

Vital Statistics of Immigrants in 2016

In 2016, the marriages of immigrants totaled 21,709 cases, down 3.4 percent from 2015.

- The marriages of immigrants occupied 7.7 percent of the total marriages in 2016, increasing by 0.3%p from 2015.
- The marriages of 'Korean husbands and foreign wives' occupied the largest share (65.7%) of the total marriages of immigrants. This figure was followed by 'Korean wives and foreign husbands' (19.4%) and 'naturalized Koreans' (15.0%).
 - Compared to 2015, the marriages of 'Korean husbands and foreign wives' increased by 1.5 percent. In the meantime, the marriages of 'Korean wives and foreign husbands' decreased by 18.0 percent.
- As for marriages of foreign or naturalized wives by nationality, Vietnam occupied the largest share at 27.9 percent, which was followed by China (26.9%) and the Philippines (4.3%).
 - Compared to 2015, the share of marriages of Vietnamese wives rose by 4.8%p, while that of marriages of Chinese wives dropped by 1.0%p.
- As for marriages of immigrants by age gap, older husbands of 10 years or more occupied the largest share at 40.2 percent.

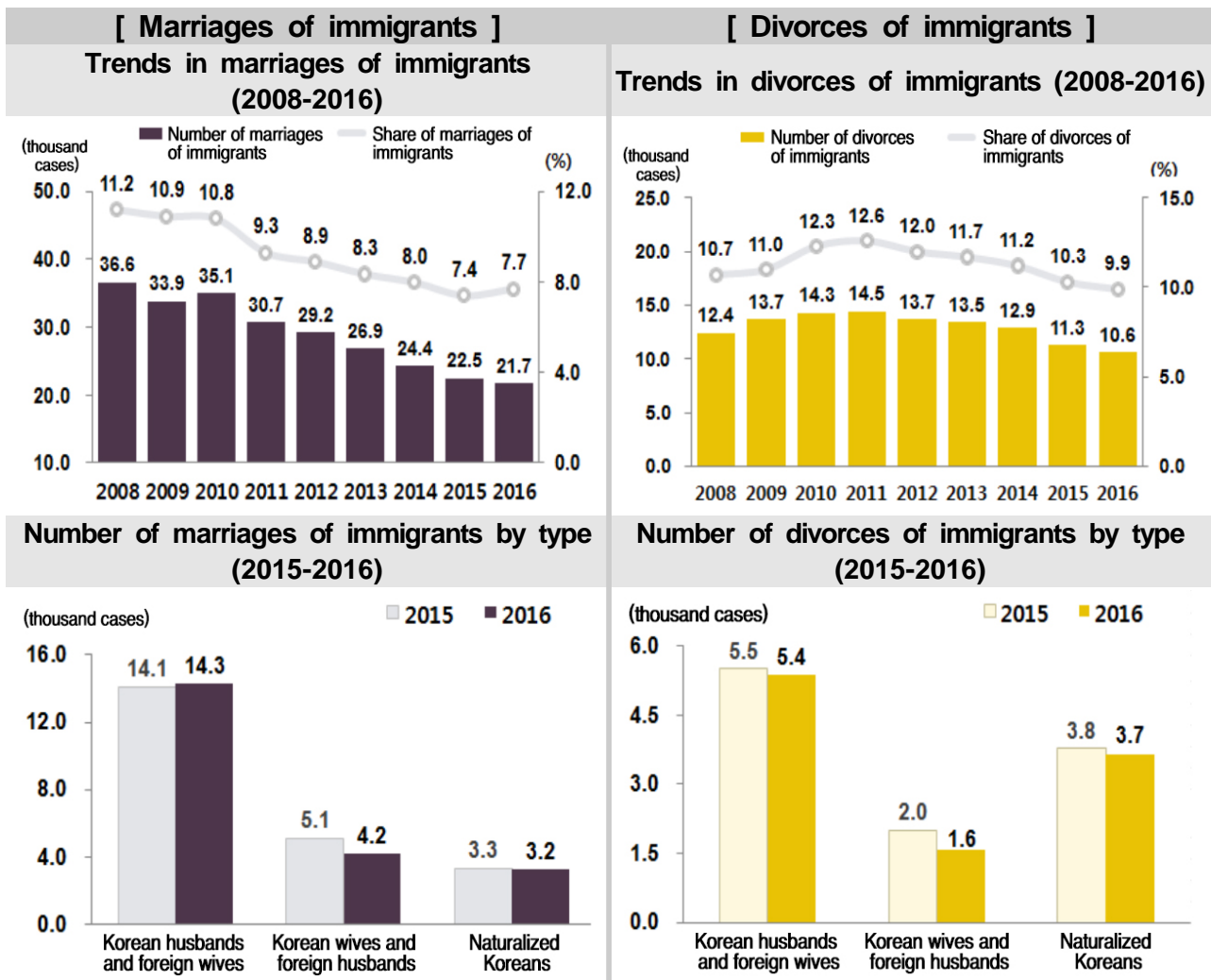
In 2016, the divorces of immigrants totaled 10,631 cases, down 5.8 percent from 2015.

