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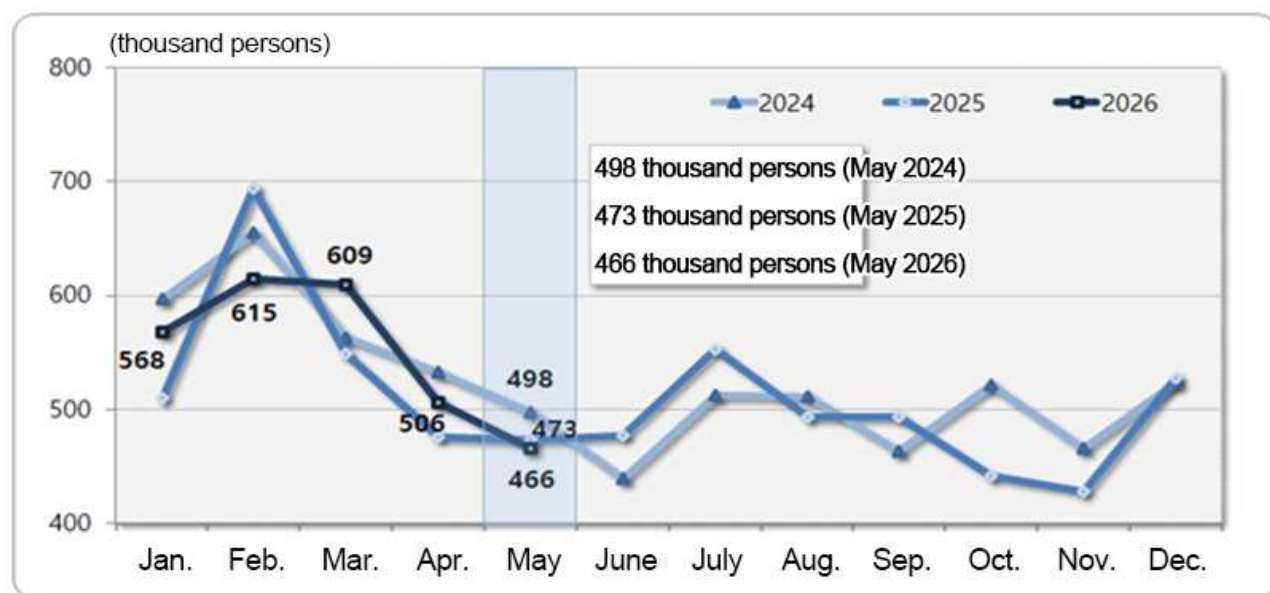
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	Internal migration in May			Year-on-year*	
	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	498	473	466	-4.9	-1.5
Migration rate** (% , %p)	11.5	10.9	10.8	-0.6	-0.2

* 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 466 thousand persons in May 2026, falling by 1.5% (-7 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- ☐ The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 65.0% and 35.0% of the total internal migrants in May 2026, respectively.
- ☐ Compared to May 2025, the intra-province migrants dropped by 3.6%. Whereas, the inter-province migrants grew by 2.7%.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 10.8%, down 0.2%p year-on-year.

