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Regional Economic Trends in the Second Quarter of 2026

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□ **In the second quarter of 2026, the Mining and Manufacturing Production Index marked a year-on-year increase in 8 regions including Chungbuk (27.8%) and Gwangju (9.1%). Whereas, the Mining and Manufacturing Production Index marked a year-on-year decrease in 9 regions including Jeonnam (-9.2%) and Seoul (-5.7%). [The nation: 2.0%]**

○ The Index of Services marked a year-on-year increase in 16 regions including Seoul (7.5%) and Gyeonggi (4.6%). In the meantime, the Index of Services marked a year-on-year decrease in Jeju (-3.0%). [The nation: 4.5%]

□ **The Retail Sales Index showed a year-on-year increase in 9 regions including Seoul (3.8%) and Daegu (3.5%). Whereas, the Retail Sales Index showed a year-on-year decrease in 8 regions including Daejeon (-5.1%) and Gyeongnam (-2.7%). [The nation: 2.4%]**

□ **The Consumer Price Index marked a year-on-year increase in all 17 regions including Gyeongbuk (3.4%), Gyeongnam (3.4%) and Jeonbuk (3.4%). [The nation: 3.0%]**

□ **Exports (based on customs clearance) showed a year-on-year increase in 16 regions including Gyeonggi (50.75 billion dollars) and Chungnam (34.49 billion dollars). On the other hand, exports showed a year-on-year decrease in Gyeongnam (-520 million dollars). [The nation: 100.64 billion dollars]**

□ **The employment-population ratio marked a year-on-year increase in 8 regions including Jeju (1.7%p) and Gwangju (0.8%p). Whereas, the employment-population ratio marked a year-on-year decrease in 7 regions including Gyeonggi (-1.1%p) and Gyeongbuk (-1.1%p). [The nation: -0.3%p]**

< Major Economic Indicators in the Second Quarter of 2026 >

(Year-on-year, %)

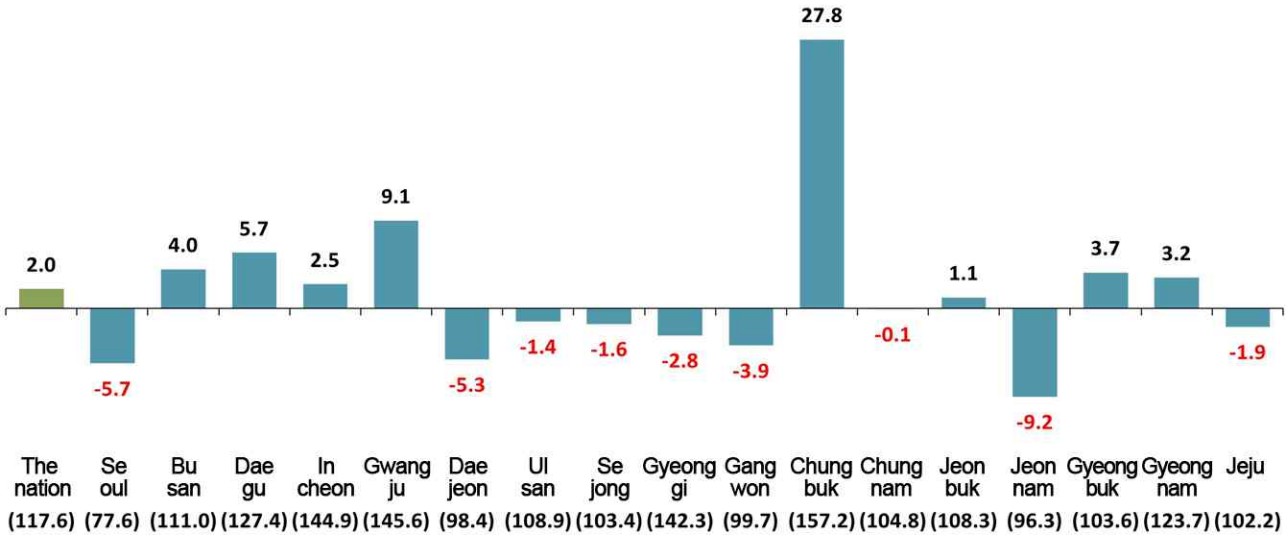
	Mining and Manufacturing Production Index	Index of Services	Retail Sales Index	Consumer Price Index	Exports (100 million dollars)	Employment-population ratio (%p)
The nation	2.0	4.5	2.4	3.0	1,006.4	-0.3
Seoul	-5.7	7.5	3.8	2.5	21.5	0.0
Busan	4.0	3.6	3.4	2.7	5.9	-0.3
Daegu	5.7	3.8	3.5	2.6	2.4	0.0
Incheon	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.8	6.9	-0.4
Gwangju	9.1	0.8	0.6	2.8	1.2	0.8
Daejeon	-5.3	1.2	-5.1	2.8	0.4	-0.3
Ulsan	-1.4	3.0	-0.1	3.2	39.5	0.3
Sejong	-1.6	2.5	1.3	3.2	1.0	0.2
Gyeonggi	-2.8	4.6	1.8	3.1	507.5	-1.1
Gangwon	-3.9	3.8	0.5	3.2	0.6	0.2
Chungbuk	27.8	0.4	-0.2	3.2	25.3	-0.6
Chungnam	-0.1	1.3	-1.4	3.0	344.9	0.8
Jeonbuk	1.1	2.4	-2.4	3.4	3.2	0.7
Jeonnam	-9.2	1.2	-0.3	3.2	33.3	-0.3
Gyeongbuk	3.7	0.5	-1.0	3.4	16.0	-1.1
Gyeongnam	3.2	2.4	-2.7	3.4	-5.2	0.4
Jeju	-1.9	-3.0	2.3	3.1	2.0	1.7

