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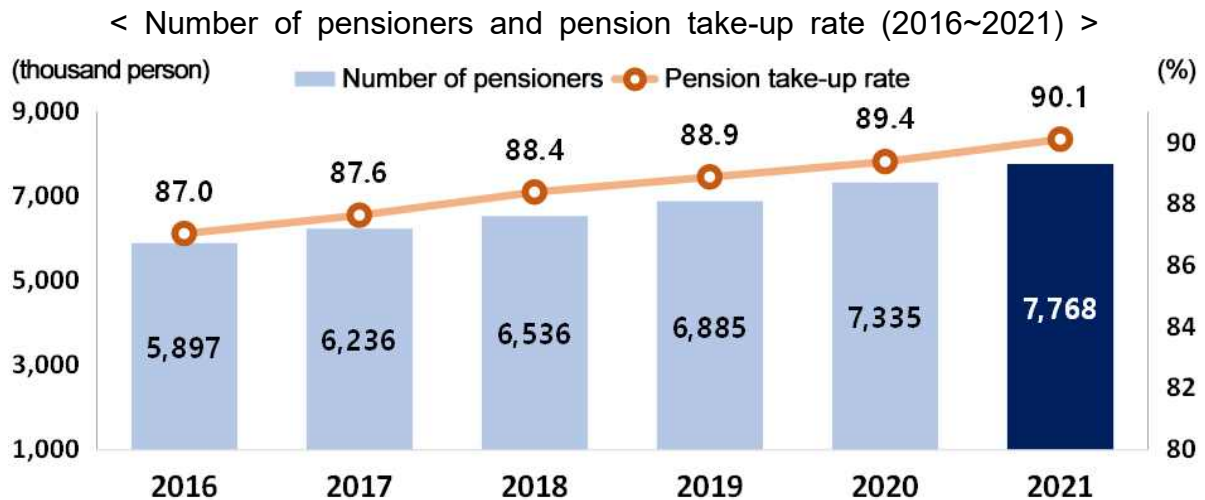
1. Pension take-up and coverage status of individuals

□ Pension take-up status of individuals

○ In 2021, the population aged 65 and over who received one pension or more amounted to 7.768 million persons.

* Pension coverage: basic and disability pension, national pension, special occupational pension (pension for government employees, soldiers, private school teachers and officials for the post office), retirement pension, personal pension, housing pension, farmland pension

- The pension take-up rate of the population aged 65 and over stood at 90.1%.



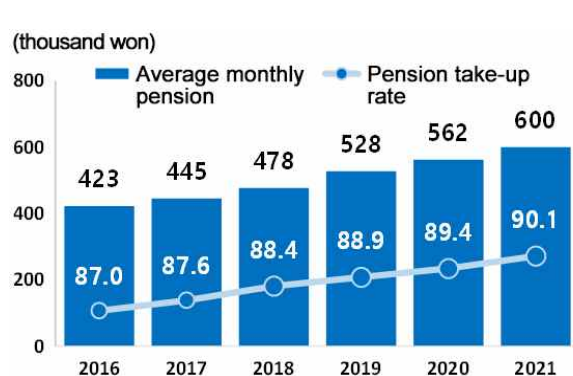
< Table 1 > Pensioner status (2016~2021)

Year	Population aged 65 and over (thousand persons)	Pensioner (thousand persons)	Pensioner status		Non-pensioner (thousand persons)
			Pension take-up rate (%)	Duplicate take-up rate (%)	
2021	8,620	7,768	90.1	34.4	852
2020	8,206	7,335	89.4	32.2	871
2019	7,746	6,885	88.9	30.5	861
2018	7,394	6,536	88.4	28.9	858
2017	7,115	6,236	87.6	26.8	879
2016	6,775	5,897	87.0	25.0	878

