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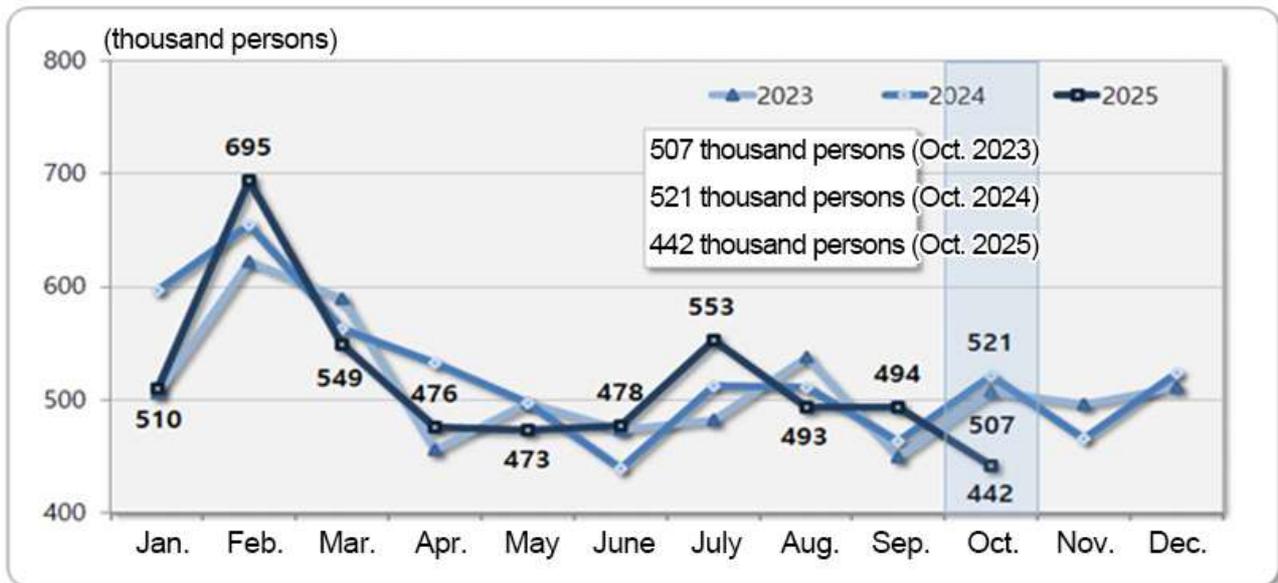
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	Internal migration in October			Year-on-year*	
	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	507	521	442	2.8	-15.2
Migration rate** (% , %p)	11.7	12.1	10.2	0.4	-1.8

* 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 442 thousand persons in October 2025, falling by 15.2% (-79 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 67.3% and 32.7% of the total internal migrants in October 2025, respectively.
- Compared to October 2024, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants declined by 16.6% and 12.1%, respectively.

□ The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 10.2%, down 1.8%p year-on-year.

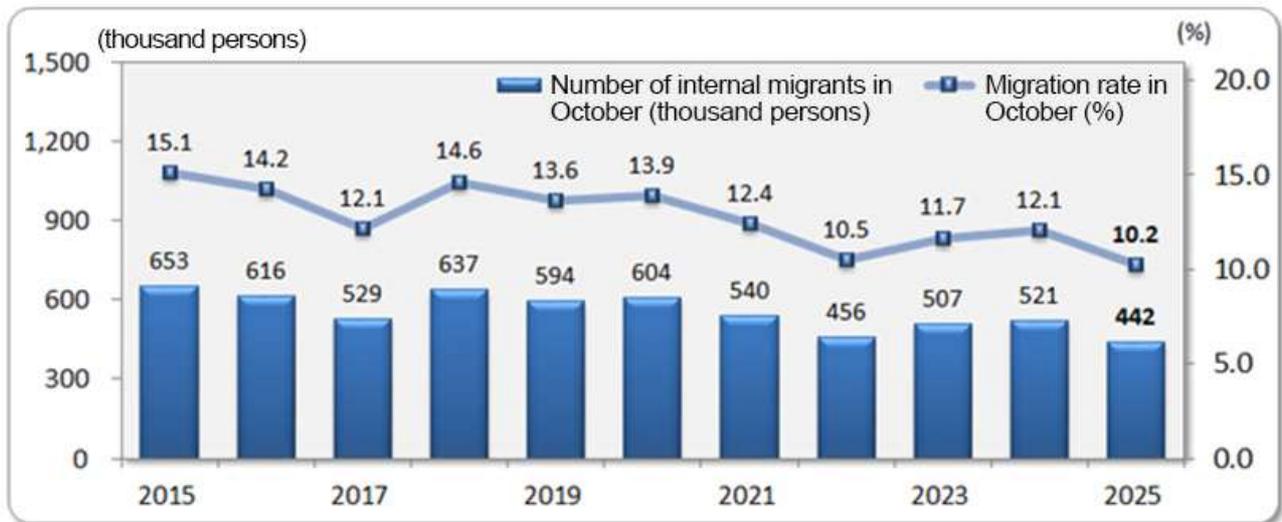
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

