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Vital Statistics in March 2026

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Vital Statistics in March 2026

- ☐ The number of live births was 25,200 persons in March, rising by 19.4% year-on-year.
- ☐ The number of deaths was 31,423 persons in March, going up by 1.3% year-on-year.
- ☐ The number of marriages was 21,112 cases in March, rising by 10.1% year-on-year.
- ☐ The number of divorces was 7,884 cases in March, rising by 9.4% year-on-year.
- ☐ The natural increase (Live births - Deaths) marked a negative figure of -6,224 persons.

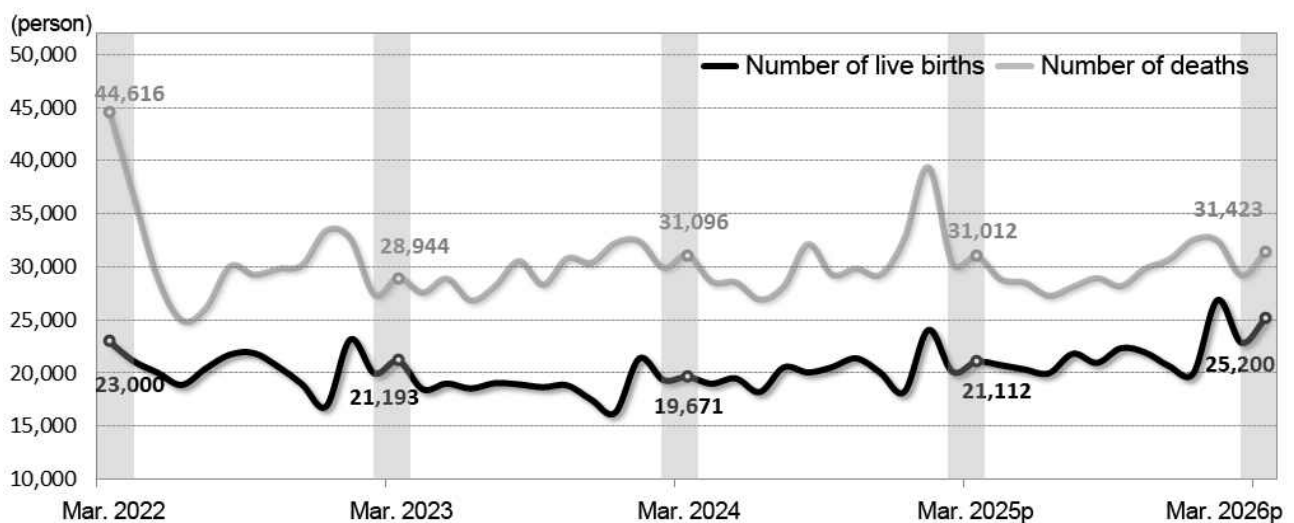
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(Unit: person (case), person (case) per 1,000 population, %)

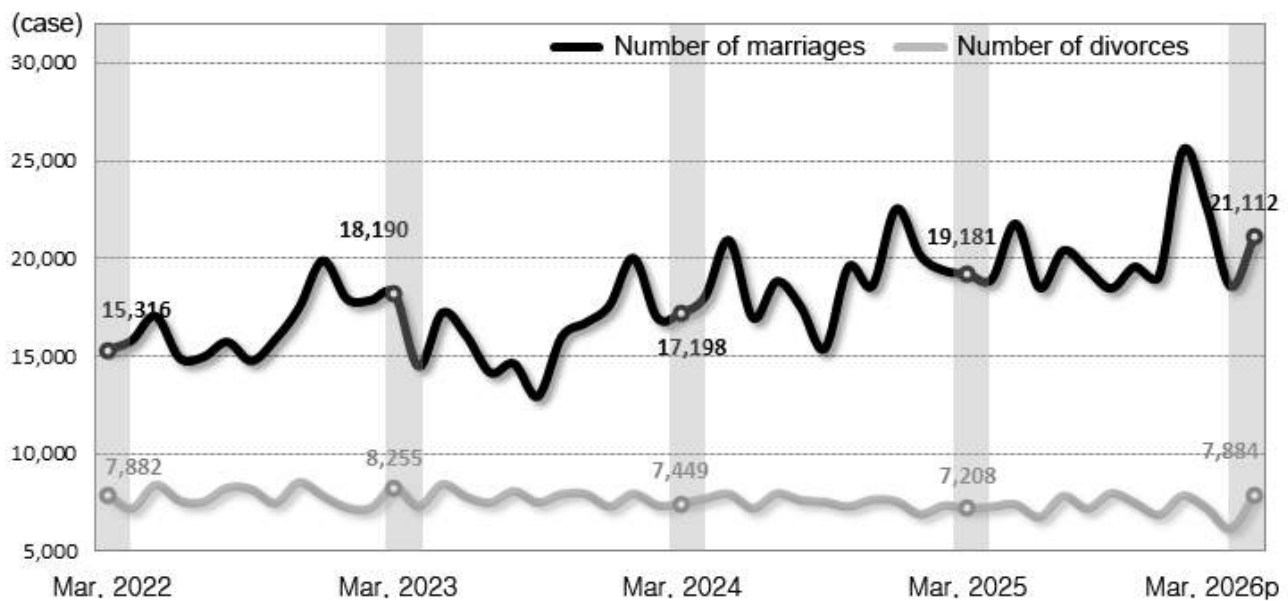
	Number of live births		Number of deaths		Natural increase		Number of marriages		Number of divorces	
		Crude birth rate		Crude death rate		Natural increase rate		Crude marriage rate		Crude divorce rate
March 2025 ^p	21,112	4.9	31,012	7.2	-9,900	-2.3	19,181	4.4	7,208	1.7
March 2026^p	25,200	5.8	31,423	7.3	-6,224	-1.4	21,112	4.9	7,884	1.8
Change	4,088	1.0	411	0.1	3,677	0.8	1,931	0.5	676	0.2
Percent change	19.4	-	1.3	-	-	-	10.1	-	9.4	-

