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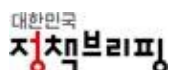
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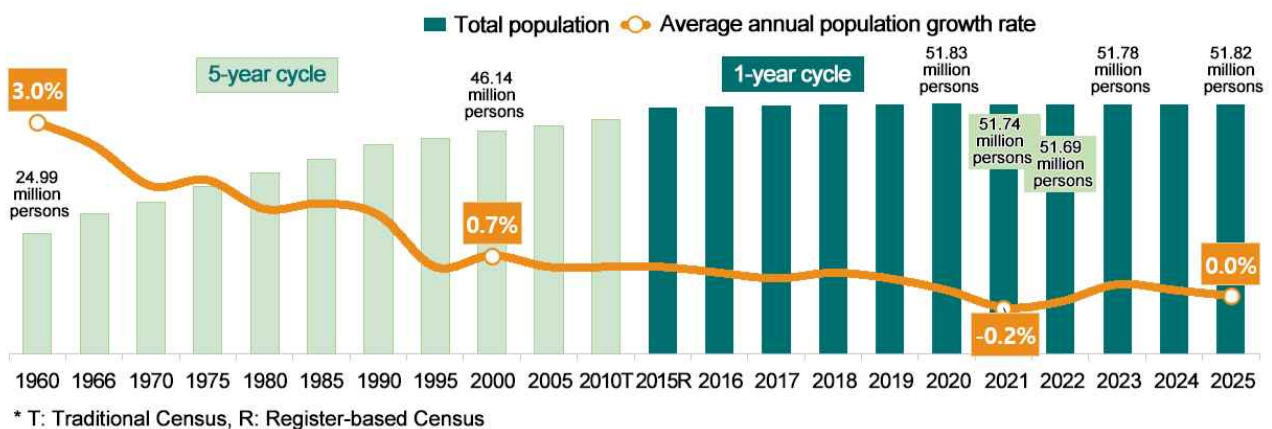
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[Population]

As of November 1st, 2025, the population of South Korea was 51.82 million persons, which increased by 0.02% (10 thousand persons) from 2024.

- In 2025, the number of Koreans residing in South Korea was 49.71 million persons (95.9% of the total population), which decreased by 50 thousand persons (-0.1%) from 2024.
- The number of foreigners residing in South Korea recorded 2.11 million persons (4.1% of the total population), which increased by 70 thousand persons (3.2%) from 2024.

[Total population and average annual population growth rate]

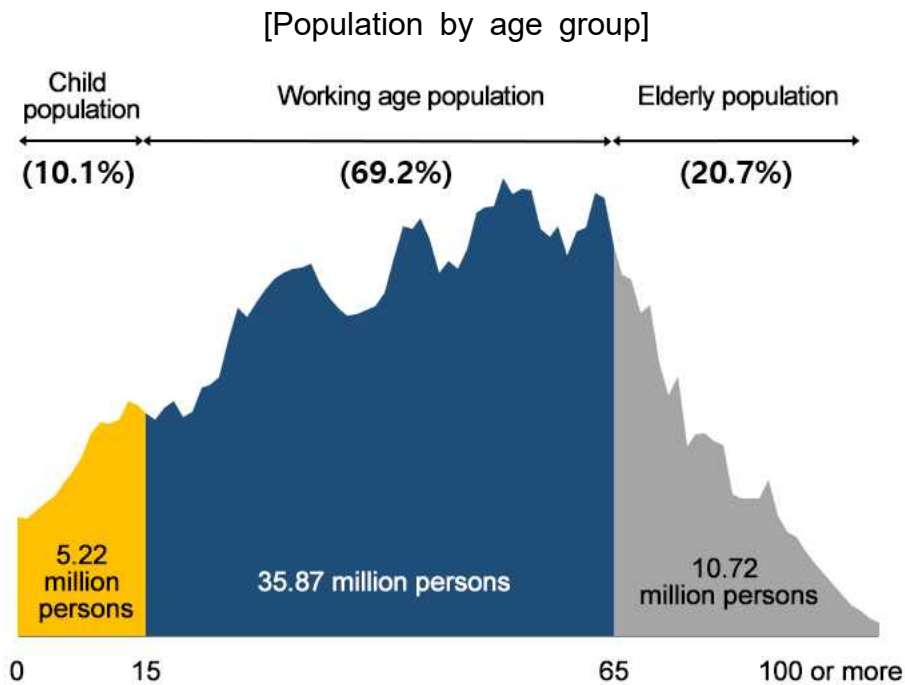


The working age population aged 15~64 amounted to 35.87 million persons (69.2%). This figure showed a steadily decreasing trend from 2018.