Production

□ In the second quarter of 2026, the Mining and Manufacturing Production Index of the nation (117.6) went up by 2.0% year-on-year.

❍ 9 regions including Jeonnam (-9.2%), Seoul (-5.7%) and Daejeon (-5.3%) recorded a year-on-year decrease in the Mining and Manufacturing Production Index. In the meantime, 8 regions including Chungbuk (27.8%), Gwangju (9.1%) and Daegu (5.7%) recorded a year-on-year increase in the Mining and Manufacturing Production Index.

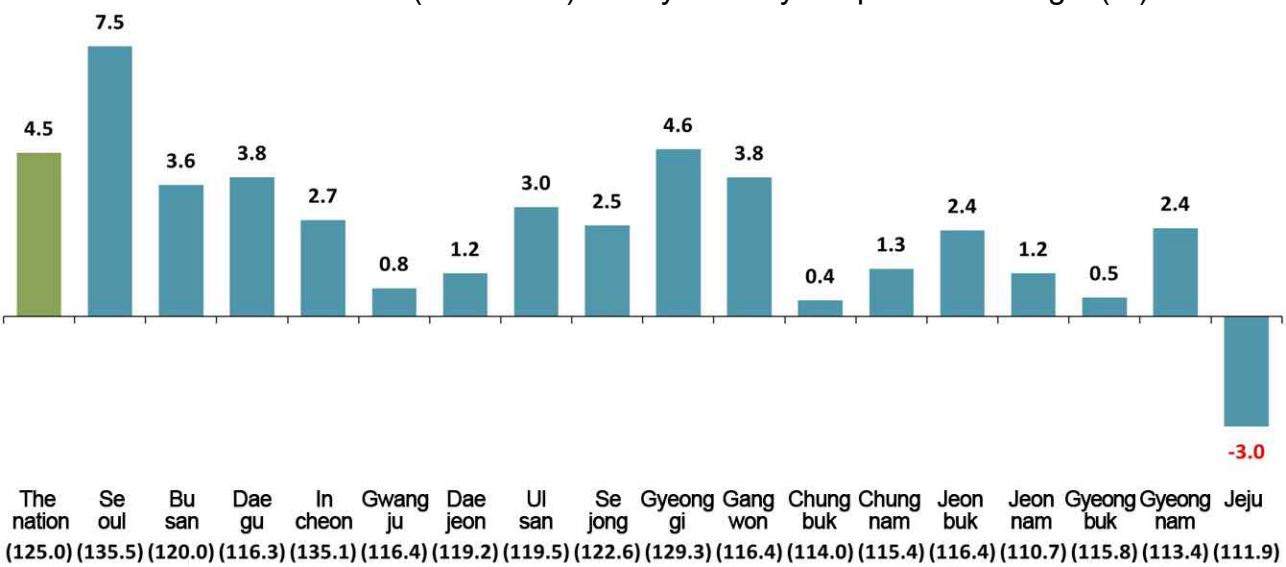
< Mining and Manufacturing Production Index (2020=100) and year-on-year percent change (%) >



□ In the second quarter of 2026, the Index of Services for the nation (125.0) went up by 4.5% year-on-year.

