



Key Vocabulary

host country	where people migrate to
pull factor	a reason for moving to a new place (which are usually social or economic)
push factor	a reason for moving away from a place
source country	where people migrate from
describing people who migrate	
voluntary migrant	someone who chooses to move from one place to another, usually for social or economic reasons
internally-displaced person	someone who has been forced to move from one place to another place in the same country
asylum seeker	someone who has been forced to move from one place to another place in a different country. They have not yet had their asylum claim approved.
refugee	someone who has been forced to move from one place to another place in a different country. They were an asylum seeker but have now had their claim approved
emigrant	someone who moves away from their country
immigrant	someone who moves to a new country
types of migration	
internal/national	movement from one place to another in the same country
international	movement from one country to another
forced	where the person has no choice but to leave their home for their own survival
voluntary	where the person could stay in their home but chooses to leave, usually for social and economic reasons

Voluntary Migration

Migrants usually choose to migrate because of economic push and pull factors (e.g. wages, job opportunities) and social push and pull factors (e.g. crime rates, better schools).

From 2004, many Polish people migrated to the UK for jobs and higher wages. Now, Polish people are returning to Poland, partly because the Polish economy is stronger than it was.



Forced Migration



People are forced to migrate either because of conflict and violence (e.g. war, persecution) or because of physical disasters (e.g. flood, storms, earthquakes) – or both.

Since 2011, war in Syria has forced 6.6m to leave Syria. Most now live in the neighbouring countries of Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. Some travel to Europe and to countries like UK. The UK grants refugee status to some asylum seekers.

Benefits of Migration

For the **host** country, benefits include more people doing jobs that need doing (like in healthcare or education), more taxes going to the government, and a sharing of cultures (like food, festivals and music).

For the **source** country, benefits include some money being sent home by migrants, and the chance for some migrants to return with new skills, experiences and cultures.

