2018 Statistics of Returned Farmers & Fishermen and Migrators to Rural Regions
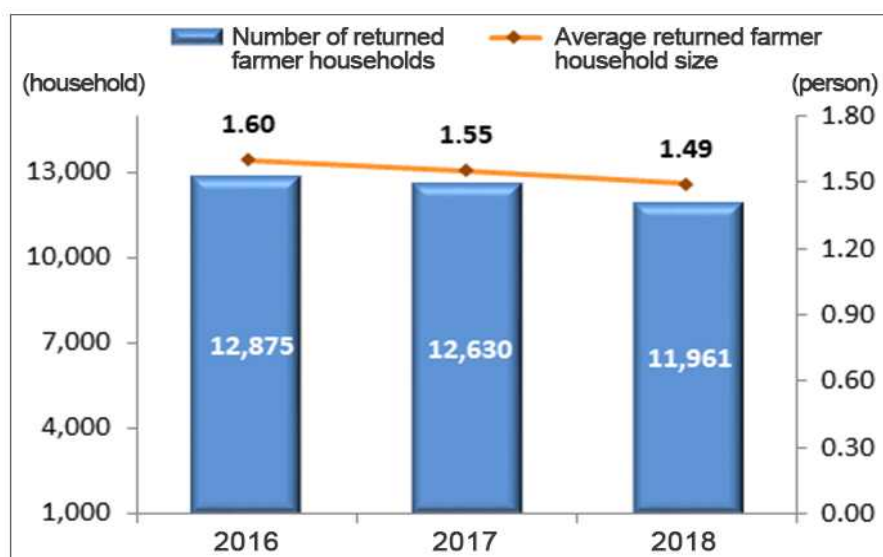
1. Returned Farmers 2018

□ **(Returned farmer households)**
The number of returned farmer households was 11,961 households in 2018, which dropped by 669 households (△5.3%) from 12,630 households in 2017.

○ As for returned farmer households by province, Gyeongbuk recorded the highest figure of 2,176 households, which was followed by Jeonnam (2,026 households) and Gyeongnam (1,510 households).

○ The average returned farmer household size was 1.49 persons in 2018, down 0.06 compared to 1.55 persons in 2017.
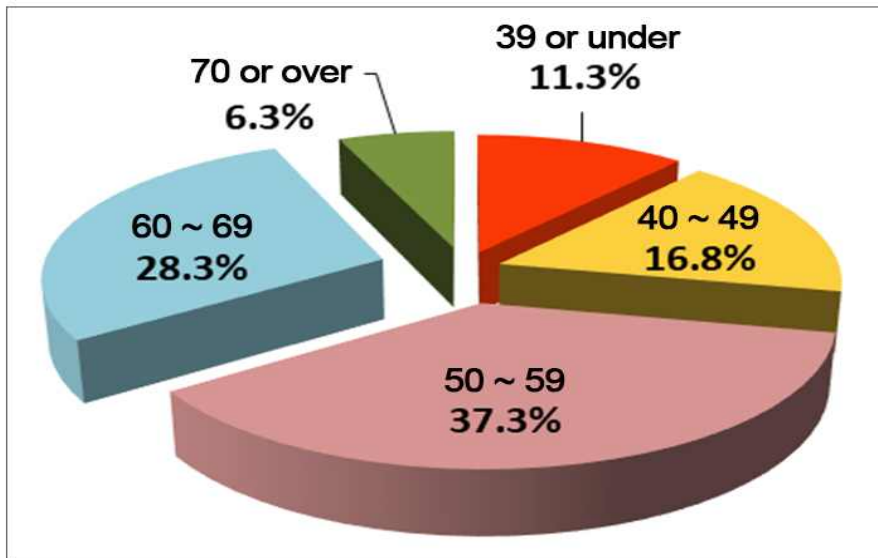
< Returned farmer households and average household size >

□ **(Returned farmer household heads by sex and age group)**
Males accounted for 68.9% of the total returned farmer household heads. The average age of returned farmer household heads stood at 54.4 years in 2018. Returned farmer household heads aged 50 ~ 69 took up 65.5% of the total returned farmer household heads.

○ Compared to the previous year, the share of returned farmer household heads 'aged 39 or under' and 'aged 70 or over' showed an increase. Whereas, the other age groups showed a decrease.

