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- In July 2026, the internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 10.8%, which went down by 2.0%p year-on-year.

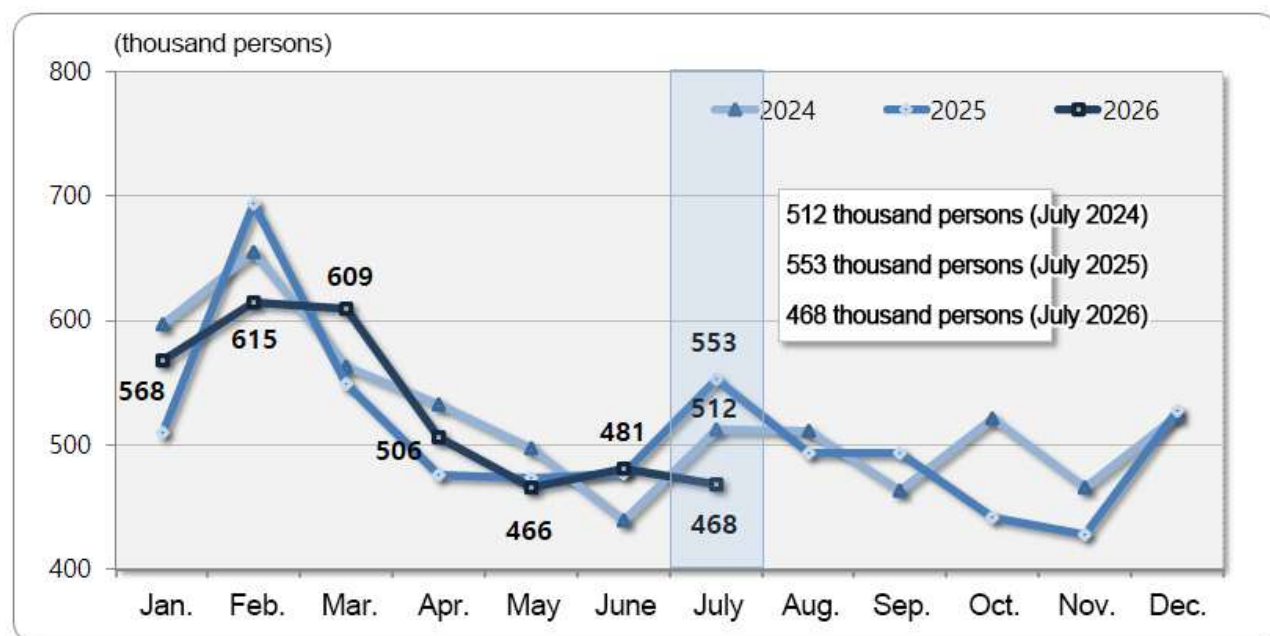
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	Internal migration in July			Year-on-year*	
	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	512	553	468	8.1	-15.5
Migration rate** (% , %p)	11.8	12.8	10.8	0.9	-2.0

* 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 468 thousand persons in July 2026, dropping by 15.5% (-86 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 66.1% and 33.9% of the total internal migrants in July 2026, respectively.
- Compared to July 2025, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants declined by 10.1% and 24.3%, respectively.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 10.8%, down 2.0%p year-on-year.

