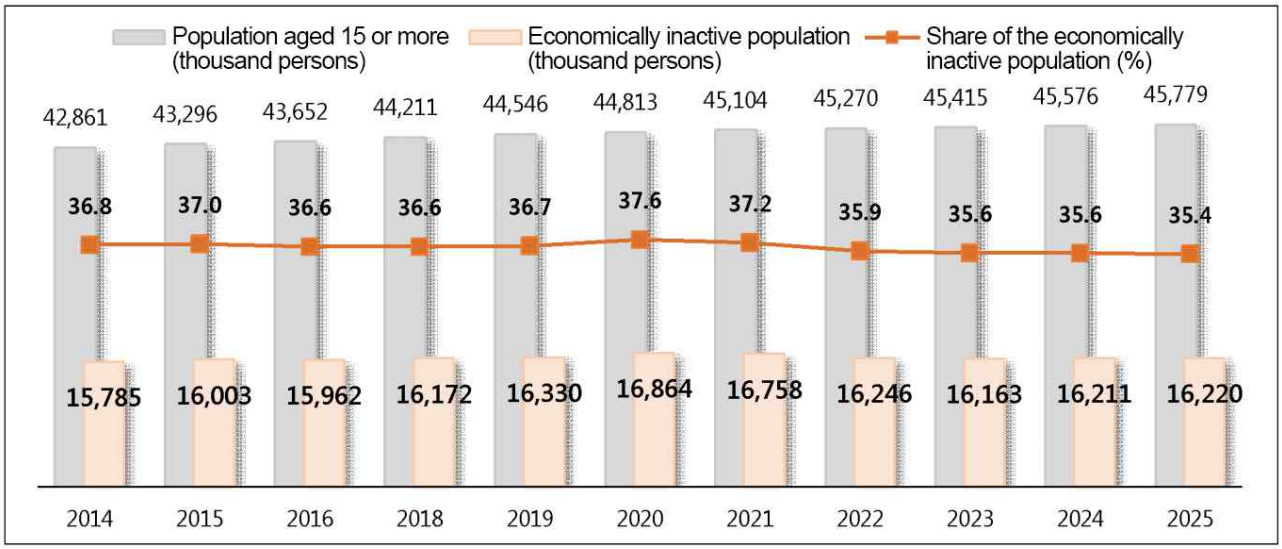
☐ In August 2025, the economically inactive population was 16.22 million persons, which grew by 9 thousand persons from August 2024. The economically inactive population occupied 35.4% of the population aged 15 or more, which dropped by 0.2%p from August 2024.

< Population aged 15 or more, and economically inactive population >



※ Survey reference period: Every August

❍ As for the economically inactive population by gender, females occupied 61.7% of the total economically inactive population, which was higher than males (38.3%). As for the economically inactive population by age group, people aged 70 or more occupied the largest share at 28.1%, which was followed by those aged 60~69 (18.7%) and those aged 15~19 (12.9%).

< Economically inactive population >

(Unit: thousand persons, %, %p)

	Aug. 2024		Aug. 2025		Change	
		Composition		Composition		Composition
Economically inactive population	16,211	100.0	16,220	100.0	9	-
Males	6,136	37.9	6,215	38.3	78	0.4
Females	10,075	62.1	10,005	61.7	-70	-0.4

< Economically inactive population by gender and age group >

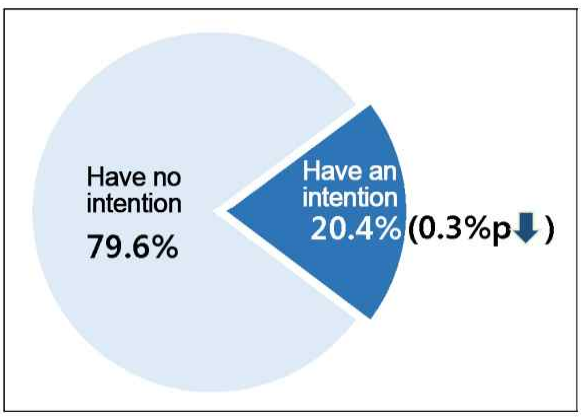
(Unit: thousand persons, %)