❍ Jeju (-3.0%) recorded a year-on-year decrease in the Index of Services. In the meantime, 16 regions including Seoul (7.5%), Gyeonggi (4.6%) and Daegu (3.8%) recorded a year-on-year increase.

< Index of Services (2020=100) and year-on-year percent change (%) >

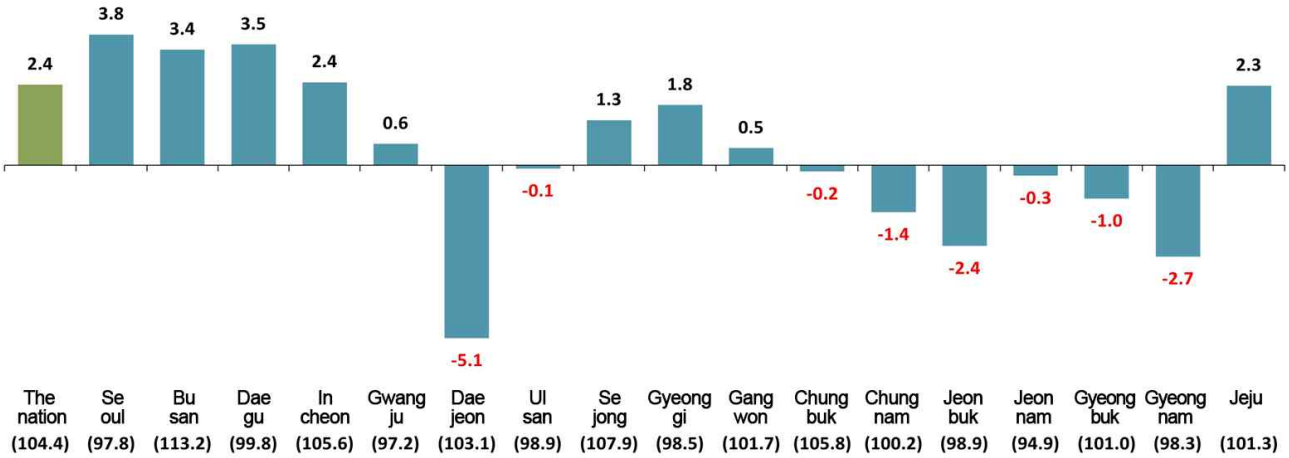


Consumption

☐ In the second quarter of 2026, the Retail Sales Index of the nation (104.4) went up by 2.4% year-on-year.

❍ 8 regions such as Daejeon (-5.1%), Gyeongnam (-2.7%) and Jeonbuk (-2.4%) marked a year-on-year decrease in the Retail Sales Index. On the other hand, 9 regions including Seoul (3.8%), Daegu (3.5%) and Busan (3.4%) marked a year-on-year increase in the Retail Sales Index.

< Retail Sales Index (2020=100) and year-on-year percent change (%) >



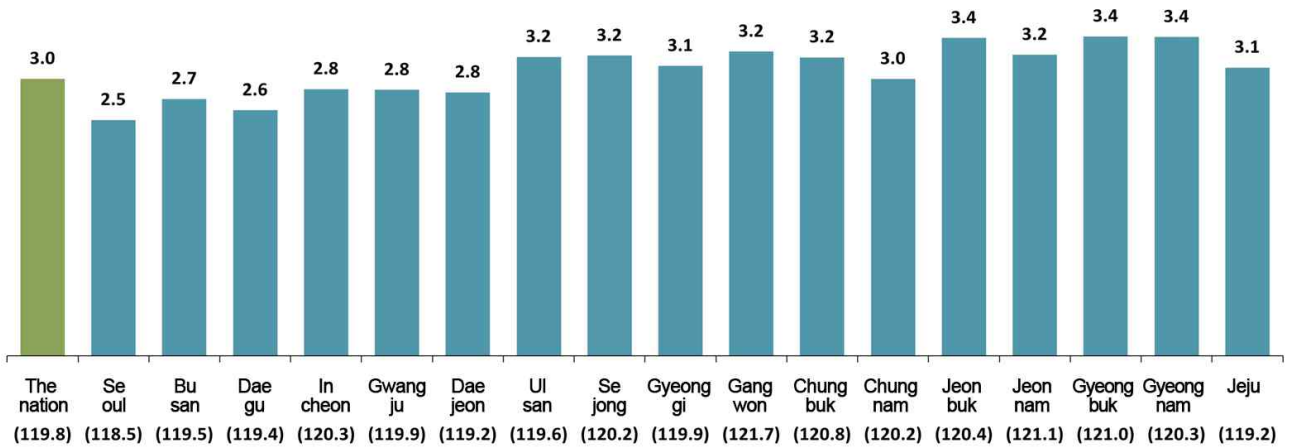
* The Retail Sales Index of the nation includes 'Retail Sales not in Stores'. Whereas, the Retail Sales Index of 17 metropolitan cities and provinces excludes 'Retail Sales not in Stores'.

