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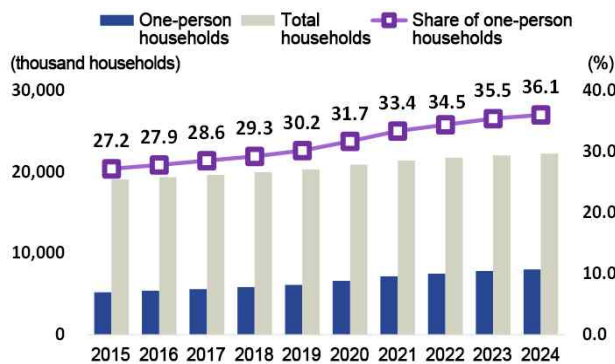


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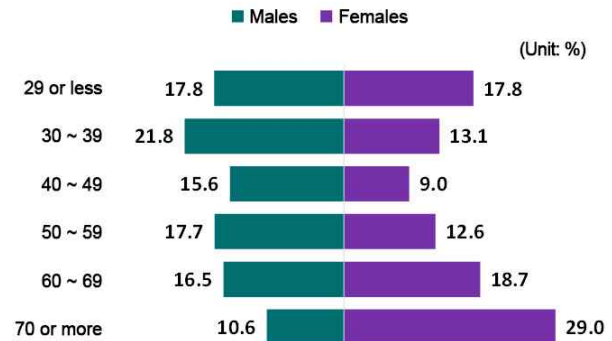
- In 2024, one-person households marked 8.045 million households, which took up 36.1% of the total households. As for one-person households by age group, households with a member aged 70 or more occupied the largest share at 19.8%. This figure was followed by those with a member aged 29 or less (17.8%), those with a member aged 60~69 (17.6%) and those with a member aged 30~39 (17.4%).
- As for one-person households by gender and age group, households with a female aged 60 or more recorded a high share at 47.7% of the total one-person female households. Households with a male aged 39 or less recorded a high share at 39.6% of the total one-person male households.

< Share of one-person households >



Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics
<Population and Housing Census>

< Share of one-person households by gender and age group (2024) >

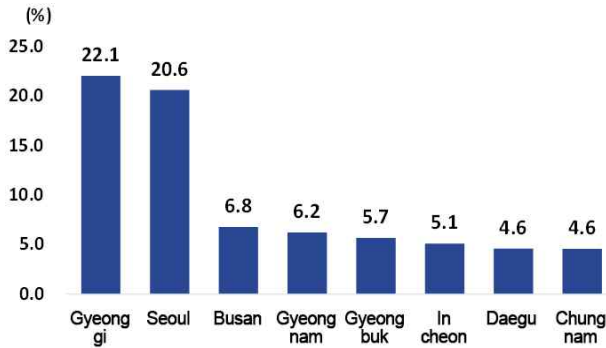


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In 2024, 42.7% of one-person households resided in Seoul and Gyeonggi.

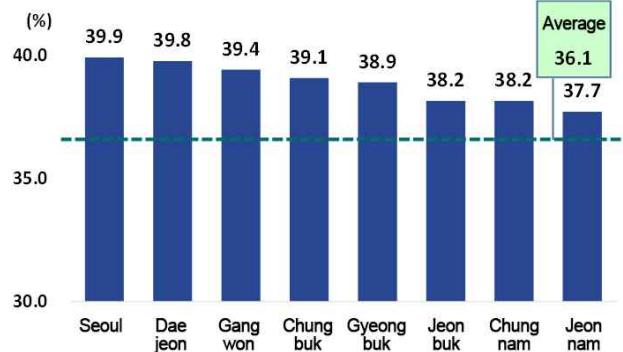
- In 2024, as for the regional distribution of one-person households, Gyeonggi recorded the highest figure of 22.1% (1.775 million households), which was followed by Seoul (20.6%), Busan (6.8%) and Gyeongnam (6.2%).
- In 2024, as for the share of one-person households among the total households in the region, Seoul recorded the highest figure of 39.9%, which was followed by Daejeon (39.8%), Gangwon (39.4%), Chungbuk (39.1%) and Gyeongbuk (38.9%).