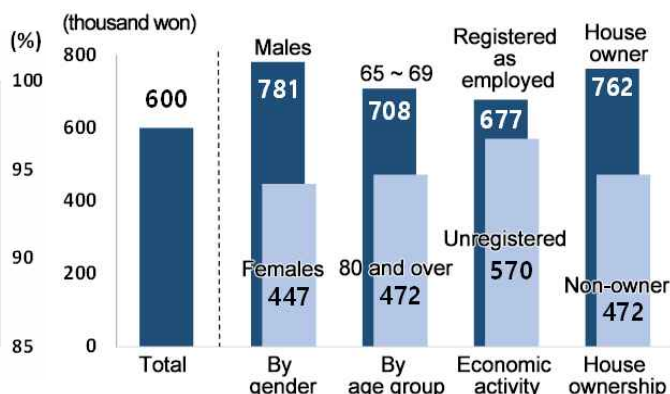
○ In 2021, the average monthly pension* of pensioners amounted to 600 thousand won. Their median monthly pension amounted to 382 thousand won.

* It indicates the sum of money that an individual receives from all kinds of pension schemes.

- As for the average monthly pension of pensioners by gender, males recorded a relatively high figure of 781 thousand won. As for the average monthly pension of pensioners by age group, those aged 65~69 recorded a relatively high pension of 708 thousand won. As for the average monthly pension of pensioners by economic activity, those registered as employed recorded a relatively high pension of 677 thousand won. As for the average monthly pension of pensioners by house ownership, the house owners recorded a relatively high pension of 762 thousand won.



< Pension take-up status of individuals (2016~2021) >



< Average monthly pension by characteristics of individuals (2021) >

< Table 2 > Average monthly pension of pensioners (2016~2021)

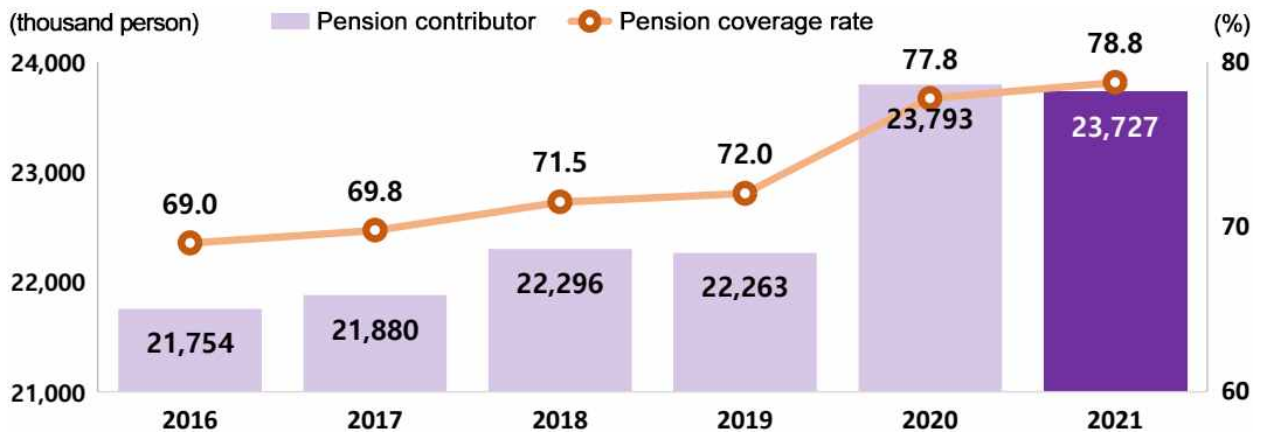
Year	Pensioner (thousand persons)	Average monthly pension (thousand won)	Composition (%)					Percent change in pension (%)
			Less than 250 thousand won	250 thousand won ~ less than 500 thousand won	500 thousand won ~ less than 1 million won	1 million won ~ less than 2 million won	2 million won or more	
2021	7,768	600	21.1	43.3	24.7	6.1	4.9	6.7
2020	7,335	562	22.6	46.6	21.0	5.2	4.6	6.4
2019	6,885	528	24.1	49.2	17.5	4.7	4.4	10.6
2018	6,536	478	49.9	27.8	14.0	4.2	4.1	7.3
2017	6,236	445	53.3	28.1	11.0	3.7	3.9	5.3
2016	5,897	423	56.1	27.6	9.3	3.4	3.7	-

□ Pension coverage status of individuals

○ In 2021, the individuals aged 18~59 who joined at least one pension scheme amounted to 23.727 million persons.