	Aug. 2024				Aug. 2025						
	Economically inactive population	Compo-sition	Males	Females	Economically inactive population	Compo-sition	Change	Males	Compo-sition	Females	Compo-sition
<Total>	16,211	100.0	6,136	10,075	16,220	100.0	9	6,215	100.0	10,005	100.0
15~19	2,057	12.7	1,054	1,003	2,100	12.9	42	1,074	17.3	1,026	10.3
20~29	2,102	13.0	1,109	994	2,065	12.7	-37	1,090	17.5	976	9.7
30~39	1,208	7.5	346	862	1,182	7.3	-26	363	5.8	819	8.2
40~49	1,524	9.4	301	1,223	1,435	8.8	-89	305	4.9	1,130	11.3
50~59	1,866	11.5	505	1,361	1,847	11.4	-19	506	8.1	1,341	13.4
60～69	3,056	18.9	1,152	1,905	3,038	18.7	-18	1,151	18.5	1,887	18.9
70 or more	4,398	27.1	1,669	2,729	4,553	28.1	155	1,725	27.8	2,828	28.3

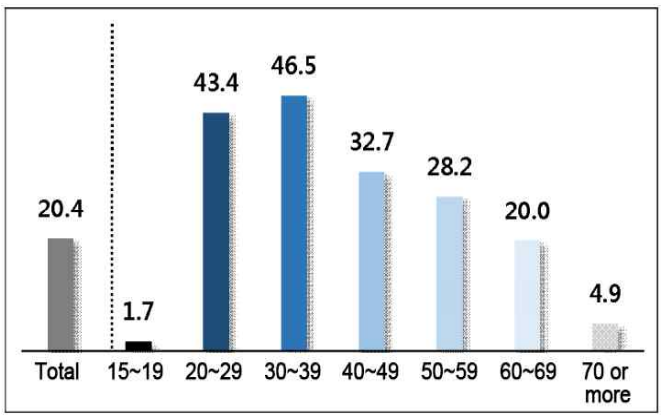
☐ The economically inactive population who wanted to get a job or establish a business within 1 year was 3.301 million persons, which accounted for 20.4% of the economically inactive population. This percentage went down by 0.3%p compared to August 2024.

○ As for the share of the economically inactive population with the intention to get a job or establish a business by age group, people aged 30~39 showed the highest figure of 46.5%, which was followed by those aged 20~29 (43.4%), those aged 40~49 (32.7%) and those aged 50~59 (28.2%).

< Intention to get a job or establish a business within 1 year >



< Share of the economically inactive population with an intention to get a job or establish a business by age group (%) >



☐ Characteristics of the economically inactive population who wanted to get a job or establish a business within 1 year

○ As for the reasons for getting a job or establishing a business, the largest share (75.3%) wanted to earn money for living expenses or pocket money.

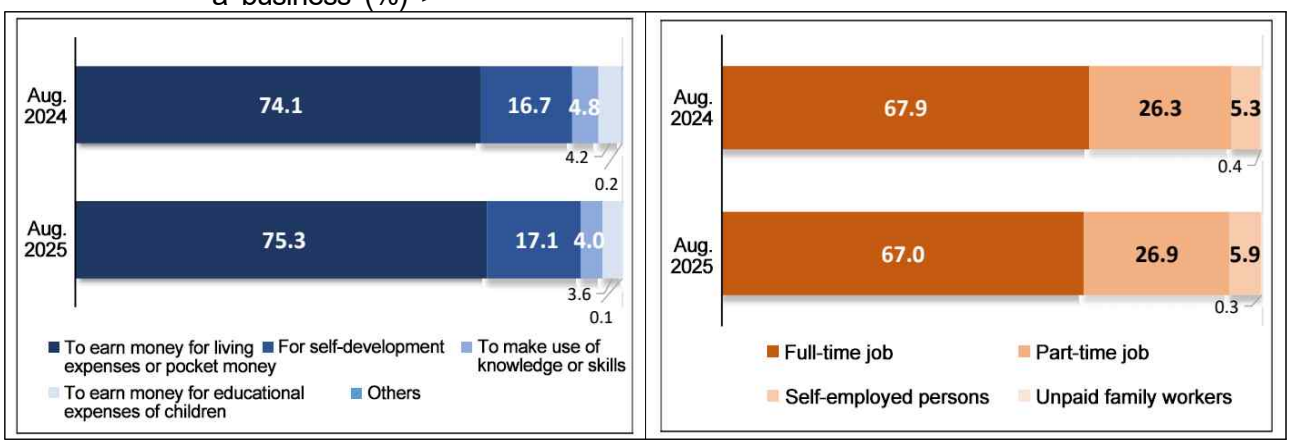
❍ As for the employment type to be desired of the economically inactive population who wanted to get a job or establish a business within 1 year, 93.9% of them wanted to get a job as a wage worker. In the meantime, 6.2% of them wanted to get a job as a non-wage worker.

