

2016 Newlyweds Statistics

▪ Overview

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○ (By province)

The largest share of newlyweds (26.7%) resided in Gyeonggi. Only two provinces of Sejong and Jeju showed a year-on-year increase in the number of newlyweds.

○ (Internal migration)

Compared to residence 1 year ago, 21.7 percent of newlyweds* moved by crossing the borderline of Eup, Myeon & Dong. 69.4 percent of them moved within the same metropolitan city or province.

* Figures refer to 1,151 thousand couples who are in the survey objects for the two years of 2015 and 2016.

○ (By marriage type)

Couples at first marriage occupied 80.1 percent of the total newlywed couples. Couples at remarriage occupied 19.8 percent of the total newlywed couples, remaining the same level as the previous year.

▪ Household composition

◇ In 2016, newlyweds living together in the same living quarters occupied 86.3 percent of the total newlyweds, up 1.6%p from 2015. (As for cohabitation by marriage type, cohabitation couples at first marriage stood at 87.9 percent. Cohabitation couples at remarriage stood at 80.2 percent.)

□ (Cohabitation status)

Cohabitation couples accounted for 86.3 percent of the total newlyweds, rising by 1.6%p from 2015. The share of cohabitation couples at first marriage was 7.7%p higher than that of cohabitation couples at remarriage.

○ Newlyweds who lived separately in 2015 but lived together in 2016 occupied 6.2 percent of the total newlyweds*. On the contrary, newlyweds who lived together in 2015 but lived separately in 2016 occupied 2.8 percent of the total newlyweds.

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- As for newlyweds who had lived separately but lived together in 2016, couples at 2 years of marriage recorded the highest figure of 27 thousand couples.

□ **(Household size and composition)**

As for household size of newlyweds at first marriage, 3-person households occupied the largest share at 41.6 percent. As for household size of newlyweds at remarriage, 2-person households occupied the largest share at 37.1 percent.

- As for newlyweds at first marriage and remarriage, households consisting of 'Couples with children' occupied the largest share at 50.5 percent and 37.2 percent, respectively. Newlyweds at remarriage showed a lower share of households consisting of 'Couples with children' than newlyweds at first marriage.

▪ **Child birth and child care (couples at first marriage)**

- ◇ Newlyweds at first marriage without a child stood at 36.3 percent, up 0.8%p from 2015.
- ◇ As for care of children aged 5 or less, 'Home care' occupied the largest share at 49.9 percent, which was followed by day care centers (42.8%). Compared to 2015, the share of 'Home care' dropped by 0.6%p, while that of day care centers rose by 2.2%p.

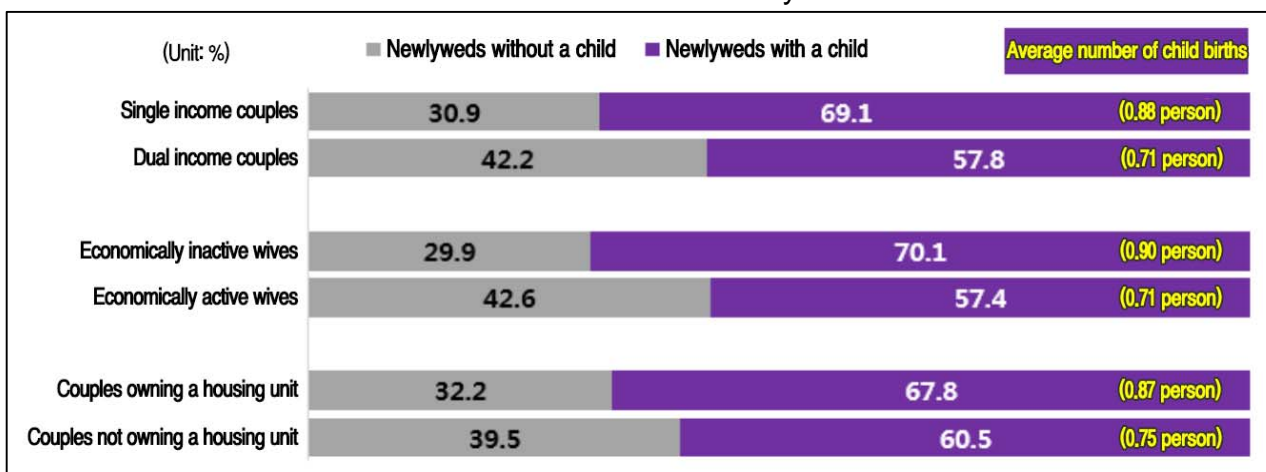
□ Newlyweds at first marriage without a child stood at 36.3 percent in 2016, rising by 0.8%p from 35.5 percent in 2015.