- The divorces of immigrants occupied 9.9 percent of the total divorces in 2016, dropping by 0.4%p from 2015.
- The divorces of 'Korean husbands and foreign wives' occupied the largest share (50.6%) of the total divorces of immigrants. This figure was followed by 'naturalized Koreans' (34.4%) and 'Korean wives and foreign husbands' (14.9%).
 - Compared to 2015, the divorces of 'Korean wives and foreign husbands' decreased by 20.9 percent.
- As for divorces of foreign or naturalized wives by nationality, China occupied the largest share at 44.5 percent, which was followed by Vietnam (23.3%) and the Philippines (4.0%).
 - Compared to 2015, the share of divorces of Chinese wives fell by 0.1%p, while that of divorces of Vietnamese wives grew by 2.4%p.
- As for divorces of immigrants, the average duration of marriage recorded 7.4 years in 2016, increasing by 3.7 years compared to 2008.

In 2016, the live births of immigrants totaled 19,431 persons, down 1.5 percent from 2015.

- The live births of immigrants occupied 4.8 percent of the total live births in 2016, up 0.3%p from 2015.

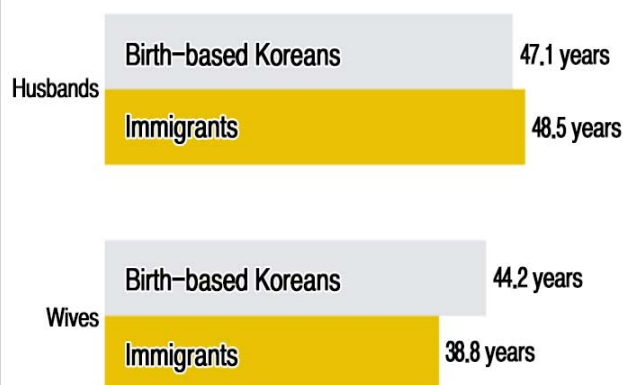
- The live births of 'Korean fathers and foreign mothers' occupied the largest share at 64.1 percent of the total live births of immigrants. This figure was followed by 'naturalized Koreans' (20.3%) and 'Korean mothers and foreign fathers' (15.6%).
- Compared to 2015, the live births of 'Korean fathers and foreign mothers' dropped by 3.2 percent. In the meantime, the live births of 'naturalized parents' and 'Korean mothers and foreign fathers' grew by 1.9 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively.
- As for live births of foreign mothers by nationality, Vietnam occupied the largest share at 32.3 percent, which was followed by China (24.3%) and the Philippines (7.6%).
- The average age of immigrant mothers at birth marked 30.0 years in 2016, rising by 2.3 years from 2008.