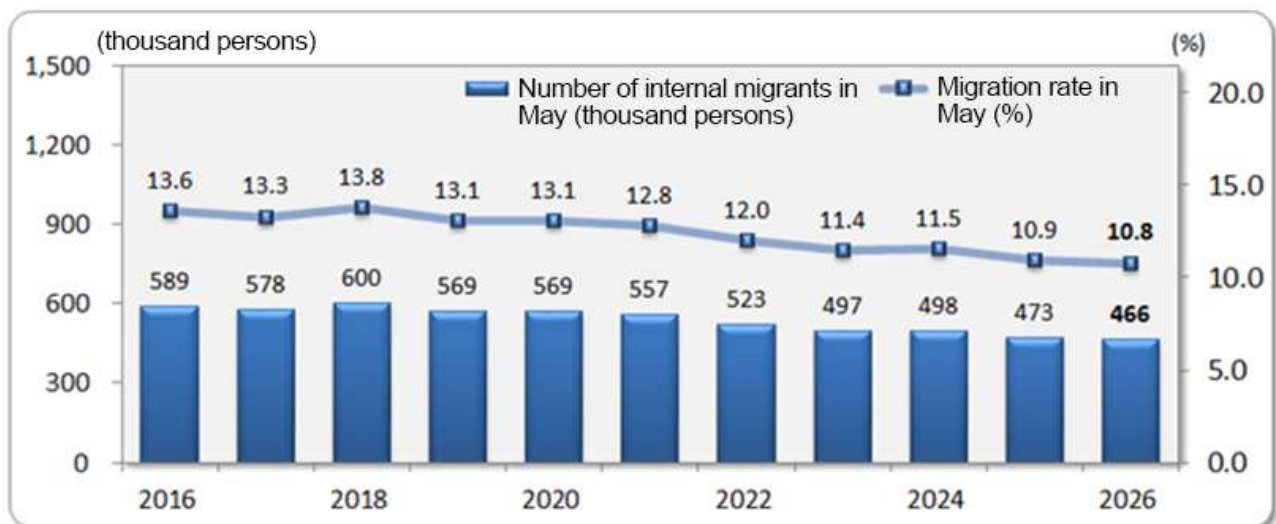
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2024	2025	2025		2026			Year-on-year*
				May	Compo-sition	April	May	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,283	6,118	473	100.0	506	466	100.0	-1.5
	Intra-province migration	4,109	3,932	314	66.4	328	303	65.0	-3.6
	Inter-province migration	2,175	2,186	159	33.6	179	163	35.0	2.7
Migration rate** (% , %p)	Total	12.3	12.0	10.9	-	12.1	10.8	-	-0.2
	Intra-province migration	8.1	7.7	7.3	-	7.8	7.0	-	-0.3
	Inter-province migration	4.3	4.3	3.7	-	4.3	3.8	-	0.1

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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, 7 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (2,433 persons), Chungnam (1,284 persons), Incheon (1,237 persons), etc. On the other hand, 10 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-4,221 persons), Gyeongbuk (-663 persons), Ulsan (-646 persons) and so on.
- Chungbuk, Chungnam and Incheon recorded a plus net migration rate of 0.8%, 0.7% and 0.5%, respectively. On the other hand, Ulsan, Seoul and Jeju recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.7%, -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 2025	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	May 2025
The nation	466,180	466,180	0	0	10.8	10.8	0.0	0.0
Seoul	95,905	100,126	-4,221	-3,657	12.2	12.8	-0.5	-0.5
Busan	27,214	27,621	-407	-1,014	9.9	10.1	-0.1	-0.4
Daegu	22,480	22,204	276	-704	11.3	11.2	0.1	-0.4
Incheon	28,617	27,380	1,237	3,237	11.1	10.6	0.5	1.3
Gwangju	14,045	14,184	-139	-755	12.0	12.1	-0.1	-0.6
Daejeon	13,975	13,462	513	275	11.5	11.0	0.4	0.2
Ulsan	8,178	8,824	-646	-390	8.9	9.6	-0.7	-0.4
Sejong	3,361	3,475	-114	74	10.1	10.5	-0.3	0.2
Gyeonggi	130,658	128,225	2,433	3,205	11.2	11.0	0.2	0.3
Gangwon	12,950	12,408	542	-134	10.1	9.7	0.4	-0.1
Chungbuk	15,284	14,184	1,100	585	11.3	10.5	0.8	0.4
Chungnam	19,491	18,207	1,284	687	10.8	10.1	0.7	0.4
Jeonbuk	13,821	14,042	-221	-373	9.5	9.6	-0.2	-0.3
Jeonnam	12,644	13,001	-357	-83	8.4	8.6	-0.2	-0.1
Gyeongbuk	18,906	19,569	-663	-529	8.9	9.2	-0.3	-0.2
Gyeongnam	22,910	23,300	-390	-209	8.5	8.6	-0.1	-0.1
Jeju	5,741	5,968	-227	-215	10.2	10.7	-0.4	-0.4

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

