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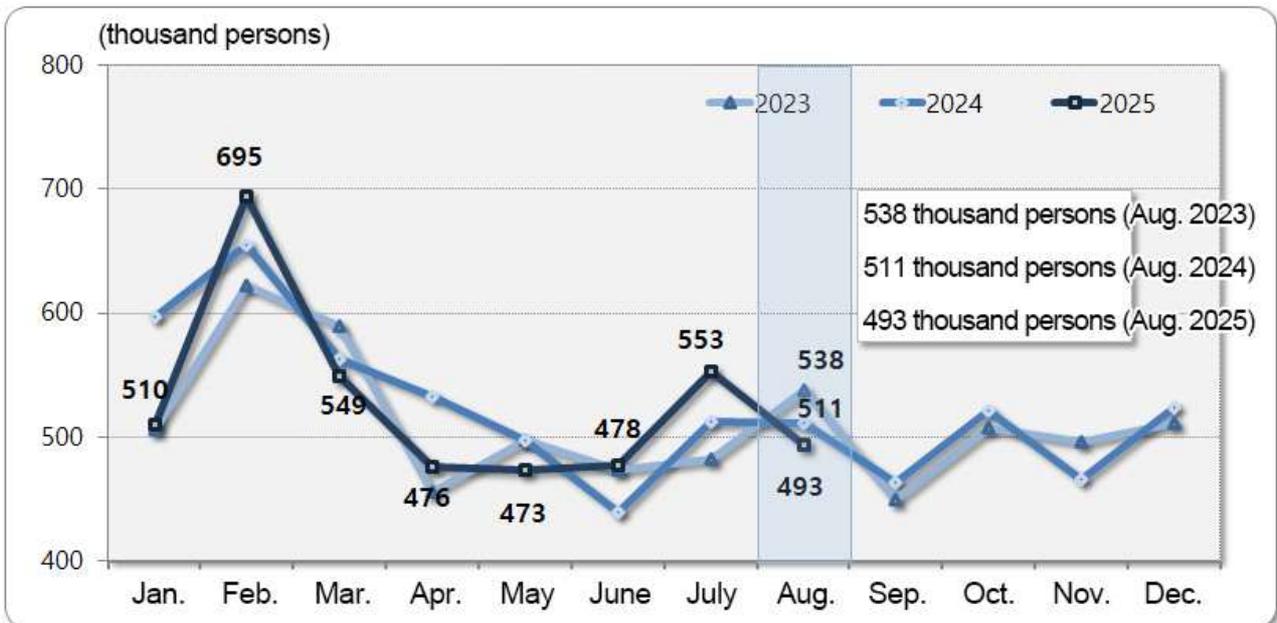
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	Internal migration in August			Year-on-year*	
	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	538	511	493	-5.1	-3.5
Migration rate** (%,%p)	12.4	11.8	11.4	-0.6	-0.4

* Percent changes (%) for the number of migrants and changes (%p) for the migration rate

** Monthly migration rates are converted by using annualized migration rates.

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1. Internal migration

- The number of internal migrants was 493 thousand persons in August 2025, falling by 3.5% (-18 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 63.9% and 36.1% of the total internal migrants in August 2025, respectively.
- Compared to August 2024, the intra-province migrants fell by 5.5%, while the inter-province migrants grew by 0.4%.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 11.4%, down 0.4%p year-on-year.