- The child population and the working age population showed a year-on-year decrease. Whereas, the elderly population showed a year-on-year increase.

	2024		2025
Child population aged 0~14:	5.42 million persons (10.5%)	→	5.22 million persons (10.1%)
Working age population aged 15~64:	36.26 million persons (70.0%)	→	35.87 million persons (69.2%)
Elderly population aged 65 or more:	10.12 million persons (19.5%)	→	10.72 million persons (20.7%)

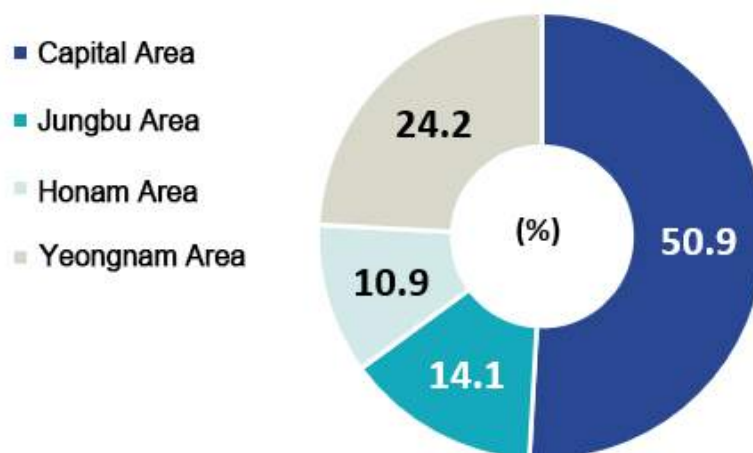
- The aging index (the elderly population per 100 child population) stood at 205.2 in 2025, rising by 18.5 from 2024.



In 2025, the population of the Capital Area was 26.38 million persons, which occupied 50.9% of the total population. This figure went up by 0.3% from 2024.

- The population of the Capital Area and the Jungbu Area each rose by 0.3% year-on-year. Whereas, population of the Yeongnam Area and the Honam Area each fell by 0.4%.
- (Metropolitan city and province) 7 regions including Gyeonggi and Incheon showed a year-on-year increase in the population. Whereas, 10 regions including Seoul and Busan showed a year-on-year decrease in the population.
- (Si, Gun & Gu) A total of 82 Si, Gun & Gu regions showed a year-on-year increase in the population. Whereas, a total of 147 Si, Gun & Gu regions showed a year-on-year decrease in the population.

[Population by area]

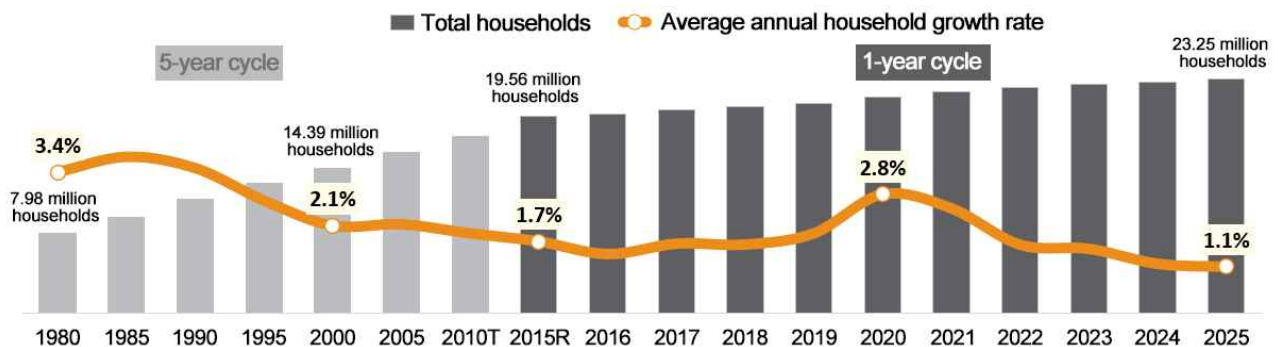


[Household]

As of November 1st, 2025, the number of households totaled 23.25 million households, increasing by 1.1% (250 thousand households) from the previous year.