< Composition of returned farmer household heads by age group >
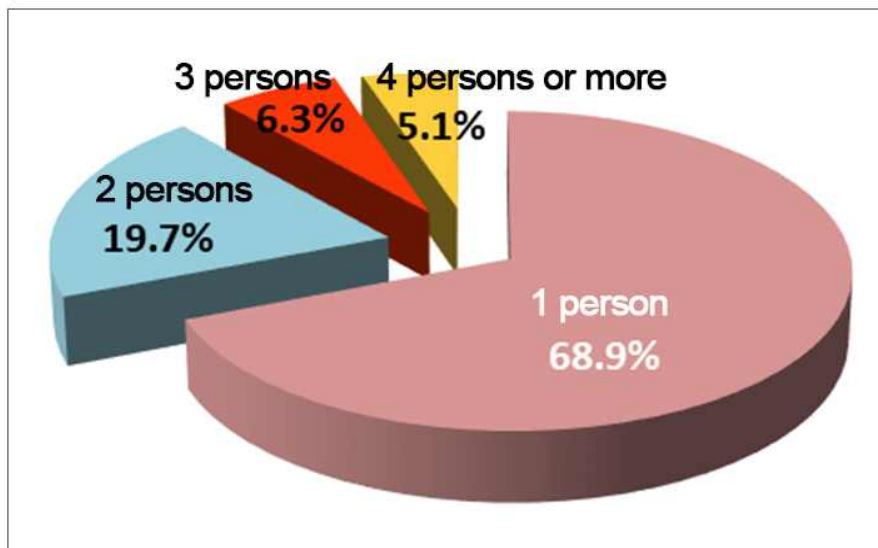

□ **(Composition of returned farmer households)**

1-person households took up 68.9% of the total returned farmer households. Unmixed returned farmer households, in other words, households consisting of only returned farmer household members, occupied 85.7%. Whereas, mixed returned farmer households, in other words, households consisting of returned farmer household members as well as residents in rural areas, occupied 14.3%.

< Composition of returned farmer households by household size >
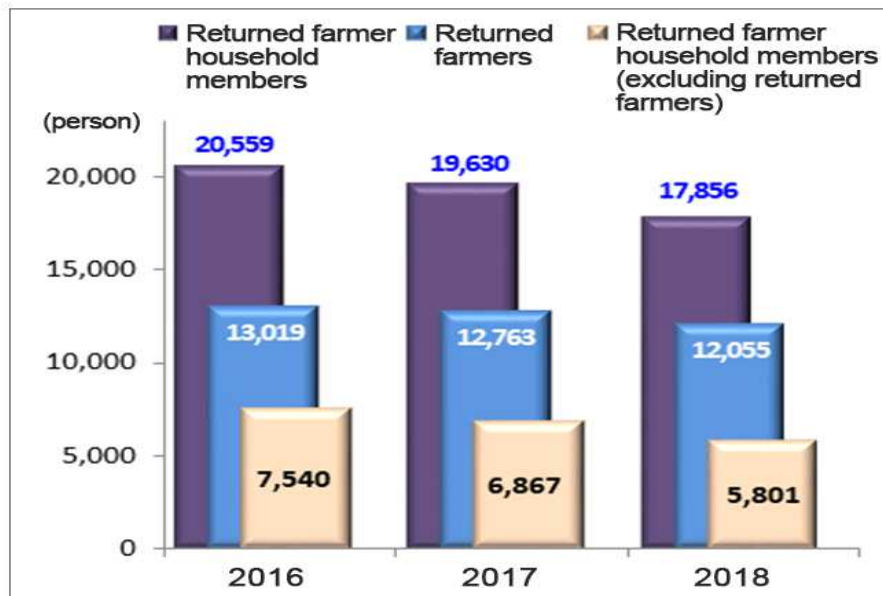

□ **(Size of returned farmer household members)**

Returned farmers and their household members recorded 17,856 persons in 2018, decreasing by 1,774 persons (△9.0%) from 19,630 persons in 2017.

