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# Internal Migration in May 2023

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- The number of internal migrants was 497 thousand persons in May 2023, which fell by 4.9% year-on-year.
- In May 2023, the internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 11.4%, which went down by 0.6%p year-on-year.

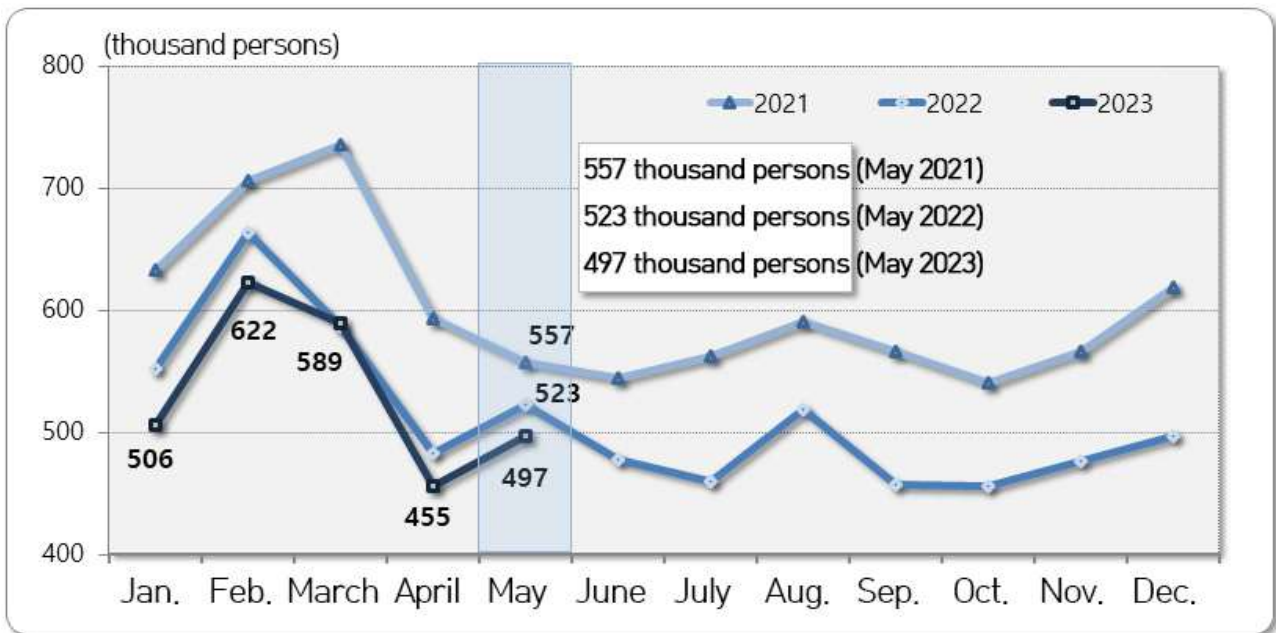
### < Internal migration in May >

|   | Internal migration in May |      |      | Year-on-year* |      |
|---|---------------------------|------|------|---------------|------|
|   | 2021                      | 2022 | 2023 | 2022          | 2023 |
| Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %) | 557                       | 523  | 497  | -6.1          | -4.9 |
| Migration rate** (% , %p)                         | 12.8                      | 12.0 | 11.4 | -0.8          | -0.6 |

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

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

### < Internal migration for the past 3 years >



## 1. Internal migration

- The number of internal migrants was 497 thousand persons in May 2023, falling by 4.9% (26 thousand persons) year-on-year.
- The intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants accounted for 66.2% and 33.8% of the total internal migrants in May 2023, respectively.
- Compared to May 2022, the intra-province migrants and the inter-province migrants dropped by 4.9% and 4.8%, respectively.

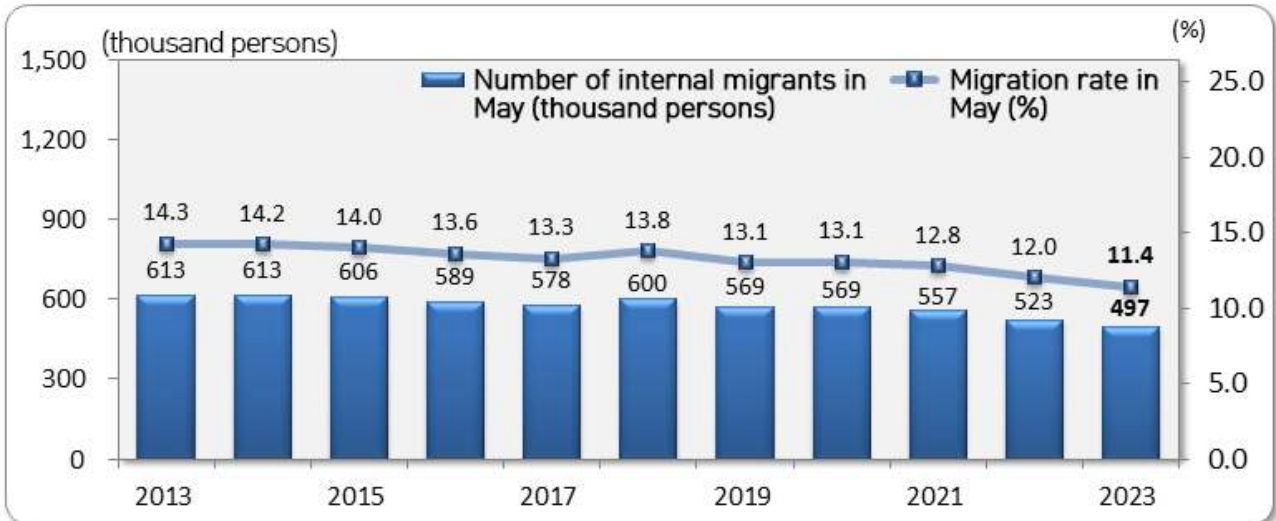
- The internal migration rate (the number of migrants per 100 population) stood at 11.4%, down 0.6%p year-on-year.

