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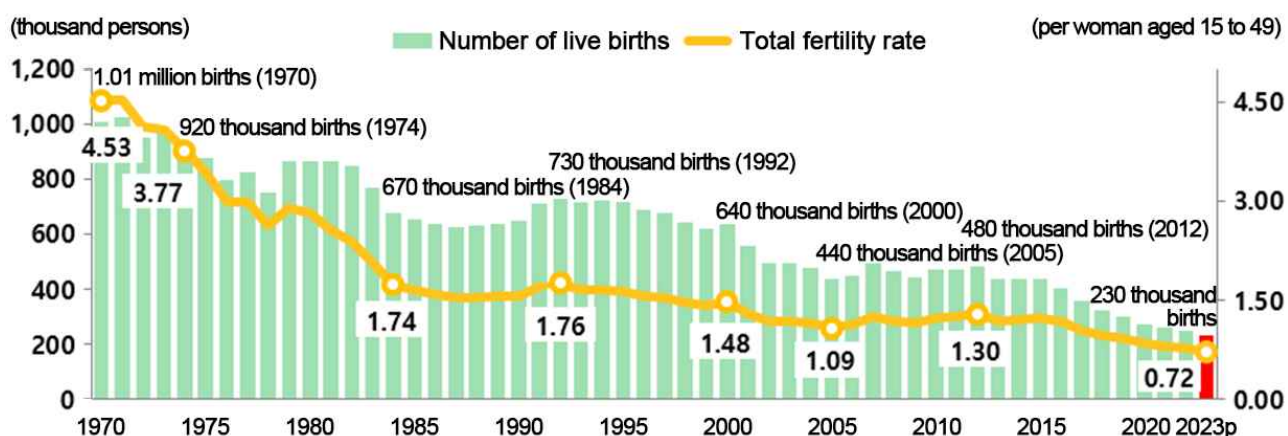
In 2023, the number of live births was 230 thousand births, which fell by 19.2 thousand births (-7.7%) from 2022.

- The total fertility rate (the number of births that a woman would have if she experienced the current age specific birth rates throughout her childbearing years) marked 0.72 in 2023, which dropped by 0.06 from 2022.
- The crude birth rate (the number of live births per 1,000 population) stood at 4.5 in 2023, falling by 0.4 from 2022.

[Table] Number of live births and total fertility rate (2013-2023p)

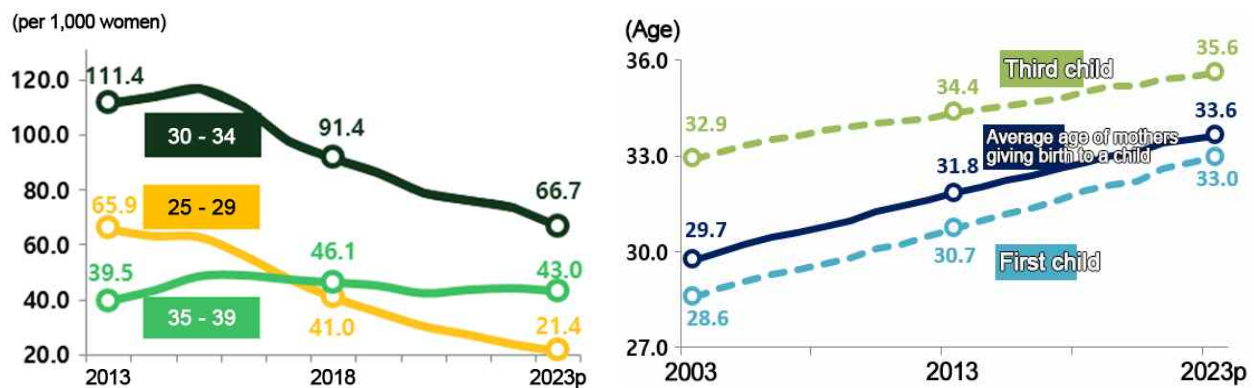
(Unit: thousand births, %, per 1,000 population, per woman aged 15 to 49)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 ^P	
Number of live births	436.5	435.4	438.4	406.2	357.8	326.8	302.7	272.3	260.6	249.2	230.0	
Year-on-year	Change	-48.1	-1.0	3.0	-32.2	-48.5	-30.9	-24.1	-30.3	-11.8	-11.4	-19.2
	Percent change	-9.9	-0.2	0.7	-7.3	-11.9	-8.7	-7.4	-10.0	-4.3	-4.4	-7.7
Crude birth rate	8.6	8.6	8.6	7.9	7.0	6.4	5.9	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.5	
Total fertility rate	1.19	1.21	1.24	1.17	1.05	0.98	0.92	0.84	0.81	0.78	0.72	
Year-on-year	Change	-0.11	0.02	0.03	-0.07	-0.12	-0.08	-0.06	-0.08	-0.03	-0.03	-0.06
	Percent change	-8.5	1.5	2.8	-5.4	-10.2	-7.1	-6.0	-8.9	-3.4	-3.7	-7.3