<Trends in Vital Statistics>

○ Live birth and death



○ Marriage and divorce



1. Live birth

- The number of live births was 25,200 persons in March, which grew by 4,088 persons (19.4%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of live births and percent changes

	2024	2025 ^p	2025 ^p		2026 ^p			
			March	Jan. ~ March	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan. ~ March
Number of live births (person)	238,317	254,457	21,112	65,362	26,916	22,898	25,200	75,013
Year-on-year percent change (%)	3.6	6.8	7.3	8.1	11.7	13.6	19.4	14.8

[Figure] Live birth by month



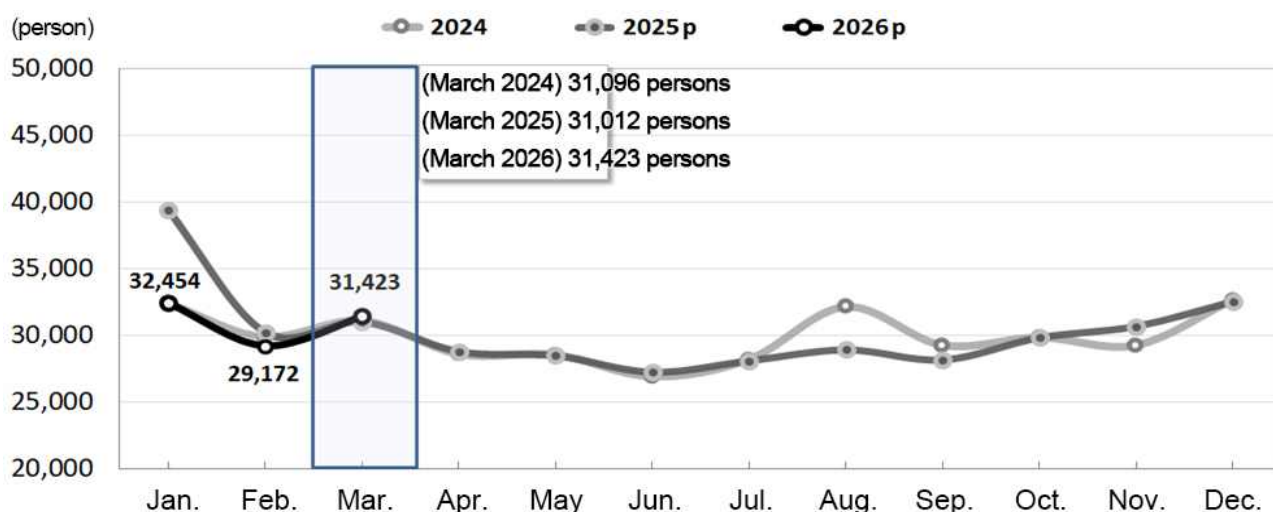
2. Death

- The number of deaths was 31,423 persons in March, which grew by 411 persons (1.3%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of deaths and percent changes

	2024	2025 ^p	2025 ^p		2026 ^p			
			March	Jan. ~ March	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan. ~ March
Number of deaths (person)	358,569	363,389	31,012	100,658	32,454	29,172	31,423	93,050
Year-on-year percent change (%)	1.7	1.3	-0.3	7.8	-17.6	-3.5	1.3	-7.6

