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- In September 2025, the internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 11.8%, which went up 0.7%p year-on-year.

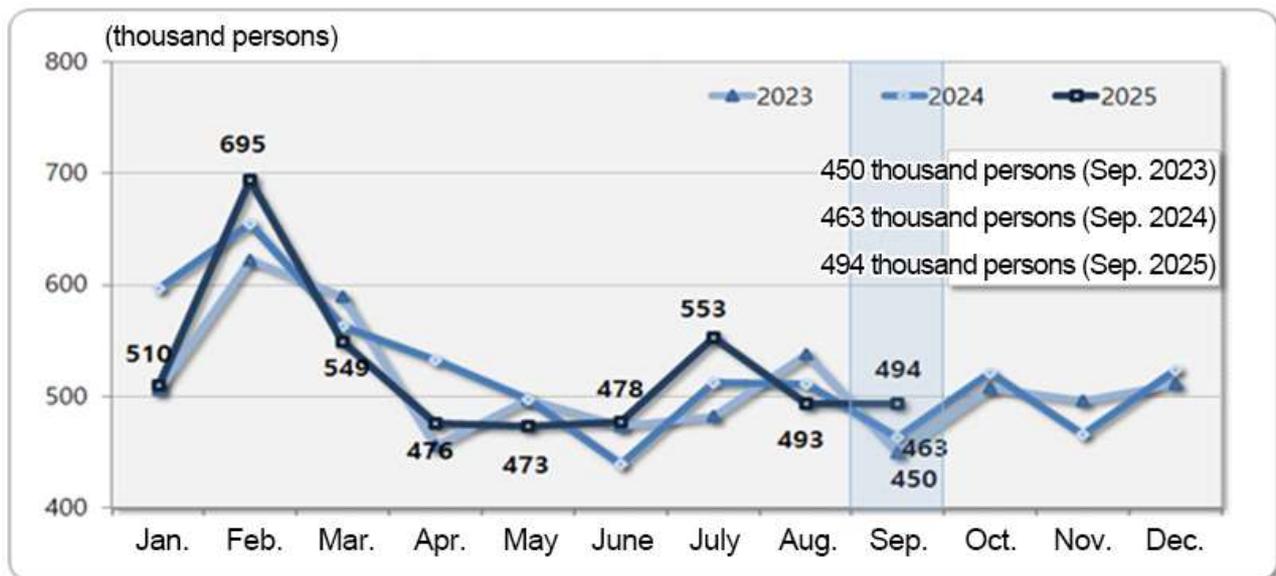
### < Internal migration in September >

	Internal migration in September			Year-on-year*	
	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	450	463	494	3.1	6.5
Migration rate** (%,%p)	10.7	11.1	11.8	0.4	0.7

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

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

### < Internal migration for the past 3 years >



## 1. Internal migration

- The number of internal migrants was 494 thousand persons in September 2025, rising by 6.5% (30 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 65.6% and 34.4% of the total internal migrants in September 2025, respectively.
- Compared to September 2024, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants grew by 4.2% and 11.3%, respectively.

- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 11.8%, up 0.7%p year-on-year.

