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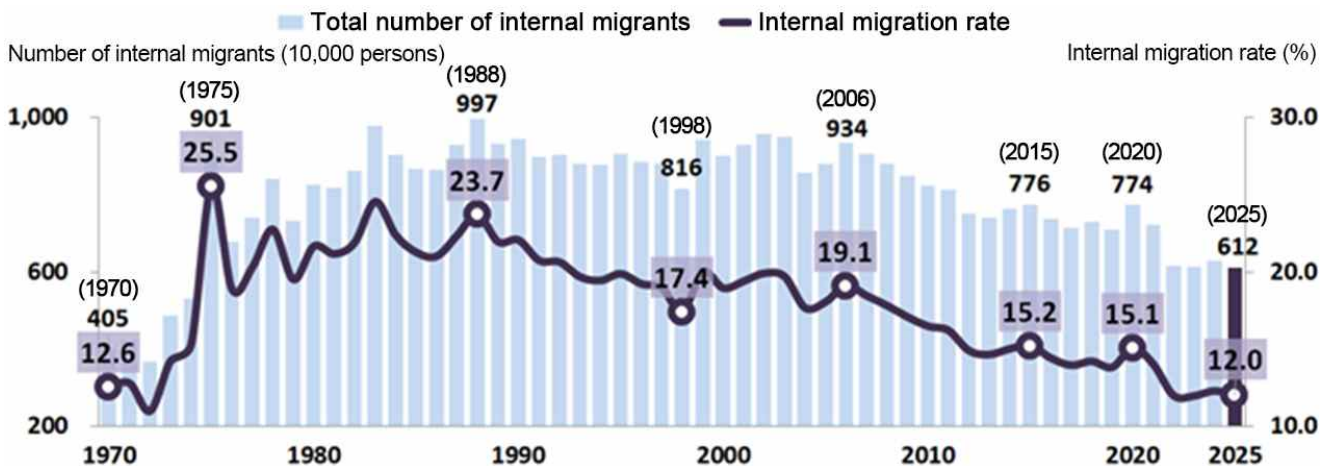
Internal Migration in 2025

(Internal migration of the nation)

The number of internal migrants was 6.118 million persons in 2025, which decreased by 2.6% (-166 thousand persons) from 2024.

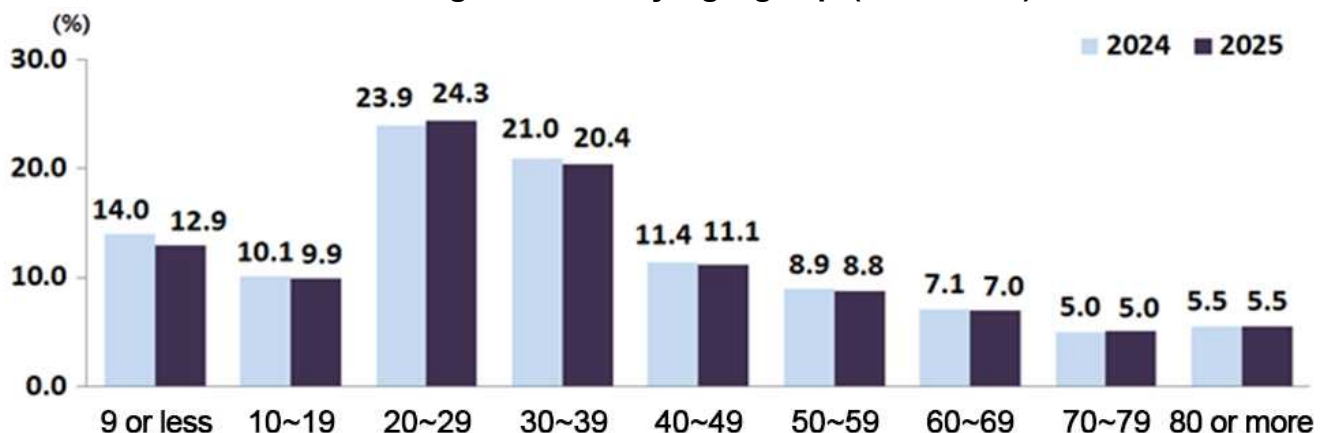
- ☐ The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 12.0% in 2025, down 0.3%p from 2024.
- ☐ The intra-province migration rate recorded 7.7% in 2025, down 0.3%p from 2024. The inter-province migration rate recorded 4.3% in 2025, remaining the same level as 2024.