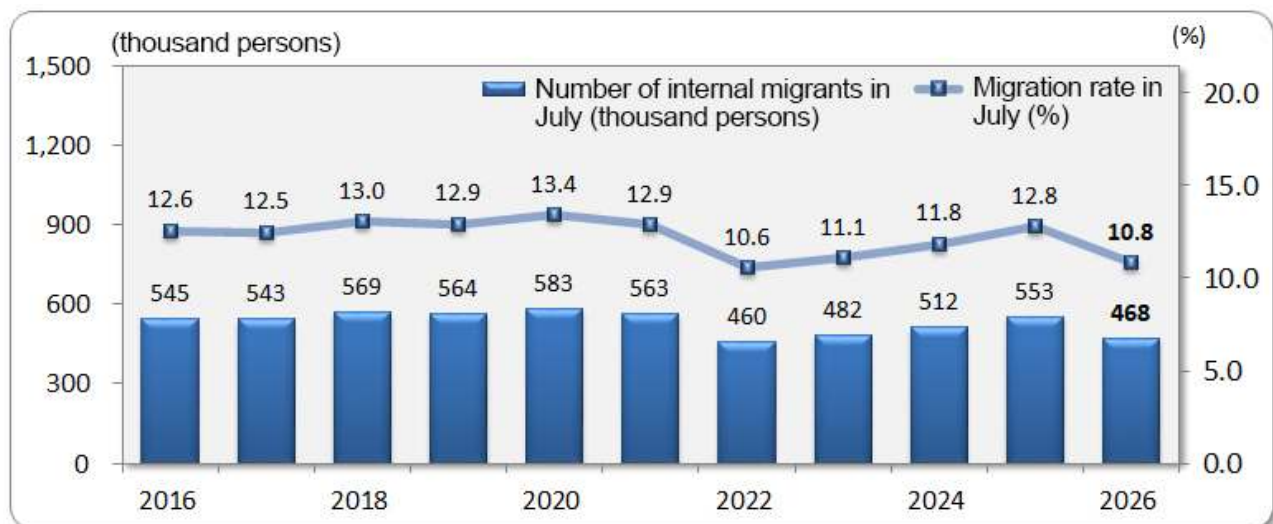
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2024	2025	2025		2026			
				July	Compo- sition	June	July	Compo- sition	Year-on- year*
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,283	6,118	553	100.0	481	468	100.0	-15.5
	Intra-province migration	4,109	3,932	344	62.1	317	309	66.1	-10.1
	Inter-province migration	2,175	2,186	210	37.9	164	159	33.9	-24.3
Migration rate** (%, %p)	Total	12.3	12.0	12.8	-	11.5	10.8	-	-2.0
	Intra-province migration	8.1	7.7	7.9	-	7.6	7.2	-	-0.8
	Inter-province migration	4.3	4.3	4.8	-	3.9	3.7	-	-1.2

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in July



2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 6 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (5,106 persons), Incheon (2,547 persons), Chungnam (704 persons), etc. On the other hand, 10 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-6,108 persons), Gyeongnam (-813 persons), Busan (-661 persons) and so on.
- Incheon, Chungbuk and Gyeonggi recorded a plus net migration rate of 1.0%, 0.5% and 0.4%, respectively. On the other hand, Seoul, Ulsan and Sejong recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.8%, -0.4% 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	July 2025	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	July 2025
The nation	467,840	467,840	0	0	10.8	10.8	0.0	0.0
Seoul	96,691	102,799	-6,108	-2,554	12.3	13.1	-0.8	-0.3
Jeonnam-Gwangju	25,369	25,813	-444	-977	9.5	9.6	-0.2	-0.4
Gwangju	12,142	12,688	-546	-432	10.4	10.8	-0.5	-0.4
Jeonnam	13,227	13,125	102	-545	8.8	8.7	0.1	-0.4
Busan	28,248	28,909	-661	-385	10.3	10.6	-0.2	-0.1
Daegu	19,413	19,865	-452	419	9.8	10.0	-0.2	0.2
Incheon	30,979	28,432	2,547	1,662	12.0	11.0	1.0	0.6
Daejeon	14,927	14,825	102	1,044	12.2	12.1	0.1	0.9
Ulsan	9,013	9,390	-377	-336	9.8	10.2	-0.4	-0.4
Sejong	3,696	3,818	-122	-186	11.2	11.5	-0.4	-0.6
Gyeonggi	132,930	127,824	5,106	2,617	11.4	11.0	0.4	0.2
Gangwon	13,923	13,454	469	129	10.9	10.5	0.4	0.1
Chungbuk	13,981	13,320	661	1,086	10.3	9.8	0.5	0.8
Chungnam	16,936	16,232	704	923	9.4	9.0	0.4	0.5
Jeonbuk	14,194	14,316	-122	-245	9.8	9.8	-0.1	-0.2
Gyeongbuk	18,875	19,332	-457	-1,785	8.9	9.1	-0.2	-0.8
Gyeongnam	22,946	23,759	-813	-1,104	8.5	8.8	-0.3	-0.4
Jeju	5,719	5,752	-33	-308	10.2	10.3	-0.1	-0.5

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