- The general households occupied 96.8% (22.50 million households) of the total households in 2025, which rose by 0.9% (200 thousand households) from 2024.
- Group households and foreigner households occupied 3.2% (750 thousand households) of the total households in 2025, which rose by 6.9% (50 thousand households) from 2024.
- ※ Total households = General households + Group households + Foreigner households

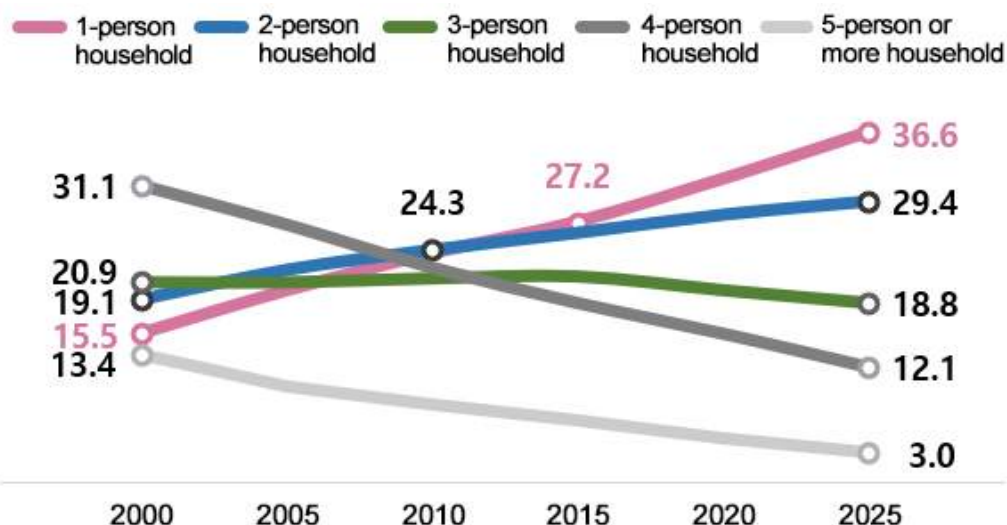
[Total households and average annual household growth rate]



Among general households, 1-person and 2-person households accounted for 66.1% (14.87 million households). The average household size stood at 2.16 persons in 2025.

- Compared to 2024, 3-person or less households marked an increase. In the meantime, 4-person or more households marked a decrease.
- 1-person and 2-person households rose by 2.5% (200 thousand households) and 2.3% (150 thousand households), respectively. Whereas, 4-person or more households fell by 4.6% (-160 thousand households).
- The average household size marked 2.16 persons in 2025, which fell by 0.03 from 2024 and 0.28 from 2020.

[Household composition by household size]

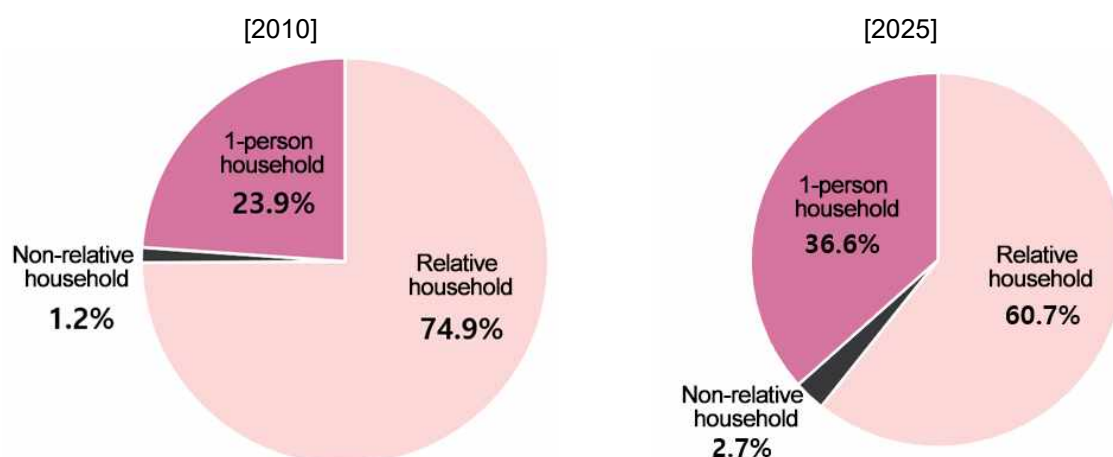


Among general households, relative households accounted for 60.7%. Households residing in apartments accounted for 54.5%.