○ Returned farmers totaled 12,055 persons in 2018, dropping by 708 persons (△5.5%) from 2017. Their household members totaled 5,801 persons in 2018, falling by 1,066 persons (△15.5%) from 2017.
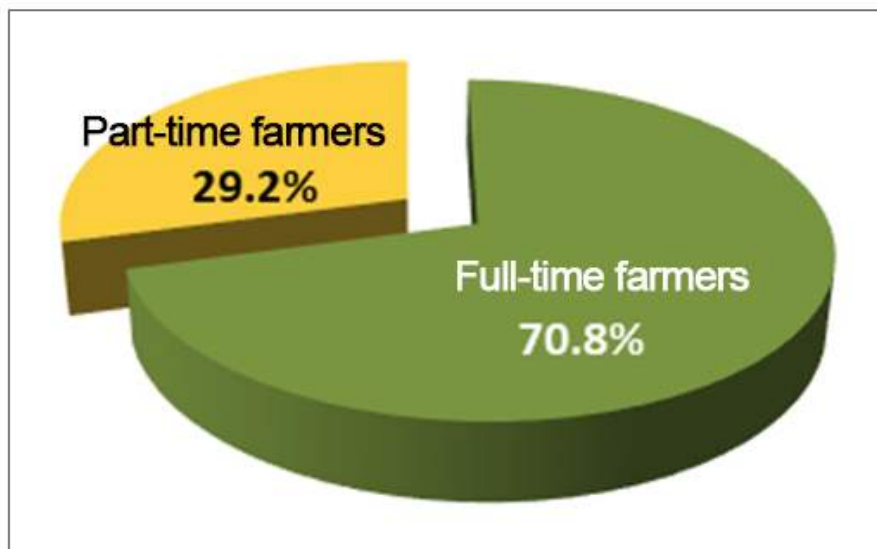
< Size of returned farmer household members >

□ **(Returned farmers by type)**
Full-time returned farmers amounted to 8,532 persons, which occupied 70.8% of the total returned farmers. In the meantime, part-time returned farmers amounted to 3,523 persons, which occupied 29.2% of the total returned farmers.

< Composition of returned farmers by type >

□ **(Cultivated area, main crops and whether to rent agricultural land)**
Households growing crops amounted to 7,368 households. Their average cultivated area stood at 0.37ha (3,692㎡). Households growing vegetables occupied 43.4% of the total crop-growing households, which was followed by households growing fruits (29.9%).

○ Households with own cultivated land accounted for 63.0%. In the meantime, households with rental cultivated land for growing crops accounted for 37.0%.
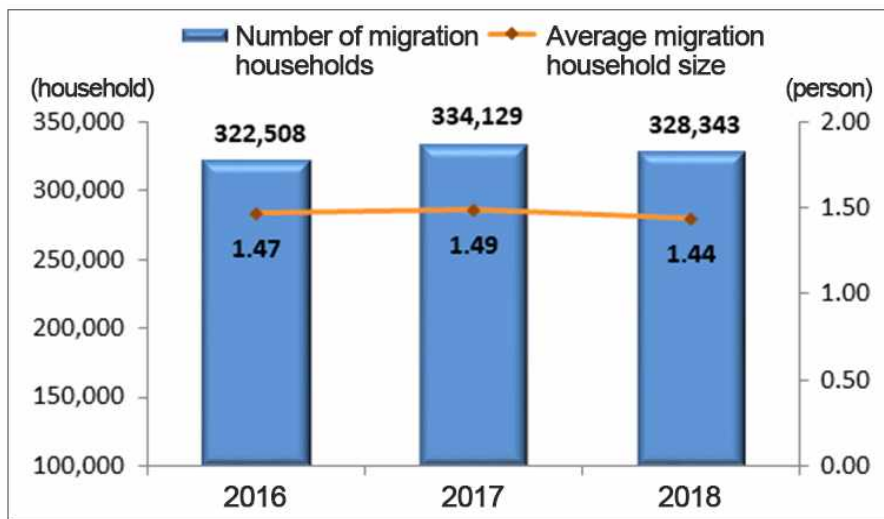
2. Migrators to Rural Regions 2018

☐ **(Migration households to rural regions)**
    The number of migration households to rural regions was 328,343 households in 2018, which fell by 5,786 households (△1.7%) from 334,129 households in 2017.

○ As for migration households by province, Gyeonggi recorded the highest figure of 86,552 households (26.4%), which was followed by Gyeongnam (39,594 households) and Gyeongbuk (38,500 households).

