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Vital Statistics in December 2023

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Vital Statistics in December 2023

- The number of live births was 16,253 persons in December, falling by 3.8% year-on-year.
- The number of deaths was 32,341 persons in December, going down by 3.2% year-on-year.
- The number of marriages was 17,582 cases in December, dropping by 11.6% year-on-year.
- The number of divorces was 7,299 cases in December, declining by 6.7% year-on-year.
- The natural increase (Live births - Deaths) marked a negative figure of -16,088 persons.

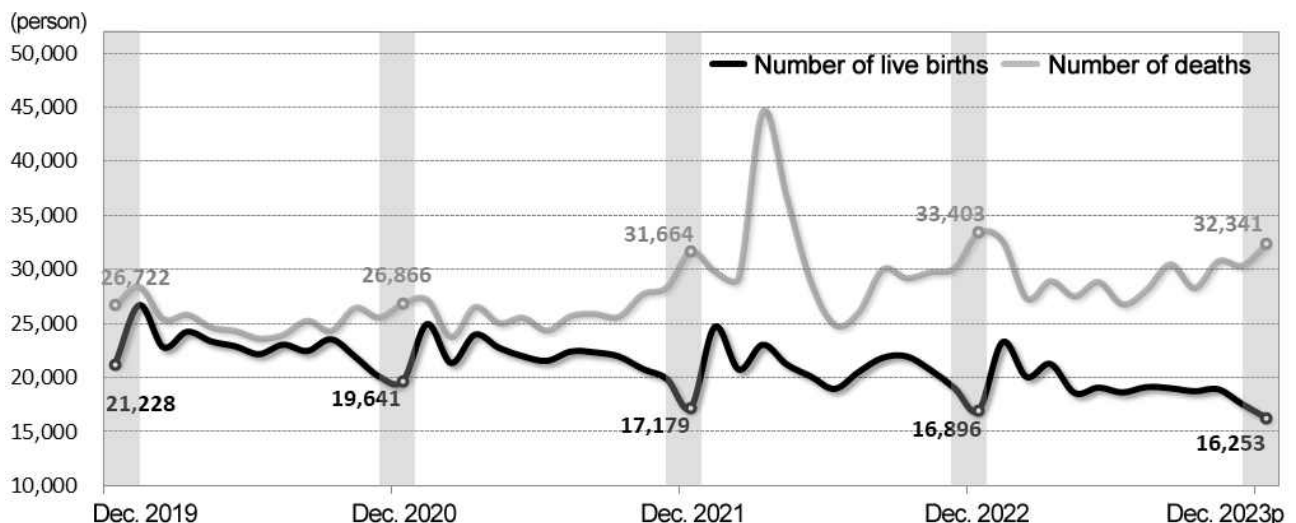
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(Unit: person (case), person (case) per 1,000 population, %)