- Compared to 2024, relative households showed a decrease. Whereas, non-relative households and 1-person households showed an increase.

	2024		2025
Relative households:	13.67 million households (61.3%)	→	13.65 million households (60.7%)
Non-relative households:	580 thousand households (2.6%)	→	600 thousand households (2.7%)
1-person households:	8.04 million households (36.1%)	→	8.24 million households (36.6%)

[Household composition by household type]

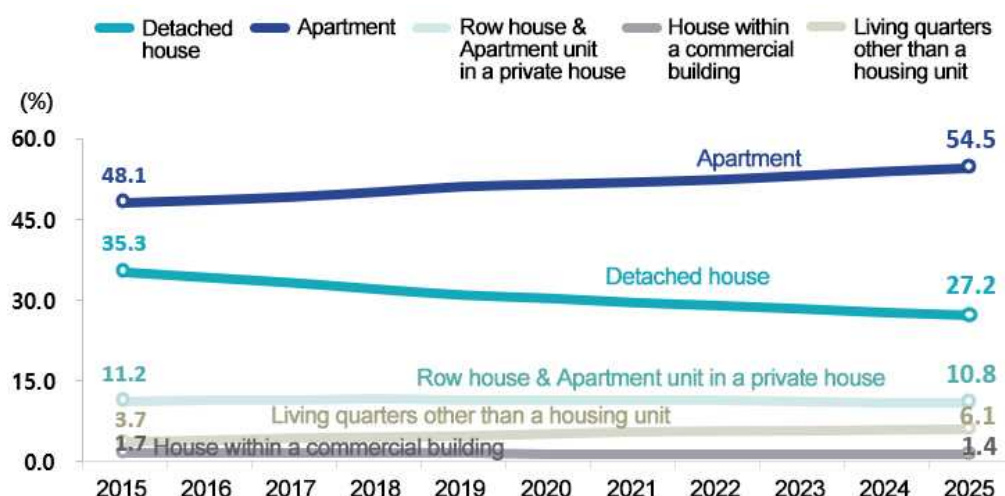


- Households residing in a housing unit took up 93.9% of the general households. On the other hand, households residing in living quarters other than a housing unit took up 6.1% of the general households.

- In 2025, households residing in apartments took up 54.5% of the general households, rising by 0.6%p from 53.9% in 2024.

※ Living quarters = Housing unit + Living quarters other than housing unit

[Household composition by type of living quarters]



[Housing]

As of November 1st, 2025, the number of housing units totaled 20.18 million units, rising by 1.6% (310 thousand units) compared to 2024.

- Detached houses totaled 3.83 million units (19.0%), which declined by 0.3% (-10 thousand units) year-on-year. Apartments amounted to 13.29 million units, which accounted for 65.8% of the total housing units. This figure increased by 2.4% (320 thousand units) from 2024.

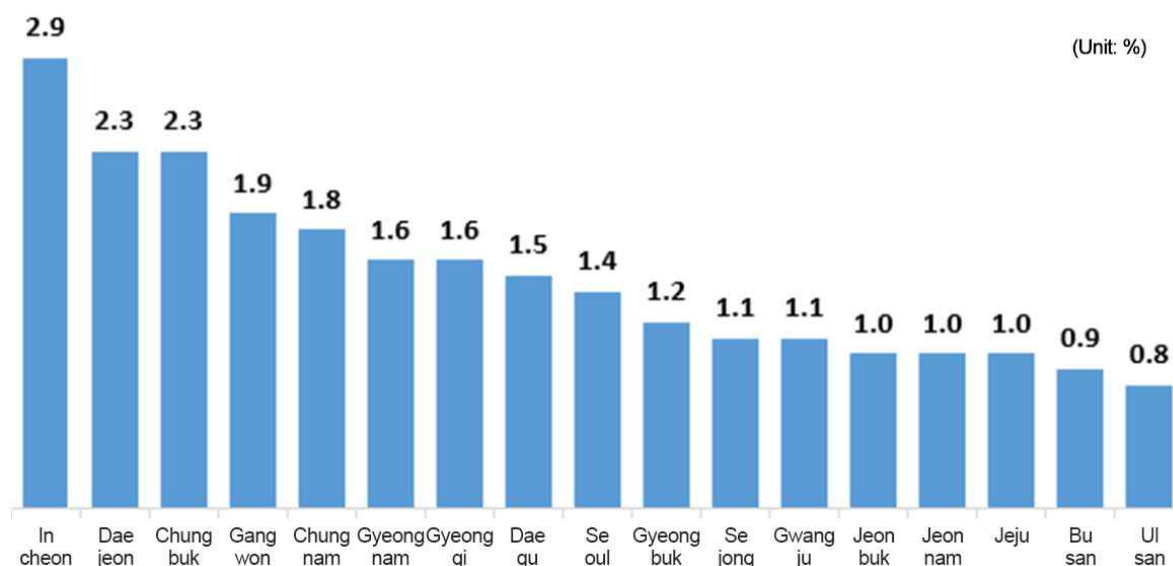
[Total housing units and average annual growth rate of housing units]



