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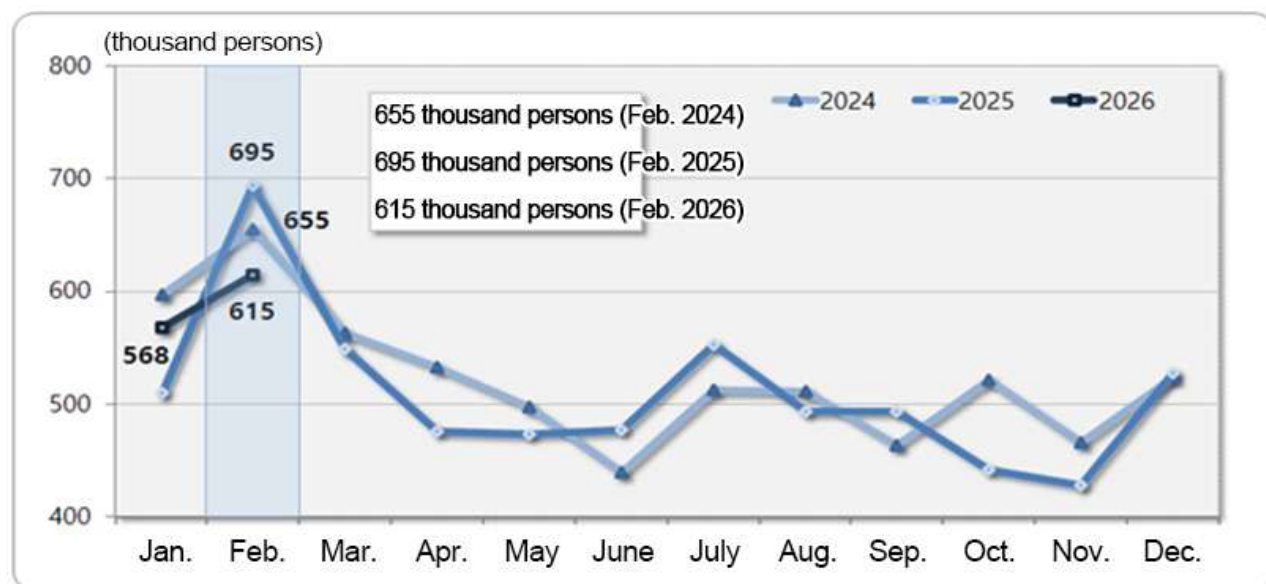
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	Internal migration in February			Year-on-year*	
	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	655	695	615	6.1	-11.5
Migration rate** (% , %p)	16.2	17.8	15.7	1.6	-2.0

* 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 615 thousand persons in February 2026, falling by 11.5% (-80 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 60.7% and 39.3% of the total internal migrants in February 2026, respectively.
- Compared to February 2025, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants both dropped by 11.5%.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 15.7%, down 2.0%p year-on-year.

