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- In August 2026, the internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 10.9%, which went down by 0.5%p year-on-year.

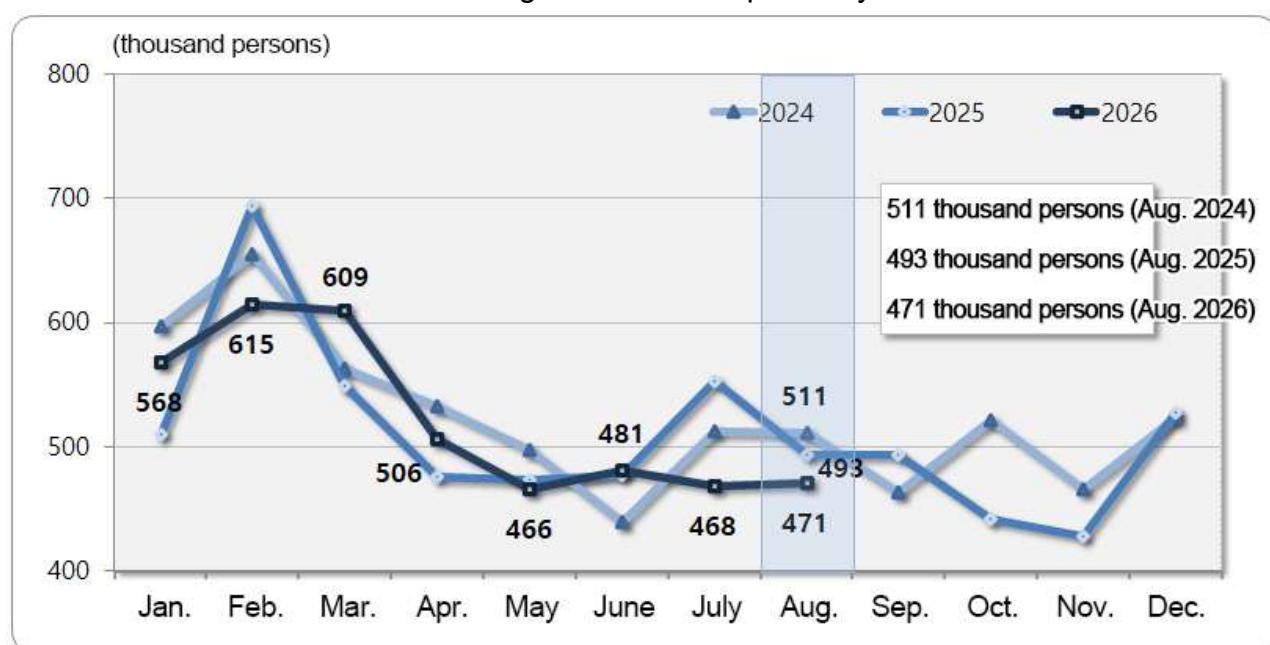
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	Internal migration in August			Year-on-year*	
	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	511	493	471	-3.5	-4.5
Migration rate** (% , %p)	11.8	11.4	10.9	-0.4	-0.5

* 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 471 thousand persons in August 2026, dropping by 4.5% (-22 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 August 2026, respectively.
- Compared to August 2025, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants declined by 3.2% and 6.9%, respectively.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 10.9%, down 0.5%p year-on-year.