Regarding the year-on-year percent change in housing units by province, Incheon recorded the highest figure of 2.9%. Whereas, Ulsan recorded the lowest figure of 0.8%.

- Housing units in the Capital Area occupied 46.8% (9.45 million units) of the total housing units, which increased by 1.7% from 2024.
- (Housing units by provinc) Compared to the previous year, Gyeonggi (80 thousand units) showed the highest increase in housing units, which was followed by Seoul (46 thousand units) and Incheon (34 thousand units).

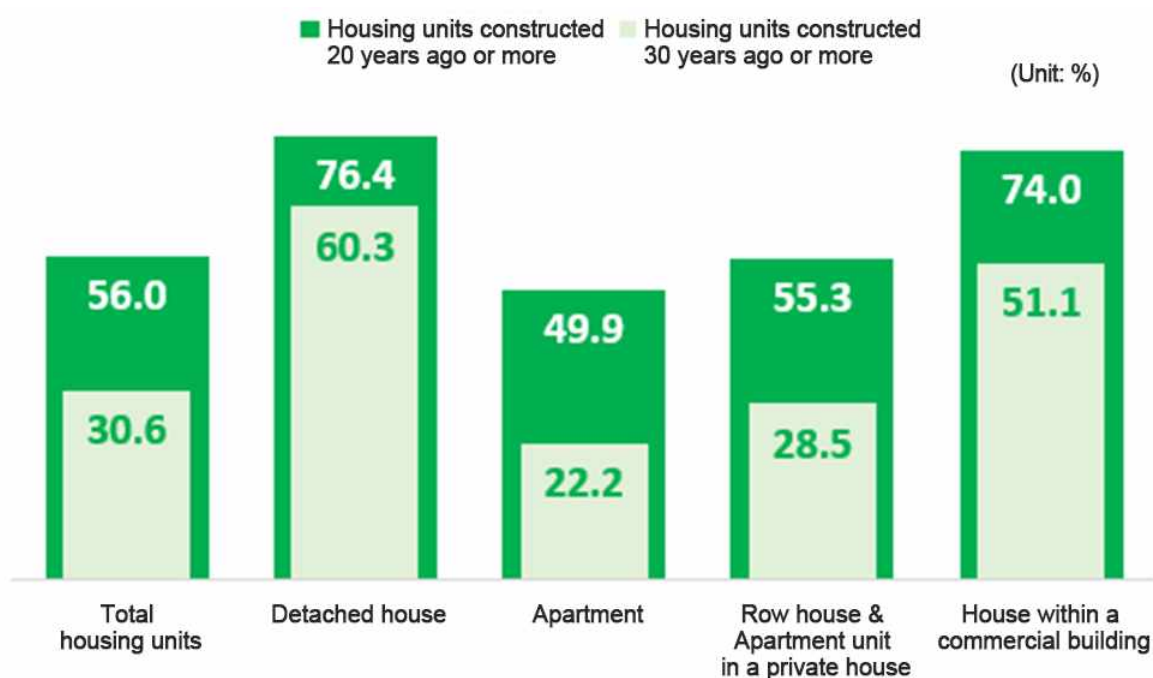
[Percent change in housing units by province]



Housing units constructed 20 years ago or more accounted for 56.0% of the total housing units. Housing units constructed 30 years ago or more accounted for 30.6% of the total housing units.

