

Household Projections for Korea: 2010-2035

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- The number of households is estimated to increase by 1.3 times from 17,359 thousand households in 2010 to 22,261 thousand households in 2035.
- The household growth rate is projected to mark 0.39 percent in 2035. The population growth rate is estimated to turn into a negative one after 2030. In the meantime, the household growth rate continues to be positive due to the increasing number of one-person households and couple-only households.
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(Unit: thousand persons, thousand households, %)

	Projected population		Private household member	Private households		Mean size of households
	Population	Growth rate		Household	Growth rate	
2010	49,410	0.46	47,053	17,359	1.80	2.71
2011	49,779	0.75	47,269	17,687	1.89	2.67
2012	50,004	0.45	47,352	17,951	1.49	2.64
2013	50,220	0.43	47,434	18,206	1.42	2.61
2014	50,424	0.41	47,519	18,458	1.38	2.57
2015	50,617	0.38	47,606	18,705	1.34	2.55
2016	50,801	0.36	47,696	18,948	1.30	2.52
2017	50,977	0.34	47,790	19,187	1.26	2.49
2018	51,141	0.32	47,883	19,421	1.22	2.47
2019	51,294	0.30	47,969	19,650	1.18	2.44
2020	51,435	0.28	48,053	19,878	1.16	2.42
2021	51,566	0.25	48,199	20,106	1.15	2.40
2022	51,686	0.23	48,343	20,334	1.13	2.38
2023	51,791	0.20	48,461	20,548	1.05	2.36
2024	51,888	0.19	48,561	20,748	0.98	2.34
2025	51,972	0.16	48,649	20,937	0.91	2.32
2026	52,042	0.13	48,707	21,114	0.84	2.31
2027	52,094	0.10	48,731	21,277	0.77	2.29
2028	52,131	0.07	48,749	21,431	0.72	2.27
2029	52,154	0.04	48,759	21,578	0.69	2.26
2030	52,160	0.01	48,743	21,717	0.64	2.24
2031	52,146	-0.03	48,704	21,844	0.59	2.23
2032	52,115	-0.06	48,653	21,965	0.55	2.22
2033	52,060	-0.11	48,577	22,075	0.50	2.20
2034	51,985	-0.14	48,476	22,173	0.45	2.19
2035	51,888	-0.19	48,351	22,261	0.39	2.17

The number of 'Married couple with (a) child(ren)' households is projected to decrease. The number of one-person households and couple-only households is projected to record a great increase. The number of 'Married couple with (a) child(ren)' households is estimated to drop by 77 thousand households on annual average. The number of one-person households is estimated to grow by 139 thousand households on annual average. The number of couple-only households is estimated to grow by 95 thousand households on annual average.

- In 2010, 'Married couple with (a) child(ren)' households are estimated to amount to 6,427 thousand households, which occupies 37.0 percent of the total households. This share is followed by one-person households (23.9 percent) and couple-only households (15.4 percent).
 - In 2035, one-person households are projected to account for 34.3 percent, which is followed by couple-only households (22.7 percent) and 'Married couple with (a) child(ren)' households (20.3 percent).
- One-person and two-person households are estimated to increase from 8,355 thousand households (48.1 percent) in 2010 to 15,207 thousand households (68.3 percent) in 2035.
 - In 2010, two-person households occupied the largest share, which was followed by one-person households, four-person households and three-person households. After 2012, one-person households are estimated to occupy the largest share, which is followed by two-person households, three-person households and four-person households.

One-person households with heads aged over 75 years are estimated to increase by 4.3 times from 484 thousand households in 2010 to 2,105 thousand households in 2035.

- Households with heads aged over 65 years are projected to increase by 2.9 times from 3,087 thousand households in 2010 to 9,025 thousand households in 2035. Households with heads aged over 75 years are projected to increase by 3.8 times between 2010 to 2035.
- One-person households with heads aged over 75 years are estimated to increase by 4.3 times from 484 thousand households (45.1 percent) in 2010 to 2,105 thousand households (51.4 percent) in 2035. Couple-only households with heads aged over 75 years are estimated to increase by 3.2 times between 2010 to 2035.