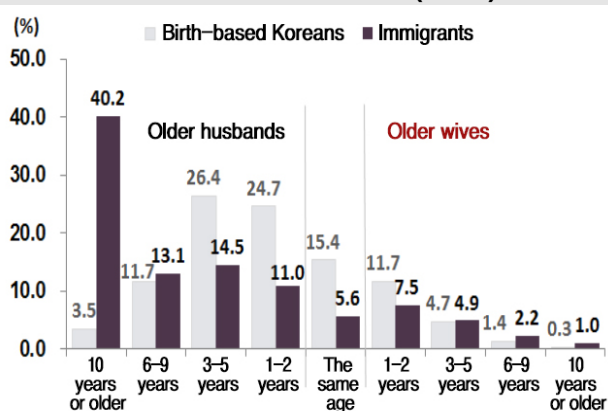
Average age at first marriage (2016)



Average age at divorce (2016)



Share of marriages by age gap between husbands and wives (2016)

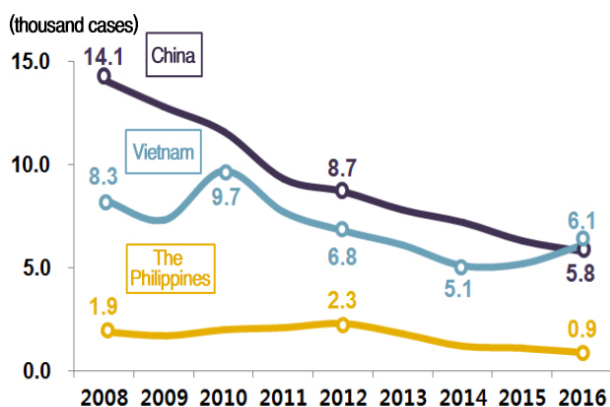


Average duration of marriage until divorce (2008, 2016)

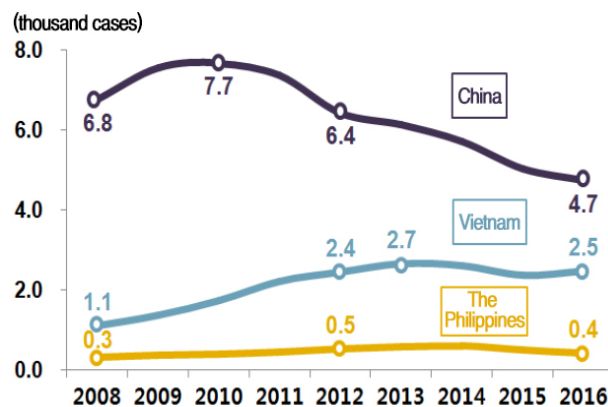


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Trends in marriages by major nationality of wives (2008-2016)

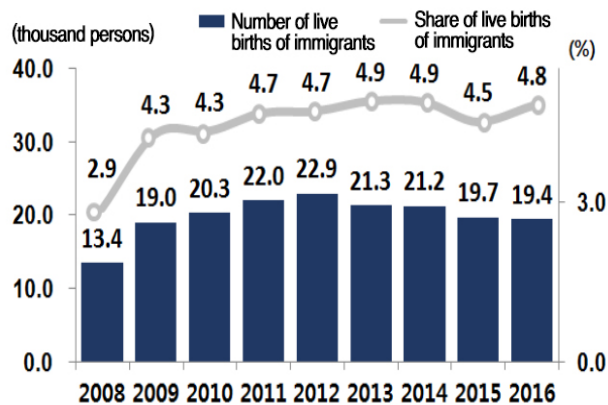


Trends in divorces by major nationality of wives (2008-2016)