- Detached houses constructed 30 years ago or more occupied 60.3%. Apartments constructed 30 years ago or more occupied 22.2%.
- (Share of housing units constructed 30 years ago or more by province) Regarding the share of housing units constructed 30 years ago or more by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 45.6%, which was followed by Jeonbuk (40.5%) and Gyeongbuk (40.4%).

[Share of housing units by type of living quarters and construction year]



When reflecting housing units with multiple households, the total housing units amounted to 23.24 million units, rising by 1.3% (300 thousand units) from 2024.

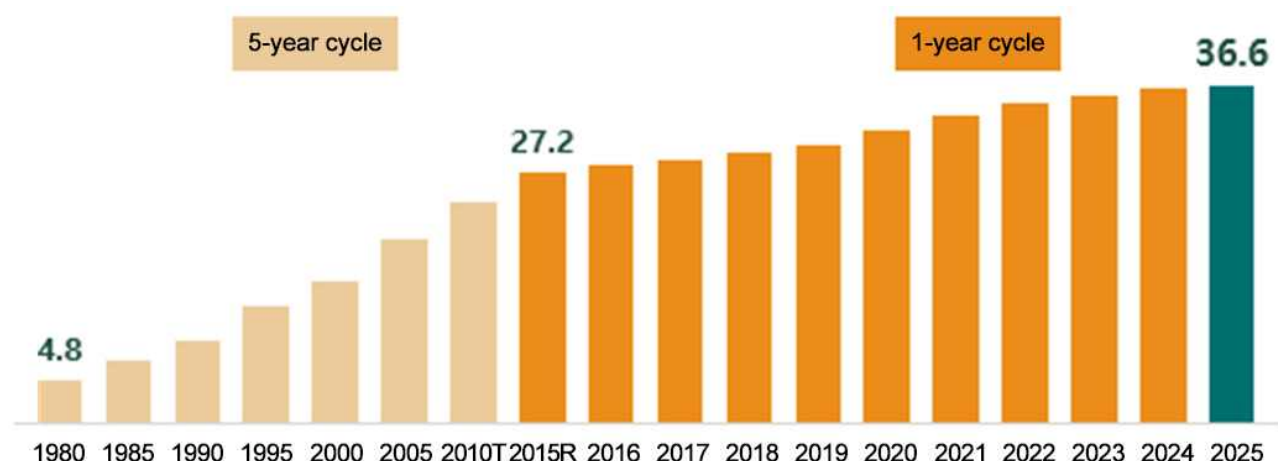
- When reflecting housing units with multiple households, the total housing units amounted to 23.24 million units, which was 3.06 million units higher than the total housing units when not reflecting housing units with multiple households. This figure grew by 1.3% (300 thousand units) from 22.94 million units in 2024.
- (Housing units by province) When reflecting housing units with multiple households, Seoul marked the highest figure of 910 thousand units, which was followed by Gyeonggi (720 thousand units), Gyeongnam (260 thousand units), and Daegu (260 thousand units).

[Characteristics of the population and households]

In 2025, 1-person households marked 8.24 million households (36.6%), rising by 2.5% from 2024.

- Among general households, the share of 1-person households showed a steadily increasing trend.
 - (Share of 1-person households) 35.5%²⁰²³ → 36.1%²⁰²⁴ → 36.6%²⁰²⁵
- Regarding the share of 1-person households by province, Seoul recorded the highest figure of 40.5%. Whereas, Gyeonggi recorded the lowest figure of 32.2%.

[Share of 1-person households]



- Regarding 1-person households by age group, people aged '60~69' recorded the highest share of 17.7%, which was followed by those aged '30~39' (17.5%) and those aged '29 or less' (16.9%).
 - Regarding 1-person households of males by age group, males aged '30~39' recorded the highest share of 21.8%. Regarding 1-person households of females by age group, females aged '60~69' recorded the highest share of 18.6%.

