

WHY DO PEOPLE MIGRATE?

There are many different reasons why a person might choose to migrate. These reasons, or factors, can usually be broken down into two groups: 'pull factors' and 'push factors'. Pull factors are reasons for migrating that make a person want to go to a certain country. Push factors are reasons for migrating that make a person want to leave their country.

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PULL FACTORS

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One of the main pull factors that cause people to immigrate is the chance to have a better job. People move to new countries because they can make more money there, or have a better job. Pull factors like these, are called **economic** pull factors.

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PEOPLE OFTEN MIGRATE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO TEACH LANGUAGES.



OTHER PEOPLE MIGRATE TO WEALTHY COUNTRIES TO GET PAID MORE MONEY.



Pull factors that are based around having a better quality of life in a new country are called **social** pull factors. Some people immigrate to countries that have good **services**, such as schools and hospitals. These help people to have a good education and live longer, healthier lives.

Other people move to a new country to be with family and friends who already live there.

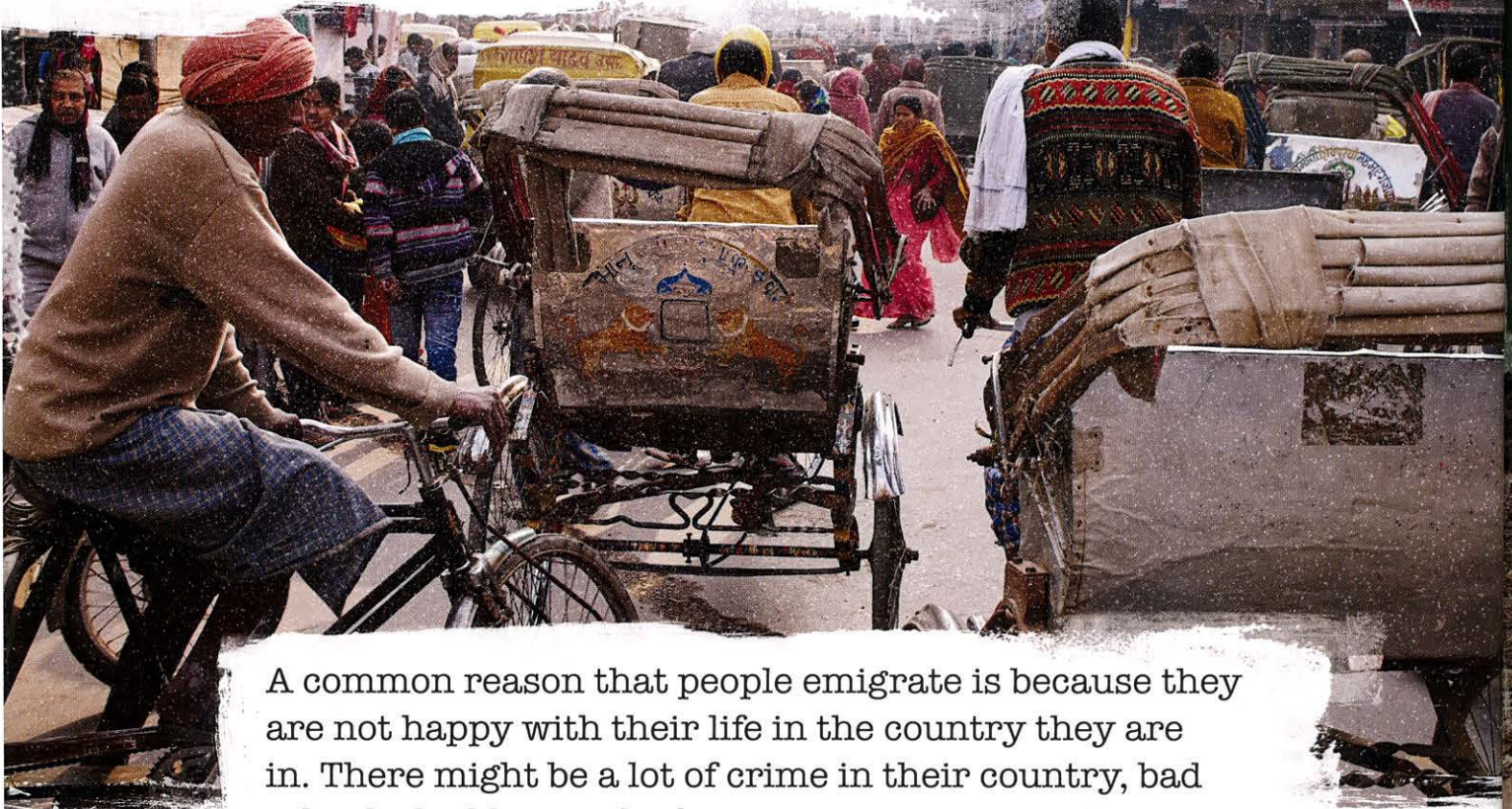


Many of the world's wealthiest countries are in North America and Europe. Because of this, there are more opportunities to make money in these places. Also, countries in these regions mostly have strong, stable **governments**. This means that these countries are mostly safe places to live and have good schools and hospitals.

PUSH FACTORS

There are many different push factors that can cause a person to emigrate from the country they live in. Most push factors make a person want to leave their country. Stronger push factors can actually force a person to leave their home and their country.

A common reason that people emigrate is because they are not happy with their life in the country they are in. There might be a lot of crime in their country, bad schools, bad hospitals, few opportunities to make money or nowhere nice to live. These push factors often make people want to move away or migrate to another country, but they do not force people to leave.



Some people emigrate to escape persecution. Persecution is when a group of people are mistreated by the people in their country or abused by their government. People might be persecuted for their religion, **race** or **nationality**. In some places, people might be called names, attacked or even thrown in prison just because of the religion they follow. Persecution causes some people to fear for their life. Being part of a group that is being persecuted is a strong push factor and can often cause a person to emigrate from their country.

MANY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD ARE PERSECUTED FOR THE RELIGION THEY FOLLOW.



THIS DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY A TSUNAMI IN 2011. IT FORCED OVER 200,000 PEOPLE IN JAPAN TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES.

The strongest push factors are those that force a person to leave their home and their country. One such push factor is a natural disaster. **Tsunamis** and earthquakes can destroy towns, cities and huge areas of farmland. When natural disasters take place, people are often forced to move to nearby countries that weren't damaged by the disaster.

Other natural disasters, such as floods and droughts, can cause a region to run out of **resources**. If a large area of land becomes flooded, the people who live there might be unable to grow food. If a region has a long drought, meaning that it doesn't rain there for a very long time, it may make both food and water difficult to find. In these cases, people are often forced to migrate just to find enough food and water for themselves and their family.

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