< Number of internal migrants and internal migration rate (1970~2025) >



- ☐ As for the internal migration rate by age group, people aged 20~29 showed the highest figure of 24.3%, which was followed by those aged 30~39 (20.4%) and those aged 9 or less (12.9%).
- ☐ Compared to 2024, the internal migration rate of people aged 20~29 showed an increase. Whereas, the internal migration rates of the other age groups showed a decrease or remained the same level.

< Internal migration rate by age group (2024~2025) >

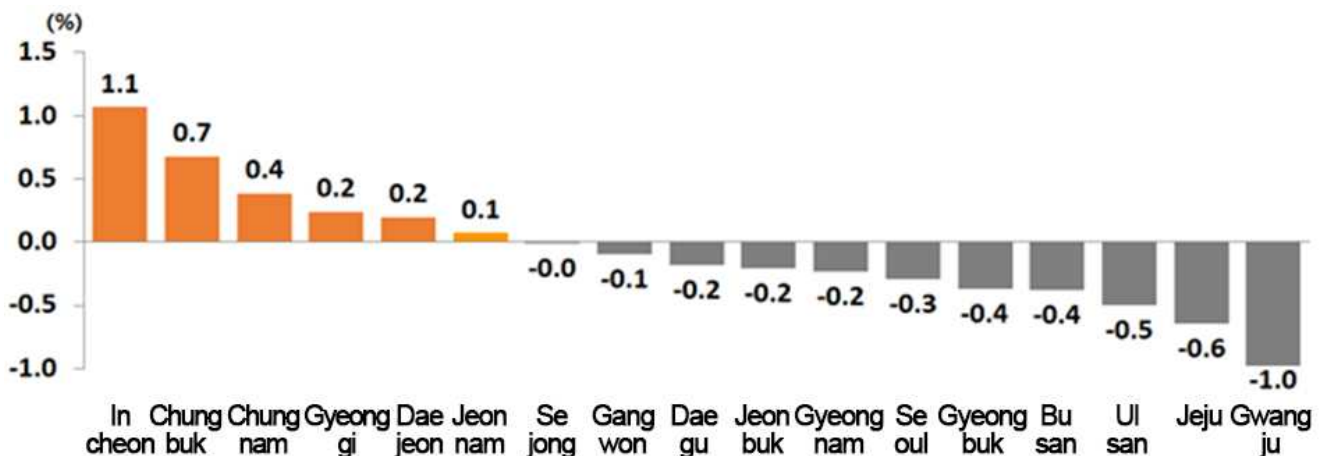


(Internal migration by region)

Incheon and Chungbuk marked a high plus net migration rate. Gwangju and Jeju marked a high minus net migration rate.

- ☐ A total of 6 regions including Incheon (1.1%) and Chungbuk (0.7%) showed a plus net migration rate (recording more in-migrants than out-migrants).
- ☐ A total of 11 regions including Gwangju (-1.0%) and Jeju (-0.6%) showed a minus net migration rate (recording more out-migrants than in-migrants).
- ☐ Incheon and Chungbuk showed a plus net migration in all the age groups.