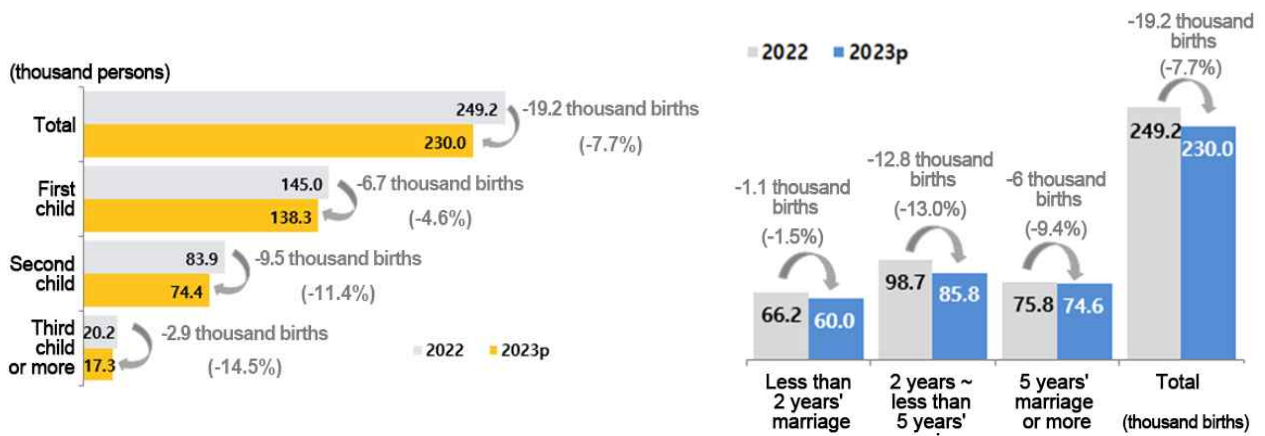
In 2023, the fertility rate showed a year-on-year decrease in the groups aged 45 or less. The fertility rate remained the same in the group aged 45 or more.

- As for the fertility rate by age group, women aged 30~34 showed the highest figure of 66.7 births per 1,000 women, which was followed by those aged 35~39 (43.0 births) and those aged 25~29 (21.4 births).
 - The fertility rate of women aged 30~34 showed the highest year-on-year decrease (-6.8 births), which was followed by those aged 25~29 (-2.6 births).
- The average age of mothers giving birth to a child was 33.6 years in 2023, up 0.1 year from 2022.
 - Compared to 2022, the average age of mothers giving birth to the first child, the second child and the third child rose by 0.1~0.2 year.



Compared to 2022, the live births of the first child fell by 6.7 thousand births (-4.6%). The live births of the second child declined by 9.5 thousand births (-11.4%).

- The live births of the first child accounted for 60.1% of the total live births in 2023, up 1.9%p from 2022. The live births of the second child accounted for 32.3% in 2023.
- Compared to 2022, the number of live births happening within less than 2 years' marriage and '2 years ~ less than 5 years' marriage' dropped by 1.1 thousand births (-1.5%) and 12.8 thousand births (-13.0%), respectively. The number of live births happening after 5 years' marriage or more fell by 6 thousand births (-9.4%).



