International Migration Statistics in 2016

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- The number of international migrants was 1,353 thousand persons in 2016, which increased by 3.6 percent (47 thousand persons) from 2015. This figure recorded the highest figure after 2000.
 - Entries totaled 714 thousand persons, which rose by 4.4 percent (30 thousand persons) from 2015.
 - Departures totaled 639 thousand persons, which rose by 2.6 percent (16 thousand persons) from 2015. Departures recorded the highest figure after 2000.
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- The departures of Koreans dropped by 2.4 percent, while the entries of Koreans rose by 0.3 percent.
 - The median age for Koreans of departures recorded 25.9. The median age for Koreans of entries recorded 28.3.
- The entries and departures of non-Koreans increased by 7.8 percent and 8.0 percent, respectively.
 - The entries of non-Koreans recorded an increase in all age groups excluding the group aged 50 ~ 59. In particular, the entries of non-Koreans aged 10 ~ 19 showed the highest increase at 26.5 percent.
 - The departures of non-Koreans recorded an increase in all age groups. In particular, the departures of non-Koreans aged 60 or more showed the highest increase at 10.4 percent.
 - The median age for non-Koreans of entries recorded 31.4. The median age for non-Koreans of departures recorded 34.9.

As for entries of non-Koreans, China and the U.S.A showed a year-on-year decrease. Whereas, Vietnam, Thailand and Russia showed a year-on-year increase.

○ The entries of China,	Vietnam,	Thailand	and the	U.S.A	occupied	63.6	percent	of
the total non-Korean	entries.							

- As for status of sojourn of non-Korean entries, 'Employment' occupied the largest share of 31.8 percent, which was followed by 'Short-term stay' (30.4 percent), 'Study' (13.1 percent) and 'Overseas Koreans' (12.8 percent).
 - Compared to the previous year, 'Employment' fell by 9 thousand persons. In particular, 'Visiting and employment' marked the highest drop (-17 thousand persons, -26.5%).
 - Entries of 'Study and general trainees' increased by 30.1 percent from 2015, which recorded the highest figure after 2000.
 - From 2010, the entries of 'Overseas Koreans' showed a sharply increasing trend. The entries of 'Overseas Koreans' rose by 12.9 percent from the previous year.
 - Compared to the previous year, 'Visa waivers' showed the highest increase (14 thousand persons, 67.9%).