[Table 1] Trends in internal migration

|   |                          | 2021  | 2022  | 2022 |              | 2023  |      |              | Year-on-year* |
|---|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|--------------|-------|------|--------------|---------------|
|   |                          |       |       | May  | Compo-sition | April | May  | Compo-sition |               |
| Number of internal migrants (thousand persons, %) | Total                    | 7,213 | 6,152 | 523  | 100.0        | 455   | 497  | 100.0        | -4.9          |
|   | Intra-province migration | 4,766 | 3,979 | 346  | 66.2         | 298   | 329  | 66.2         | -4.9          |
|   | Inter-province migration | 2,447 | 2,174 | 177  | 33.8         | 157   | 168  | 33.8         | -4.8          |
| Migration rate** (% , %p)                         | Total                    | 14.1  | 12.0  | 12.0 | -            | 10.8  | 11.4 | -            | -0.6          |
|   | Intra-province migration | 9.3   | 7.8   | 7.9  | -            | 7.1   | 7.6  | -            | -0.4          |
|   | Inter-province migration | 4.8   | 4.2   | 4.1  | -            | 3.7   | 3.9  | -            | -0.2          |

\* Percent changes (%) for the number of migrants and changes (%p) for the migration rate  
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[Figure 1] Internal migration in May



## 2. Internal migration for metropolitan cities and provinces

- Regarding the net migration of metropolitan cities and provinces, 8 regions recorded a plus net migration.: Gyeonggi (4,427 persons), Incheon (1,991 persons), Chungnam (1,154 persons), etc. On the other hand, 9 regions recorded a minus net migration.: Seoul (-3,353 persons), Gyeongnam (-1,399 persons), Busan (-1,195 persons) and so on.
- Incheon, Chungnam and Gyeonggi recorded a plus net migration rate of 0.8%, 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively. On the other hand, Ulsan, Gwangju and Gyeongnam recorded a minus net migration rate of -0.7%, -0.6% and -0.5%, 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 | 497,285                     | 497,285       | 0             | 0            | 11.4                | 11.4          | 0.0           | 0.0          |
| Seoul      | 99,323                      | 102,676       | -3,353        | -3,082       | 12.5                | 12.9          | -0.4          | -0.4         |
| Busan      | 28,032                      | 29,227        | -1,195        | -1,121       | 10.0                | 10.4          | -0.4          | -0.4         |
| Daegu      | 24,400                      | 24,771        | -371          | -1,399       | 12.2                | 12.4          | -0.2          | -0.7         |
| Incheon    | 34,270                      | 32,279        | 1,991         | 2,203        | 13.6                | 12.8          | 0.8           | 0.9          |
| Gwangju    | 13,028                      | 13,733        | -705          | -797         | 10.8                | 11.4          | -0.6          | -0.7         |
| Daejeon    | 15,998                      | 15,935        | 63            | -318         | 13.1                | 13.0          | 0.1           | -0.3         |
| Ulsan      | 8,600                       | 9,270         | -670          | -609         | 9.2                 | 9.9           | -0.7          | -0.6         |
| Sejong     | 4,125                       | 4,012         | 113           | 970          | 12.6                | 12.3          | 0.3           | 3.0          |
| Gyeonggi   | 140,454                     | 136,027       | 4,427         | 3,719        | 12.2                | 11.8          | 0.4           | 0.3          |
| Gangwon    | 14,667                      | 14,392        | 275           | 641          | 11.3                | 11.1          | 0.2           | 0.5          |
| Chungbuk   | 13,861                      | 13,582        | 279           | 274          | 10.3                | 10.1          | 0.2           | 0.2          |
| Chungnam   | 19,754                      | 18,600        | 1,154         | 1,151        | 11.0                | 10.3          | 0.6           | 0.6          |
| Jeonbuk    | 14,759                      | 15,084        | -325          | -614         | 9.9                 | 10.1          | -0.2          | -0.4         |
| Jeonnam    | 15,802                      | 15,830        | -28           | 179          | 10.3                | 10.3          | -0.0          | 0.1          |
| Gyeongbuk  | 20,202                      | 20,464        | -262          | -29          | 9.2                 | 9.3           | -0.1          | -0.0         |
| Gyeongnam  | 23,745                      | 25,144        | -1,399        | -1,605       | 8.6                 | 9.1           | -0.5          | -0.6         |
| Jeju       | 6,265                       | 6,259         | 6             | 437          | 11.0                | 10.9          | 0.0           | 0.8          |

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[Figure 2] Net migration rate by province