< Net migration rate by region (2025) >

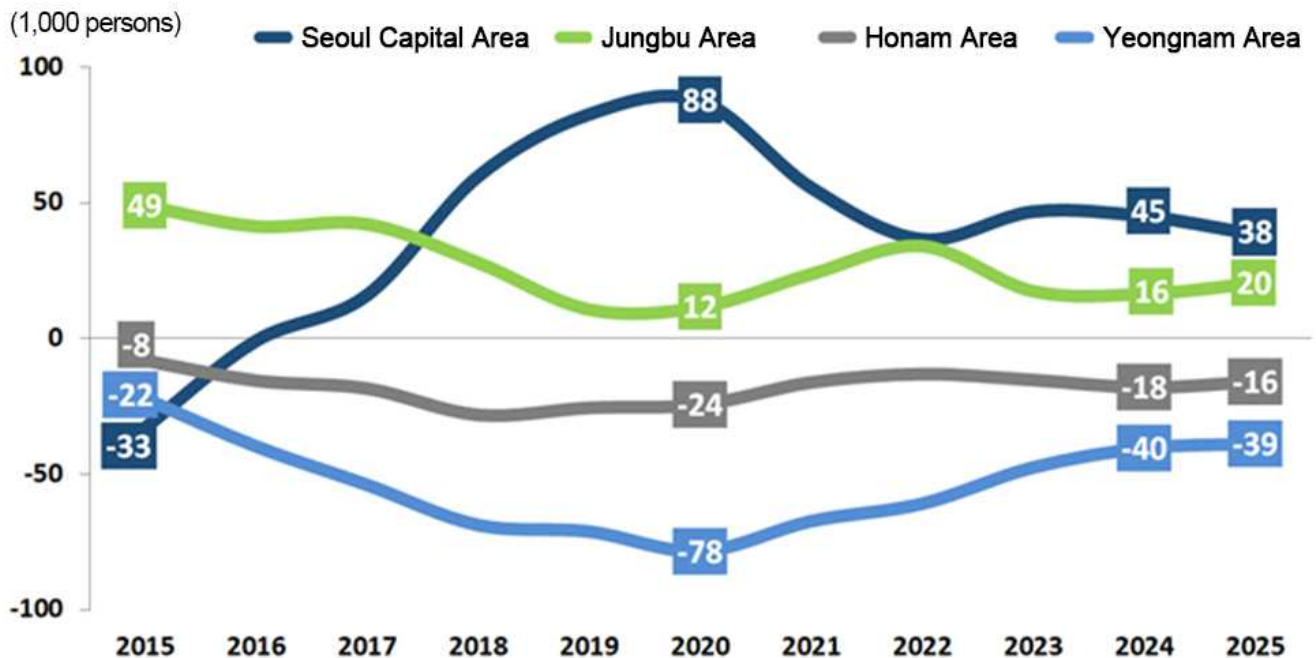


(Internal migration by area)

Seoul Capital Area and Jungbu Area recorded a plus net migration, while Yeongnam Area and Honam Area recorded a minus net migration.

- ☐ Seoul Capital Area marked a plus net migration of 38 thousand persons. Yeongnam Area showed a minus net migration of 39 thousand persons.
- ☐ Seoul Capital Area showed the highest plus net migration in the group aged 20~29, but a minus net migration in the groups aged 40 or more. On the other hand, Jungbu Area showed a minus net migration in the group aged 20~29, but a plus net migration in the other age groups.
- ☐ Honam Area showed a minus net migration in the groups aged 39 or less, but a plus net migration in the groups aged 40 or more. Yeongnam Area showed a plus net migration in the group aged 50~59, but a minus net migration in the other age groups.

< Net migration by area (2015~2025) >

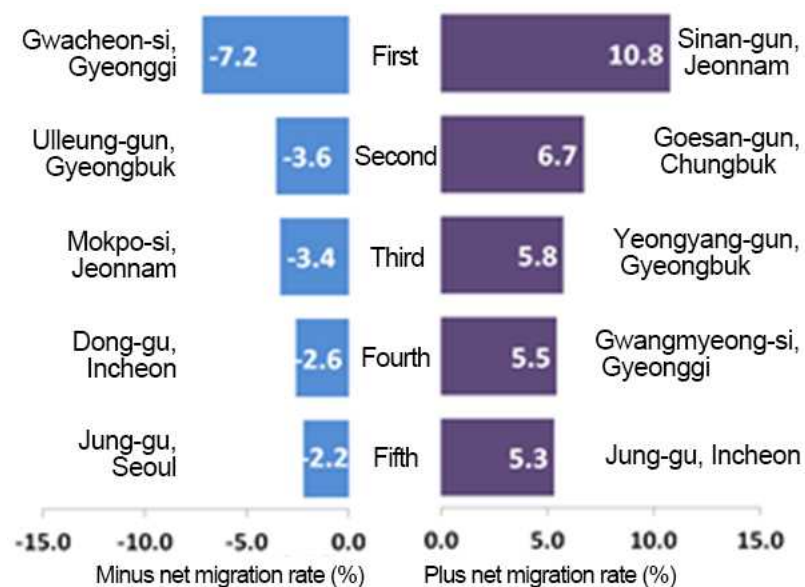


(Internal migration by Si, Gun & Gu)

Sinan-gun, Jeonnam (10.8%) and Goesan-gun, Chungbuk (6.7%) recorded a high plus net migration rate.

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- ☐ Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi, Ulleung-gun, Gyeongbuk, and Mokpo-si, Jeonnam recorded a high minus net migration rate.