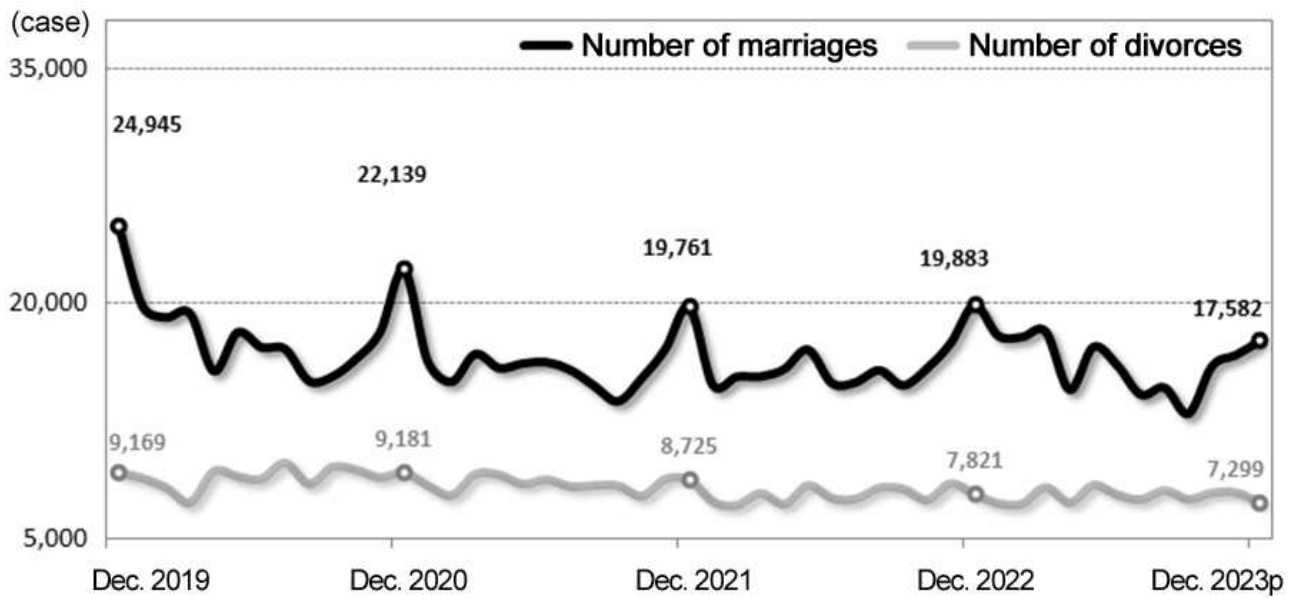
	Number of live births		Number of deaths		Natural increase		Number of marriages		Number of divorces	
		Crude birth rate		Crude death rate		Natural increase rate		Crude marriage rate		Crude divorce rate
Dec. 2022	16,896	3.9	33,403	7.7	-16,507	-3.8	19,883	4.6	7,821	1.8
Dec. 2023^p	16,253	3.7	32,341	7.5	-16,088	-3.7	17,582	4.1	7,299	1.7
Change	-643	-0.1	-1,062	-0.2	419	0.1	-2,301	-0.5	-522	-0.1
Percent change	-3.8	-	-3.2	-	-	-	-11.6	-	-6.7	-

<Trends in Vital Statistics>

◦ Live birth and death



◦ Marriage and divorce



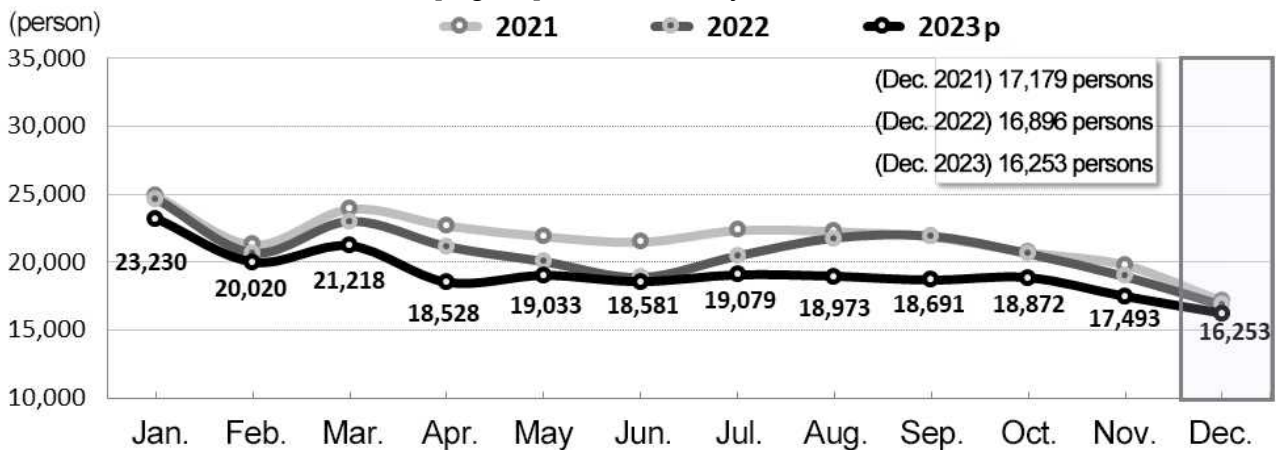
1. Live birth

- The number of live births was 16,253 persons in December, which declined by 643 persons (-3.8%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of live births and percent changes

