



# Internal Migration in February 2023

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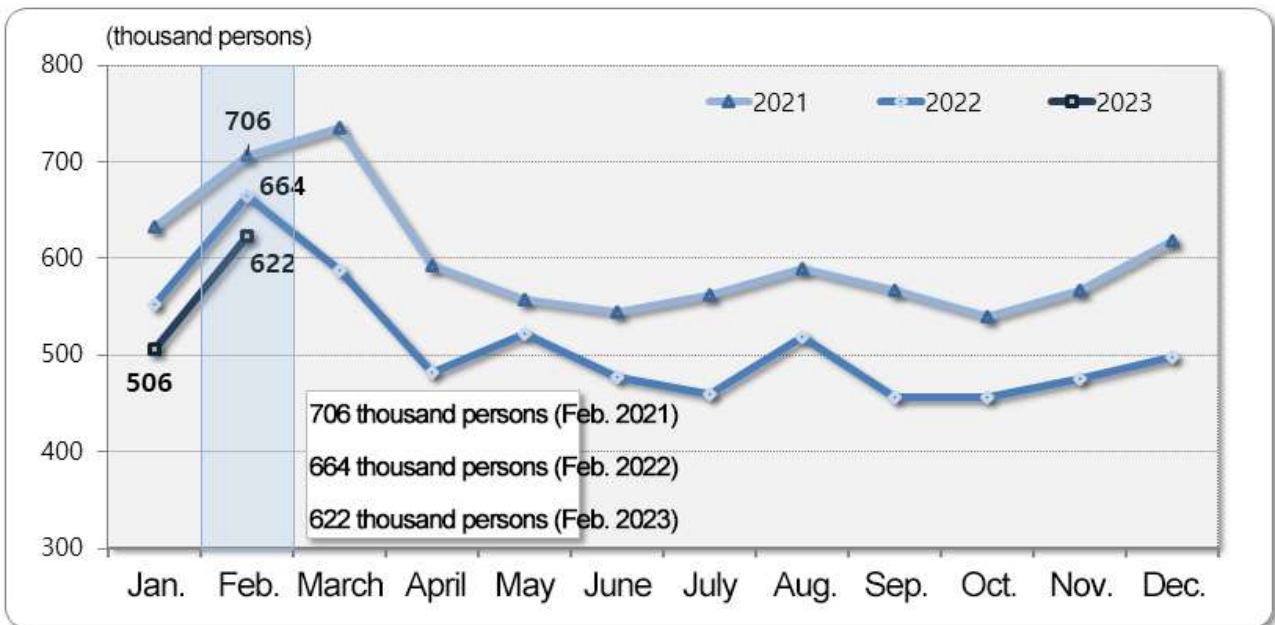
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|   | Internal migration in February |      |      | Year-on-year* |      |
|---|--------------------------------|------|------|---------------|------|
|   | 2021                           | 2022 | 2023 | 2022          | 2023 |
| Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %) | 706                            | 664  | 622  | -5.9          | -6.3 |
| Migration rate** (% , %p)                         | 17.9                           | 16.9 | 15.9 | -1.0          | -1.0 |

\* Percent changes (%) for the number of migrants and changes (%p) for the migration rate

\*\* Monthly migration rates are converted by using annualized migration rates.

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## 1. Internal migration

- The number of internal migrants was 622 thousand persons in February 2023, falling by 6.3% (42 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 59.6% and 40.4% of the total internal migrants in February 2023, respectively.

○ Compared to February 2022, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants fell by 8.9% and 2.1%, respectively.

□ The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 15.9%, down 1.0%p year-on-year.

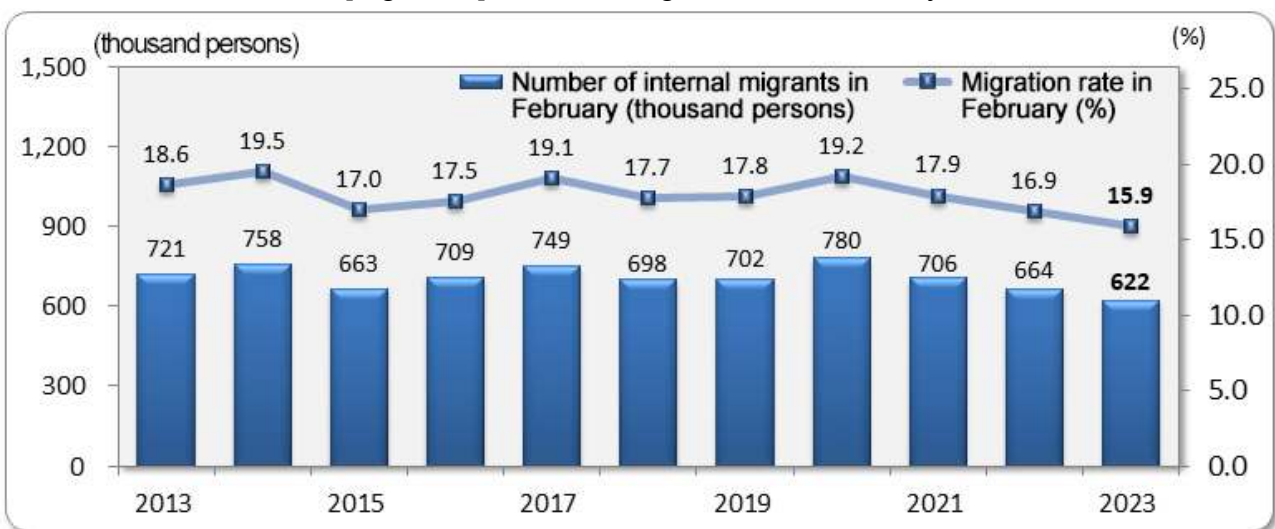
[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