- As for the detailed employment type to be desired, 'Full-time job' occupied the largest share at 67.0%, which was followed by 'Part-time job' (26.9%), 'Self-employed person' (5.9%) and 'Unpaid family worker' (0.3%).

- As for the reasons for getting a part-time job, 'Due to health' occupied the largest share at 37.3%, which was followed by 'To carry out other things or activities side by side' (20.5%) and 'Child care and child education' (19.2%).

< Reasons for getting a job or establishing a business (%) >

< Employment type to be desired (%) >

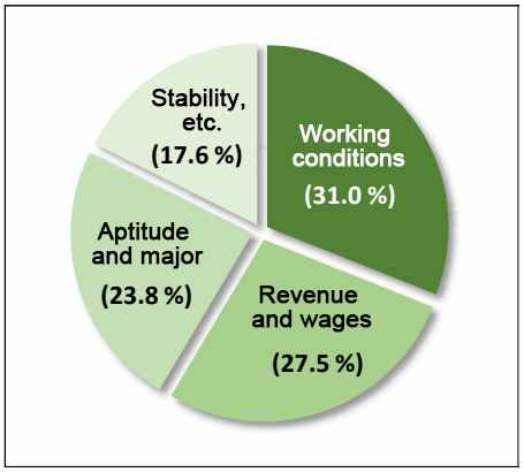


❍ As for the first priority to be considered when getting a job, the largest share (31.0%) of the economically inactive population who wanted to get a job as a wage worker considered 'Working conditions'. As for the first priority to be considered, the largest share (47.2%) of the economically inactive population who wanted to establish a business considered revenue and profit.

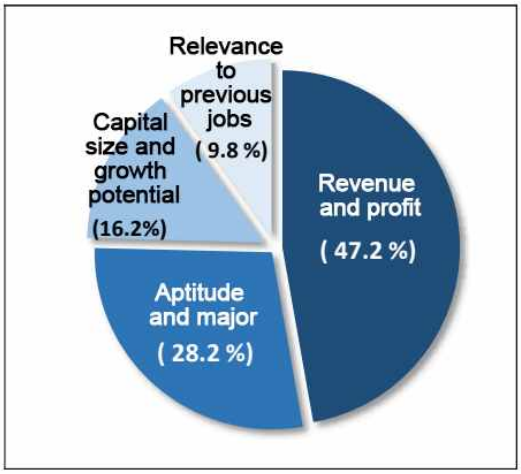
- As for the monthly average wages to be desired when getting a job, '2 million ~ less than 3 million won' occupied the largest share at 43.6%.

- As for the reasons for establishing a business, 'To utilize time freely' occupied the largest share at 32.6%.

< Things to be considered when getting a job >



< Things to be considered when establishing a business >



□ 79.6% of the economically inactive population had no intention to get a job or establish a business. This percentage rose by 0.3%p compared to August 2024.

❍ As for the reasons for having no intention to get a job or establish a business by gender, the largest share of males (33.5%) mentioned 'Commuting to (or attending) school or preparation for a higher education'. Whereas, the largest share of females (37.7%) mentioned 'House work'.