- The pension coverage rate of the population aged 18~59 stood at 78.8%.

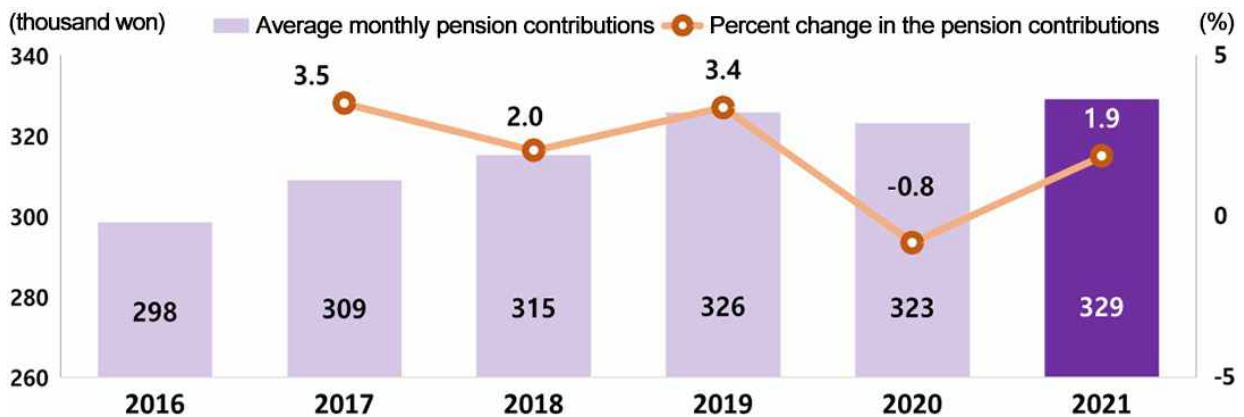
< Number of contributors and pension coverage rate (2016~2021) >



○ In 2021, the average monthly contributions of pension contributors marked 329 thousand won, rising by 1.9% from 2020.

* It indicates the sum of contributions and payments of individuals, and contributions of establishments or government. Data are based on administrative data on national pension, special occupational pension and personal pension.

< Average monthly contributions of pension contributors >



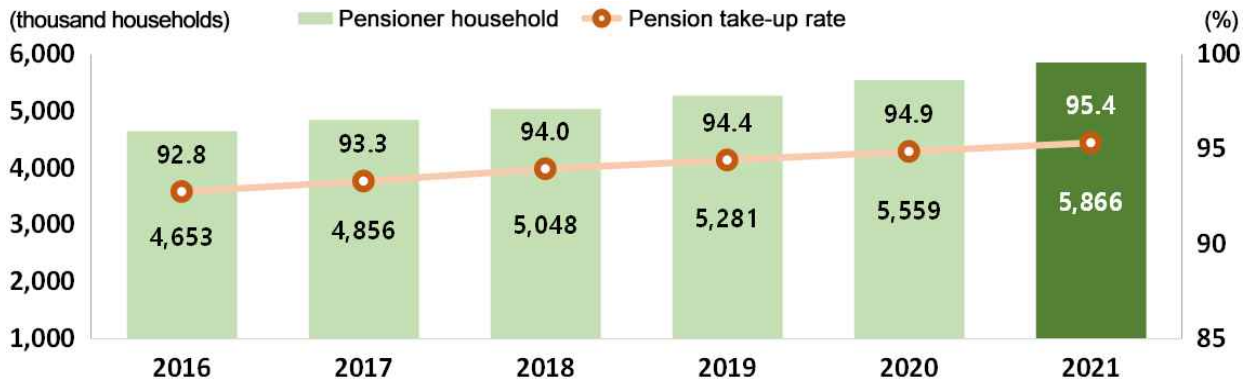
2. Pension take-up and coverage status of households

□ Pension take-up status of households

○ In 2021, the households with at least one pensioner aged 65 and over amounted to 5.866 million households.

