

# Statistics on Returned Farmers and Migrators to Rural Regions in 2012

**In 2012, the number of returned farmer households was 11,220 households (19,657 persons), up 11.4 percent from 2011.**

- As for returned farmer households for provinces, the number of returned farmer households in Gyeongbuk was 2,080 households, which occupied the largest share of the total returned farmer households at 18.5 percent. The number of returned farmer households in Jeonnam, Gyeongnam, Jeonbuk, Chungnam and Gyeonggi exceeded 1,000 households, respectively.

## < Returned farmer households for provinces >

(Unit: household, %, person)

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Year	The nation			Busan	Daegu	Incheon	Ulsan	Sejong	Gyeonggi
		Eup	Myeon						
2011	10,075	2,218	7,857	33	60	79	74	-	1,105
(Share)	100.0	22.0	78.0	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	-	11.0
(Number of household members)	17,464	3,991	13,473	72	109	128	131	-	1,877
2012	11,220	2,302	8,918	29	80	89	55	93	1,027
(Share)	100.0	20.5	79.5	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.8	9.2
(Number of household members)	19,657	4,261	15,396	63	158	124	103	125	1,819

Year	Gangwon	Chungbuk	Chungnam	Jeonbuk	Jeonnam	Gyeongbuk	Gyeongnam	Jeju
2011	807	745	1,110	1,078	1,600	1,840	1,291	253
(Share)	8.0	7.4	11.0	10.7	15.9	18.3	12.8	2.5
(Number of household members)	1,337	1,220	1,889	1,944	2,710	3,212	2,388	447
2012	972	918	1,214	1,238	1,733	2,080	1,434	258
(Share)	8.7	8.2	10.8	11.0	15.4	18.5	12.8	2.3
(Number of household members)	1,601	1,598	2,112	2,257	3,008	3,596	2,602	491

- In 2012, the average age of returned farmer household heads was 52.8 years. Returned farmer household heads in their fifties, forties and sixties accounted for 38.3 percent, 24.7 percent and 19.6 percent, respectively. Returned farmer household heads in their 'thirties or less' and in their 'seventies or more' accounted for 11.5 percent and 6.0 percent, respectively.

< Returned farmer households by sex and age of household head >

(Unit: household, %, year)

Year	Total			Thirties or less			Forties		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
2011	10,075	7,063	3,012	1,202	916	286	2,555	1,824	731
(Share)	100.0	70.1	29.9	11.9	9.1	2.8	25.4	18.1	7.3
(Average age)	52.4	52.2	53.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	11,220	7,775	3,445	1,292	980	312	2,766	1,891	875
(Share)	100.0	69.3	30.7	11.5	8.7	2.8	24.7	16.9	7.8
(Average age)	52.8	52.6	53.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Year	Fifties			Sixties			Seventies or more		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
2011	3,764	2,486	1,278	2,007	1,493	514	547	344	203
(Share)	37.4	24.7	12.7	19.9	14.8	5.1	5.4	3.4	2.0
(Average age)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	4,298	2,837	1,461	2,195	1,641	554	669	426	243
(Share)	38.3	25.3	13.0	19.6	14.6	4.9	6.0	3.8	2.2
(Average age)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

☐ In 2012, one-person and two-person returned farmer households occupied 80.4 percent of the total returned farmer households.

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< Returned farmer households by age of household head and number of household members >

(Unit: household, person, %)

Age of household head	Number of households					
	Total	Average number of household members	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person or more household
2011	10,075	1.73	5,920	2,241	931	983
2012	11,220	1.75	6,399	2,631	1,123	1,067
Thirties or less	1,292	1.97	692	211	191	198
Forties	2,766	1.96	1,569	392	307	498
Fifties	4,298	1.71	2,393	1,152	447	306
Sixties	2,195	1.55	1,289	697	154	55
Seventies or more	669	1.40	456	179	24	10
Age of household head	Share (%)					
	Total	One-person household	Two-person household	Three-person household	Four-person or more household	
2011	100.0	58.8	22.2	9.2	9.8	
2012	100.0	57.0	23.4	10.0	9.5	
Thirties or less	100.0	53.6	16.3	14.8	15.3	
Forties	100.0	56.7	14.2	11.1	18.0	
Fifties	100.0	55.7	26.8	10.4	7.1	
Sixties	100.0	58.7	31.8	7.0	2.5	
Seventies or more	100.0	68.2	26.8	3.6	1.5	

- As for the province of residence prior to the return, Gyeonggi recorded 2,445 households, which occupied 21.8 percent of the total returned farmer households. This figure was followed by Seoul (2,316 households, 20.6 percent), Busan (827 households, 7.4 percent), Daegu (783 households, 7.0 percent) and Gyeongnam (655 households, 5.8 percent).