< Regional distribution of one-person households (2024, top 8 regions) >



Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics
<Population and Housing Census>

< Share of one-person households by region (2024, top 8 regions) >

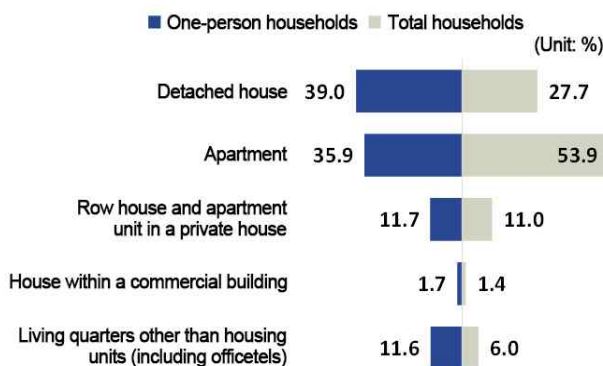


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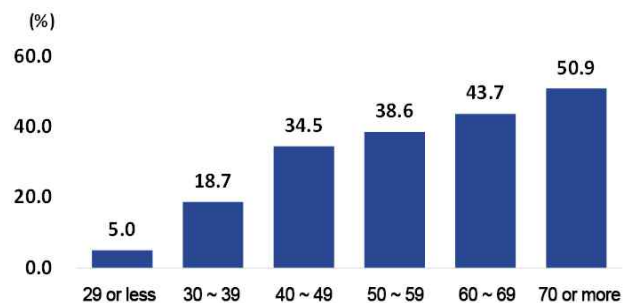
- In 2024, as for the type of living quarters of one-person households, 'Detached house' occupied the largest share at 39.0%, which was followed by 'Apartment' (35.9%) and 'Row house and apartment unit in a private house' (11.7%). Compared to the total households, one-person households residing in 'Detached house' and 'Living quarters other than housing units' showed a higher share.
- In 2024, the house ownership rate of one-person households stood at 32.0%. Whereas, the house ownership rate of the total households stood at 56.9%. The higher age group, the higher house ownership rate. One-person households with a member aged 70 or more showed the highest house ownership rate at 50.9%, which was followed by those with a member aged 60~69 (43.7%) and those with a member aged 50~59 (38.6%).

< Share by type of living quarters (2024) >



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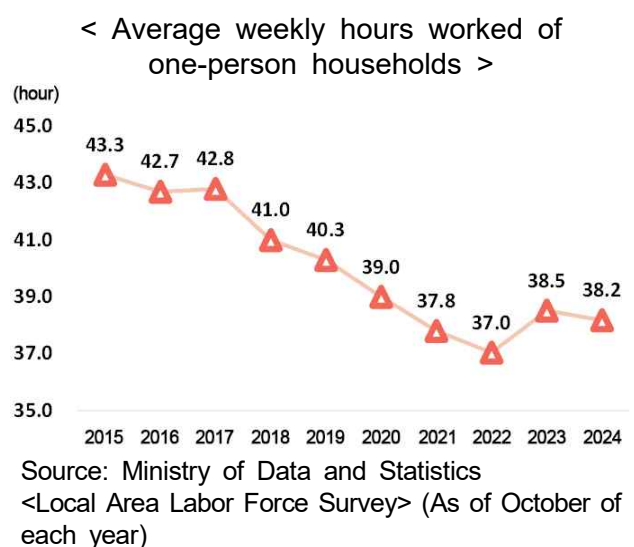
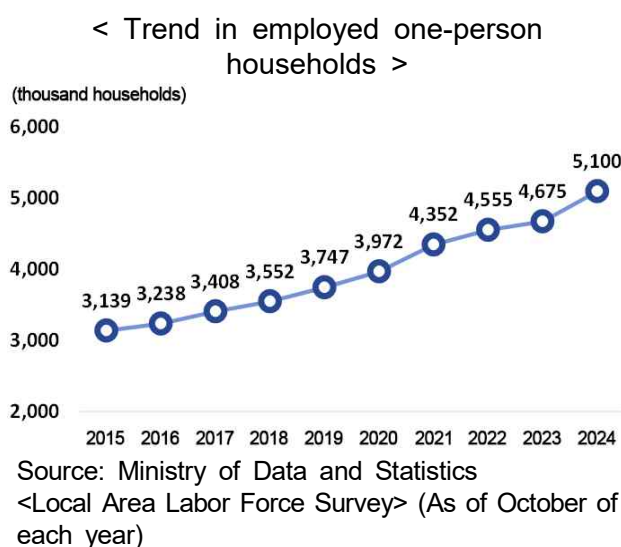
< House ownership rate of one-person households by age group (2024) >



Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics
<Statistics of House Ownership>

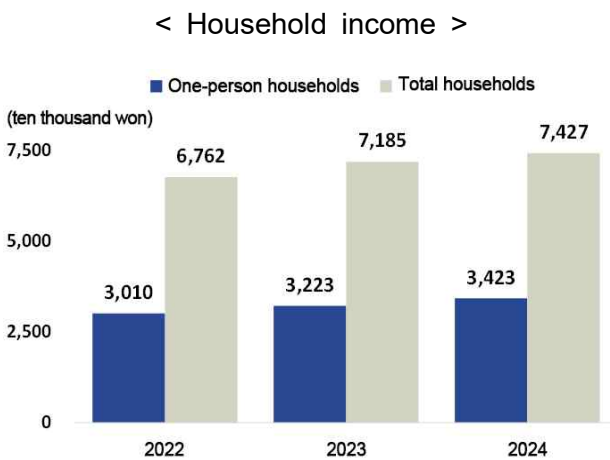
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- In October 2024, employed one-person households totaled 5.10 million households. As for employed one-person households by age group, households with a member aged 50~64 occupied the largest share at 26.4%, which was followed by those with a member aged 30~39 (24.4%) and those with a member aged 15~29 (18.6%).
- As for employed one-person households by industry in October 2024, 'Business facilities management and business support services; rental and leasing activities, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, & Membership organizations, repair and other personal services' occupied the largest share at 42.3%, which was followed by 'Wholesale and retail trade & Accommodation and food service activities' (18.1%) and 'Mining and manufacturing' (14.2%). Compared to the total households, employed one-person households showed a higher share in 'Business facilities management and business support services; rental and leasing activities, Public administration and defence; compulsory social security, & Membership organizations, repair and other personal services'.
- As for employed one-person households by occupation in October 2024, 'Professionals and related workers' occupied the largest share at 24.8%, which was followed by 'Clerks' (16.8%) and 'Elementary workers' (15.3%). Compared to the total employed persons, employed one-person households showed a higher share in 'Professionals and related workers'.
- In October 2024, the average hours worked of one-person households stood at 38.2 hours per week. This figure was shorter than that of the total employed persons (38.9 hours per week) and dropped by 0.3 hours year-on-year.

