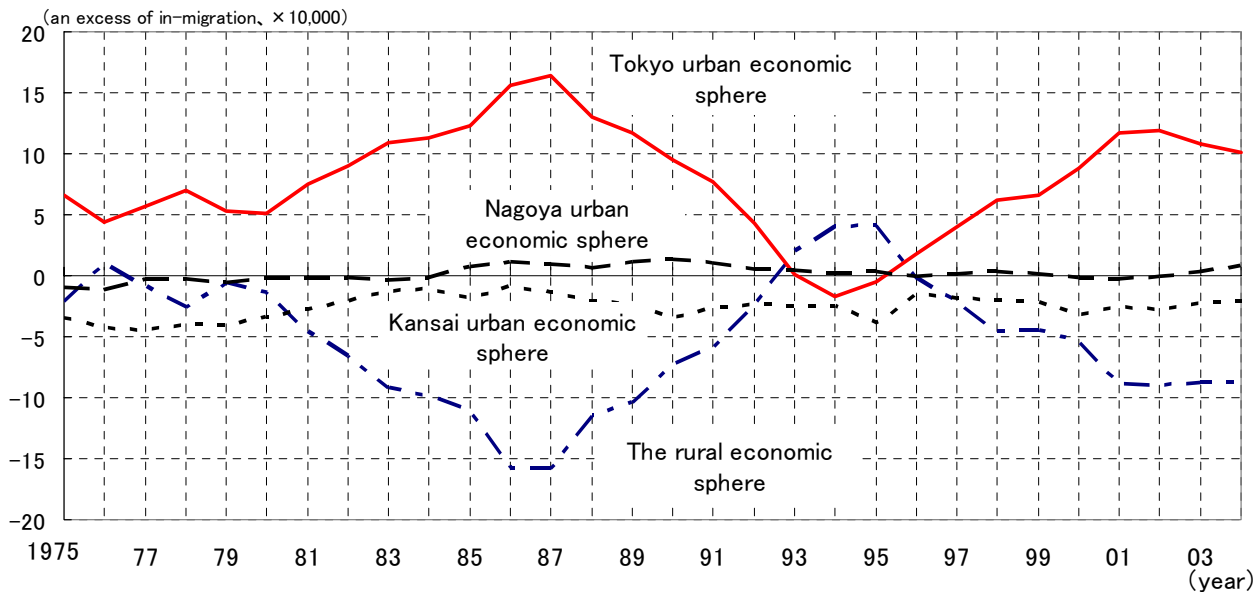


Net migration to the each area.

A look at migration to the rural and three major urban economic spheres shows that the trend of migration toward the Tokyo urban economic sphere that began in the early 1980s peaked in 1987, declined for several years, and finally bottomed out during 1994 and 1995, when there briefly occurred net migration away from greater Tokyo. The trend for migration toward Tokyo soon returned, however, and has continued to increase. These trends are mirrored by trends for migration from and toward the rural economic sphere during that same time.



Note:

Economic spheres used in the above graph are defined as follows:

Tokyo urban economic sphere: Saitama Prefecture, Chiba Prefecture, Tokyo Metropolis, and Kanagawa Prefecture

Nagoya urban economic sphere : Gifu Prefecture, Aichi Prefecture, and Mie Prefecture

Kansai urban economic sphere : Kyoto Prefecture, Osaka Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, and Nara Prefecture

the three metropolitan areas are the Tokyo, Nagoya, and Kansai urban economic spheres. The rural economic sphere comprises all areas not included in the three metropolitan areas.