○ The average migration household size was 1.44 persons in 2018, falling by 0.05 from 1.49 persons in 2017.
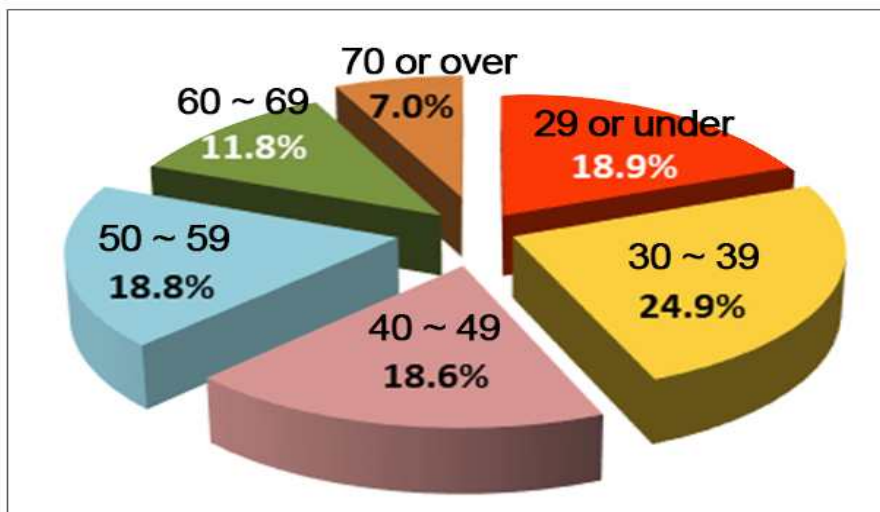
< Migration households to rural regions and average household size >

☐ **(Migration household heads by sex and age group)**
    Males accounted for 61.4% of the total migration household heads. The average age of migration household heads stood at 44.9 years in 2018. Migration household heads aged 30 ~ 39 occupied the largest share at 24.9%, which was followed by those aged 29 or under (18.9%) and those aged 50 ~ 59 (18.8%).
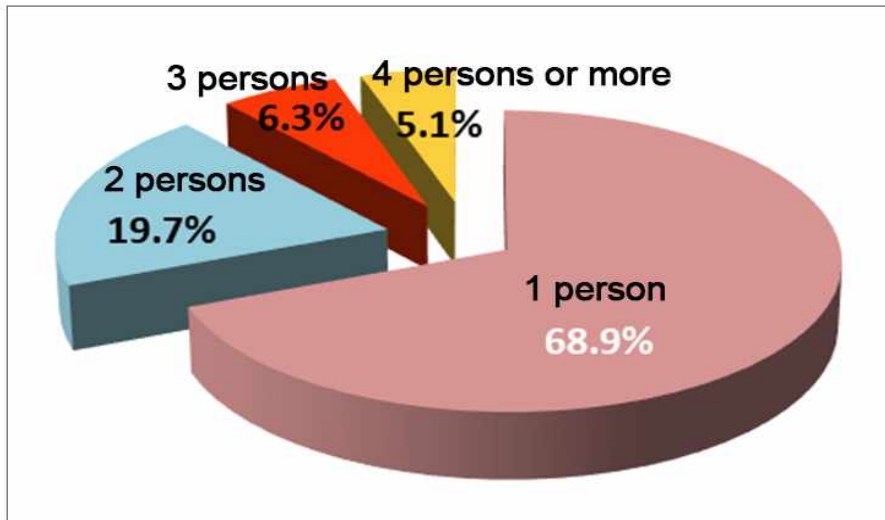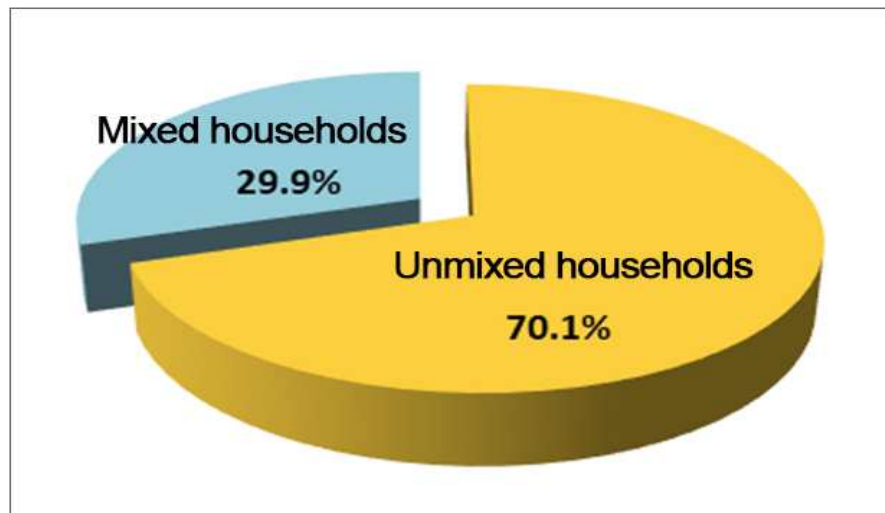
< Composition of migration household heads by age group >

