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- In March 2026, the internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 14.1%, which went up by 1.4%p year-on-year.

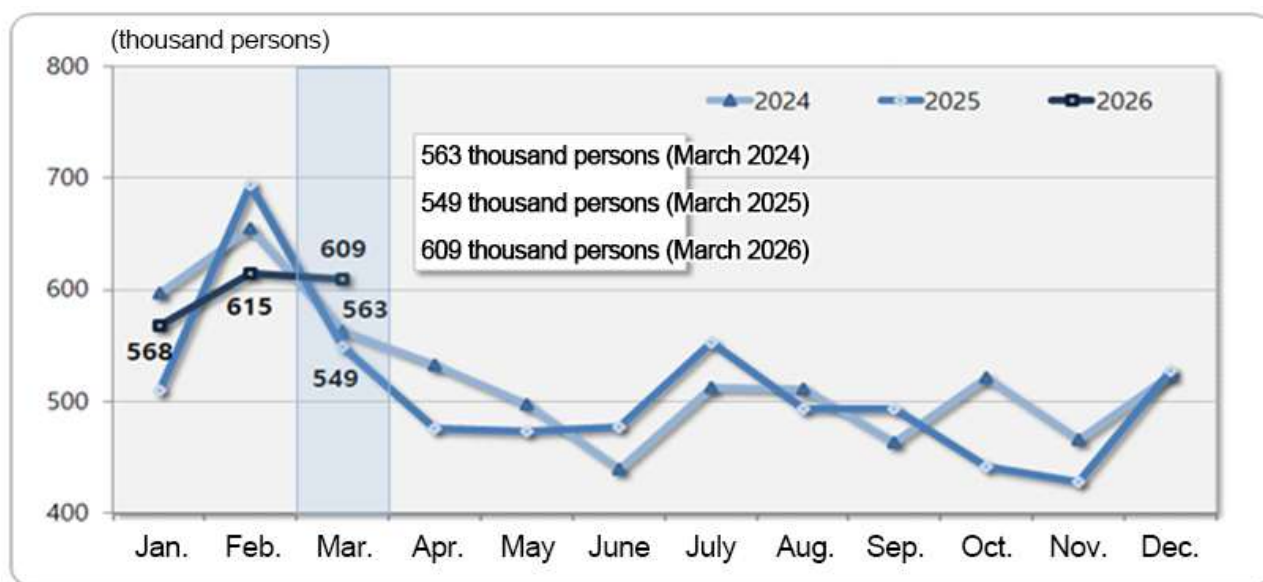
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	Internal migration in March			Year-on-year*	
	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	563	549	609	-2.6	11.0
Migration rate** (% , %p)	13.0	12.7	14.1	-0.3	1.4

* 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 609 thousand persons in March 2026, rising by 11.0% (61 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 61.2% and 38.8% of the total internal migrants in March 2026, respectively.
- Compared to March 2025, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants grew by 9.1% and 14.3%, respectively.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 14.1%, up 1.4%p year-on-year.

