

brain drain

Large-scale emigration by talented people.

chain migration

Migration of people to a specific location because relatives or members of the same nationality previously migrated there.

circulation

Short-term, repetitive, or cyclical movements that recur on a regular basis.

counterurbanization

Net migration from urban to rural areas in more developed countries.

emigration

Migration from a location.

floodplain

The area subject to flooding during a given number of years according to historical trends.

forced migration

Permanent movement compelled usually by cultural factors.

guest workers

Workers who migrate to the more developed countries of Northern and Western Europe, usually from Southern or Eastern Europe or from North Africa, in search of higher-paying jobs.

immigration

Migration to a new location.

internal migration

Permanent movement within a particular country.

international migration

Permanent movement from one country to another.

interregional migration

Permanent movement from one region of a country to another.

intervening obstacle

An environmental or cultural feature of the landscape that hinders migration.

intraregional migration

Permanent movement within one region of a country.

migration transition

Change in the migration pattern in a society that results from industrialization, population growth, and other social and economic changes that also produce the demographic transition.

mobility

All types of movement from one location to another.

net migration

The difference between the level of immigration and the level of emigration.

pull factor

Factor that induces people to move to a new location.

quotas

In reference to migration, laws that place maximum limits on the number of people who can immigrate to a country each year.

refugees

People who are forced to migrate from their home country and cannot return for fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, membership in a social group, or political opinion.

undocumented
immigrants

People who enter a country without
proper documents.

voluntary migration

Permanent movement undertaken
by choice.

push factor

Factors that induce people to leave
old residences.

migration

Form of relocation diffusion involving permanent
move to a new location.