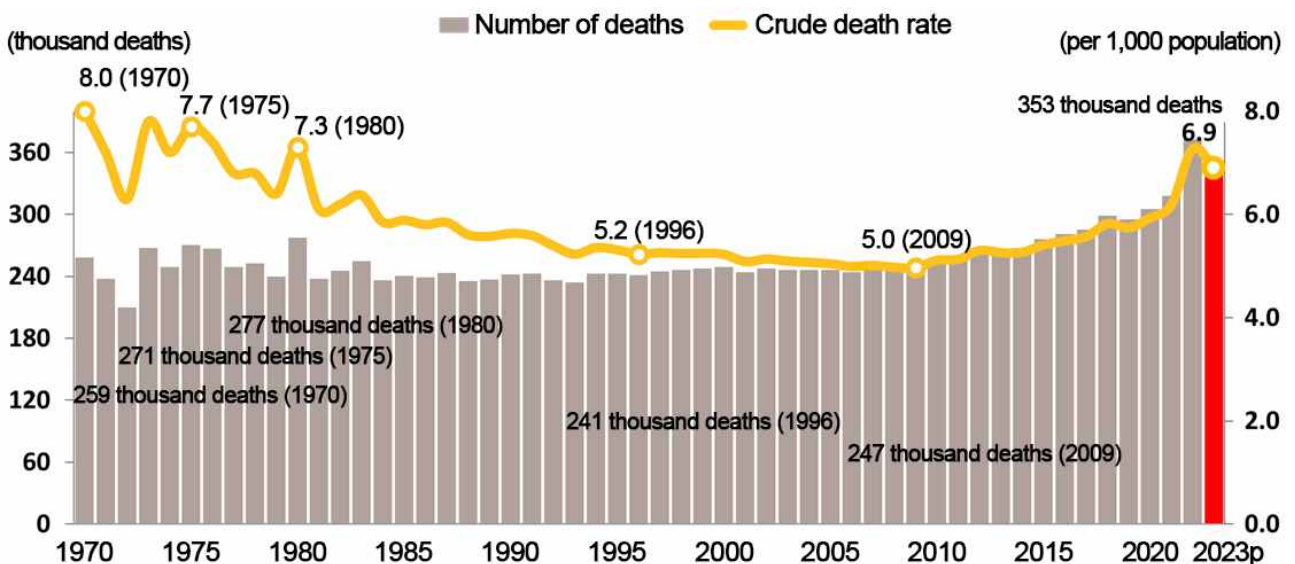
In 2023, the number of deaths was 352.7 thousand deaths, which fell by 20.2 thousand deaths (-5.4%) from 2022.

- The crude death rate (the number of deaths per 1,000 population) fell by 0.4 death to 6.9 deaths in 2023.

[Table] Number of deaths and crude death rate (2013-2023p)

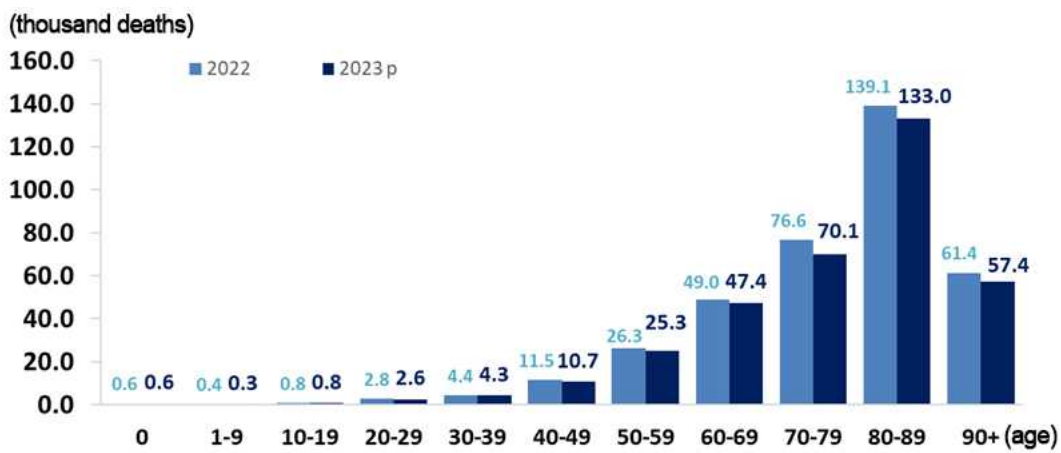
(Unit: thousand deaths, %, per 1,000 population)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 ^P	
Number of deaths	266.3	267.7	275.9	280.8	285.5	298.8	295.1	304.9	317.7	372.9	352.7	
Year-on-year	Change	-1.0	1.4	8.2	4.9	4.7	13.3	-3.7	9.8	12.7	55.3	-20.2
	Percent change	-0.4	0.5	3.1	1.8	1.7	4.7	-1.2	3.3	4.2	17.4	-5.4
Crude death rate	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.2	7.3	6.9	



The number of deaths showed a year-on-year decrease in most of the age groups. The number of deaths of people aged 70~79 showed the highest year-on-year decrease, which was followed by those aged 80~89.

- Compared to 2022, the number of deaths showed the highest decrease in people aged 70~79 (-6.5 thousand deaths), which was followed by those aged 80~89 (-6 thousand deaths) and those aged 90 or more (-4 thousand deaths).
- Both males and females aged 80~89 recorded the highest number of deaths.



In 2023, the natural increase (Birth - Death) recorded a negative figure of 122.8 thousand persons. The rate of natural increase recorded a negative figure of -2.4 per 1,000 population.

- In 2023, the rate of natural increase recorded a negative figure of -2.4 per 1,000 population, which remained the same as 2022.
- In 2023, Sejong showed a positive natural increase of 1.2 thousand persons. Whereas, the other 16 regions including Gyeongbuk (-15.1 thousand persons) and Busan (-13.4 thousand persons) showed a negative natural increase.

