

Push pull factors

Causes of urban growth

The population of cities usually changes in one of two ways:

1. Natural increase (or decrease) - this is the difference between the number of births and the number of deaths.
2. Migration - this is the movement of people into or out of the city.

More and more people are leaving rural areas and moving to cities. This is called rural to urban migration. People move because of push and pull factors.

Push factors are things that make people want to leave rural areas and pull factors are the things that attract people to a city.

Push factors

- unemployment
- lower wages
- crop failure
- poor living conditions
- poor health and education services
- few facilities
- natural disasters
- civil war

Pull factors

- more jobs
- higher wages
- better living conditions
- better education and health services
- better facilities
- less chance of natural disasters

Rural to urban migration in India - opportunities and challenges

India is an example of an emerging country. Each year thousands of people move to the city of **Mumbai** from rural areas. People move to Mumbai because the city has lots of pull factors. People think that the city will provide lots of **opportunities** such as:

- **social** - better housing and services, eg healthcare and education
- **economic** - more jobs and higher wages
- **environmental** - better living conditions with a safer environment (less chance of natural disasters)

People who move think that they will have a better quality of life. Unfortunately, cities such as Mumbai face lots of challenges and the people who move there do not always have a better quality of life. Some of the **challenges** they may face include:

social - poor housing conditions and crime

economic - low wages or unemployment

environmental - polluted drinking water and a lack of sanitation

Questions

1. What is natural increase?
2. What does migration mean?
3. What does push factor mean?
4. What does pull factor mean?
5. **Fill in the table.** higher wages, better health services, unemployment, crop failure, natural disasters, more jobs, poor education, civil war

| Push factors | Pull Factors |
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6. What country is Mumbai in?
7. Why are people pulled to Mumbai?
8. People move to Mumbai thinking it will improve their opportunities (provide an example for each)
 - a. Social example
 - b. Economic example
 - c. Environmental example
9. People moving to Mumbai face many challenges opportunities (provide an example for each)
 - a) Social example
 - b) Economic example
 - c) Environmental example