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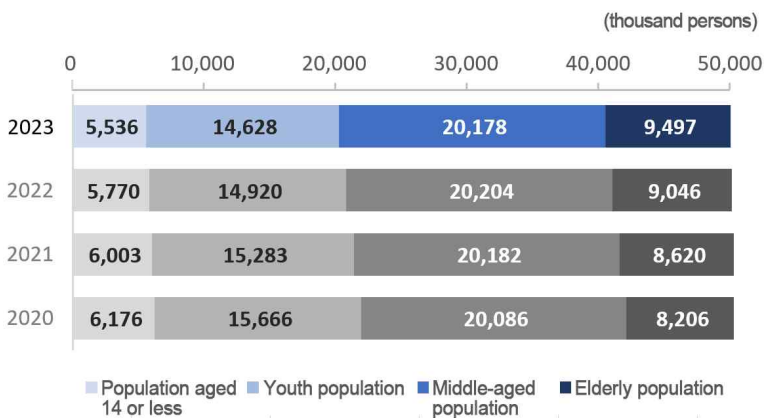
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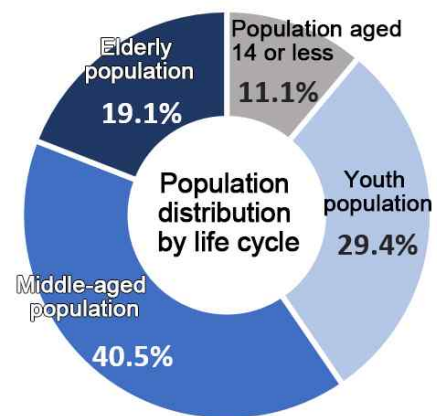
## 1. Population

- In 2023, the youth population aged 15~39 occupied 29.4% (14.628 million persons) of the total population. The middle-aged population aged 40~64 occupied 40.5% (20.178 million persons) of the total population. The elderly population aged 65 or more occupied 19.1% (9.497 million persons) of the total population.
- Compared to the previous year, the youth population and the middle-aged population decreased by 2.0% (-291 thousand persons) and 0.1% (-26 thousand persons), respectively. Whereas, the elderly population increased by 5.0% (451 thousand persons).

< Population by life cycle (2020-2023) >



< Population distribution by life cycle (2023) >



## 2. Economic activity

- (People registered as employed\*)  
In 2023, the youth population registered as employed was 8.293 million persons. The middle-aged population registered as employed was 13.649 million persons. The elderly population registered as employed was 3.122 million persons.

\* Wage and non-wage workers who are identified by using administrative data (including data of 4 kinds of social insurance)

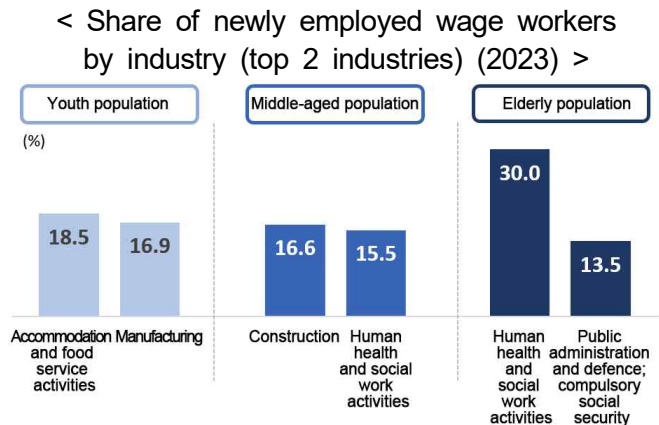
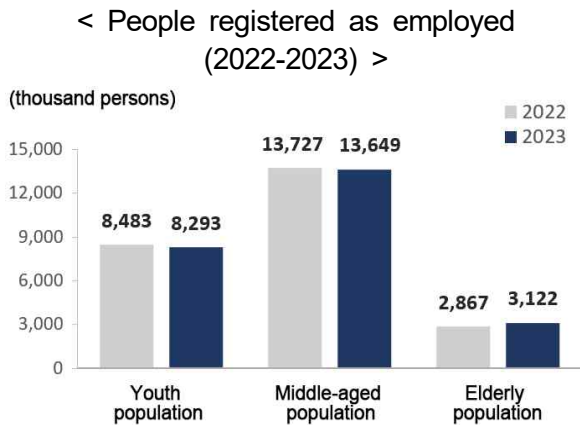
- Compared to the previous year, the youth population and the middle-aged population registered as employed decreased by 190 thousand persons and 78 thousand persons, respectively. Whereas, the elderly population registered as employed increased by 255 thousand persons.

