

# Unit 2 3.1 What is Migration? Why do people migrate?

## Population Geography

The following information corresponds to Chapter 3 in your textbook. Fill in the blanks to complete the definition or sentence. Note: All of the information, in addition to your reading, is important, not just the blanks you fill in. p. 76 - 88

### Field Note: Risking Lives for Remittances

Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, are \_\_\_\_\_ if they are caught by the Coast Guard. The chance of getting caught is high, travel is treacherous, and hundreds die, but the hope of a \_\_\_\_\_ and a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ at home compel them to try.

- In the 1970s the Haitians were \_\_\_\_\_ by the US gov't, because most were \_\_\_\_\_ and able to \_\_\_\_\_ to the US. By the 1980s the policy had changed to mandate \_\_\_\_\_ of those caught arriving illegally. Government's policies change and are not uniform for all groups.
- The US has a policy of "\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_" toward \_\_\_\_\_ immigrants. If they are intercepted \_\_\_\_\_, they are deported, but if they make it to \_\_\_\_\_, they have the right to stay.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the overwhelming factor in migration, the risk is worth it if they believe life will be better.
- Monies migrants send home to families are \_\_\_\_\_. The economies of many poorer nations in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ depend on these \_\_\_\_\_.
- About 2/3 of the immigrants in the US are \_\_\_\_\_ immigrants. These people have temporary \_\_\_\_\_ to fill seasonal jobs in agriculture and forestry.
- The events of 9/11 have prompted a crackdown on migration, due to fears that \_\_\_\_\_ might enter the US. The \_\_\_\_\_ along the border is changing with \_\_\_\_\_ which in effect push illegal immigrants farther into the \_\_\_\_\_.

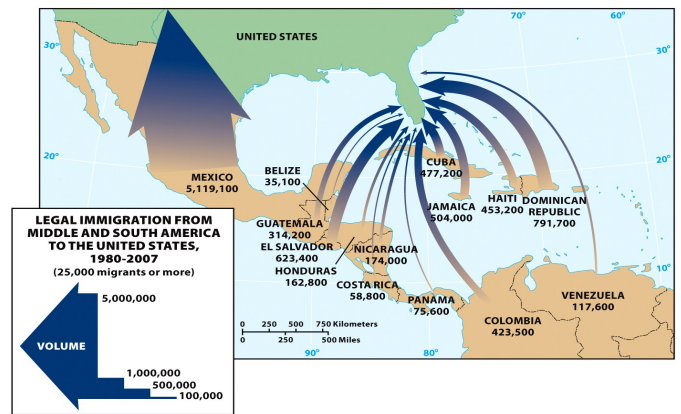


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### What is migration?

Human movement speeds the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ & intensifies \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ regions. Mobility ranges from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ movement is movement that begins and ends at home (daily routines creating \_\_\_\_\_) Advances in \_\_\_\_\_ have expanded this. Seasonal movement – “snowbirds” from the north \_\_\_\_\_ come to the winter sun in \_\_\_\_\_ or other Sunbelt States. Yet another example is \_\_\_\_\_ movement along long-familiar routes repeated over and over again.
- \_\_\_\_\_ movement involves longer periods of time away before returning home. \_\_\_\_\_ - is an example of workers who do field work and follow the harvests before returning home. \_\_\_\_\_ is a system of residential relocation dictated by the seasonal availability of pastures. Other forms of periodic movement are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ service.
- Permanent relocation is classified as \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ migration = movement across country borders (also called \_\_\_\_\_ migration) One who leaves (exits) is an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from the total population of a country. One who arrives (comes in) is an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the total population of the new country. Migration that occur within a country's borders = \_\_\_\_\_. The US population is the most \_\_\_\_\_ with an average move once every \_\_\_\_\_ years. Major internal migrations in the US are to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- In \_\_\_\_\_ internal migration is generally from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (as with most less developed countries (LDCs). Migrants in Peru move to \_\_\_\_\_ (a primate city) looking for \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities

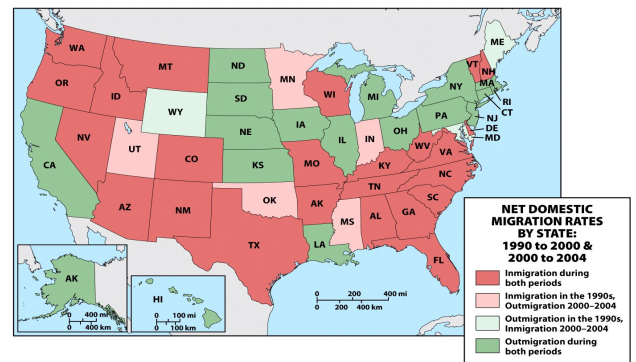


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## Why Do People Migrate?

\_\_\_\_\_ migration = involuntary movement caused by authority or power (eg. persecution, natural disaster)

\_\_\_\_\_ migration = is a conscious choice of weighing options (perceived options may or may not be accurate)

**The distinction between the two is not always clear. Elements of authority & power may influence choice.**

**(e.g. British treatment of Irish AND the potato famine resulted in many choosing to migrate from Ireland.**

Studies of migration find that in many cases (1) \_\_\_\_\_ migrate farther than \_\_\_\_\_, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ have more choices of employment than \_\_\_\_\_, and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ earn less than \_\_\_\_\_ in the jobs they find at the destination. But not all situations follow these findings.

