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- In March 2025, the internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 12.7%, which went down 0.3%p year-on-year.

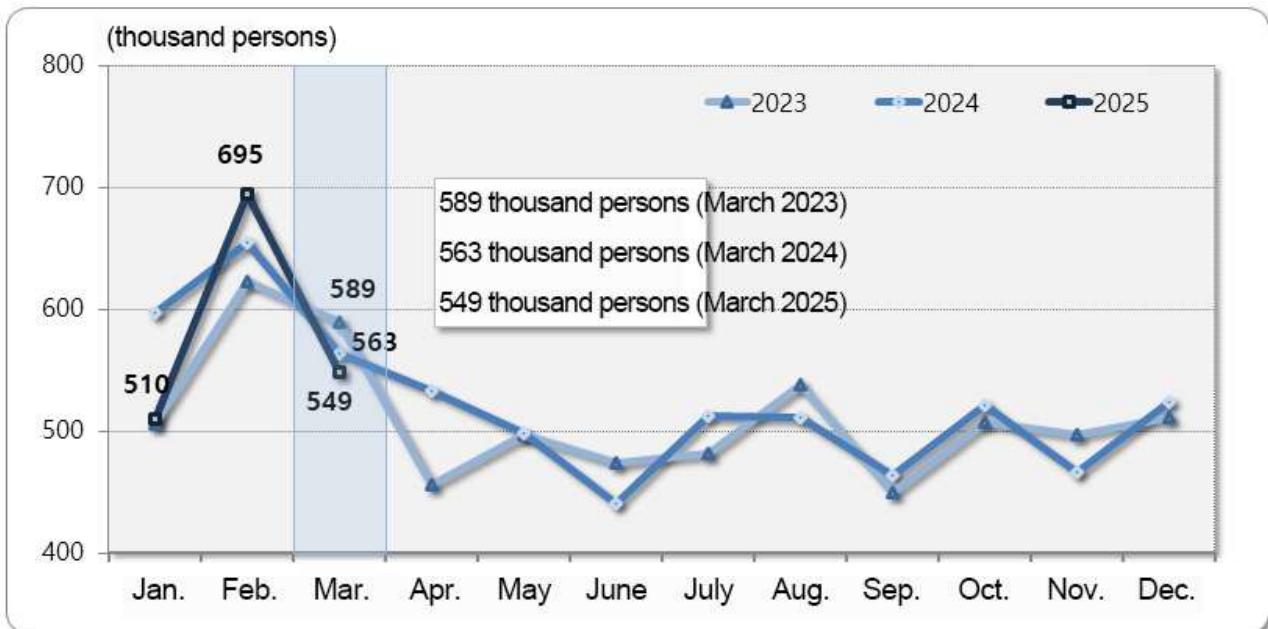
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	Internal migration in March			Year-on-year*	
	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	589	563	549	-4.4	-2.6
Migration rate** (% , %p)	13.5	13.0	12.7	-0.5	-0.3

* Percent changes (%) for the number of migrants and changes (%p) for the migration rate

** Monthly migration rates are converted by using annualized migration rates.

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1. Internal migration

- The number of internal migrants was 549 thousand persons in March 2025, declining by 2.6% (-15 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants occupied 62.3% and 37.7% of the total internal migrants in March 2025, respectively.
- Compared to March 2024, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants fell by 2.2% and 3.3%, respectively.