Consumer Price Index

☐ In the second quarter of 2026, the Consumer Price Index of the nation (119.8) went up by 3.0% from the second quarter of 2025.

❍ 7 regions including Seoul (2.5%), Daegu (2.6%) and Busan (2.7%) recorded a lower increase rate compared to the nation. Whereas, Gyeongbuk (3.4%), Gyeongnam (3.4%) and Jeonbuk (3.4%) recorded a higher increase rate compared to the nation.

< Consumer Price Index (2020=100) and year-on-year percent change (%) >

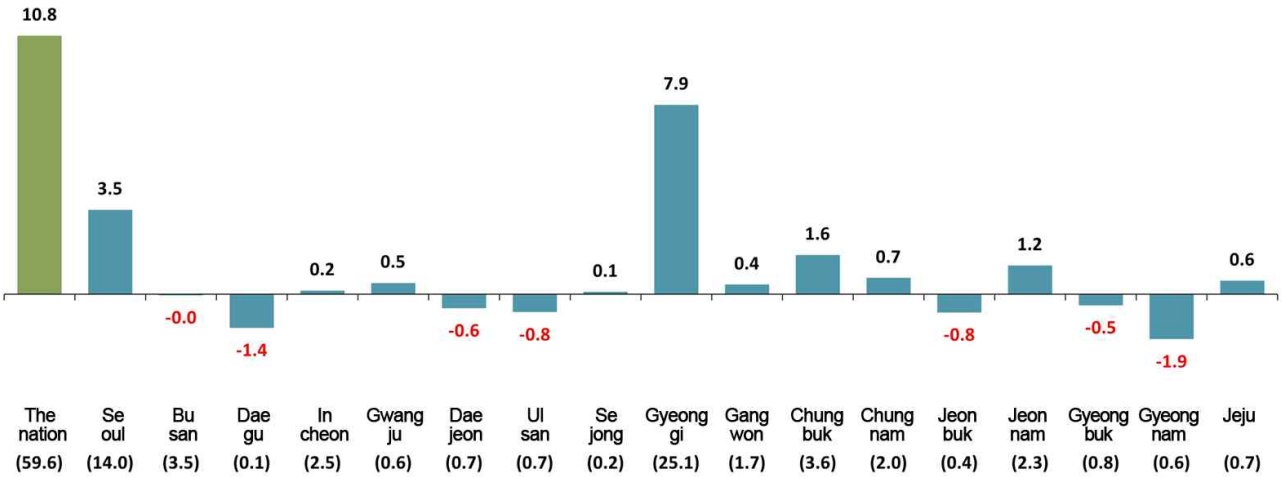


Construction

☐ In the second quarter of 2026, the construction orders received of the nation recorded 59.6 trillion won, which rose by 10.8 trillion won from the second quarter of 2025.

❍ 7 regions including Gyeongnam (-1.9 trillion won), Daegu (-1.4 trillion won) and Jeonbuk (-0.8 trillion won) marked a year-on-year decrease in the construction orders received. On the other hand, 10 regions including Gyeonggi (7.9 trillion won), Seoul (3.5 trillion won) and Chungbuk (1.6 trillion won) marked a year-on-year increase in the construction orders received.

< Construction orders received (trillion won) and year-on-year change (trillion won) >