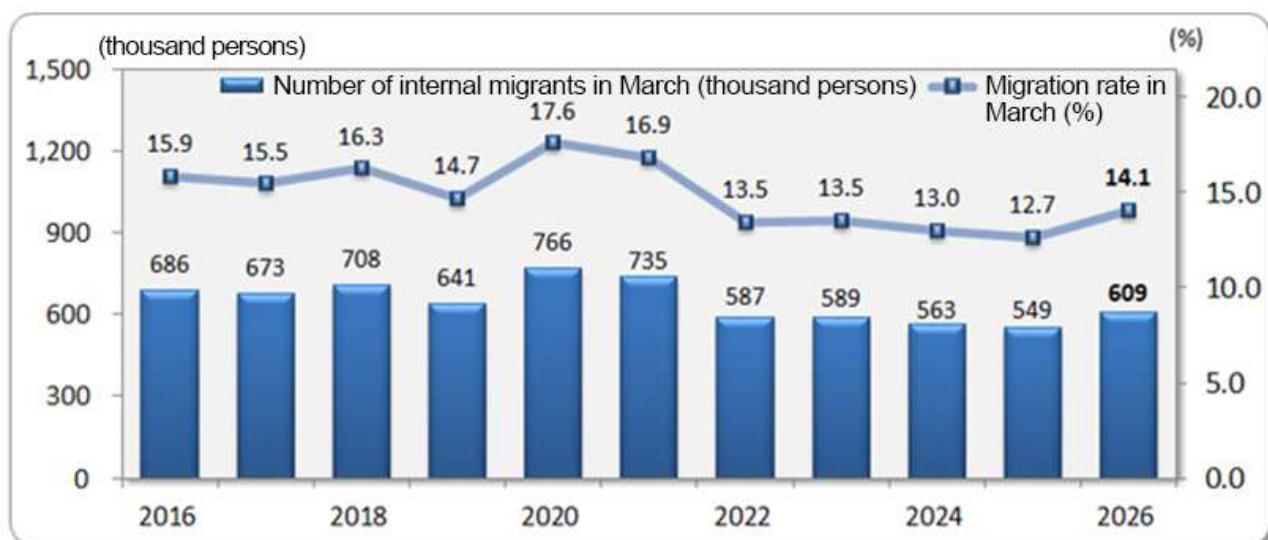
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2024	2025	2025		2026			Year-on-year*
				March	Compo-sition	Feb.	March	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,283	6,118	549	100.0	615	609	100.0	11.0
	Intra-province migration	4,109	3,932	342	62.3	373	373	61.2	9.1
	Inter-province migration	2,175	2,186	207	37.7	242	236	38.8	14.3
Migration rate** (% , %p)	Total	12.3	12.0	12.7	-	15.7	14.1	-	1.4
	Intra-province migration	8.1	7.7	7.9	-	9.6	8.6	-	0.7
	Inter-province migration	4.3	4.3	4.8	-	6.2	5.5	-	0.7

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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, 7 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (2,165 persons), Incheon (1,586 persons), Chungbuk (1,533 persons), etc. On the other hand, 10 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Gyeongnam (-1,648 persons), Gwangju (-1,547 persons), Ulsan (-1,143 persons) and so on.
- Chungbuk, Chungnam, and Incheon recorded a plus net migration rate of 1.1%, 0.8% and 0.6%, respectively. On the other hand, Gwangju, Ulsan, and Sejong recorded a minus net migration rate of -1.3%, -1.2% and -0.9%, respectively.

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

	Number of migrants (person)				Migration rate* (%)			
	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	March 2025	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	March 2025
The nation	609,119	609,119	0	0	14.1	14.1	0.0	0.0
Seoul	127,284	127,451	-167	1,306	16.2	16.2	-0.0	0.2
Busan	36,200	37,021	-821	-2,012	13.2	13.5	-0.3	-0.7
Daegu	26,525	27,574	-1,049	-1,573	13.3	13.9	-0.5	-0.8
Incheon	34,053	32,467	1,586	3,605	13.2	12.6	0.6	1.4
Gwangju	14,825	16,372	-1,547	-2,502	12.6	13.9	-1.3	-2.1
Daejeon	19,906	19,595	311	-195	16.3	16.1	0.3	-0.2
Ulsan	10,599	11,742	-1,143	-685	11.5	12.7	-1.2	-0.7
Sejong	4,865	5,175	-310	31	14.7	15.6	-0.9	0.1
Gyeonggi	162,769	160,604	2,165	571	14.0	13.8	0.2	0.0
Gangwon	19,227	18,478	749	-146	15.1	14.5	0.6	-0.1
Chungbuk	20,712	19,179	1,533	918	15.3	14.2	1.1	0.7
Chungnam	26,465	25,064	1,401	927	14.6	13.9	0.8	0.5
Jeonbuk	19,453	19,752	-299	-528	13.3	13.5	-0.2	-0.4
Jeonnam	17,155	17,733	-578	681	11.4	11.8	-0.4	0.5
Gyeongbuk	27,305	27,241	64	439	12.9	12.9	0.0	0.2
Gyeongnam	33,912	35,560	-1,648	-460	12.5	13.1	-0.6	-0.2
Jeju	7,864	8,111	-247	-377	14.0	14.5	-0.4	-0.7

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