☐ (Composition of migration households)

1-person households occupied 71.9% of the total migration households to rural regions. Unmixed migration households to rural regions, in other words, households consisting of only migration household members, occupied 70.1%. Whereas, mixed migration households, in other words, households consisting of migration household members as well as residents in rural areas and fishing villages, occupied 29.9%.
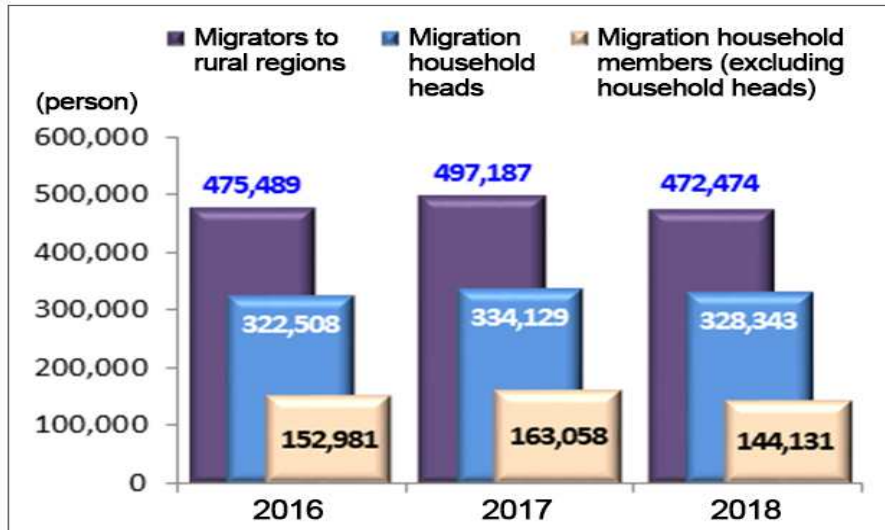
< Composition of migration households by household size >

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☐ (Migrators to rural regions and migrators by age group)

The number of migrators to rural regions recorded 472,474 persons in 2018, decreasing by 24,713 persons (△5.0%) from 2017. Male and female migrators marked 248,695 persons and 223,779 persons, respectively.

○ The average age of migrators stood at 41.2 years in 2018. Migrators aged 29 or under occupied the largest share at 26.5%, which was followed by those aged 30 ~ 39 (23.5%) and those aged 40 ~ 49 (16.6%).

< Migrators to rural regions, migration household heads and migration household members >

☐ **(Residence place before migration)**

As for residence place before migration, Gyeonggi recorded the highest figure of 110,331 persons (23.4%), which was followed by Seoul (67,083 persons, 14.2%) and Gyeongnam (40,725 persons, 8.6%). Migrators from Seoul Capital Area (Seoul, Incheon and Gyeonggi) accounted for 41.5%.
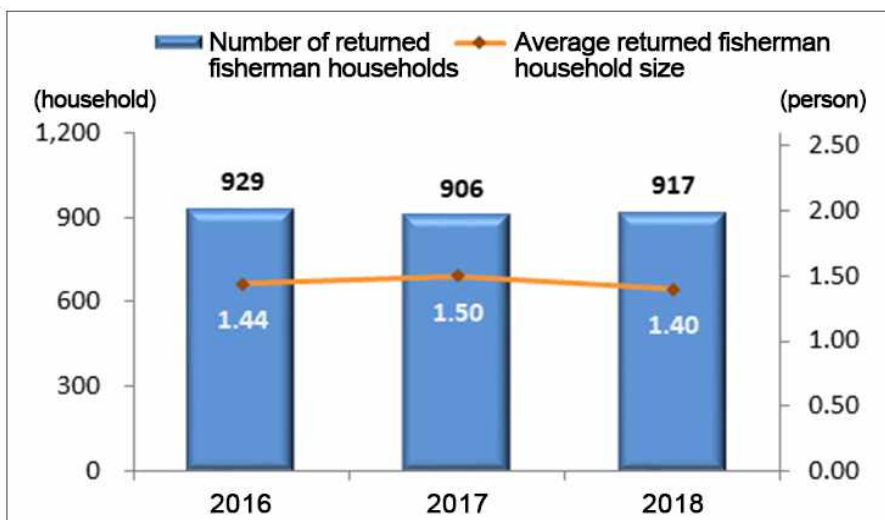
3. Returned Fishermen 2018

☐ **(Returned fisherman households)**

The number of returned fisherman households was 917 households in 2018, which rose by 11 households (1.2%) from 906 households in 2017.

