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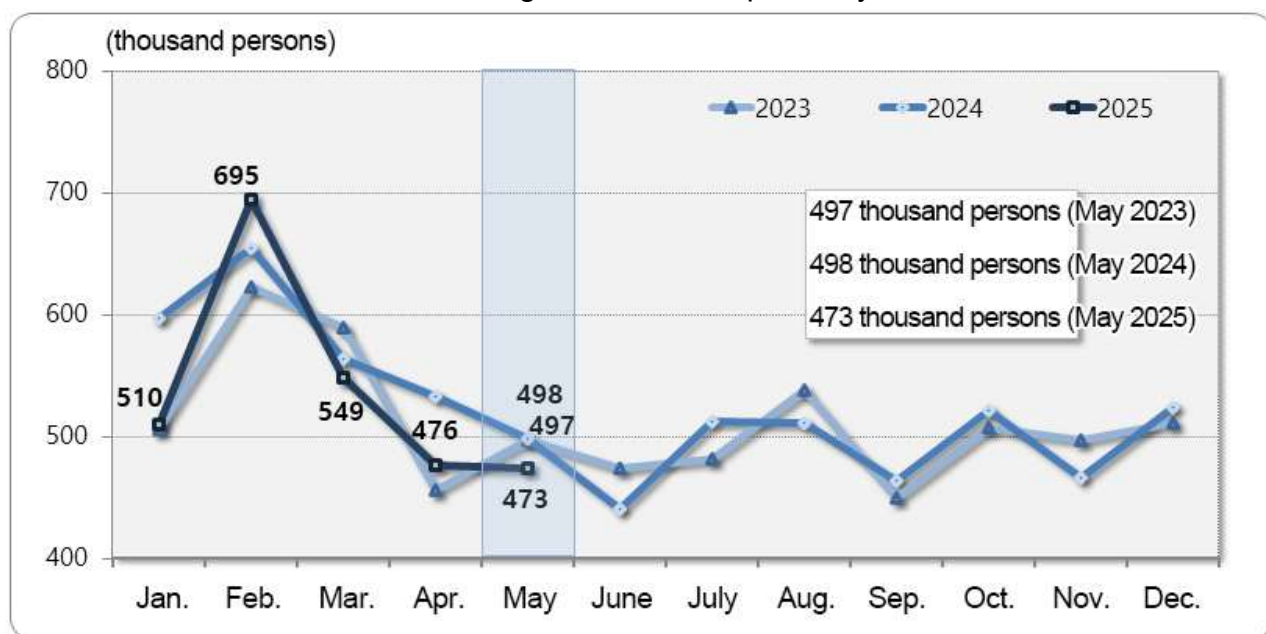
### < Internal migration in May >

|                                                      | Internal migration in May |      |      | Year-on-year* |      |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|------|---------------|------|
|                                                      | 2023                      | 2024 | 2025 | 2024          | 2025 |
| Number of internal migrants<br>(thousand persons, %) | 497                       | 498  | 473  | 0.1           | -4.9 |
| Migration rate** (% , %p)                            | 11.4                      | 11.5 | 10.9 | 0.1           | -0.6 |

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

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

### < Internal migration for the past 3 years >



## 1. Internal migration

- The number of internal migrants was 473 thousand persons in May 2025, declining by 4.9% (-25 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 66.4% and 33.6% of the total internal migrants in May 2025, respectively.
- Compared to May 2024, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants fell by 6.0% and 2.8%, respectively.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 10.9%, down 0.6%p year-on-year.

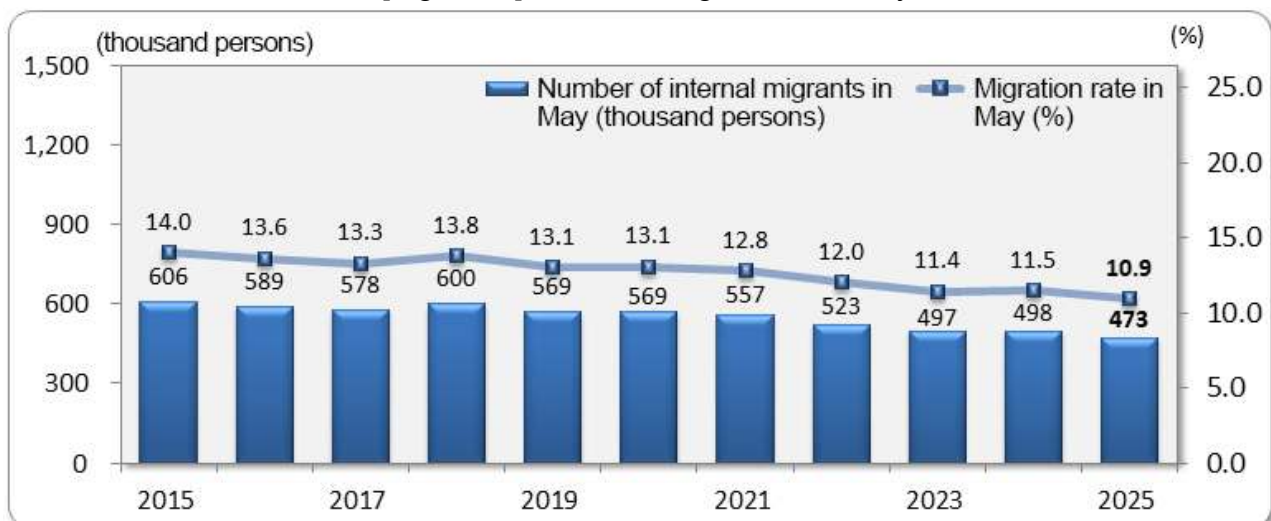
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

