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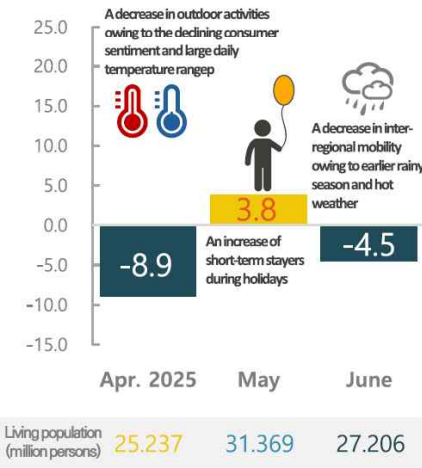
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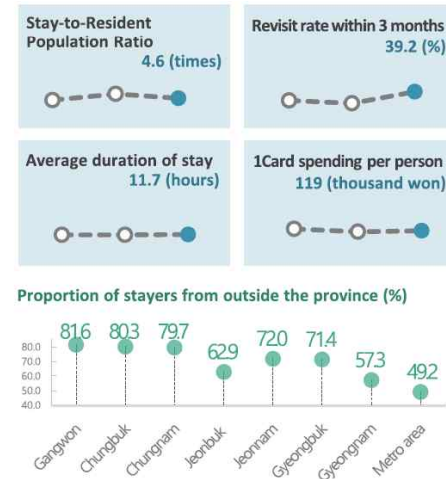
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Overview of the Living Population

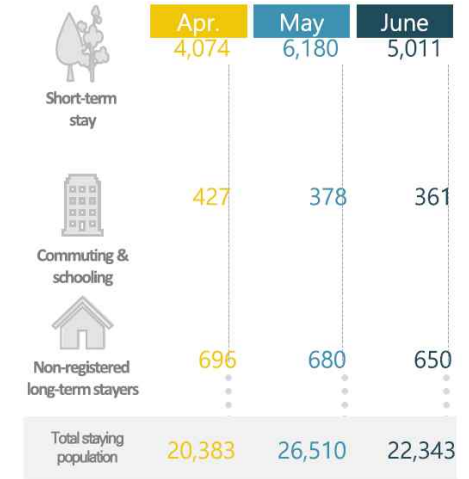
1. Size of the Living Population m/y change (%)



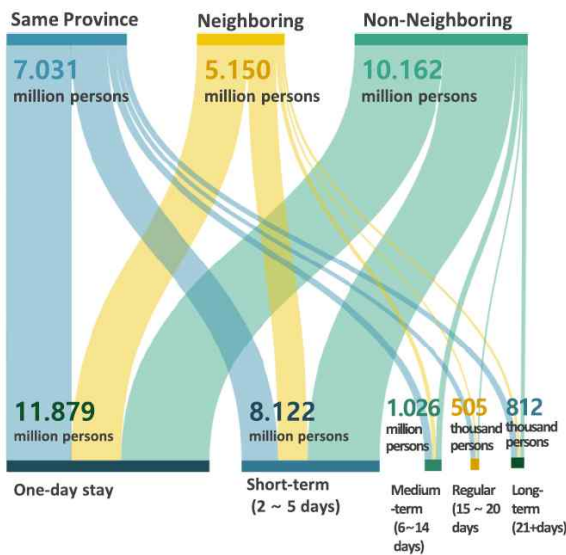
2. Characteristics of the staying population (June)



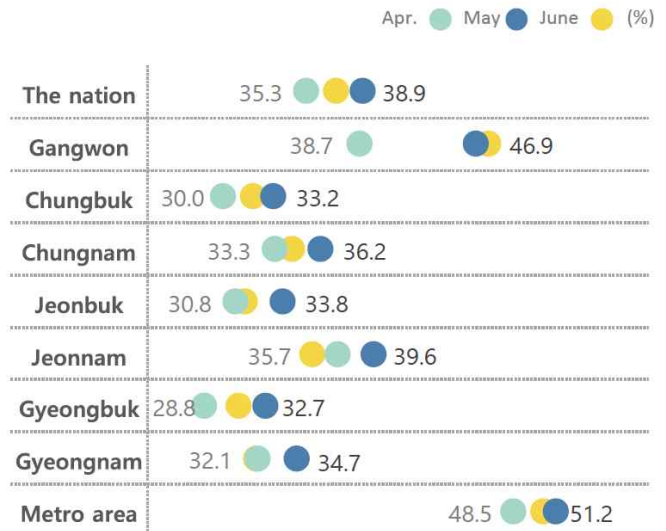
3. Population Size by Stay Type (thousand persons)



4. Duration of Stay by Type of Registered Area (June)



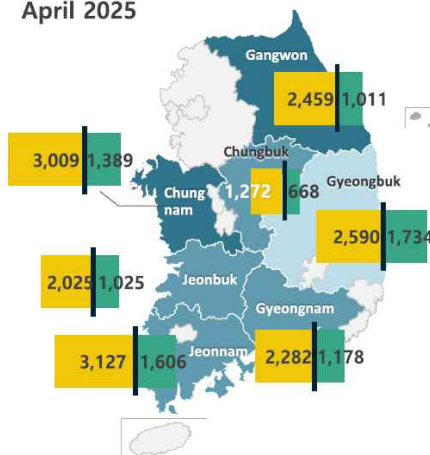
5. Share of Credit Card Spending by the Staying Population