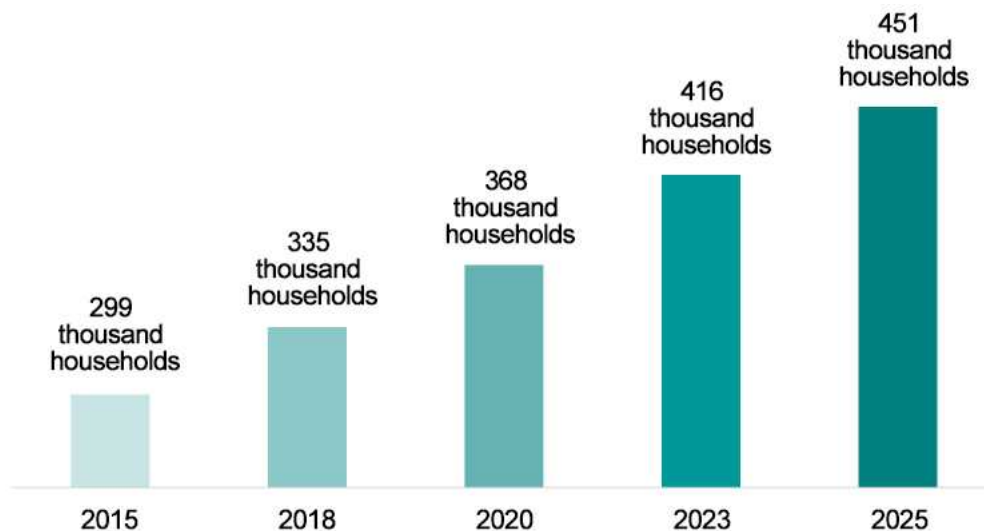
[Share of 1-person households by sex and age group]



In 2025, the multi-cultural households amounted to 450 thousand households, which showed an ever-increasing trend from 2015.

- Compared to 2024, the multi-cultural households rose by 2.8% (12 thousand households).
 - (Multi-cultural households by type) Compared to 2024, the households of naturalized Koreans and those of multi-cultural children rose by 4.0% and 1.7%, respectively. The households of marriage immigrants and the other households rose by 1.6% and 2.9%, respectively.
- Regarding the share of multi-cultural households by province, Gyeonggi recorded the highest figure of 31.1%, which was followed by Seoul (17.5%). Whereas, Sejong recorded the lowest figure of 0.5%.

[Multi-cultural household]

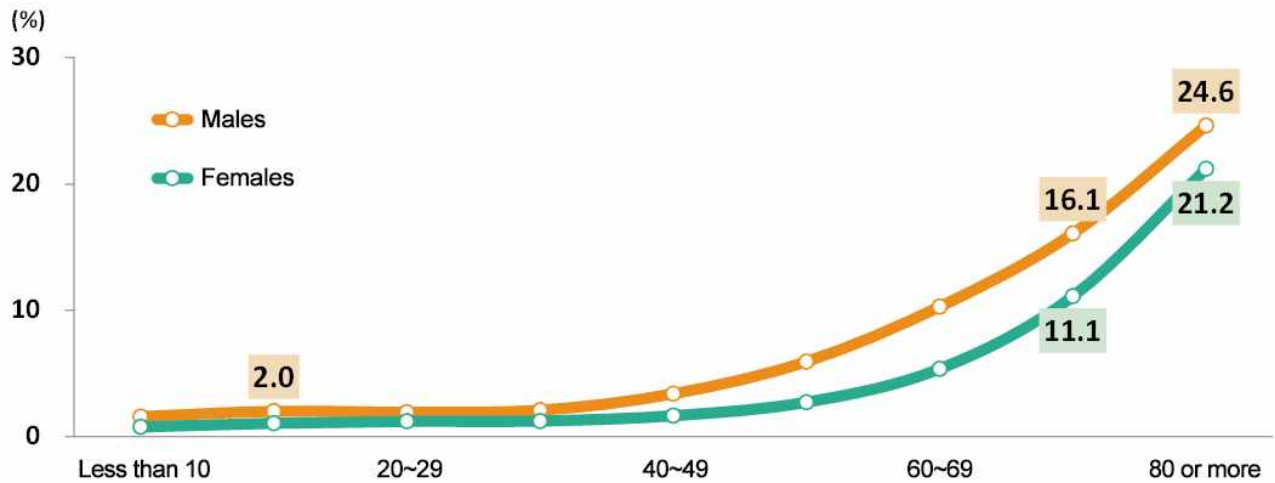


Koreans with disability totaled 2.60 million persons. Households with a disabled person amounted to 2.26 million households (10.1% of the total households).

- Koreans with disability amounted to 2.60 million persons, which accounted for 5.2% of the total Koreans.
 - The share of Koreans aged 80 or more with disability stood at 22.4%, which recorded the highest figure among all the age groups.
- Households with a disabled person* amounted to 2.26 million households. 1-person households with a disabled person accounted for 26.2% of the total households with a disabled person.