		2023	2024	2024		2025			Year-on-year*
				Oct.	Compo-sition	Sep.	Oct.	Compo-sition	
Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %)	Total	6,129	6,283	521	100.0	494	442	100.0	-15.2
	Intra-province migration	3,986	4,109	357	68.5	324	298	67.3	-16.6
	Inter-province migration	2,143	2,175	164	31.5	170	144	32.7	-12.1
Migration rate** (% , %p)	Total	12.0	12.3	12.1	-	11.8	10.2	-	-1.8
	Intra-province migration	7.8	8.1	8.3	-	7.7	6.9	-	-1.4
	Inter-province migration	4.2	4.3	3.8	-	4.1	3.3	-	-0.5

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in October



2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

□ Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 10 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Incheon (2,512 persons), Gyeonggi (2,495 persons), Chungbuk (847 persons), etc. On the other hand, 7 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-4,705 persons), Busan (-1,244 persons), Gwangju (-1,051 persons) and so on.

□ Incheon, Chungbuk and Chungnam recorded a plus net migration rate of 1.0%, 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively. On the other hand, Gwangju, Seoul and Busan recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.9%, -0.6% and -0.5%, respectively.

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

	Number of migrants (person)				Migration rate* (%)			
	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Oct. 2024	In-migration	Out-migration	Net migration	Oct. 2024
The nation	442,185	442,185	0	0	10.2	10.2	0.0	0.0
Seoul	88,184	92,889	-4,705	-6,280	11.2	11.8	-0.6	-0.8
Busan	25,623	26,867	-1,244	-1,388	9.3	9.8	-0.5	-0.5
Daegu	19,902	20,190	-288	1	10.0	10.1	-0.1	0.0
Incheon	29,612	27,100	2,512	1,555	11.5	10.5	1.0	0.6
Gwangju	11,514	12,565	-1,051	-521	9.7	10.6	-0.9	-0.4
Daejeon	13,141	13,262	-121	-253	10.8	10.9	-0.1	-0.2
Ulsan	9,736	9,554	182	-198	10.5	10.3	0.2	-0.2
Sejong	3,161	3,154	7	384	9.5	9.5	0.0	1.2
Gyeonggi	119,578	117,083	2,495	5,831	10.3	10.1	0.2	0.5
Gangwon	13,731	13,436	295	-207	10.7	10.5	0.2	-0.2
Chungbuk	16,456	15,609	847	368	12.2	11.6	0.6	0.3
Chungnam	17,184	16,444	740	1,394	9.5	9.1	0.4	0.8
Jeonbuk	14,232	14,209	23	20	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0
Jeonnam	13,758	13,258	500	-134	9.1	8.8	0.3	-0.1
Gyeongbuk	16,688	17,061	-373	-674	7.8	8.0	-0.2	-0.3
Gyeongnam	24,473	24,065	408	184	9.0	8.9	0.2	0.1
Jeju	5,212	5,439	-227	-82	9.3	9.7	-0.4	-0.1

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