○ As for returned fisherman households by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 322 households (35.1%), which was followed by Chungnam (259 households) and Jeonbuk (99 households).

○ The average returned fisherman household size was 1.40 persons in 2018, down 0.1 compared to 1.50 persons in 2017.
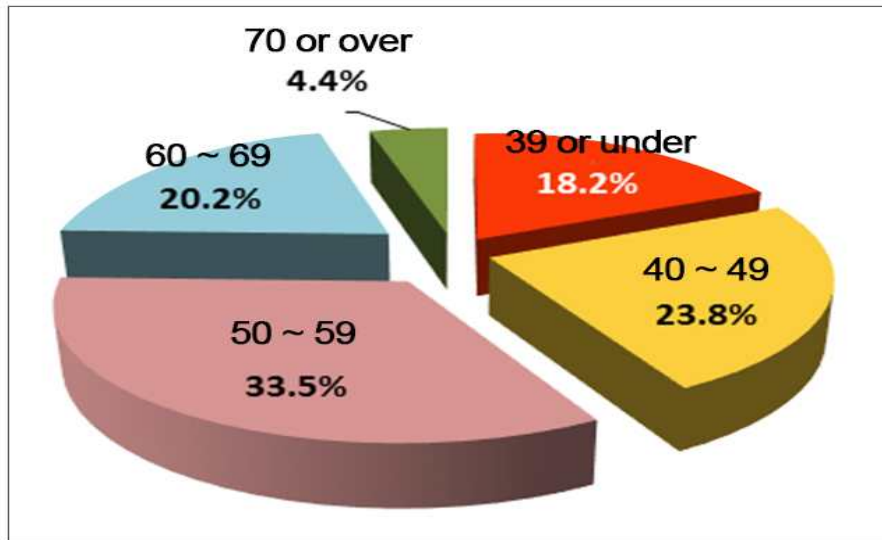
< Returned fisherman households and average returned fisherman household size >

□ (Returned fisherman household heads by sex and age group)

Males accounted for 70.9% of the total returned fisherman household heads. The average age of returned fisherman household heads stood at 50.9 years in 2018. Returned fisherman household heads aged 40 ~ 59 occupied 57.3%.
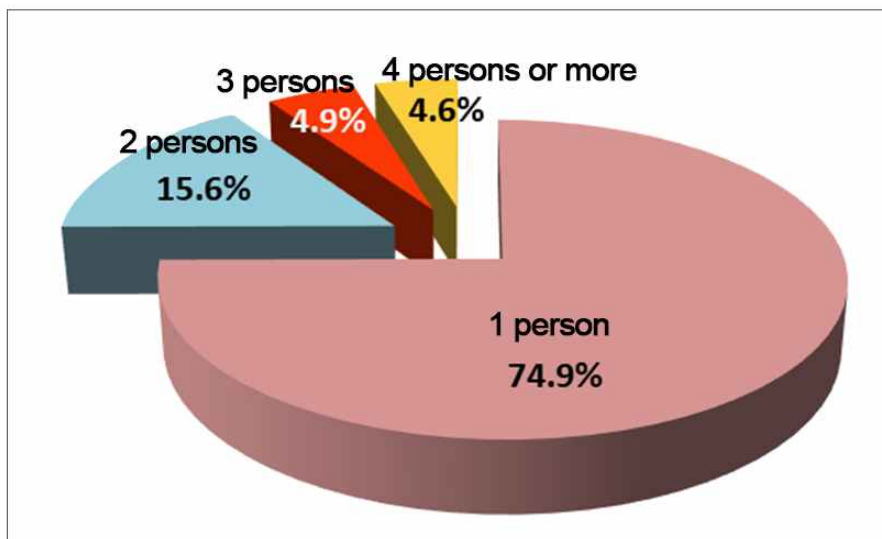
< Composition of returned fisherman household heads by age group >

□ (Composition of returned fisherman households)