	2021	2022	2023 ^p	2022		2023 ^p		
				Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Number of live births (person)	260,562	249,186	229,970	18,981	16,896	18,872	17,493	16,253
Year-on-year percent change (%)	-4.3	-4.4	-7.7	-4.3	-1.6	-8.6	-7.8	-3.8

[Figure] Live birth by month



【 Live birth in the fourth quarter 】

- The number of live births was 52,618 persons in the fourth quarter, which declined by 3,905 persons (-6.9%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of live births and percent changes

	2022	2023 ^p	2022	2023 ^p			
			4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Number of live births (person)	249,186	229,970	56,523	64,468	56,142	56,743	52,618
Year-on-year percent change (%)	-4.4	-7.7	-2.1	-5.7	-6.7	-11.6	-6.9

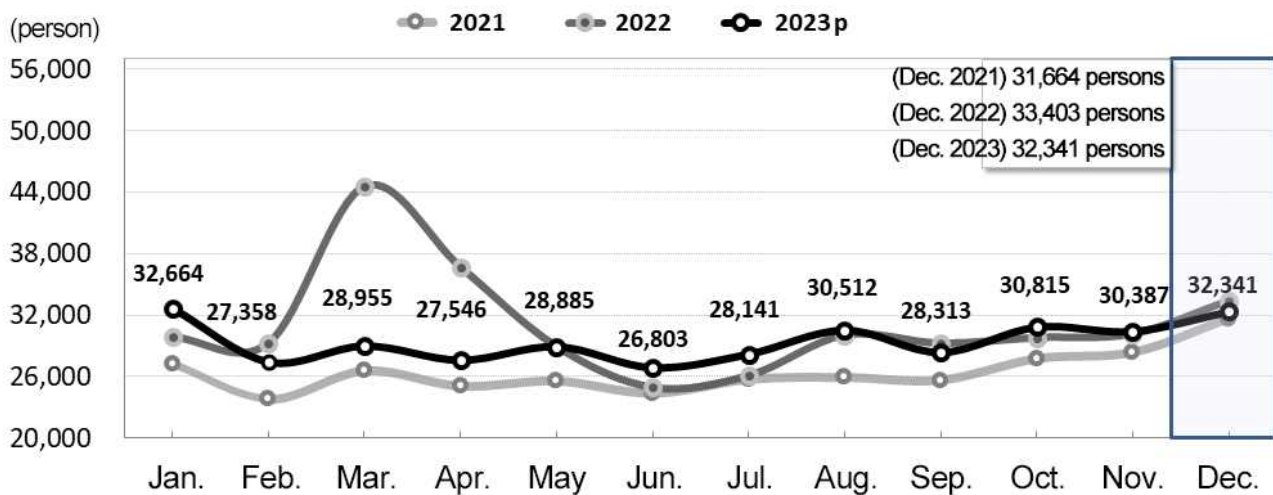
2. Death

- The number of deaths was 32,341 persons in December, which fell by 1,062 persons (-3.2%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of deaths and percent change

	2021	2022	2023 ^p	2022		2023 ^p		
				Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Number of deaths (person)	317,680	372,939	352,721	30,156	33,403	30,815	30,387	32,341
Year-on-year percent change (%)	4.2	17.4	-5.4	6.3	5.5	3.4	0.8	-3.2

[Figure] Death by month



【 Death in the fourth quarter 】

- The number of deaths was 93,543 persons in the fourth quarter, which rose by 194 persons (0.2%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of deaths and percent change

	2022	2023 ^p	2022	2023 ^p			
			4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Number of deaths (person)	372,939	352,721	93,349	88,977	83,234	86,967	93,543
Year-on-year percent change (%)	17.4	-5.4	6.3	-14.2	-8.0	1.9	0.2

