

International Migration Statistics in 2014

Net international migration (Entry - Departure) marked 142 thousand persons, which recorded the highest net immigration after changing status from net emigration to net immigration in 2006.

- The number of international migrants was 1,329 thousand persons in 2014, which increased by 22 thousand persons (1.7%) from 2013.

* Entries and departures for migrants staying longer than 90 days

- The international migration of non-Koreans amounted to 678 thousand persons. This figure was higher (26 thousand persons) than that of Koreans (651 thousand persons).
- Entries totaled 735 thousand persons, which rose by 39 thousand persons from 2013. Departures totaled 594 thousand persons, which fell by 17 thousand persons from 2013.
- Net international migration* amounted to 142 thousand persons, which recorded the highest net immigration after changing status from negative net migration to positive net migration in 2006.

* Entries - departures for migrants staying longer than 90 days

[Table] International migration (2000~2014)

(Unit: thousand persons, %)

Year	Total international migration			Entry			Departure			Net international migration			
	Total	Koreans	Non-Koreans	Total	Koreans	Non-Koreans	Total	Koreans	Non-Koreans	Total	Koreans	Non-Koreans	
2000	734	473	262	371	198	173	363	274	89	8	-76	84	
2001	780	507	273	374	210	164	406	297	109	-32	-87	55	
2002	790	518	272	387	228	159	403	290	113	-16	-62	46	
2003	851	528	323	404	236	169	447	293	154	-42	-57	15	
2004	894	565	329	423	244	179	471	321	151	-49	-77	28	
2005	1,155	637	518	530	277	254	625	360	265	-95	-84	-11	
2006	1,180	703	477	614	311	303	566	392	174	48	-81	129	
2007	1,183	731	452	630	330	300	553	401	152	78	-71	148	
2008	1,262	750	512	659	356	302	603	393	210	55	-37	92	
2009	1,163	697	466	592	359	233	571	338	233	20	21	-1	
2010	1,182	693	489	632	339	293	550	354	196	82	-15	97	
2011	1,226	701	525	658	351	307	568	350	218	91	1	90	
2012	1,279	689	590	643	343	300	636	346	290	7	-4	10	
2013	1,307	679	629	696	336	360	611	343	268	85	-7	92	
2014	1,329	651	678	735	328	407	594	323	271	142	5	137	
Year-on-year	Change	22	-27	49	39	-8	47	-17	-20	2	56	12	44
	Percent change	1.7	-4.0	7.8	5.6	-2.3	12.9	-2.9	-5.8	0.9	-	-	-

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- The departures of Koreans showed a decline in all age groups. The entries of non-Koreans showed a rise in all age groups.
 - The departures of Koreans in their twenties showed a sharp drop. The entries of non-Koreans in their fifties showed a sharp rise.
- International migrants in their twenties amounted to 473 thousand persons, which occupied 35.6 percent of the total international migrants. Net immigration amounted to 60 thousand persons. Persons in their twenties showed the most international migration.
- Koreans in their twenties or more showed positive net international migration. Non-Koreans showed positive net international migration in all age groups.

China, Thailand, Vietnam and the U.S.A occupied 72.2 percent of the total non-Korean entries. China, Thailand, Vietnam and the U.S.A occupied 69.9 percent of the total non-Korean departures.

- As for positive net international migration by nationality, China recorded 57 thousand persons, which was followed by Thailand (36 thousand persons) and Vietnam (10 thousand persons).
- The median age of non-Korean entries was 36.2 years. The sex ratio of non-Korean entries was 122.0 persons.
 - China recorded the highest median age at 41.7 years. Whereas, Indonesia recorded the lowest median age at 27.5 years.
- 'Employment' occupied 41.4 percent of the total entries of non-Koreans. 'Visiting and employment' and 'Unskilled employment' occupied 22.3 percent and 13.1 percent, respectively.

[Table] Top ten countries of international migration (2012~2014)

(Unit: thousand persons, year, per 100 female population)

【 Entry 】									
2012		2013		2014					
Country	Number of entries	Country	Number of entries	Country	Number of entries	Change	Median age	Change	Sex ratio
Total	300	Total	360	Total	407	47	36.2	1.5	122.0
China	127	China	179	China	193	14	41.7	2.9	101.5
U.S.A	29	U.S.A	27	Thailand	48	30	32.8	1.2	131.2
Vietnam	25	Vietnam	22	Vietnam	28	6	37.6	1.0	92.7
Thailand	14	Thailand	18	U.S.A	25	-2	29.8	0.2	90.0
Uzbekistan	11	Uzbekistan	12	Uzbekistan	13	1	33.8	0.4	194.2
Philippines	10	Philippines	12	Philippines	11	-1	30.7	-1.1	119.6
Cambodia	10	Indonesia	12	Indonesia	11	-1	27.5	-0.3	778.4
Indonesia	8	Cambodia	10	Cambodia	9	-1	27.8	0.4	234.6
Nepal	7	Nepal	6	Nepal	7	1	27.8	0.4	762.6
Canada	6	Japan	6	Canada	5	0	34.7	0.5	81.4
【 Departure 】									
2012		2013		2014					
Country	Number of departures	Country	Number of departures	Country	Number of departures	Change	Median age	Change	Sex ratio
Total	290	Total	268	Total	271	2	37.9	0.7	113.9
China	140	China	131	China	136	5	42.2	0.5	101.7
U.S.A	26	U.S.A	23	U.S.A	23	0	31.6	-0.2	95.1
Vietnam	19	Vietnam	20	Vietnam	18	-3	38.8	3.5	104.7
Thailand	15	Thailand	9	Thailand	13	3	34.2	0.1	104.3
Philippines	14	Uzbekistan	9	Uzbekistan	10	1	36.6	0.3	211.1
Mongolia	9	Indonesia	8	Japan	7	1	35.4	2.3	68.2
Indonesia	8	Mongolia	7	Philippines	6	-1	34.2	0.1	72.9
Uzbekistan	8	Philippines	7	Mongolia	5	-2	29.7	0.4	135.9
Japan	7	Japan	6	Indonesia	5	-3	31.7	0.0	431.6
Canada	5	Canada	5	Canada	5	0	37.1	1.0	87.1
【 Net migration 】									
2012		2013		2014					
Country	Net migration	Country	Net migration	Country	Net migration	Change			
Total	10	Total	92	Total	137	44			
Top five countries of positive net international migration									
Cambodia	8	China	47	China	57	10			
Vietnam	6	Thailand	9	Thailand	36	27			
Nepal	6	Cambodia	8	Vietnam	10	9			
Uzbekistan	4	Philippines	5	Cambodia	7	-1			
U.S.A	3	U.S.A	4	Indonesia	5	1			
Top five countries of negative net international migration									
China	-12	Mongolia	-3	Japan	-3	-2			
Philippines	-5	Japan	0	Mongolia	-1	1			
Mongolia	-3	Republic of South Africa	0	U.K.	-1	-1			
Japan	-1	Ireland	0	Saudi Arabia	0	0			
Thailand	-1	Jordan	0	Ireland	0	0			