[Figure] Death by month



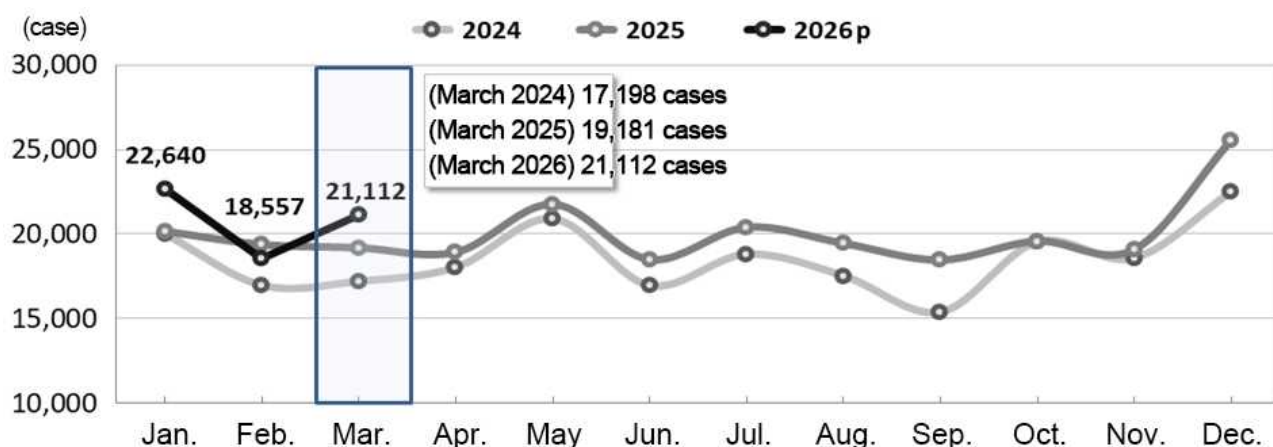
3. Marriage

- The number of marriages was 21,112 cases in March, which went up by 1,931 cases (10.1%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of marriages and percent changes

	2024	2025	2025		2026 ^p			
			March	Jan. ~ March	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan. ~ March
Number of marriages (case)	222,412	240,326	19,181	58,700	22,640	18,557	21,112	62,309
Year-on-year percent change (%)	14.8	8.1	11.5	8.4	12.4	-4.2	10.1	6.1

[Figure] Marriage by month



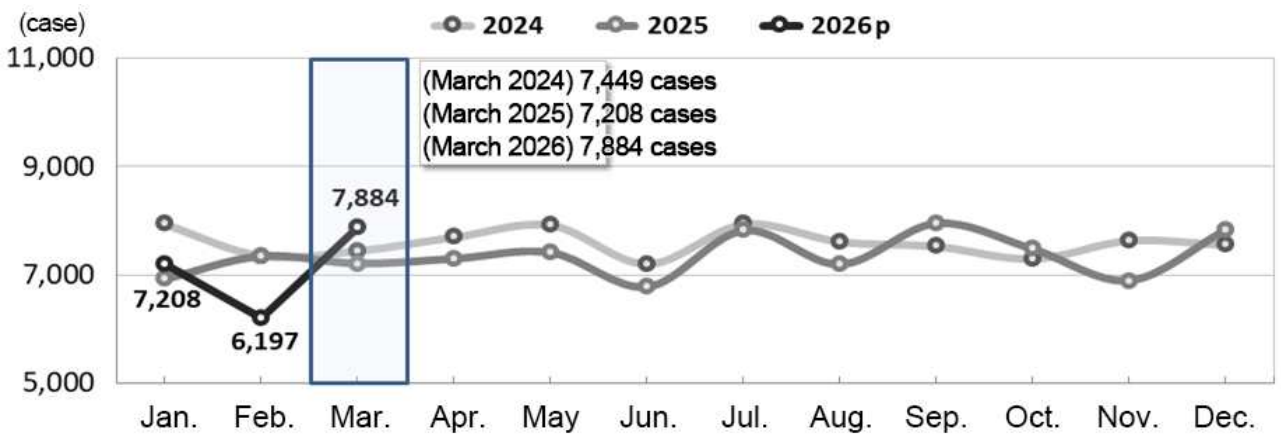
4. Divorce

- The number of divorces was 7,884 cases in March, which grew by 676 cases (9.4%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of divorces and percent changes

	2024	2025	2025		2026 ^p			
			March	Jan. ~ March	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan. ~ March
Number of divorces (case)	91,151	88,130	7,208	21,472	7,208	6,197	7,884	21,289
Year-on-year percent change (%)	-1.3	-3.3	-3.2	-5.6	4.2	-15.6	9.4	-0.9

[Figure] Divorce by month



5. Natural increase

- The natural increase (Live births - Deaths) recorded a negative figure of -6,224 persons in March.

[Table] Natural increase

	2024	2025 ^p	2025 ^p		2026 ^p			
			March	Jan. ~ March	Jan.	Feb.	March	Jan. ~ March
Natural increase (person)	-120,252	-108,931	-9,900	-35,296	-5,539	-6,275	-6,224	-18,037

[Figure] Natural increase by month