|   |                          | 2021  | 2022  | 2022 |              | 2023 |      |              | Year-on-year* |
|---|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|--------------|------|------|--------------|---------------|
|   |                          |       |       | Feb. | Compo-sition | Jan. | Feb. | Compo-sition |               |
|   |                          |       |       |      |              |      |      |              |               |
| Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %) | Total                    | 7,213 | 6,152 | 664  | 100.0        | 506  | 622  | 100.0        | -6.3          |
|   | Intra-province migration | 4,766 | 3,979 | 407  | 61.3         | 310  | 371  | 59.6         | -8.9          |
|   | Inter-province migration | 2,447 | 2,174 | 257  | 38.7         | 196  | 252  | 40.4         | -2.1          |
| Migration rate** (% , %p)                         | Total                    | 14.1  | 12.0  | 16.9 | -            | 11.6 | 15.9 | -            | -1.0          |
|   | Intra-province migration | 9.3   | 7.8   | 10.3 | -            | 7.1  | 9.4  | -            | -0.9          |
|   | Inter-province migration | 4.8   | 4.2   | 6.5  | -            | 4.5  | 6.4  | -            | -0.1          |

\* Percent changes (%) for the number of migrants and changes (%p) for the migration rate

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[Figure 1] Internal migration in February



## 2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

□ Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 7 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (4,738 persons), Seoul (3,467 persons), Incheon (2,569 persons), etc. On the other hand, 10 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Gyeongnam (-4,162 persons), Gyeongbuk (-2,015 persons), Daegu (-1,701 persons) and so on.

- Sejong, Incheon and Chungnam recorded a plus net migration rate of 2.1%, 1.1% and 0.9%, respectively. On the other hand, Gyeongnam, Ulsan and Gyeongbuk recorded a minus net migration rate of -1.7%, -1.6% and -1.0%, respectively.

[Table 2] Number of migrants and migration rates for provinces

|            | Number of migrants (person) |               |               |              | Migration rate* (%) |               |               |              |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|            | In-migration                | Out-migration | Net migration | Year-on-year | In-migration        | Out-migration | Net migration | Year-on-year |
| The nation | 622,411                     | 622,411       | 0             | 0            | 15.9                | 15.9          | 0.0           | 0.0          |
| Seoul      | 126,733                     | 123,266       | 3,467         | 3,265        | 17.7                | 17.2          | 0.5           | 0.5          |
| Busan      | 40,851                      | 40,515        | 336           | -474         | 16.1                | 16.0          | 0.1           | -0.2         |
| Daegu      | 26,929                      | 28,630        | -1,701        | -2,294       | 14.9                | 15.9          | -0.9          | -1.3         |
| Incheon    | 38,362                      | 35,793        | 2,569         | 2,007        | 16.9                | 15.8          | 1.1           | 0.9          |
| Gwangju    | 17,137                      | 17,923        | -786          | -1,488       | 15.7                | 16.4          | -0.7          | -1.4         |
| Daejeon    | 20,924                      | 20,802        | 122           | -340         | 18.9                | 18.8          | 0.1           | -0.3         |
| Ulsan      | 10,365                      | 11,737        | -1,372        | -1,641       | 12.2                | 13.8          | -1.6          | -1.9         |
| Sejong     | 6,991                       | 6,362         | 629           | 1,869        | 23.7                | 21.6          | 2.1           | 6.5          |
| Gyeonggi   | 161,815                     | 157,077       | 4,738         | 2,176        | 15.6                | 15.1          | 0.5           | 0.2          |
| Gangwon    | 17,341                      | 18,105        | -764          | 888          | 14.8                | 15.4          | -0.7          | 0.8          |
| Chungbuk   | 18,610                      | 19,158        | -548          | 354          | 15.3                | 15.7          | -0.4          | 0.3          |
| Chungnam   | 28,380                      | 26,918        | 1,462         | 882          | 17.5                | 16.6          | 0.9           | 0.5          |
| Jeonbuk    | 19,682                      | 20,487        | -805          | -753         | 14.6                | 15.2          | -0.6          | -0.6         |
| Jeonnam    | 19,617                      | 20,462        | -845          | -239         | 14.1                | 14.7          | -0.6          | -0.2         |
| Gyeongbuk  | 27,074                      | 29,089        | -2,015        | -1,156       | 13.6                | 14.6          | -1.0          | -0.6         |
| Gyeongnam  | 31,893                      | 36,055        | -4,162        | -3,558       | 12.7                | 14.4          | -1.7          | -1.4         |
| Jeju       | 9,707                       | 10,032        | -325          | 502          | 18.8                | 19.4          | -0.6          | 1.0          |

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