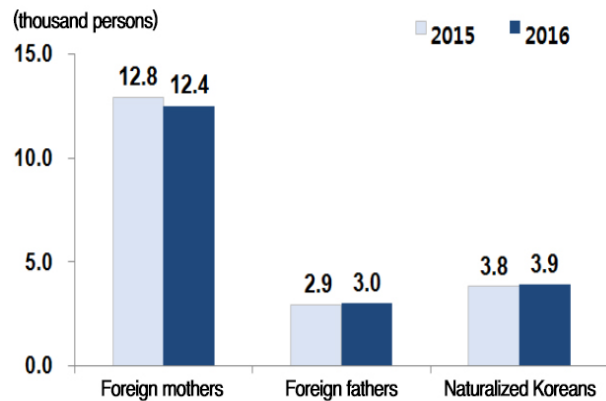


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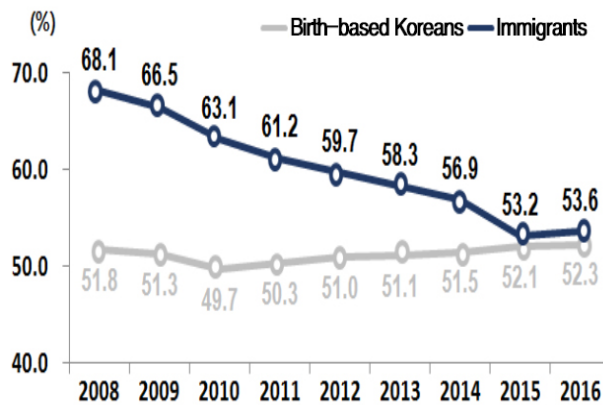
Trends in live births of immigrants (2008-2016)



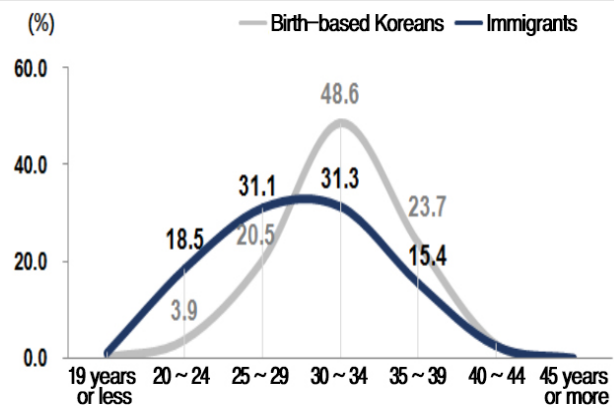
Number of live births by type (2015-2016)



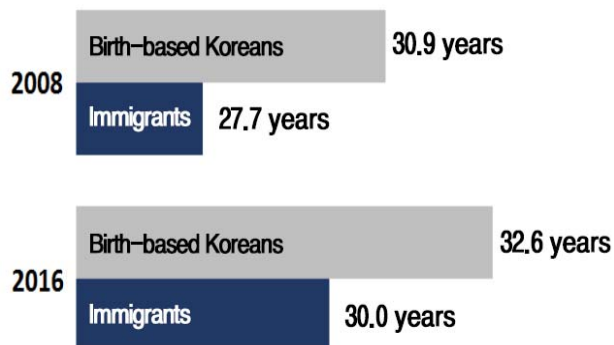
Share of live births of the first child (2008-2016)



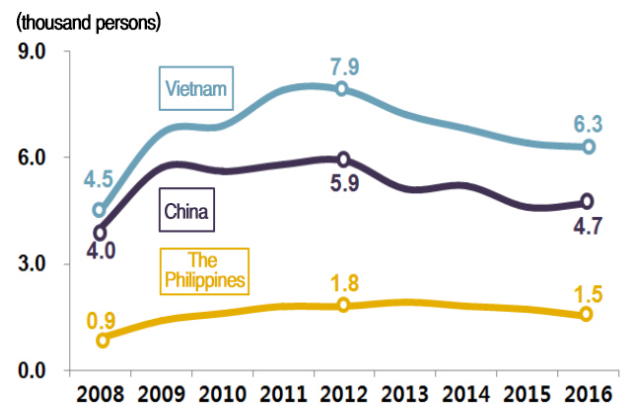
Share of live births by age of mothers (2016)



Average age of mothers at birth (2008, 2016)



Trends in live births by major nationality of mothers (2008-2016)



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