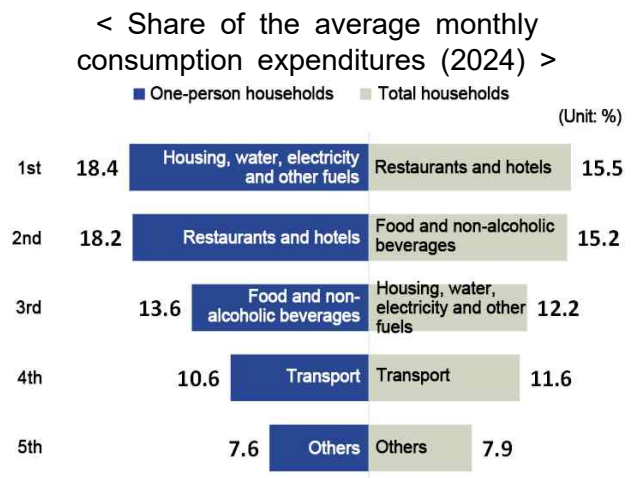


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- In 2024, the average monthly consumption expenditures of one-person households amounted to 1.689 million won. This figure recorded 58.4% of the average monthly consumption expenditures of the total households (2.89 million won). Consumption expenditures on 'Housing, water, electricity and other fuels' (18.4%) occupied the largest share of the total consumption expenditures, which was followed by 'Restaurants and hotels' (18.2%).
- In 2025, the assets of one-person households marked 223.02 million won, which recorded 39.3% of the assets of the total households (566.78 million won). The liabilities of one-person households marked 40.19 million won, which stood at 42.2% of the of the total households (95.34 million won).



Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics, Financial Supervisory Service, The Bank of Korea
<Survey of Household Finances and Living Conditions>



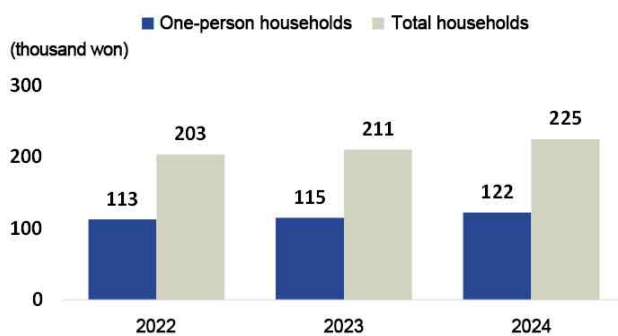
Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics
<Household Income and Expenditure Survey>

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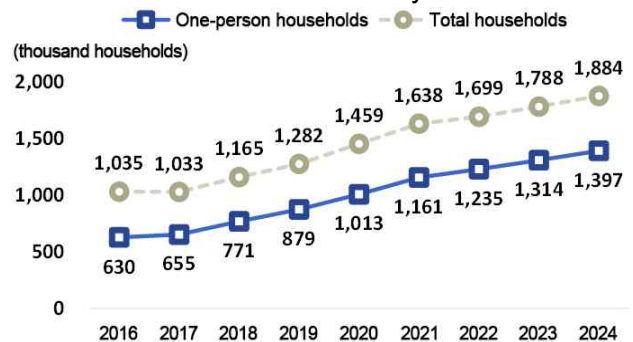
- In 2024, one-person households receiving national basic livelihood security amounted to 1.397 million households, which occupied 74.2% of the total households receiving national basic livelihood security. This share showed an ever-increasing trend.
- In 2025, as for the desired activities after retirement of one-person households with a member aged 19 or more, 'Hobby' occupied the largest share at 44.7%, which was followed by 'Traveling' (26.3%) and 'Income-generating activities' (13.5%).

< Average monthly medical expenses >



Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics
<Household Income and Expenditure Survey>

< Households receiving national basic livelihood security >

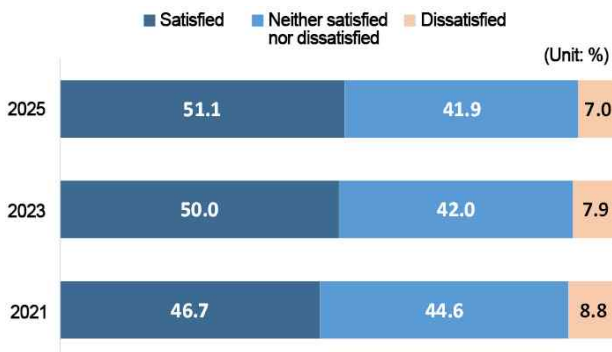


Source: Ministry of Health and Welfare
<National Basic Livelihood Security Recipient Statistics>