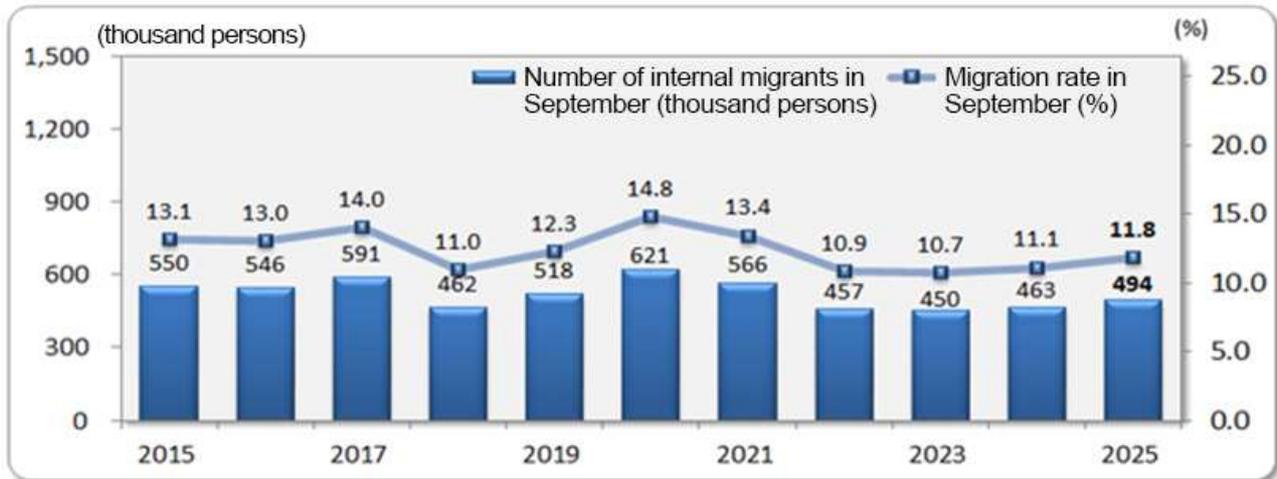
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2023	2024	2024		2025			Year-on-year*
				Sep.	Compo-sition	Aug.	Sep.	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,129	6,283	463	100.0	493	494	100.0	6.5
	Intra-province migration	3,986	4,109	311	67.1	315	324	65.6	4.2
	Inter-province migration	2,143	2,175	153	32.9	178	170	34.4	11.3
Migration rate** (%,%p)	Total	12.0	12.3	11.1	-	11.4	11.8	-	0.7
	Intra-province migration	7.8	8.1	7.4	-	7.3	7.7	-	0.3
	Inter-province migration	4.2	4.3	3.7	-	4.1	4.1	-	0.4

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in September



## 2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 9 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Incheon (3,422 persons), Chungbuk (861 persons), Chungnam (823 persons), etc. On the other hand, 8 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-3,382 persons), Busan (-731 persons), Gyeongbuk (-620 persons) and so on.
- Incheon, Chungbuk and Daejeon recorded a plus net migration rate of 1.4%, 0.7% and 0.5%, respectively. On the other hand, Jeju, Gwangju and Seoul recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.5%, -0.5% and -0.4%, respectively.

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

	Number of migrants (person)				Migration rate* (%)			
	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Sep. 2024	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Sep. 2024
The nation	493,599	493,599	0	0	11.8	11.8	0.0	0.0
Seoul	103,709	107,091	-3,382	-4,300	13.6	14.1	-0.4	-0.6
Busan	28,649	29,380	-731	-1,127	10.8	11.0	-0.3	-0.4
Daegu	22,309	22,244	65	43	11.6	11.5	0.0	0.0
Incheon	35,307	31,885	3,422	1,809	14.2	12.8	1.4	0.7
Gwangju	12,848	13,374	-526	-478	11.2	11.7	-0.5	-0.4
Daejeon	15,342	14,693	649	614	13.0	12.4	0.5	0.5
Ulsan	9,381	9,740	-359	-349	10.5	10.9	-0.4	-0.4
Sejong	4,127	4,000	127	-37	12.8	12.4	0.4	-0.1
Gyeonggi	135,457	135,035	422	4,659	12.1	12.0	0.0	0.4
Gangwon	13,376	13,165	211	-46	10.8	10.6	0.2	-0.0
Chungbuk	15,697	14,836	861	596	12.0	11.4	0.7	0.5
Chungnam	19,766	18,943	823	718	11.3	10.8	0.5	0.4
Jeonbuk	15,462	15,354	108	-671	10.9	10.8	0.1	-0.5
Jeonnam	13,294	13,538	-244	55	9.1	9.3	-0.2	0.0
Gyeongbuk	18,786	19,406	-620	-886	9.1	9.4	-0.3	-0.4
Gyeongnam	24,219	24,795	-576	-255	9.2	9.4	-0.2	-0.1
Jeju	5,870	6,120	-250	-345	10.8	11.2	-0.5	-0.6

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

