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- ☐ The number of internal migrants was 506 thousand persons in April 2026, which rose by 6.3% year-on-year.
- ☐ In April 2026, the internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 12.1%, which went up by 0.7%p year-on-year.

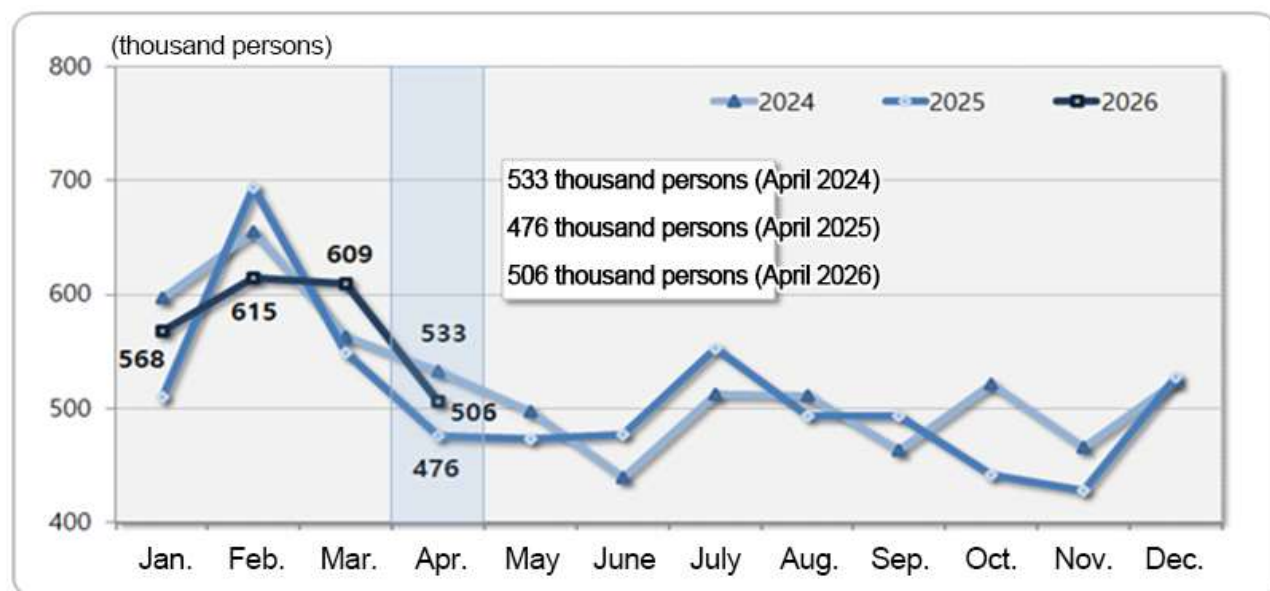
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	Internal migration in April			Year-on-year*	
	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	533	476	506	-10.7	6.3
Migration rate** (% , %p)	12.7	11.4	12.1	-1.4	0.7

* 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 506 thousand persons in April 2026, rising by 6.3% (30 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- ☐ The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 64.7% and 35.3% of the total internal migrants in April 2026, respectively.
- ☐ Compared to April 2025, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants grew by 3.9% and 11.1%, respectively.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 12.1%, up 0.7%p year-on-year.