\* Be careful when interpreting the year-on-year change in people registered as employed in 2023 owing to the change in administrative data.

□ (Newly employed workers\*)

As for the share of newly employed wage workers by industry, 'Accommodation and food service activities' (18.5%) recorded the highest figure for the youth population. 'Construction' (16.6%) recorded the highest figure for the middle-aged population. 'Human health and social work activities' (30.0%) recorded the highest figure for the elderly population.

\* People whose status changed from 'Unemployed' in October 2022 to 'Registered as employed' in October 2023



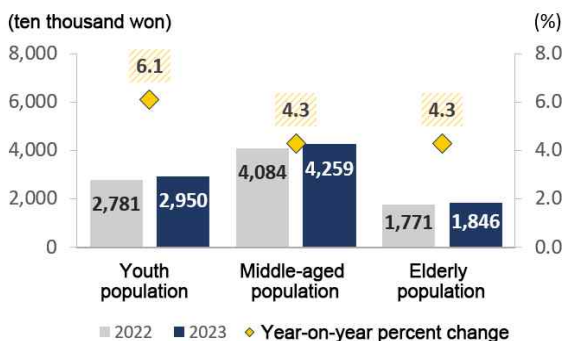
### 3. Economic status of individuals

□ (Income)

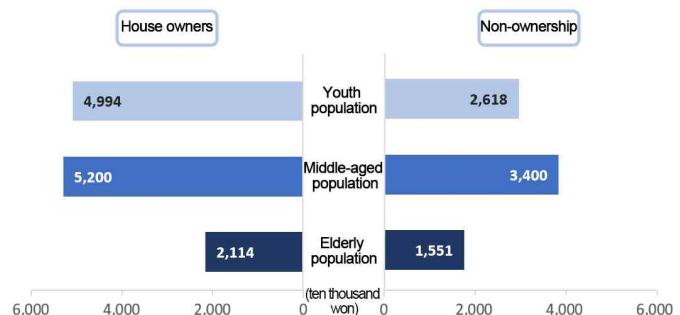
In 2023, the annual average income (employee income and self-employment income) of the middle-aged population with income (42.59 million won) was 1.4 times higher than that of the youth population with income (29.50 million won) and 2.3 times higher than that of the elderly population with income (18.46 million won).

○ Compared to people not owning a housing unit, the annual average income of house owners was 1.9 times higher for the youth population, 1.5 times higher for the middle-aged population and 1.4 times higher for the elderly population.

< Annual average income (2022-2023) >



< Annual average income by house ownership status (2023) >

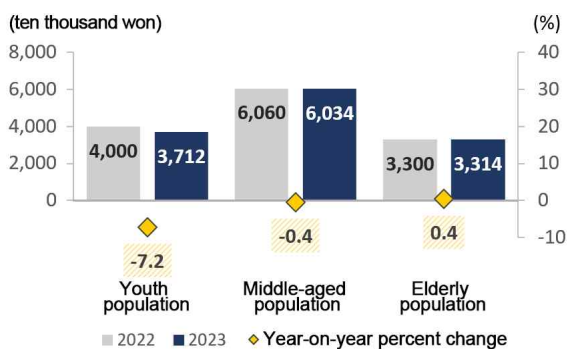


□ (Loan)

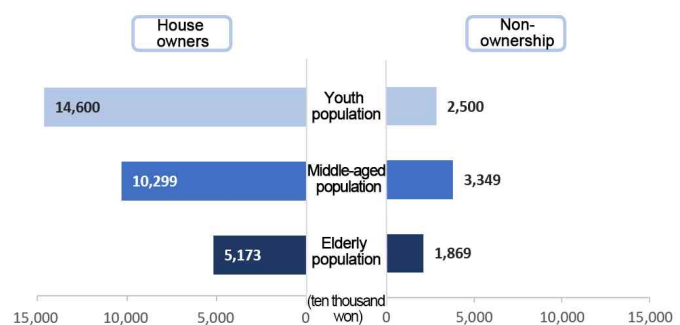
As of November 1st, 2023, the median loan value (based on loan balance) of the middle-aged population with loans (60.34 million won) was 1.6 times higher than that of the youth population with loans (37.12 million won) and 1.8 times higher than that of the elderly population with loans (33.14 million won).