|                                                   |                          | 2023  | 2024  | 2024 |              | 2025  |      |              | Year-on-year* |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|--------------|-------|------|--------------|---------------|
|                                                   |                          |       |       | May  | Compo-sition | April | May  | Compo-sition |               |
| Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %) | Total                    | 6,129 | 6,283 | 498  | 100.0        | 476   | 473  | 100.0        | -4.9          |
|                                                   | Intra-province migration | 3,986 | 4,109 | 334  | 67.1         | 315   | 314  | 66.4         | -6.0          |
|                                                   | Inter-province migration | 2,143 | 2,175 | 164  | 32.9         | 161   | 159  | 33.6         | -2.8          |
| Migration rate** (% , %p)                         | Total                    | 12.0  | 12.3  | 11.5 | -            | 11.4  | 10.9 | -            | -0.6          |
|                                                   | Intra-province migration | 7.8   | 8.1   | 7.7  | -            | 7.5   | 7.3  | -            | -0.5          |
|                                                   | Inter-province migration | 4.2   | 4.3   | 3.8  | -            | 3.8   | 3.7  | -            | -0.1          |

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

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in May



## 2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 6 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Incheon (3,237 persons), Gyeonggi (3,205 persons), Chungnam (687 persons), etc. On the other hand, 11 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-3,657 persons), Busan (-1,014 persons), Gwangju (-755 persons) and so on.
- Incheon, Chungbuk and Chungnam recorded a plus net migration rate of 1.3%, 0.4% and 0.4%, respectively. On the other hand, Gwangju, Seoul and Ulsan recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.6%, -0.5% and -0.4%, respectively.

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

|            | Number of migrants (person) |               |               |          | Migration rate* (%) |               |               |          |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
|            | In-migration                | Out-migration | Net migration | May 2024 | In-migration        | Out-migration | Net migration | May 2024 |
| The nation | 473,345                     | 473,345       | 0             | 0        | 10.9                | 10.9          | 0.0           | 0.0      |
| Seoul      | 97,498                      | 101,155       | -3,657        | -5,883   | 12.4                | 12.9          | -0.5          | -0.7     |
| Busan      | 29,733                      | 30,747        | -1,014        | -1,204   | 10.8                | 11.2          | -0.4          | -0.4     |
| Daegu      | 20,005                      | 20,709        | -704          | -415     | 10.0                | 10.4          | -0.4          | -0.2     |
| Incheon    | 32,315                      | 29,078        | 3,237         | 1,445    | 12.6                | 11.3          | 1.3           | 0.6      |
| Gwangju    | 14,236                      | 14,991        | -755          | -420     | 12.0                | 12.6          | -0.6          | -0.4     |
| Daejeon    | 16,183                      | 15,908        | 275           | -109     | 13.3                | 13.1          | 0.2           | -0.1     |
| Ulsan      | 8,600                       | 8,990         | -390          | -402     | 9.3                 | 9.7           | -0.4          | -0.4     |
| Sejong     | 3,703                       | 3,629         | 74            | -75      | 11.1                | 10.9          | 0.2           | -0.2     |
| Gyeonggi   | 128,110                     | 124,905       | 3,205         | 6,224    | 11.1                | 10.8          | 0.3           | 0.5      |
| Gangwon    | 12,603                      | 12,737        | -134          | -115     | 9.9                 | 10.0          | -0.1          | -0.1     |
| Chungbuk   | 13,737                      | 13,152        | 585           | 882      | 10.2                | 9.8           | 0.4           | 0.7      |
| Chungnam   | 17,907                      | 17,220        | 687           | 1,442    | 9.9                 | 9.5           | 0.4           | 0.8      |
| Jeonbuk    | 14,741                      | 15,114        | -373          | -293     | 10.1                | 10.3          | -0.3          | -0.2     |
| Jeonnam    | 13,608                      | 13,691        | -83           | -527     | 9.0                 | 9.1           | -0.1          | -0.3     |
| Gyeongbuk  | 18,904                      | 19,433        | -529          | 495      | 8.9                 | 9.1           | -0.2          | 0.2      |
| Gyeongnam  | 25,701                      | 25,910        | -209          | -946     | 9.4                 | 9.5           | -0.1          | -0.3     |
| Jeju       | 5,761                       | 5,976         | -215          | -99      | 10.2                | 10.6          | -0.4          | -0.2     |

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province\