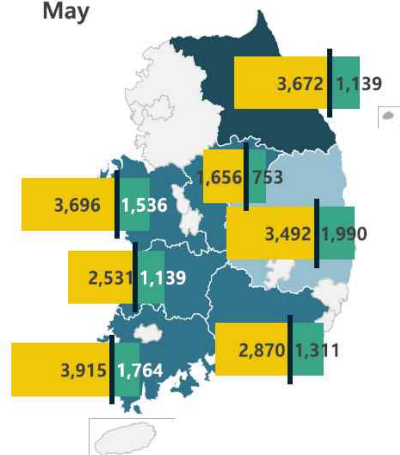
6. Inbound vs. Outbound Population (thousand persons)

Min 1.4 Max 3.3 Times = Inbound / Outbound

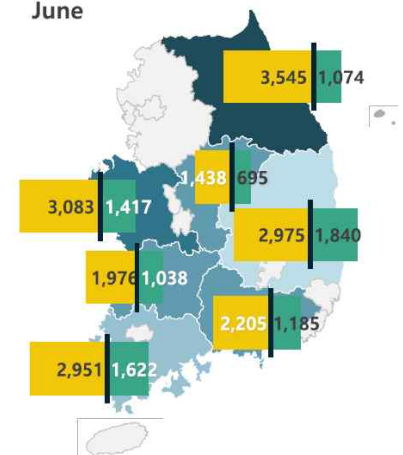
April 2025



May



June



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□ Status of the living population

- In May 2025, the living population in all depopulation regions was 31.37 million persons. The population staying in depopulation regions was 26.51 million persons, which was 5.5 times higher than the resident population in these regions.
- In May 2025, the living population in depopulation regions rose by 1.16 million persons year-on-year. However, the living population dropped by 2.46 million persons in April and 1.27 million persons in June, year-on-year.

(Unit: thousand persons, times)

	April 2025			May 2025			June 2025		
		Year-on -year change*	Month-on -month change*		Year-on -year change	Month-on -month change		Year-on -year change	Month-on -month change
Living population	25,237	-2,461	1,626	31,369	1,155	6,132	27,206	-1,271	-4,163
Resident population (A)	4,854	-43	4	4,859	-40	5	4,863	-39	3
Koreans	4,706	-63	-3	4,702	-62	-5	4,698	-61	-4
Foreigners	148	19	6	158	21	10	165	22	8
Population staying in depopulation regions (B)	20,383	-2,418	1,622	26,510	1,196	6,127	22,343	-1,231	-4,166
Ratio (B/A)	4.2	-0.5	0.3	5.5	0.3	1.3	4.6	-0.2	-0.9

* Year-on-year changes and month-on-month changes

□ Characteristics of the population staying in depopulation regions

- In the second quarter of 2025, the average duration of stay (in days) was 3.2 days (3.4 days in April, 3.0 days in May and 3.2 days in June). The average duration of stay (in hours) was 11.6 hours (11.6 hours in April, 11.6 hours in May and 11.7 hours in June). The average number of nights stayed was 3.7 nights (4.0 nights in April, 3.4 nights in May and 3.6 nights in June).
- In June, the staying population coming from outside the province occupied 68.5%. In particular, the staying population in Gangwon coming from outside the province showed the largest proportion.
- Among the types of the population staying in depopulation regions, the proportion of short-term accommodation users (for tourism or leisure) was relatively higher among females, those aged 29 or less, and residents of non-neighboring cities or provinces, compared to the total population staying in depopulation regions.
- Among the types of the population staying in depopulation regions, the proportion of commuters (to school or work) was relatively higher among males and those aged 30 ~ 59, compared to the total population staying in depopulation regions. The proportion of non-registered long-term stayers was relatively higher among males and those aged 29 or less, compared to the total population staying in depopulation regions.

- As for the multiple of the population staying in depopulation regions in comparison with the resident population, foreigners stood at 2.7 times in the second quarter of 2025 (2.4 times in April, 2.9 times in May and 2.7 times in June). The average number of days stayed of foreigners was 4.4 days in the second quarter of 2025 (4.8 days in April, 4.2 days in May and 4.3 days in June). The average duration of stay (in hours) of foreigners was 13.7 hours in the second quarter of 2025 (13.9 hours in April, 13.6 hours in May and 13.7 hours in June). Compared to Korean nationals, foreigners tended to show lower mobility, but longer duration of stay.

☐ **Characteristics of consumption**

- In the second quarter of 2025, the average card spending per capita in depopulation regions stood at 120 thousand won (124 thousand won in April, 117 thousand won in May and 119 thousand won in June). Card spending tended to increase with age.

- (Consumption by stay type)

The short-term accommodation users showed the highest average per-capita card spending in health and medical care. The commuters showed the highest average per-capita card spending in education. The non-registered long-term stayers showed the highest average per-capita card spending in education and transportation.

- In comparison with the resident population, the card spending of the population staying in depopulation regions occupied 35% or more of the total card spending. In particular, this figure in the depopulation regions of metropolitan cities stood at 48% or more of the total card spending.