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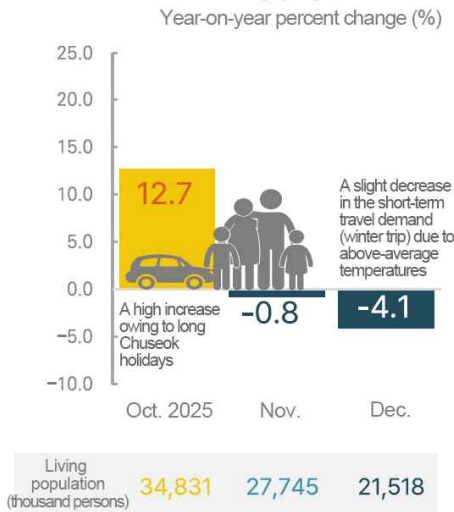
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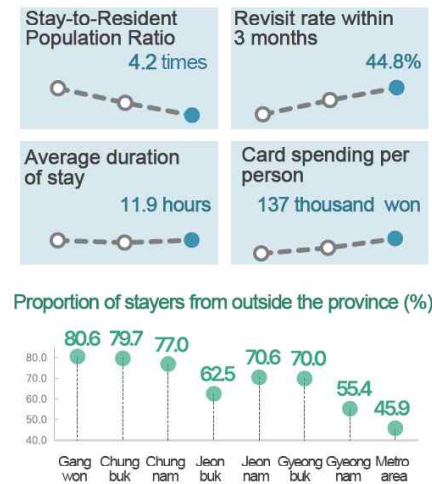
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4Q 2025 Overview of the Living Population

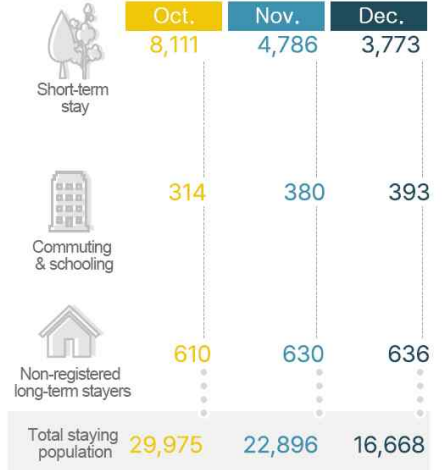
1. Size of the living population



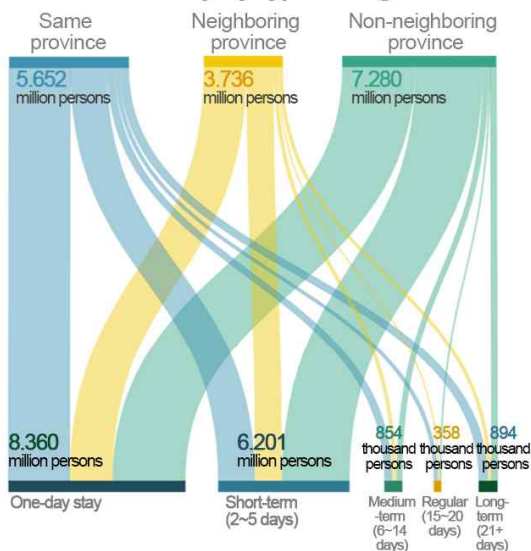
2. Characteristics of the staying population (Dec.)



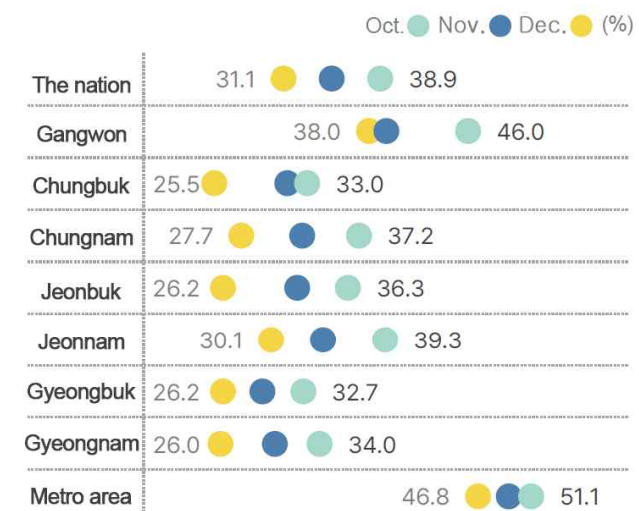
3. Staying population by stay type (thousand persons)