* General households with a disabled Korean household member

[Share of people with disability by sex and age group]



< Major indicators of the Population and Housing Census >

(Unit: thousand persons (households, units), age, %, %p, per 100 persons, person)

Classification				2023 (A)	2024 (B)	2025 (C)	Change		Percent change	
							(D=B-A)	(E=C-B)	D/Ax100	E/Bx100
Population	Total population			51,775	51,806	51,817	31	12	0.1	0.0
	Nationality	Korean		49,839	49,763	49,708	-77	-54	-0.2	-0.1
		Foreigner		1,935	2,043	2,109	108	66	5.6	3.2
		Share of foreigners		3.7	3.9	4.1	0.2	0.1	-	-
	Sex	Male (M)		25,904	25,931	25,936	27	5	0.1	0.0
		Female (F)		25,871	25,875	25,882	4	7	0.0	0.0
		Sex ratio (M/F)		100.1	100.2	100.2	0.1	0.0	-	-
	Age	Size	0~14 (Y)	5,619	5,421	5,225	-199	-196	-3.5	-3.6
			15~64 (W)	36,546	36,263	35,870	-283	-393	-0.8	-1.1
			65 or more (O)	9,609	10,122	10,723	513	601	5.3	5.9
		Compo-sition	0~14	10.9	10.5	10.1	-0.4	-0.4	-	-
			15~64	70.6	70.0	69.2	-0.6	-0.8	-	-
			65 or more	18.6	19.5	20.7	1.0	1.2	-	-
		Median age		45.7	46.2	46.8	0.6	0.6	-	-
		Youth dependency ratio (Y/W)		15.4	14.9	14.6	-0.4	-0.4	-	-
		Old-age dependency ratio (O/W)		26.3	27.9	29.9	1.6	2.0	-	-
		Aging index (O/Y)		171.0	186.7	205.2	15.7	18.5	-	-
	Marital status*	Size	Unmarried	12,675	12,736	12,789	61	54	0.5	0.4
			Married	24,321	24,308	24,348	-13	41	-0.1	0.2
			Widowed and divorced	5,945	6,022	6,096	77	74	1.3	1.2
		Compo-sition	Unmarried	29.5	29.6	29.6	0.1	0.0	-	-
			Married	56.6	56.4	56.3	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
			Widowed and divorced	13.8	14.0	14.1	0.1	0.1	-	-
Household	Total households			22,728	22,997	23,246	269	249	1.2	1.1
	General household			22,073	22,294	22,495	221	201	1.0	0.9
	Group household and foreigner household			655	703	751	48	48	7.3	6.9
	By household size**	Size	1-person household	7,829	8,045	8,244	216	199	2.8	2.5
			2-person household	6,346	6,476	6,624	130	148	2.0	2.3
			3-person household	4,195	4,202	4,219	8	17	0.2	0.4

			4-person or more household	3,703	3,571	3,408	-132	-163	-3.6	-4.6
		Compo- sition	1-person household	35.5	36.1	36.6	0.6	0.6	-	-
			2-person household	28.8	29.0	29.4	0.3	0.4	-	-
			3-person household	19.0	18.8	18.8	-0.2	-0.1	-	-
			4-person or more household	16.8	16.0	15.2	-0.8	-0.9	-	-
		Average household size		2.21	2.19	2.16	-0.03	-0.03	-	-
Housing	Total housing units			19,546	19,873	20,181	326	309	1.7	1.6
	By housing type	Size	Detached house	3,861	3,841	3,830	-20	-12	-0.5	-0.3
			Apartment	12,632	12,974	13,289	342	315	2.7	2.4
			Row house & Apartment unit in a private house	2,842	2,846	2,851	4	6	0.1	0.2
			House within a commercial building	212	211	211	-0	-0	-0.0	-0.1
		Compo- sition	Detached house	19.8	19.3	19.0	-0.4	-0.4	-	-
			Apartment	64.6	65.3	65.8	0.7	0.6	-	-
			Row house & Apartment unit in a private house	14.5	14.3	14.1	-0.2	-0.2	-	-
			House within a commercial building	1.1	1.1	1.0	-0.0	-0.0	-	-

* Koreans aged 18 or more

** General household