**Migration trends**

**Why do people migrate?**

People migrate for many different reasons. These reasons can be classified as **economic, social, political or environmental**:

* **economic migration** - moving to find work or follow a particular career path
* **social migration** - moving somewhere for a better quality of life or to be closer to family or friends
* **political migration** - moving to escape political persecution or war
* **environmental** causes of migration include natural disasters such as flooding

Some people **choose** to migrate, eg someone who moves to another country to enhance their career opportunities. Some people are **forced** to migrate, eg someone who moves due to war or famine.

A **refugee** is someone who has left their home and does not have a new home to go to. Often refugees do not carry many possessions with them and do not have a clear idea of where they may finally settle.

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| **Push factors** The reasons why people leave an area | **Pull factors** Reasons why people move to a particular area |
| * lack of services
* lack of safety
* high crime
* crop failure
* drought
* flooding
* poverty
* war
 | * higher employment
* more wealth
* better services
* good climate
* safer, less crime
* political stability
* more fertile land
* lower risk from natural hazards
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Migration usually happens as a result of a combination of these push and pull factors.