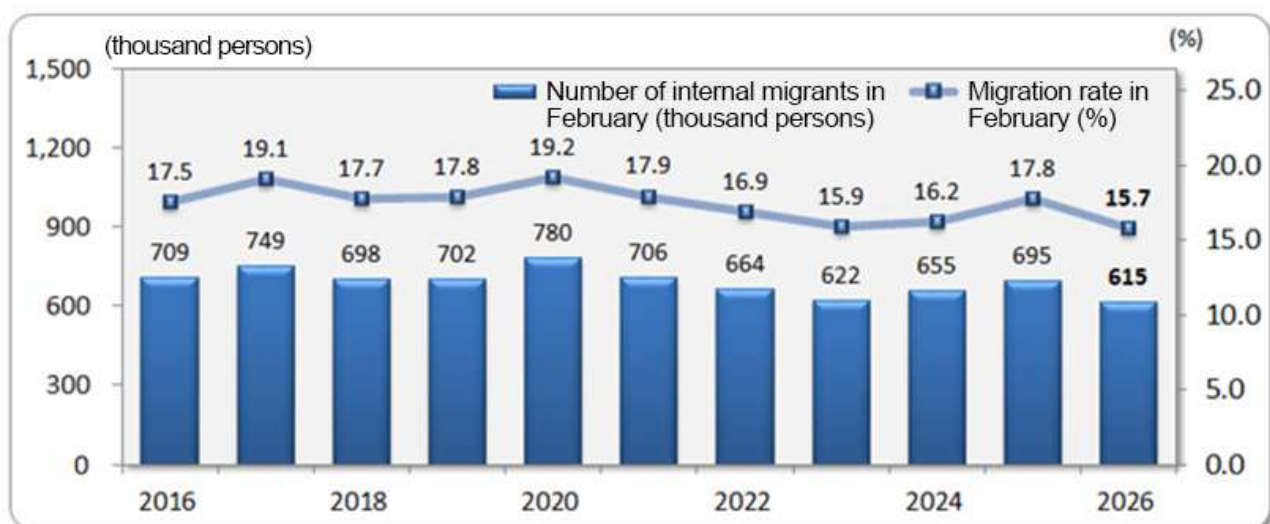
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2024	2025	2025		2026			Year-on-year*
				Feb.	Compo-sition	Jan.	Feb.	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,283	6,118	695	100.0	568	615	100.0	-11.5
	Intra-province migration	4,109	3,932	421	60.7	356	373	60.7	-11.5
	Inter-province migration	2,175	2,186	273	39.3	212	242	39.3	-11.5
Migration rate** (% , %p)	Total	12.3	12.0	17.8	-	13.1	15.7	-	-2.0
	Intra-province migration	8.1	7.7	10.8	-	8.2	9.6	-	-1.2
	Inter-province migration	4.3	4.3	7.0	-	4.9	6.2	-	-0.8

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in February



2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 7 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (4,428 persons), Seoul (4,227 persons), Daejeon (913 persons), etc. On the other hand, 10 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Gyeongnam (-3,454 persons), Gyeongbuk (-2,011 persons), Ulsan (-1,410 persons) and so on.
- Daejeon, Seoul, and Gyeonggi recorded a plus net migration rate of 0.8%, 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively. On the other hand, Ulsan, Gyeongnam, and Gwangju recorded a minus net migration rate of -1.7%, -1.4% and -1.2%, respectively.

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

	Number of migrants (person)				Migration rate* (%)			
	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Feb. 2025	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Feb. 2025
The nation	614,712	614,712	0	0	15.7	15.7	0.0	0.0
Seoul	137,348	133,121	4,227	5,619	19.4	18.8	0.6	0.8
Busan	40,973	40,816	157	16	16.6	16.5	0.1	0.0
Daegu	28,829	29,254	-425	188	16.0	16.3	-0.2	0.1
Incheon	32,481	31,610	871	4,652	13.9	13.6	0.4	2.0
Gwangju	15,665	16,952	-1,287	-1,449	14.7	15.9	-1.2	-1.3
Daejeon	20,920	20,007	913	1,138	19.0	18.2	0.8	1.0
Ulsan	11,042	12,452	-1,410	-1,815	13.2	14.9	-1.7	-2.2
Sejong	5,883	6,234	-351	679	19.6	20.8	-1.2	2.3
Gyeonggi	161,503	157,075	4,428	429	15.4	15.0	0.4	0.0
Gangwon	17,787	18,179	-392	-1,116	15.4	15.8	-0.3	-1.0
Chungbuk	20,362	19,932	430	240	16.7	16.3	0.4	0.2
Chungnam	24,688	24,209	479	569	15.1	14.8	0.3	0.3
Jeonbuk	18,377	19,271	-894	-1,069	13.9	14.6	-0.7	-0.8
Jeonnam	15,793	16,634	-841	-767	11.6	12.2	-0.6	-0.6
Gyeongbuk	24,335	26,346	-2,011	-2,585	12.7	13.8	-1.1	-1.3
Gyeongnam	30,837	34,291	-3,454	-3,679	12.6	14.0	-1.4	-1.5
Jeju	7,889	8,329	-440	-1,050	15.6	16.4	-0.9	-2.1

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