- Among households with a person aged 65 and over, their pension take-up rate stood at 95.4%.

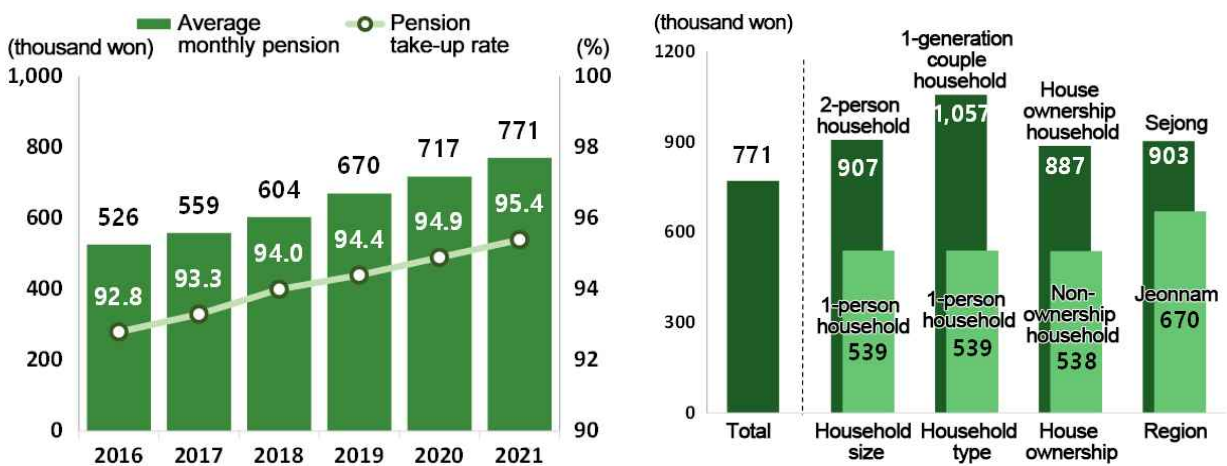
< Number of pensioner households and pension take-up rate (2016~2021) >



○ In 2021, the average monthly pension* of pensioner households amounted to 771 thousand won. Their median monthly pension amounted to 520 thousand won.

* A total amount of money that a household member aged 65 and over receives from all kinds of pension schemes

- As for the average monthly pension of pensioner households by household size, 2-person households marked a relatively high figure of 907 thousand won. As for the average monthly pension of pensioner households by household type, 1-generation couple households marked a relatively high pension of 1.057 million won. As for the average monthly pension of pensioner households by house ownership, the households with a house owner marked a relatively high pension of 887 thousand won. As for the average monthly pension of pensioner households by region, Sejong marked a relatively high pension of 903 thousand won.



< Pensioner status of households (2016~2021) >

< Average monthly pension by characteristics of households (2021) >

□ Pension coverage status of households

○ In 2021, the households with at least one pension contributor aged 18~59 amounted to 15.152 million households.

- Among households with a person aged 18~59, their pension coverage rate stood at 91.3%.

○ In 2021, the average monthly pension contributions* of pension coverage households marked 511 thousand won, rising by 0.6% from 2020.