4. Duration of stay by type of registered area (Dec.)

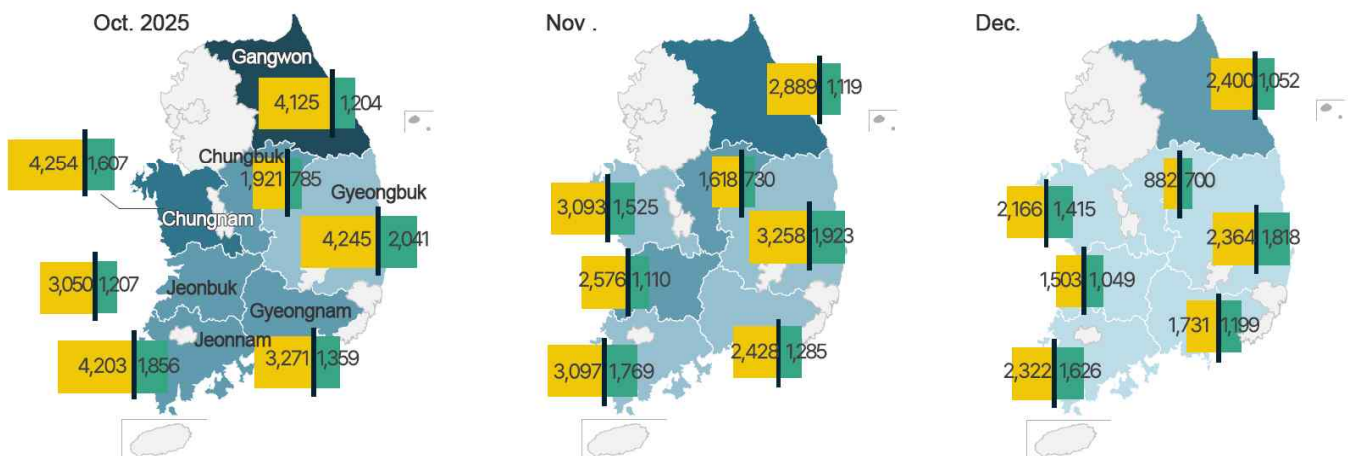


5. Share of card spending by the staying population



6. Inbound vs outbound population (thousand persons)

Ratio = $\frac{\text{Inbound}}{\text{Outbound}}$ (As of Q4 2025)
Min 1.3 Max 3.4



Living Population in the Fourth Quarter of 2025

□ Status of the living population

- In October 2025, the living population of 89 depopulation regions was 34.83 million persons. The staying population in depopulation regions was 29.97 million persons, which was 6.2 times higher than the resident population in these regions.
- In October 2025, the living population in depopulation regions rose by 3.92 million persons year-on-year. However, the living population dropped by 220 thousand persons in November and 930 thousand persons in December, year-on-year.

(Unit: thousand persons, times)

	Oct. 2025			Nov. 2025			Dec. 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	34,831	3,916	9,694	27,745	-217	-7,086	21,518	-925	-6,228
Resident population (A)	4,856	-29	-1	4,850	-27	-7	4,849	-18	0
Koreans	4,682	-53	-1	4,684	-47	2	4,688	-38	4
Foreigners	175	24	0	166	20	-9	161	20	-5
Staying population in depopulation regions (B)	29,975	3,945	9,695	22,896	-190	-7,079	16,668	-907	-6,227
Ratio (B/A)	6.2	0.8	2.0	4.7	0.0	-1.5	3.4	-0.2	-1.3

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

□ Characteristics of the staying population in depopulation regions

- In the fourth quarter of 2025, the average length of stay (in days) was 3.2 days (2.9 days in October, 3.1 days in November and 3.7 days in December). The average length of stay (in hours) was 11.7 hours (11.8 hours in October, 11.4 hours in November and 11.9 hours in December). The average number of nights stayed was 3.5 nights (3.0 nights in October, 3.5 nights in November and 4.1 nights in December).
- In December, the staying population coming from outside the province occupied 66.1%. In particular, Gangwon showed the largest proportion of the staying population coming from outside the province.
- Among the types of the staying population in depopulation regions, the proportion of short-term accommodation users (for tourism or leisure) was relatively higher among females, those 'aged 29 or less' to 'aged 40~49', and residents of non-neighboring cities or provinces, compared to the total staying population in depopulation regions.
- Among the types of the staying population 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 staying population 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 staying population in depopulation regions.

- As for the ratio of the staying population in depopulation regions in comparison with the resident population, foreigners stood at 2.5 times in the fourth quarter of 2025 (3.1 times in October, 2.5 times in November and 2.0 times in December). The average length of stay (in days) of foreigners was 4.6 days in the fourth quarter of 2025 (3.9 days in October, 4.5 days in November and 5.3 days in December). The average length of stay (in hours) of foreigners was 13.8 hours in the fourth quarter of 2025 (13.5 hours in October, 13.6 hours in November and 14.2 hours in December). Compared to Koreans, foreigners tended to show less mobility, but to stay longer.

☐ **Characteristics of consumption**

- In the fourth quarter of 2025, the average card spending per capita in depopulation regions stood at 124 thousand won (113 thousand won in October, 122 thousand won in November and 137 thousand won in December). 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 accommodation.
- In comparison with the resident population, the card spending of the staying population in depopulation regions occupied around 35% of the total card spending. In particular, this figure in the depopulation regions of metropolitan cities stood at more than 46% of the total card spending.