- Compared to the previous year, the youth population (-7.2%) showed the highest decrease in the median loan value.
- Compared to the previous year, the youth population owning a housing unit showed the highest median loan value of 146.00 million won.

< Median loan value (2022-2023) >



< Median loan value by house ownership status (2023) >

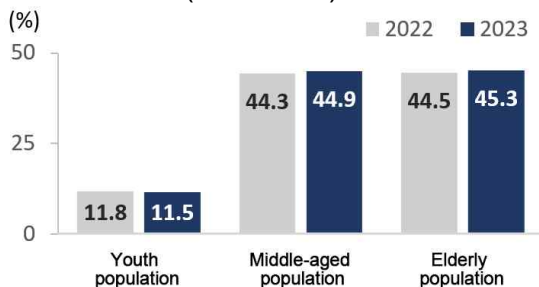


□ (House ownership)

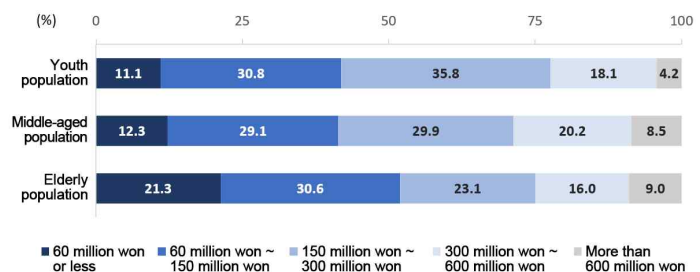
The youth population owning a housing unit marked 1.684 million persons, which occupied 11.5% of the total youth population. The middle-aged population owning a housing unit marked 9.064 million persons, which occupied 44.9% of the total middle-aged population. The elderly population owning a housing unit marked 4.298 million persons, which occupied 45.3% of the total elderly population.

- Compared to the previous year, the share of the youth population owning a housing unit went down by 0.3%p. Whereas, the share of the middle-aged population and the elderly population owning a housing unit went up by 0.6%p and 0.8%p, respectively.

< Share of house ownership population (2022-2023) >



< Share of house owners by house asset value (2023) >



## 4. Health

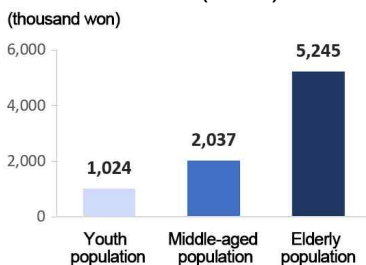
### (Medical expenses of national health insurance)

As for annual medical expenses of people getting medical treatment among those who joined national health insurance, in 2023, the elderly population recorded the highest figure of 5.245 million won per person, which was followed by the middle-aged population (2.037 million won per person) and the youth population (1.024 million won per person).

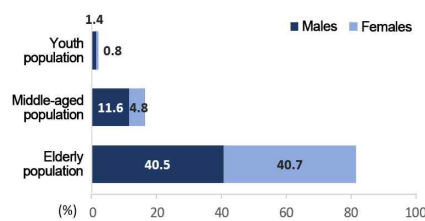
### (Cause of death)

The top cause of death was 'Intentional self-harm (suicide)' for the youth population and 'Malignant neoplasms (cancer)' for the middle-aged population and the elderly population.

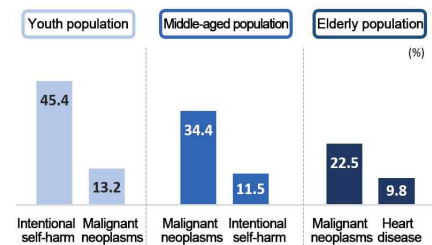
< Annual medical expenses per person getting medical treatment (2023) >



< Share of deaths by sex (2023) >



< Share of top 2 causes of death (2023) >



## 5. Household

### (Number of households)

In 2023, the youth households whose head is 15~39 years old occupied 22.4% (4.935 million households) of the total general households. The middle-aged households whose head is 40~64 years old occupied 52.0% (11.48 million households) of the total general households. The elderly households whose head is 65 years old or more occupied 25.6% (5.655 million households) of the total general households.