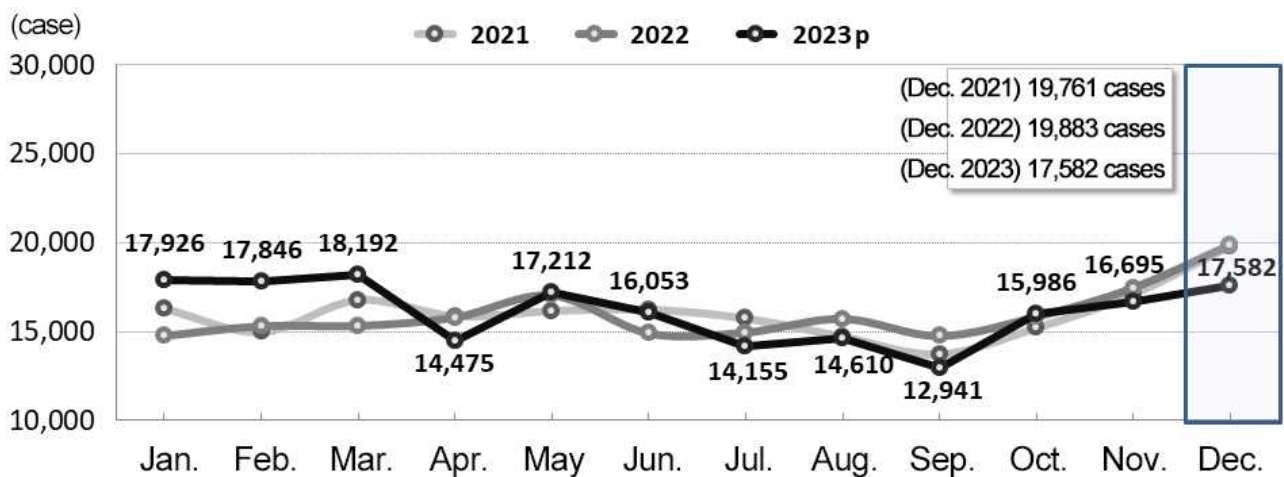
3. Marriage

- The number of marriages was 17,582 cases in December, which went down by 2,301 cases (-11.6%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of marriages and percent changes

	2021	2022	2023 ^p	2022		2023 ^p		
				Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Number of marriages (person)	192,507	191,690	193,673	17,455	19,883	15,986	16,695	17,582
Year-on-year percent change (%)	-9.8	-0.4	1.0	2.1	0.6	1.0	-4.4	-11.6

[Figure] Marriage by month



【 Marriage in the fourth quarter 】

- The number of marriages was 50,263 cases in the fourth quarter, which went down by 2,907 cases (-5.5%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of marriages and percent changes

	2022	2023 ^p	2022	2023 ^p			
			4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Number of marriages (case)	191,690	193,673	53,170	53,964	47,740	41,706	50,263
Year-on-year percent change (%)	-0.4	1.0	2.1	18.9	0.0	-8.2	-5.5

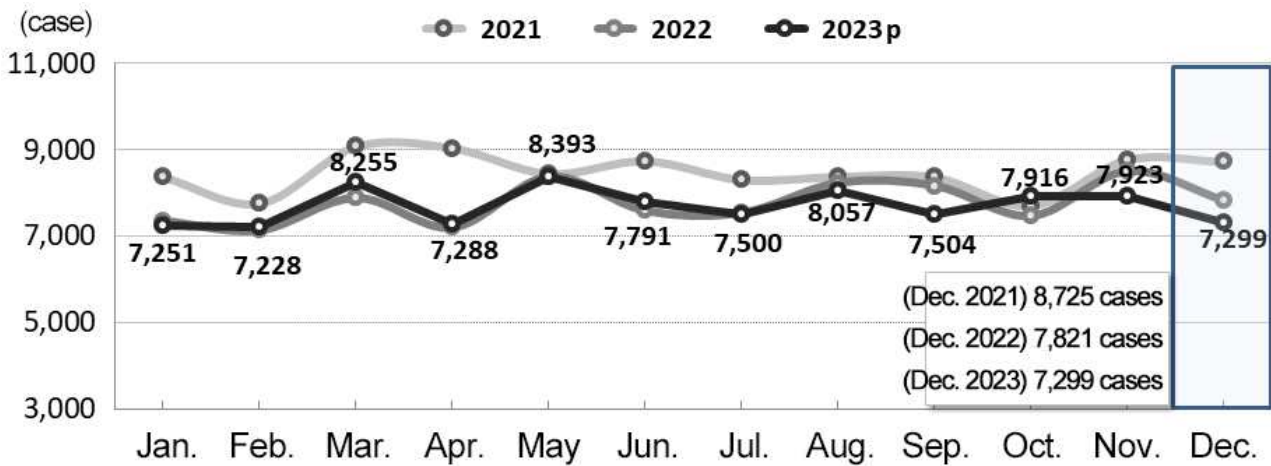
4. Divorce

- The number of divorces was 7,299 cases in December, which fell by 522 cases (-6.7%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of divorces and percent changes