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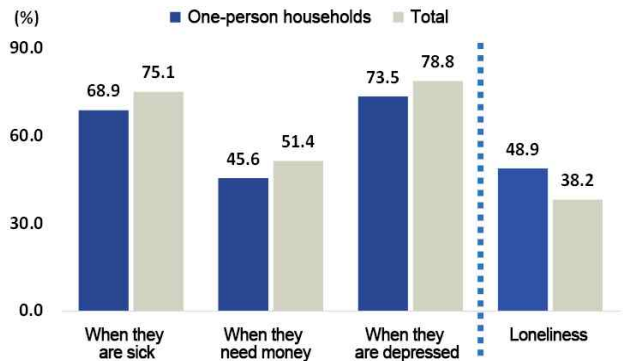
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- In 2025, one-person households said that they had someone who would help them when they were sick (68.9%), when they needed money (45.6%) and when they were depressed (73.5%). All these figures were lower than those of the total population.
- In 2025, 48.9% of one-person households said that they were often or sometimes lonely. This figure was 10.7%p higher than that of the total population (38.2%).

< Satisfaction with human relationships of one-person households >



Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics
<Social Survey>

< Social networking and loneliness (2025) >

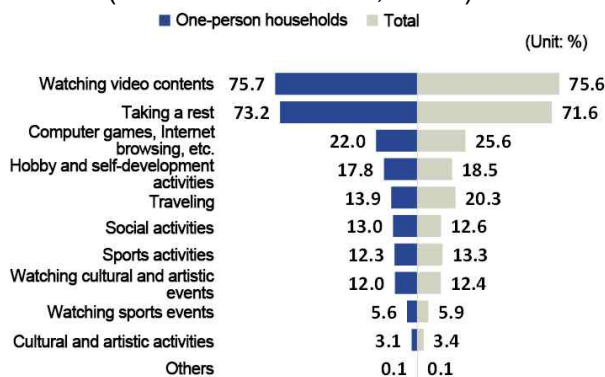


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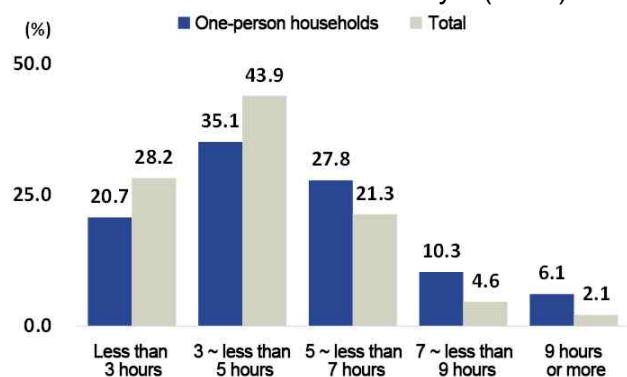
- As for weekend leisure activities of one-person households in 2025, 'Watching video contents' (75.7%) recorded the highest figure, which was followed by 'Taking a rest' (73.2%), 'Computer games and Internet browsing' (22.0%), and 'Hobby and self-development activities' (17.8%).
- As for the main purpose of leisure activities of one-person households in 2024, 'For personal delight' occupied the largest share at 43.4%, which was followed by 'For peace of mind and relaxation' (20.1%) and 'For health' (14.7%).
- In 2024, the average daily leisure time of one-person households recorded 4.5 hours on weekdays and 6.4 hours on weekends. These two figures were longer than those of the total population.

< Leisure activities (over the weekends, 2025) >



Source: Ministry of Data and Statistics
<Social Survey>

< Average daily leisure time of one-person households over the weekdays (2024) >



Source: Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism
<National Leisure Activities Survey>