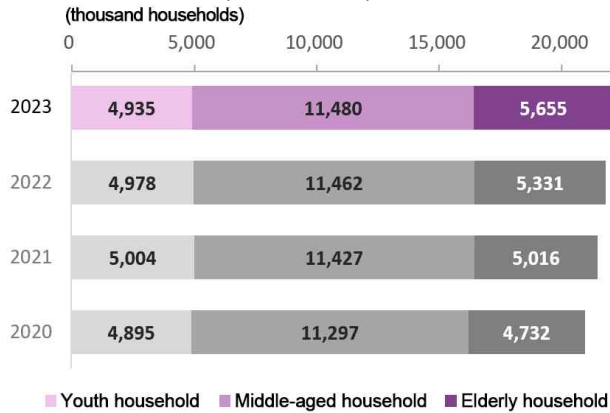
○ Compared to the previous year, the youth households went down by 0.9% (-43 thousand households). Whereas, the middle-aged households and the elderly households went up by 0.2% (19 thousand households) and 6.1% (324 thousand households), respectively.

### (Household type)

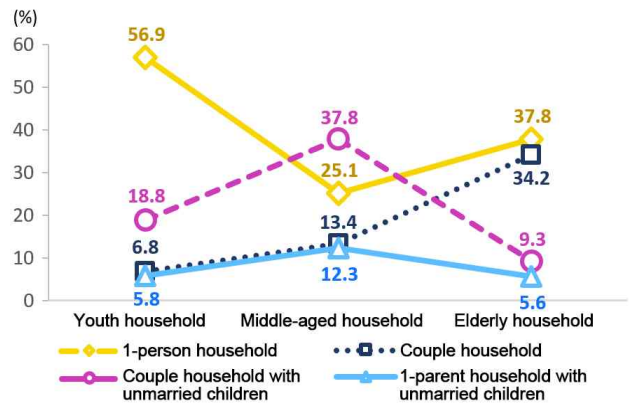
As for the household type of the youth households and the elderly households, 1-person households occupied the largest share of 56.9% and 37.8%, respectively. As for the household type of the middle-aged households, 'Couple households with unmarried children' occupied the largest share of 37.8%.

○ Regarding the share of '1-parent households with unmarried children', the middle-aged households showed the highest figure of 12.3%, which was followed by the youth households (5.8%) and the elderly households (5.6%).

< Number of households by life cycle (2020-2023) >



< Share by household type (2023) >



## 6. Major indicators by life cycle

(Unit: thousand persons, thousand households, %)

Classification			Youth population [15~39]		Middle-aged population [40~64]		Elderly population [65 or more]	
			Population	Share	Population	Share	Population	Share
<b>Population</b>	Population by life cycle		14,628	(29.4)	20,178	(40.5)	9,497	(19.1)
<b>Economic activity</b>	People registered as employed		8,293	(56.7)	13,649	(67.6)	3,122	(32.9)
	By sex	Males	4,459	(58.3)	7,729	(76.2)	1,680	(40.2)
		Females	3,834	(54.9)	5,920	(59.0)	1,441	(27.1)
	Change in economic activity		2,724	(18.6)	2,611	(12.9)	939	(9.9)
	Newly employed people (2022) Unemployed → (2023) Employed		1,548	(10.6)	1,194	(5.9)	424	(4.5)
<b>Economic status</b>	Income	People with income	10,993	(75.1)	16,069	(79.6)	3,793	(39.9)
		Annual average income (ten thousand won)	2,950	-	4,259	-	1,846	-
	Loan	People with loans	6,089	(41.6)	11,506	(57.0)	2,523	(26.6)
		Median loan value (ten thousand won)	3,712	-	6,034	-	3,314	-
	House ownership (Individual)	House owners	1,684	(11.5)	9,064	(44.9)	4,298	(45.3)
<b>Health</b>	Medical expenses	Annual medical expenses per person getting medical treatment (thousand won)	1,024	-	2,037	-	5,245	-
		Days of treatment and hospitalization per person getting medical treatment (day)	12.4	-	19.3	-	42.6	-
	Number of deaths (Share of deaths)		8	(2.1)	58	(16.4)	286	(81.2)
<b>Household</b>	Number of general households by life cycle		4,935	(22.4)	11,480	(52.0)	5,655	(25.6)
	Major household types	1-person households	2,808	(56.9)	2,883	(25.1)	2,138	(37.8)
		Couple households	337	(6.8)	1,535	(13.4)	1,932	(34.2)
		Couple households with unmarried children	929	(18.8)	4,339	(37.8)	526	(9.3)
		1-parent households with unmarried children	287	(5.8)	1,410	(12.3)	316	(5.6)
	Average household size (person)		1.80	-	2.56	-	1.88	-
	Households living with children		1,060	(21.5)	6,167	(53.7)	1,289	(22.8)
	House ownership (household)	House ownership households	1,324	(26.8)	7,293	(63.5)	3,837	(67.8)