* A sum of average monthly pension contributions of household members aged 18~59

< Summary table of pension statistics >

Classification			2020			2021			Change status		
			Total	Pension reception and subscription (A)	Pension reception and subscription rate	Total	Pension reception and subscription (B)	Pension reception and subscription rate	Change (B-A)	Percent change (%)	
Individual (Korean)	Pension reception	• Pension recipient aged 65 and over (thousand persons)	8,206	7,335	(89.4)	8,620	7,768	(90.1)	433	5.9	
		By gender (thousand persons)	Male	3,550	3,350	(94.4)	3,751	3,560	(94.9)	210	6.3
			Female	4,655	3,985	(85.6)	4,869	4,208	(86.4)	223	5.6
		By age group (thousand persons)	65 ~ 69	2,686	2,342	(87.2)	2,926	2,585	(88.4)	243	10.4
			70 ~ 74	2,010	1,799	(89.5)	2,070	1,861	(89.9)	62	3.5
			75 ~ 79	1,593	1,454	(91.3)	1,577	1,448	(91.8)	-6	-0.4
			80 and over	1,917	1,740	(90.7)	2,048	1,874	(91.5)	134	7.7
	• Non-recipient (thousand persons) (Non-reception rate)	8,206	871	(10.6)	8,620	852	(9.9)	-19	-2.2		
	• Duplicate reception rate (% , %p)	-	32.2	-	-	34.4	-	2.2	-		
	• Average monthly pension (thousand won)	-	562	-	-	600	-	38	6.7		
	Pension subscription	• Pension subscriber aged 18~59 (thousand persons)	30,590	23,793	(77.8)	30,128	23,727	(78.8)	-66	-0.3	
		By gender (thousand persons)	Male	15,671	12,840	(81.9)	15,448	12,762	(82.6)	-78	-0.6
			Female	14,920	10,953	(73.4)	14,680	10,964	(74.7)	12	0.1
		By age group (thousand persons)	18 ~ 29	7,672	4,595	(59.9)	7,470	4,564	(61.1)	-31	-0.7
			30 ~ 39	6,627	5,619	(84.8)	6,489	5,560	(85.7)	-58	-1.0
			40 ~ 49	7,954	6,679	(84.0)	7,841	6,630	(84.5)	-49	-0.7
			50 ~ 59	8,338	6,900	(82.8)	8,327	6,972	(83.7)	72	1.0
• Non-subscriber(thousand persons) (Non-subscription rate)	30,590	6,797	(22.2)	30,128	6,401	(21.2)	-396	-5.8			
• Duplicate subscription rate (% , %p)	-	31.6	-	-	32.3	-	0.7	-			
• Average monthly pension (thousand won)	-	323	-	-	329	-	6	1.9			
Household (general household)	Pension reception	• Household with a recipient aged 65 and over (thousand households)	5,858	5,559	(94.9)	6,153	5,866	(95.4)	308	5.5	
		By household type (thousand households)	1-person household	1,661	1,555	(93.6)	1,824	1,715	(94.0)	160	10.3
			Relative household	4,093	3,907	(95.4)	4,212	4,043	(96.0)	137	3.5
			Couple household	1,736	1,671	(96.2)	1,856	1,796	(96.8)	126	7.5
			Non-relative household	104	97	(93.5)	116	109	(93.9)	11	11.5
		• Non-reception household (thousand households) (Non-reception rate)	5,858	299	(5.1)	6,153	286	(4.6)	-13	-4.4	
		• Duplicate reception household rate (% , %p)	-	42.3	-	-	44.8	-	2.5	-	
	• Average monthly pension (thousand won)	-	717	-	-	771	-	53	7.4		
	Pension subscription	• Household with a subscriber aged 18~59 (thousand households)	16,489	14,988	(90.9)	16,596	15,152	(91.3)	165	1.1	
		By the number of persons registered as employed (thousand households)	1-person	7,736	7,318	(94.6)	7,851	7,431	(94.7)	113	1.5
			2-person	4,781	4,718	(98.7)	4,866	4,800	(98.6)	82	1.7
			3-person or more	1,284	1,277	(99.5)	1,326	1,318	(99.5)	41	3.2
			Unregistered	2,688	1,674	(62.3)	2,555	1,603	(62.8)	-71	-4.3
• Non-subscription household (thousand households) (Non-subscription rate)		16,489	1,501	(9.1)	16,596	1,444	(8.7)	-57	-3.8		
• Duplicate subscriptionhousehold rate (% , %p)	-	49.5	-	-	49.6	-	0.1	-			
• Average monthly pension premium rate (thousand won)	-	508	-	-	511	-	3	0.6			