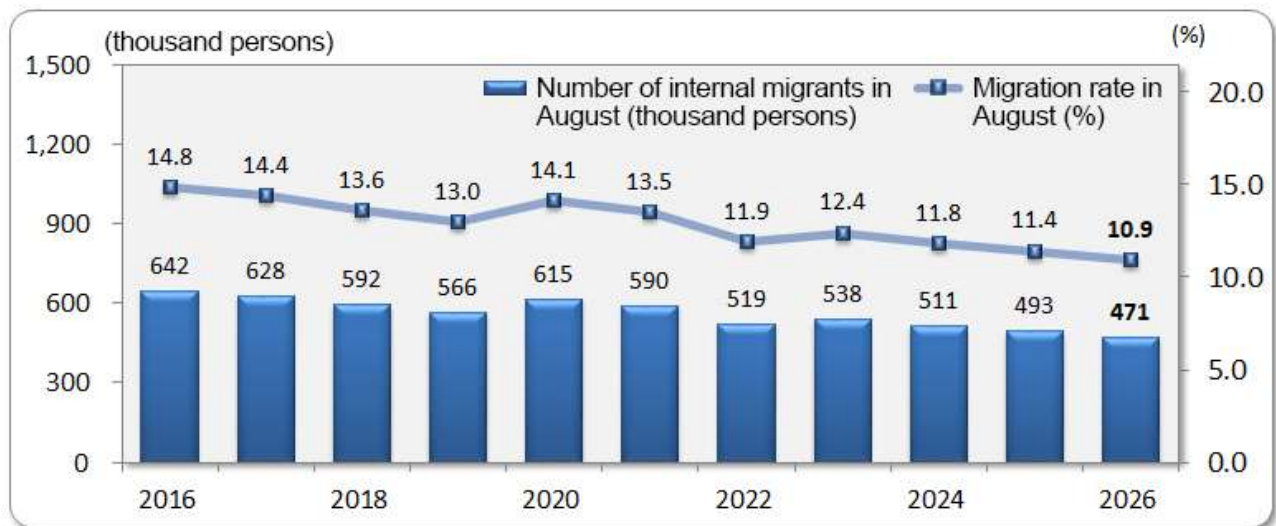
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2024	2025	2025		2026			Year-on-year*
				Aug.	Compo-sition	July	Aug.	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,283	6,118	493	100.0	468	471	100.0	-4.5
	Intra-province migration	4,109	3,932	315	63.9	309	305	64.7	-3.2
	Inter-province migration	2,175	2,186	178	36.1	159	166	35.3	-6.9
Migration rate** (% , %p)	Total	12.3	12.0	11.4	-	10.8	10.9	-	-0.5
	Intra-province migration	8.1	7.7	7.3	-	7.2	7.1	-	-0.2
	Inter-province migration	4.3	4.3	4.1	-	3.7	3.8	-	-0.3

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in August



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 (4,486 persons), Incheon (2,270 persons), Chungbuk (562 persons), etc. On the other hand, 10 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-2,901 persons), Gyeongnam (-1,230 persons), Jeonnam-Gwangju (-1,081 persons) and so on.
- Incheon, Daejeon and Chungbuk recorded a plus net migration rate of 0.9%, 0.5% and 0.4%, respectively. On the other hand, Sejong, Gyeongnam and Ulsan recorded a minus net migration rate of -1.1%, -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	Aug. 2025	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Aug. 2025
The nation	471,013	471,013	0	0	10.9	10.9	0.0	0.0
Seoul	103,315	106,216	-2,901	-1,815	13.2	13.6	-0.4	-0.2
Jeonnam- Gwangju	24,829	25,910	-1,081	-1,409	9.3	9.7	-0.4	-0.5
Gwangju	12,509	13,192	-683	-699	10.7	11.3	-0.6	-0.6
Jeonnam	12,320	12,718	-398	-710	8.2	8.5	-0.3	-0.5
Busan	27,457	28,088	-631	-776	10.0	10.3	-0.2	-0.3
Daegu	19,288	19,961	-673	-18	9.7	10.0	-0.3	-0.0
Incheon	30,030	27,760	2,270	1,941	11.6	10.7	0.9	0.8
Daejeon	15,747	15,197	550	959	12.9	12.4	0.5	0.8
Ulsan	8,855	9,268	-413	-305	9.6	10.1	-0.4	-0.3
Sejong	3,610	3,961	-351	-284	10.9	12.0	-1.1	-0.9
Gyeonggi	134,282	129,796	4,486	3,979	11.5	11.1	0.4	0.3
Gangwon	13,172	13,196	-24	-21	10.3	10.3	-0.0	-0.0
Chungbuk	14,084	13,522	562	484	10.4	10.0	0.4	0.4
Chungnam	18,033	17,593	440	486	10.0	9.7	0.2	0.3
Jeonbuk	13,877	14,166	-289	-339	9.5	9.7	-0.2	-0.2
Gyeongbuk	17,538	18,350	-812	-1,527	8.3	8.7	-0.4	-0.7
Gyeongnam	21,289	22,519	-1,230	-1,154	7.9	8.3	-0.5	-0.4
Jeju	5,607	5,510	97	-201	10.0	9.8	0.2	-0.4

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