< Top 5 regions recording a net migration rate (2025) >

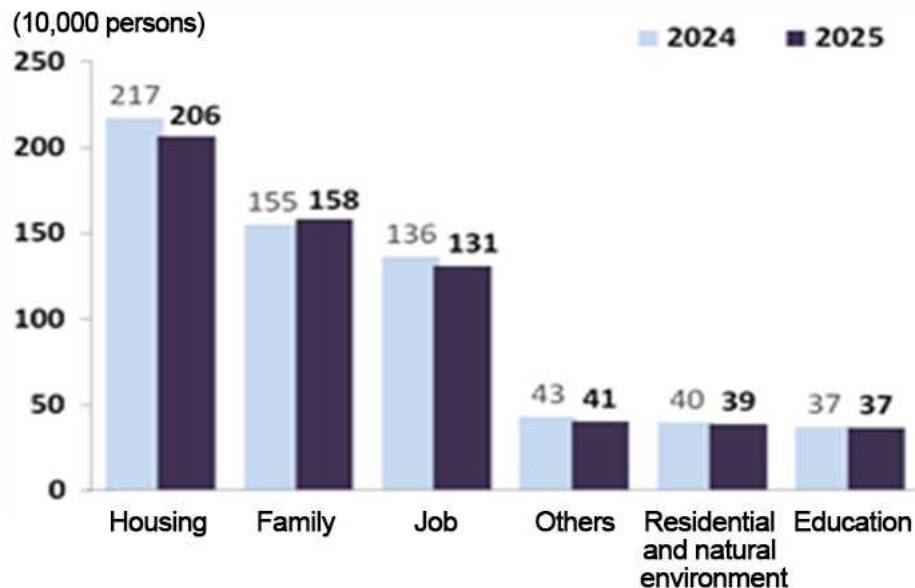


(Reasons for in-migrations)

In-migrations resulting from 'Housing' occupied the largest share at 33.7%, which was followed by 'Family' (25.9%) and 'Job' (21.4%).

- ☐ In-migrations resulting from 'Housing' marked the highest year-on-year decrease (-105 thousand persons).
- ☐ The main reason for a plus net migration of Incheon and Gyeonggi was 'Housing'. The main reason for a plus net migration of Chungbuk and Chungnam was 'Job'. The main reason for a plus net migration of Daejeon was 'Education'.
- ☐ The main reason for a minus net migration of 7 regions including Busan and Daegu was 'Job'. The main reason for a minus net migration of Seoul was 'Housing'.

< Internal migrants by reason for in-migration (2024~2025) >



Appendix Survey outline of internal migration statistics

- 1. Purpose:** Internal migration statistics are used as basic data when making policies including balanced regional development, transportation, education and housing by grasping the amount and direction of internal migration. They are also used when estimating population projections.
- 2. Basic data:** 『In-migration notification form』 that citizens submitted to the community center when they change the place of residence
- 3. Legal basis:** Designated statistics approved according to Article 17 (1) of the Statistics Act (Approval No. 101015)

4. Statistical terms

○ Internal migration

- In-migration: In-migration indicates moving into a new region by crossing an administrative boundary of Eup, Myeon & Dong.
- Out-migration: Out-migration indicates leaving one region to settle in another region by crossing an administrative boundary of Eup, Myeon & Dong.
- Net migration: In-migration minus out-migration
 - Plus net migration: Recording more in-migrants than out-migrants
 - Minus net migration: Recording more out-migrants than in-migrants

○ Migration boundary

- Inter-province migration: Moving from a province to another province
- Intra-province migration: Moving from an administrative district of Eup, Myeon & Dong to another administrative district of Eup, Myeon & Dong in the same province
- Inter-Si (Gun or Gu) migration: Moving from an administrative district of Si, Gun or Gu to another administrative district of Si, Gun or Gu
- Intra-Si (Gun or Gu) migration: Moving from an administrative district of Eup, Myeon & Dong to another administrative district of Eup, Myeon & Dong in the same administrative district of Si, Gun or Gu

※ Si, Gun or Gu: "Si" refers to autonomous cities in 9 provinces. Jeju-si and Seogwipo-si are classified into "Si" even though they are not autonomous cities but administrative cities. "Gu" refers to autonomous Gu in metropolitan cities. General "Gu" regions in Suwon, Seongnam, Anyang, Bucheon, Ansan, Goyang, Yongin, Cheongju, Cheonan, Jeonju, Pohang and Changwon are excluded from "Gu".

○ Migration rate (%)

- Migration rate (in-migration rate, out-migration rate, net migration rate) =
$$\frac{\text{Number of migrants (in-migrants, out-migrants, net migrants)}}{\text{Mid-year population}} \times 100$$

* The migration rate in this press release was recalculated by using population projections prior to 1992 and the resident registration population from 1993 (excluding unidentified unregistered people after 2010). Therefore, the figures may be different from the figures in the past annual reports.