- The key difference is that \_\_\_\_\_ migrants have options, while \_\_\_\_\_ migrants do not.

## Forced Migration

The largest and most devastating forced migration was the \_\_\_\_\_ which moved millions of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ with huge

loss of life. The vast majority of \_\_\_\_\_ were taken to the \_\_\_\_\_, to coastal \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_.

In *A Colonizer's Model of the World*, James Blaut discusses the sheer loss to the \_\_\_\_\_ due to the number of population that were \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ also changed the \_\_\_\_\_, where today the majority of people are of \_\_\_\_\_ descent and few \_\_\_\_\_ people remain.

- Tens of thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ were shipped from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to a penal colony between 1788 and 1838.
- In the US the government took lands and forced the \_\_\_\_\_ to areas in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Stalin moved millions of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (When I was "bad" my parents threatened to send me to Siberia!)
- The Nazis were responsible for forced migration of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ happens today. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ where governments sent back \_\_\_\_\_ caught entering illegally. (e.g. Haitians.)
- Migrants from \_\_\_\_\_ fled the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ war, mainly to Pakistan and Iran, and were repatriated back to \_\_\_\_\_ by Pakistan & Iran with the help of the UNHCR.

## Push and Pull Factors

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Br. Demographer) studied migration and proposed several **LAWS OF MIGRATION** many of which are relevant today

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- \_\_\_\_\_ also suggested the \_\_\_\_\_ relationship between volume of migration and the \_\_\_\_\_ between source and destination

The **GRAVITY MODEL** predicts interaction places on the basis of the population \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ between them. The equation for the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the two populations divided by the distance between them.

- \_\_\_\_\_ = conditions & perceptions that help a person decide to migrate
- \_\_\_\_\_ = circumstances that attract a migrant to certain places
- A migrant will more likely perceive \_\_\_\_\_ factors more accurately than \_\_\_\_\_ factors. When considering pull factors, the principle of **Distance Decay** is important. Migrants are more likely to have a better understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_. Interaction with faraway places generally \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ increases.
- \_\_\_\_\_ = move in increments usually beginning with village to town, later to a \_\_\_\_\_ and finally to a \_\_\_\_\_, with each stage having a new set of pull factors.
- Along the way \_\_\_\_\_ results in many not getting to their planned destination.

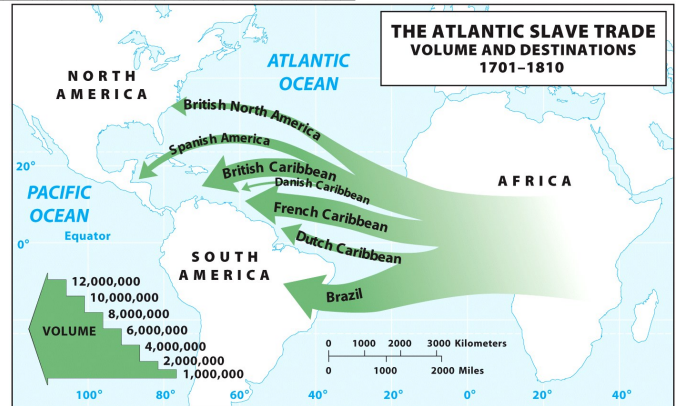


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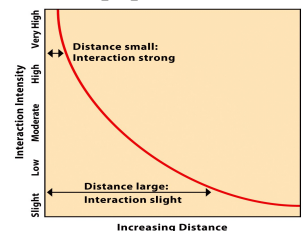


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## Types of Push and Pull Factors

Migrants may arrive \_\_\_\_\_ with a VISA (not a Visa Card!) or \_\_\_\_\_ without documentation (and if caught, many be \_\_\_\_\_)

- \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities in W. Europe and N. America pull migrants in search of a better life. This may lead to \_\_\_\_\_ by employers in host countries. The UN convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (the UN always has long names) established \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of migrant workers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of employers who hire migrant workers also are a factor. Women in the Middle East (SW Asia) hire \_\_\_\_\_ women to work as domestic servants. The ethnicity and citizenship status create a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is also a factor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ led to \_\_\_\_\_ leaving by the hundreds of thousands after the communist took control in 1975. Uganda expelled \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Asian descent in 1972. In the 1980s Castro expelled 125,000 \_\_\_\_\_ in the "Mariel Boatlift". Politically motivated migrations are marked by both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many people become \_\_\_\_\_ (with and E) due to armed conflict and civil war. A civil war in Rwanda between the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Hotel Rwanda) resulted in almost a million deaths and 2 million refugees who fled Rwanda.
- The Irish migration was a result of the famine resulting from the \_\_\_\_\_ and political conditions imposed on the Irish during British colonialism in Ireland (i.e. British control of Irish Catholic lands, penal laws preventing Irish Catholics from buying land, voting, or carrying weapons)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (like those in California), \_\_\_\_\_ (like Katrina), \_\_\_\_\_ lead to migrations. Some migrants eventually return, but some will never return.
- When India gained its independence, British India was partitioned into \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Pakistan. Fearing for their safety and cultural traditions, many \_\_\_\_\_ in Pakistan migrated to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in India migrated to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ stimulate millions of people to migrate by relaying information about relatives, opportunities, and established communities in destinations
- \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when a migrant sends word home (calls, writes, emails) to family and friend and encourages more migration along the same chain.
- Chain migration builds on itself to create \_\_\_\_\_.