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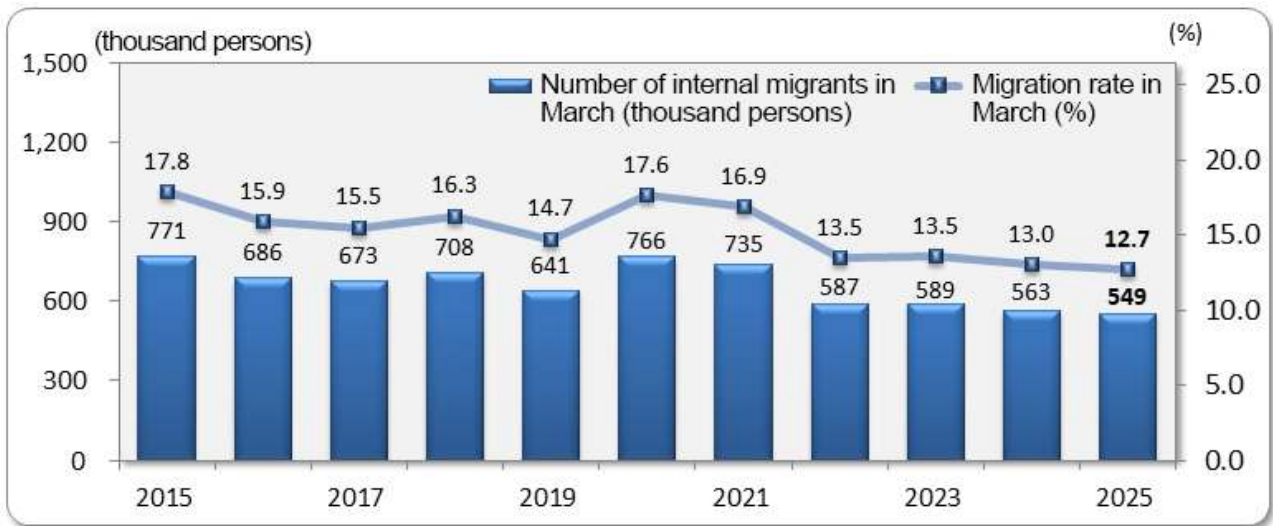
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2023	2024	2024		2025			Year-on-year*
				March	Compo-sition	Feb.	March	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,129	6,283	563	100.0	695	549	100.0	-2.6
	Intra-province migration	3,986	4,109	349	62.0	421	342	62.3	-2.2
	Inter-province migration	2,143	2,175	214	38.0	273	207	37.7	-3.3
Migration rate** (% , %p)	Total	12.0	12.3	13.0	-	17.8	12.7	-	-0.3
	Intra-province migration	7.8	8.1	8.1	-	10.8	7.9	-	-0.2
	Inter-province migration	4.2	4.3	4.9	-	7.0	4.8	-	-0.2

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in March



2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 8 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Incheon (3,605 persons), Seoul (1,306 persons), Chungnam (927 persons), etc. On the other hand, 9 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Gwangju (-2,502 persons), Busan (-2,012 persons), Daegu (-1,573 persons) and so on.
- Incheon, Chungbuk and Chungnam recorded a plus net migration rate of 1.4%, 0.7% and 0.5%, respectively. On the other hand, Gwangju, Daegu and Ulsan recorded a minus net migration rate of -2.1%, -0.8% and -0.7%, respectively.

[Table 2] Number of migrants and migration rates for provinces

	Number of migrants (person)				Migration rate* (%)			
	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	March 2024	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	March 2024
The nation	548,551	548,551	0	0	12.7	12.7	0.0	0.0
Seoul	110,859	109,553	1,306	-1,237	14.1	13.9	0.2	-0.2
Busan	30,881	32,893	-2,012	-1,004	11.2	11.9	-0.7	-0.4
Daegu	22,544	24,117	-1,573	-1,483	11.3	12.1	-0.8	-0.7
Incheon	35,616	32,011	3,605	3,237	13.9	12.5	1.4	1.3
Gwangju	14,313	16,815	-2,502	-1,042	12.0	14.1	-2.1	-0.9
Daejeon	20,371	20,566	-195	338	16.7	16.9	-0.2	0.3
Ulsan	9,201	9,886	-685	-786	9.9	10.7	-0.7	-0.8
Sejong	5,241	5,210	31	125	15.8	15.7	0.1	0.4
Gyeonggi	138,134	137,563	571	3,226	11.9	11.9	0.0	0.3
Gangwon	17,580	17,726	-146	113	13.7	13.8	-0.1	0.1
Chungbuk	16,490	15,572	918	646	12.2	11.6	0.7	0.5
Chungnam	24,502	23,575	927	2,176	13.6	13.0	0.5	1.2
Jeonbuk	19,089	19,617	-528	-1,046	13.0	13.4	-0.4	-0.7
Jeonnam	18,238	17,557	681	-884	12.1	11.6	0.5	-0.6
Gyeongbuk	26,001	25,562	439	-230	12.2	12.0	0.2	-0.1
Gyeongnam	32,258	32,718	-460	-1,778	11.8	12.0	-0.2	-0.6
Jeju	7,233	7,610	-377	-371	12.8	13.5	-0.7	-0.7

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