1-person households took up 74.9% of the total returned fisherman households. Unmixed returned fisherman households, in other words, households consisting of only returned fisherman household members, occupied 72.3%. Whereas, mixed returned fisherman households, in other words, households consisting of returned fisherman household members as well as residents in fishing villages, occupied 27.7%.
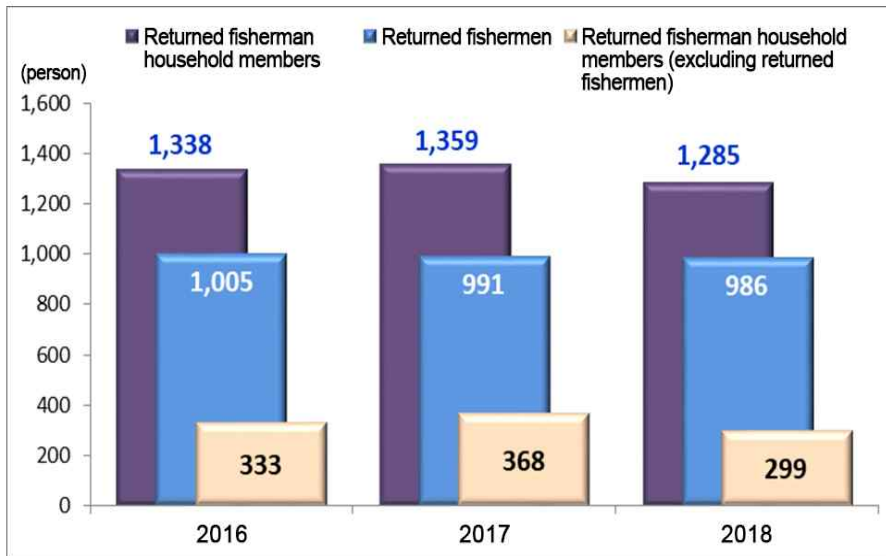
< Composition of returned fisherman households by household size >

□ (Size of returned fisherman household members)

Returned fishermen and their household members totaled 1,285 persons in 2018, dropping by 74 persons (△5.4%) compared to 1,359 persons in 2017.

○ Returned fishermen totaled 986 persons in 2018, declining 5 persons (△0.5%) from 2017. Their household members totaled 299 persons in 2018, falling 69 persons (△18.8%) from 2017.
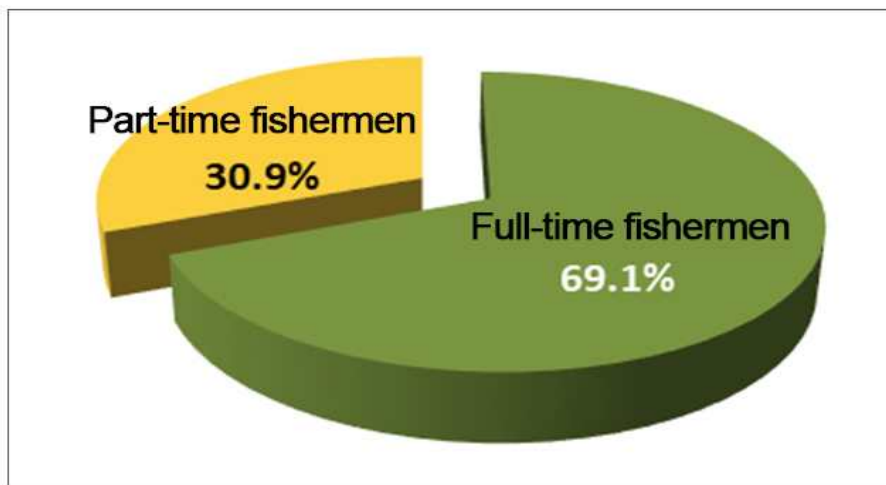
< Size of returned fisherman household members >

☐ **(Returned fishermen by type)**

Full-time returned fishermen amounted to 681 persons, which occupied 69.1% of the total returned fishermen. In the meantime, part-time returned fishermen amounted to 305 persons, which occupied 30.9% of the total returned fishermen.

< Composition of returned fishermen by type >

☐ **(Returned fishermen by fishery type)**

89.7% of returned fishermen were engaged in 'Coastal and offshore fishing fisheries'. This figure was followed by 'Coastal and offshore aquaculture' (7.6%), 'Inland waters fishing fisheries' (2.1%) and 'Inland waters aquaculture' (0.6%).