	2021	2022	2023 ^p	2022		2023 ^p		
				Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Number of divorces (person)	101,673	93,232	92,405	8,498	7,821	7,916	7,923	7,299
Year-on-year percent change (%)	-4.5	-8.3	-0.9	-3.1	-10.4	6.0	-6.8	-6.7

[Figure] Divorce by month



【 Divorce in the fourth quarter 】

- The number of divorces was 23,138 cases in the fourth quarter, which fell by 647 cases (-2.7%) year-on-year.

[Table] Number of divorces and percent changes

	2022	2023 ^p	2022	2023 ^p			
			4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Number of divorces (case)	93,232	92,405	23,785	22,734	23,472	23,061	23,138
Year-on-year percent change (%)	-8.3	-0.9	-5.6	1.6	1.4	-3.6	-2.7

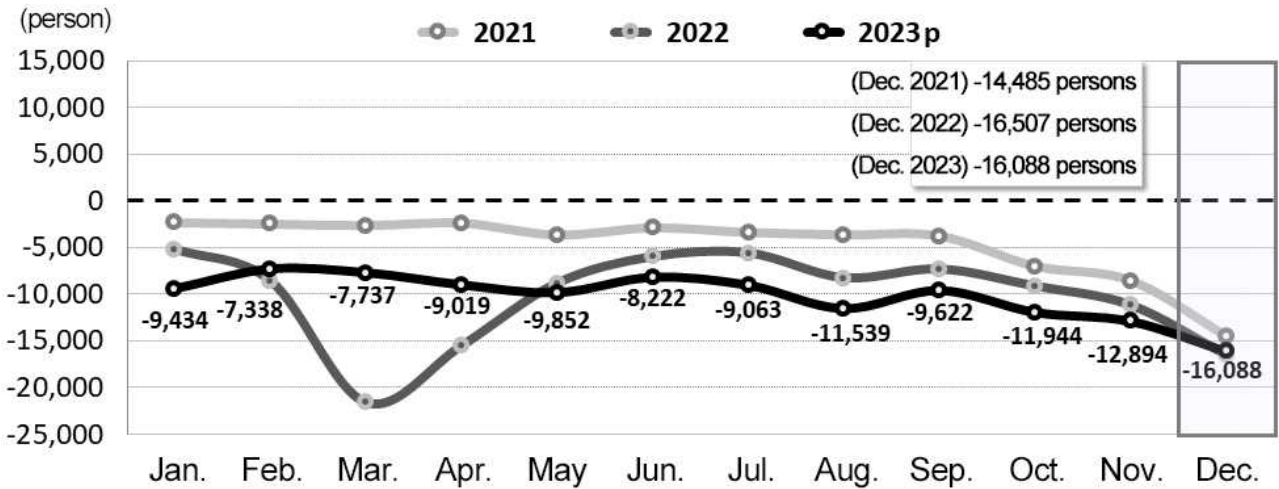
5. Natural increase

- The natural increase (Live births - Deaths) recorded a negative figure of -16,088 persons in December.

[Table] Natural increase

	2021	2022	2023 ^p	2022		2023 ^p		
				Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Natural increase (person)	-57,118	-123,753	-122,750	-11,175	-16,507	-11,944	-12,894	-16,088

[Figure] Natural increase by month



【 Natural increase in the fourth quarter 】

The natural increase (Live births - Deaths) recorded a negative figure of -40,925 persons in the fourth quarter.

[Table] Natural increase

	2022	2023 ^p	2022	2023 ^p			
			4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Natural increase (person)	-123,753	-122,750	-36,826	-24,509	-27,092	-30,224	-40,925