



# 2022 Survey on Immigrants' Living Conditions and Labour Force

- The number of de jure foreigners was 1.302 million persons in 2022, which dropped by 30 thousand persons from 2021.
- The employed foreigners was 843 thousand persons in 2022, which fell by 12 thousand persons from 2021. The employment-population ratio of foreigners stood at 64.8% in 2022, up 0.6%p from 2021.
- The unemployed foreigners was 37 thousand persons in 2022, which fell by 18 thousand persons from 2021.
- The number of employed naturalized Koreans was 34 thousand persons in 2022, rising by 3 thousand persons from 2021. The employment-population ratio of naturalized Koreans stood at 65.3% in 2022, up 1.7%p from 2021.

## 1. De jure population

### (Foreigners)

As of May 2022, the number of de jure foreigners aged 15 or more in Korea was 1.302 million persons, which dropped by 30 thousand persons (-2.2%) year-on-year.

- As for foreigners by nationality, Chinese nationals increased by 3 thousand persons (2.5%). Whereas, Korean-Chinese nationals and Vietnamese nationals decreased by 33 thousand persons (-6.4%) and 7 thousand persons (-3.8%), respectively.
- As for foreigners by status of sojourn, 'Student' and 'Professional employment' increased by 19 thousand persons (13.4%) and 2 thousand persons (4.3%), respectively, year-on-year. Whereas, 'Work and visit' and 'Non-professional employment' decreased by 26 thousand persons (-21.4%) and 7 thousand persons (-3.3%), respectively, year-on-year.

### (Naturalized Koreans)

As of May 2022, the number of Koreans aged 15 or more who were naturalized for the past 5 years was 52 thousand persons. As for nationality before naturalization, Vietnamese and Korean-Chinese nationals occupied 40.8% and 33.0%, respectively.