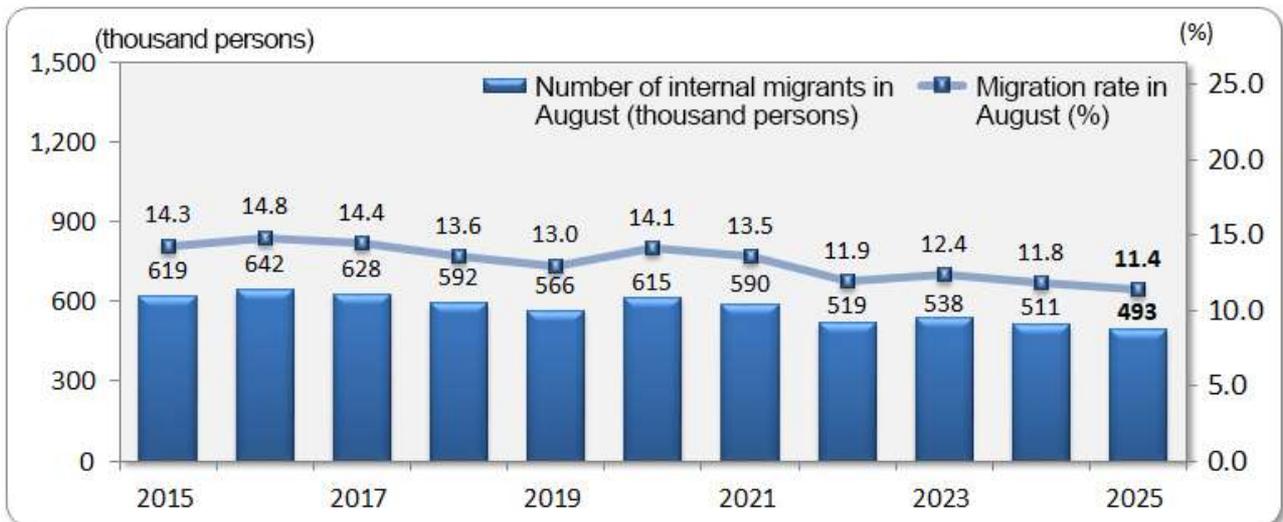
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2023	2024	2024		2025			Year-on-year*
				Aug.	Compo-sition	July	Aug.	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,129	6,283	511	100.0	553	493	100.0	-3.5
	Intra-province migration	3,986	4,109	333	65.2	344	315	63.9	-5.5
	Inter-province migration	2,143	2,175	178	34.8	210	178	36.1	0.4
Migration rate** (%,%p)	Total	12.0	12.3	11.8	-	12.8	11.4	-	-0.4
	Intra-province migration	7.8	8.1	7.7	-	7.9	7.3	-	-0.4
	Inter-province migration	4.2	4.3	4.1	-	4.8	4.1	-	0.0

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in August



2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 5 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (3,979 persons), Incheon (1,941 persons), Daejeon (959 persons), etc. On the other hand, 12 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-1,815 persons), Gyeongbuk (-1,527 persons), Gyeongnam (-1,154 persons) and so on.
- Daejeon, Incheon and Chungbuk recorded a plus net migration rate of 0.8%, 0.8% and 0.4%, respectively. On the other hand, Sejong, Gyeongbuk and Gwangju recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.9%, -0.7% and -0.6%, respectively.

[Table 2] Number of migrants and migration rates for provinces

	Number of migrants (person)				Migration rate* (%)			
	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Aug. 2024	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Aug. 2024
The nation	493,275	493,275	0	0	11.4	11.4	0.0	0.0
Seoul	105,882	107,697	-1,815	-3,848	13.5	13.7	-0.2	-0.5
Busan	29,015	29,791	-776	-1,460	10.6	10.8	-0.3	-0.5
Daegu	21,203	21,221	-18	-93	10.6	10.6	-0.0	-0.0
Incheon	31,837	29,896	1,941	1,785	12.4	11.6	0.8	0.7
Gwangju	12,625	13,324	-699	-647	10.7	11.3	-0.6	-0.5
Daejeon	17,484	16,525	959	96	14.3	13.5	0.8	0.1
Ulsan	9,100	9,405	-305	-577	9.8	10.2	-0.3	-0.6
Sejong	4,130	4,414	-284	498	12.4	13.3	-0.9	1.5
Gyeonggi	137,803	133,824	3,979	6,234	11.9	11.5	0.3	0.5
Gangwon	13,017	13,038	-21	-162	10.2	10.2	-0.0	-0.1
Chungbuk	15,620	15,136	484	-37	11.6	11.2	0.4	-0.0
Chungnam	19,710	19,224	486	711	10.9	10.6	0.3	0.4
Jeonbuk	14,564	14,903	-339	-639	9.9	10.2	-0.2	-0.4
Jeonnam	13,455	14,165	-710	-396	8.9	9.4	-0.5	-0.3
Gyeongbuk	18,231	19,758	-1,527	-799	8.6	9.3	-0.7	-0.4
Gyeongnam	23,562	24,716	-1,154	-305	8.7	9.1	-0.4	-0.1
Jeju	6,037	6,238	-201	-361	10.7	11.1	-0.4	-0.6

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