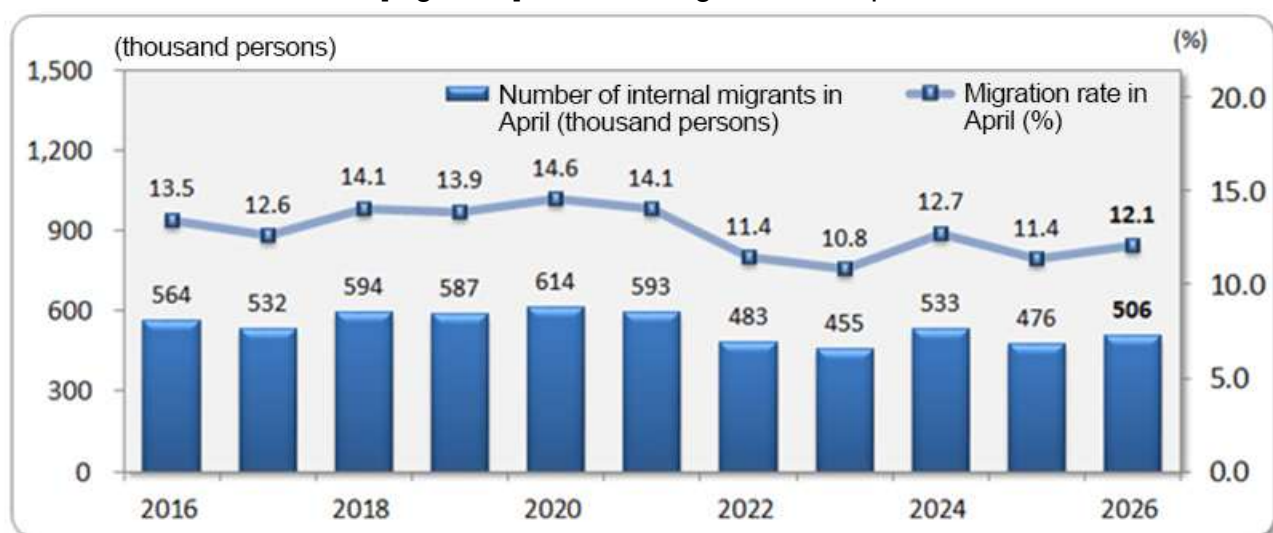
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2024	2025	2025		2026			Year-on-year*
				April	Compo-sition	March	April	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,283	6,118	476	100.0	609	506	100.0	6.3
	Intra-province migration	4,109	3,932	315	66.2	373	328	64.7	3.9
	Inter-province migration	2,175	2,186	161	33.8	236	179	35.3	11.1
Migration rate** (% , %p)	Total	12.3	12.0	11.4	-	14.1	12.1	-	0.7
	Intra-province migration	8.1	7.7	7.5	-	8.6	7.8	-	0.3
	Inter-province migration	4.3	4.3	3.8	-	5.5	4.3	-	0.4

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

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in April



2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 10 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (3,797 persons), Chungbuk (1,645 persons), Chungnam (1,368 persons), etc. On the other hand, 7 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-6,341 persons), Busan (-1,040 persons), Gwangju (-913 persons) and so on.
- Chungbuk, Chungnam, and Gangwon recorded a plus net migration rate of 1.3%, 0.8% and 0.6%, respectively. On the other hand, Seoul, Gwangju and Ulsan recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.8%, -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	April 2025	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	April 2025
The nation	506,067	506,067	0	0	12.1	12.1	0.0	0.0
Seoul	105,091	111,432	-6,341	-3,718	13.8	14.7	-0.8	-0.5
Busan	28,257	29,297	-1,040	-1,822	10.7	11.1	-0.4	-0.7
Daegu	21,823	22,247	-424	-813	11.3	11.6	-0.2	-0.4
Incheon	30,104	29,128	976	2,535	12.0	11.7	0.4	1.0
Gwangju	15,142	16,055	-913	-1,424	13.3	14.1	-0.8	-1.2
Daejeon	14,740	14,827	-87	-50	12.5	12.6	-0.1	-0.0
Ulsan	8,756	9,414	-658	-487	9.8	10.6	-0.7	-0.5
Sejong	3,671	3,853	-182	74	11.4	12.0	-0.6	0.2
Gyeonggi	142,610	138,813	3,797	3,101	12.7	12.3	0.3	0.3
Gangwon	14,994	14,215	779	-258	12.1	11.5	0.6	-0.2
Chungbuk	15,649	14,004	1,645	636	11.9	10.7	1.3	0.5
Chungnam	21,777	20,409	1,368	941	12.4	11.7	0.8	0.5
Jeonbuk	15,819	15,730	89	-241	11.2	11.2	0.1	-0.2
Jeonnam	14,427	13,823	604	682	9.9	9.5	0.4	0.5
Gyeongbuk	21,047	20,949	98	752	10.3	10.2	0.0	0.4
Gyeongnam	25,849	25,686	163	224	9.9	9.8	0.1	0.1
Jeju	6,311	6,185	126	-132	11.6	11.4	0.2	-0.2

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