* Share of newlyweds without a child

(5 years of marriage) 13.7%, (4 years of marriage) 19.2%, (3 years of marriage) 28.7%, (2 years of marriage) 45.7%, (1 year of marriage) 77.7%

○ As for the average number of child births, single income newlyweds showed a higher figure than dual income newlyweds. Economically inactive wives showed a higher figure than economically active wives. Couples owning a housing unit showed a higher figure than couples not owning a housing unit.

< Child birth status of newlyweds >



- As for child care (children aged 5 or less in full) of newlyweds, 'Home care' occupied the largest share at 49.9 percent, which was followed by day care centers (42.8%).
- Compared to 2015, the share of 'Home care' dropped by 0.6%p. In the meantime, the share of day care centers and kindergartens rose by 2.2%p and 0.2%p, respectively.

▪ Economic activities (couples at first marriage)

- ◇ Dual income newlyweds occupied 44.5 percent of the total newlyweds, rising by 1.6%p from 2015.
- ◇ Newlyweds earning 30 million ~ less than 50 million won occupied the largest share at 26.8 percent.

- As of October 2016, dual income newlyweds amounted to 512 thousand couples, which accounted for 44.5 percent of the total newlyweds. This share went up by 1.6%p from 42.9 percent in 2015.
- Newlyweds earning 30 million ~ less than 50 million won (employee income + self-employment income) occupied the largest share at 26.8 percent.
- **(Income and child birth)**
The higher income, the lower number of child births. In particular, this trend was obvious for dual income couples.

▪ Housing status (couples at first marriage)

- ◇ The largest share of newlyweds (65.4%) resided in apartments, up 0.7%p from 2015.
- ◇ In 2016, 43.1 percent of newlyweds owned a housing unit or more, which rose by 0.5%p from 2015.

- **(Type of living quarters)**
65.4 percent of newlyweds resided in apartments. This figure was followed by detached dwelling (17.6%) and apartment units in a private house (10.7%).
- Compared to 2015, the share of apartments and apartment units in a private house rose by 0.7%p and 0.5%p, respectively. Whereas, the share of detached dwelling fell by 0.9%p.
- **(House ownership status)**
In 2016, 43.1 percent of newlyweds owned a housing unit or more, which increased by 0.5%p from 42.6 percent in 2015. The share of newlyweds owning two housing units or more went up by 0.3%p from 2015.

▪ Multi-cultural newlyweds

- ◇ Multi-cultural newlyweds marked 89 thousand couples, which accounted for 6.2 percent of the total newlyweds.

- Multi-cultural newlyweds occupied 6.2 percent (89 thousand couples) of the total newlyweds. This figure fell by 6 thousand couples (6.4%) from 2015
- Compared to Korean couples, multi-cultural newlyweds showed a higher share (25.4%p) of remarriage couples. The share of multi-cultural newlyweds residing in detached dwelling (39.3%) was higher than that of newlyweds residing in apartments (39.2%).

▪ **Longitudinal analysis***

* Analysis of changes in the same group (couples of 2 years of marriage) over time

◇ As time goes by, the share of dual income couples showed a gradual decrease. The share of couples owning a housing unit showed a gradual increase. The share of couples with a child showed a gradual increase.

- As for change for the first 2 years of marriage of 226 thousand couples at first marriage, the share of dual income newlyweds declined by 16.3%p. The share of newlyweds owning a housing unit rose by 15.7%p. The share of newlyweds with a child grew by 53.6%p.

< Change before and after 2 years' marriage of newlyweds at first marriage >