< Returned farmer household by province of residence prior to the return >

(Unit: household)

Residence prior to the return In-migration	The nation	Seoul	Busan	Daegu	Incheon	Gwangju	Daejeon	Ulsan	Gyeonggi
2011	10,075	2,014	727	712	552	554	416	190	2,190
2012	11,220	2,316	827	783	618	642	511	213	2,445
Eup	2,302	478	144	127	109	104	74	54	538
Myeon	8,918	1,838	683	656	509	538	437	159	1,907
Busan	29	1	22					1	
Daegu	80	2		66			1	3	1
Incheon	89	31		1	33	1			21
Ulsan	55	3	14					32	3
Sejong	93	29	1	1	4		29		18
Gyeonggi	1,027	416	5	3	51	2	3	2	508
Gangwon	972	320	7	6	72	1	14	2	314
Chungbuk	918	236	10	8	69	2	121	9	263
Chungnam	1,214	302	8	7	139	1	219	6	346
Jeonbuk	1,238	261	25	10	55	54	60	9	234
Jeonnam	1,733	294	66	5	81	576	24	6	300
Gyeongbuk	2,080	271	178	581	84		22	110	284
Gyeongnam	1,434	108	471	93	24	3	14	33	102
Jeju	258	42	20	2	6	2	4		51

  

Residence prior to the return In-migration	Gangwon	Chungbuk	Chungnam	Jeonbuk	Jeonnam	Gyeongbuk	Gyeongnam	Jeju
2011	231	192	215	534	363	440	608	137
2012	265	232	213	531	332	507	655	130
Eup	57	53	46	82	95	129	121	91
Myeon	208	179	167	449	237	378	534	39
Busan	1					1	3	
Daegu	1				1	4	1	
Incheon		1						1
Ulsan			1				2	
Sejong		3	6	1		1		
Gyeonggi	10	9	2	2	4	5	4	1
Gangwon	203	18	6			5	4	
Chungbuk	11	160	16	2	1	5	5	
Chungnam	5	9	144	15	3	6	1	3
Jeonbuk	4	8	14	476	12	2	12	2
Jeonnam	7	6	7	22	304	6	24	5
Gyeongbuk	20	13	10	7	2	440	57	1
Gyeongnam	3	3	6	4	3	28	537	2
Jeju		2	1	2	2	4	5	115

- Returned farmer households cultivating less than 0.5ha accounted for 70.4 percent of the total returned farmer households growing crops. Returned farmer households cultivating '0.5ha ~ less than 1ha', '1ha ~ less than 2ha' and '2ha or more' accounted for 19.0 percent, 8.2 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively. The average cultivated area recorded 0.50ha.

< Returned farmer households by size of cultivated area of crops >

(Unit: household, %)

Year	Number of households growing crops	Less than 0.5ha	0.5ha ~ less than 1.0ha	1.0ha ~ less than 2.0ha	2.0ha or more
2012	5,211	3,668	992	426	125
(Share)	100.0	70.4	19.0	8.2	2.4

- Returned farmer households cultivating their own area accounted for 56.5 percent of the total returned farmer households growing crops. Returned farmer households cultivating their own area as well as rented area accounted for 43.5 percent of the total returned farmer households growing crops.

< Returned farmer households by kind of cultivated area >

(Unit: household, %, m<sup>2</sup>)

Year	Number of households growing crops	Cultivated area	Households cultivating their own agricultural area		Households cultivating their own area				Households renting their agricultural area	
			Number of households	Own area	Number of households	Cultivated area	Own area	Rented area	Number of households	Rented area
2012	5,211	5,012	2,945	4,047	603	7,971	4,013	3,958	1,663	5,650
(Share)	100.0	-	56.5	-	11.6	-	-	-	31.9	-

**In 2012, the number of returned-to-rural area households was 15,788 households (27,665 persons).**

- As for returned-to-rural area households for provinces, Gyeonggi recorded the highest figure (6,644 households, 42.1 percent). This figure was followed by Chungbuk (2,897 households, 18.3 percent), Gangwon (2,786 households, 17.6 percent) and Gyeongbuk (1,015 households, 6.4 percent).

< Returned-to-rural area households for provinces >

(Unit: household, %, person)

Year	The nation	Busan	Daegu	Incheon	Daejeon	Ulsan	Sejong	Gyeonggi
2012	15,788	-	2	13	9	33	5	6,644
(Share)	100.0		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	42.1
(Number of household members)	27,665	-	5	41	31	95	10	11,372
Year	Gangwon	Chungbuk	Chungnam	Jeonbuk	Jeonnam	Gyeongbuk	Gyeongnam	Jeju
2012	2,786	2,897	319	990	313	1,015	687	75
(Share)	17.6	18.3	2.0	6.3	2.0	6.4	4.4	0.5
(Number of household members)	4,703	4,781	672	1,889	568	1,934	1,398	166

- As for returned-to-rural area households, their household heads in their fifties amounted to 4,001 persons, which occupied the largest share at 25.3 percent. This figure was followed by household heads in their thirties (21.3 percent), those in their forties (20.9 percent), those in their sixties (19.0 percent) and those in their seventies or more (13.4 percent).

< Returned-to-rural area households by sex and age of household head >

(Unit: person, %)

Year	Total			Thirties or less			Forties		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
2012	15,788	11,192	4,596	3,369	2,313	1,056	3,302	2,330	972
(Share)	100.0	70.9	29.1	21.3	14.7	6.7	20.9	14.8	6.2
Year	Fifties			Sixties			Seventies or more		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
2012	4,001	2,815	1,186	3,007	2,259	748	2,109	1,475	634
(Share)	25.3	17.8	7.5	19.0	14.3	4.7	13.4	9.3	4.0