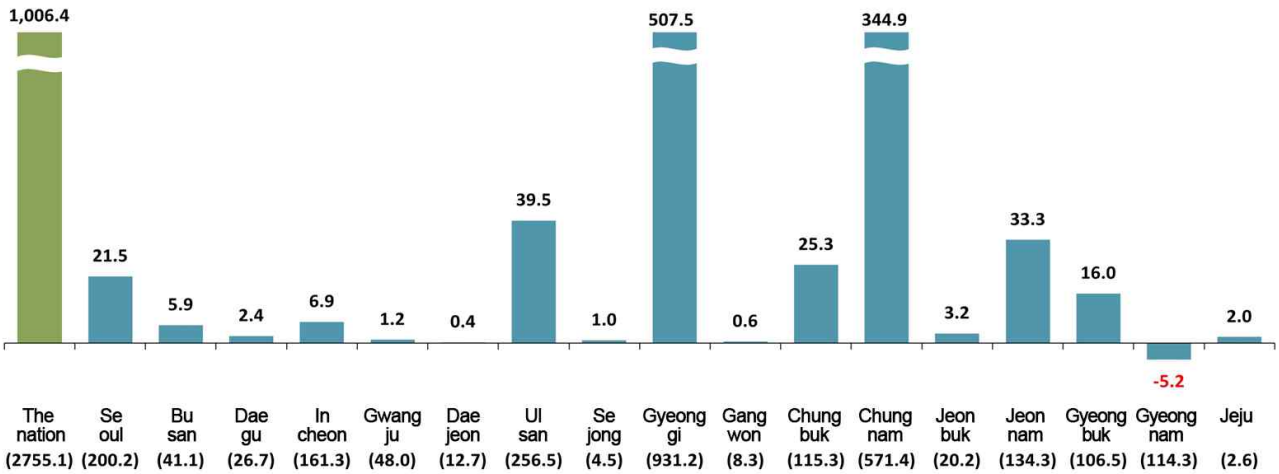


Exports

☐ In the second quarter of 2026, the exports of the nation marked 275.51 billion dollars, which grew by 100.64 billion dollars year-on-year.

❍ Gyeongnam (-520 million dollars) marked a year-on-year decrease in the exports. On the other hand, 16 regions including Gyeonggi (50.75 billion dollars), Chungnam (34.49 billion dollars) and Ulsan (3.95 billion dollars) marked a year-on-year increase in the construction orders received.

< Exports (100 million dollars) and year-on-year change (100 million dollars) >

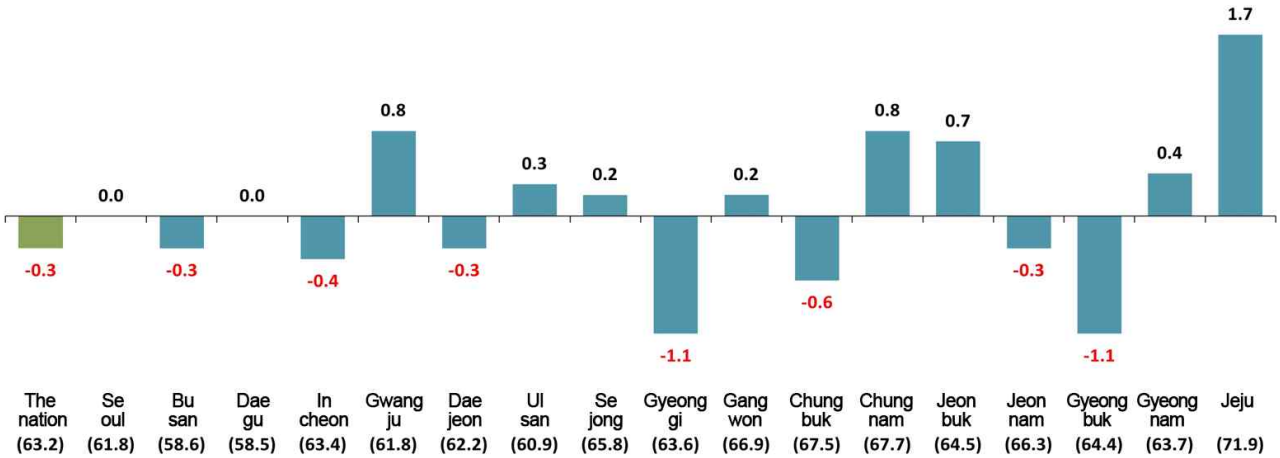


Employment

☐ In the second quarter of 2026, the employment-population ratio of the nation stood at 63.2%, which went down by 0.3% year-on-year.

❍ 7 regions including Gyeonggi (-1.1%p), Gyeongbuk (-1.1%p) and Chungbuk (-0.6%p) marked a year-on-year decrease in the employment-population ratio. On the other hand, 8 regions including Jeju (1.7%p), Gwangju (0.8%p) and Chungnam (0.8%p) marked a year-on-year increase in the employment-population ratio.

< Employment-population ratio (%) and year-on-year change (%p) >



Population

❍ In the second quarter of 2026, 7 regions including Gyeonggi (11,391 persons), Incheon (4,442 persons) and Chungbuk (3,608 persons) recorded a plus net migration.

- 10 regions including Seoul (-16,259 persons), Busan (-2,596 persons) and Gwangju (-1,844 persons) recorded a minus net migration.

< Internal net migration by province (thousand persons) >

