Types of Migration

The Movement of People
Migration Defined

• Migration is the semi-permanent movement of people from one place to another

• Types of Migration:
  – Immigration: The movement of people IN to a new area
  – Emigration: The movement of people OUT of an area
Why migration matters

– When combined with the Natural Increase Rate the Net Migration Rate (Immigrants-Emigrants=Net Migration Rate) gives us a better idea of the changes in population of an area.
Reasons for Migration

- **Economic**
  - The search for new job opportunities
    - The most common reason for migration

- **Social**
  - Migration for cultural reasons, or to be with family members

- **Political**
  - Often people are forced to leave areas because of the political climate

- **Natural**
  - People migrate in search for better climate conditions or to be closer to particular landforms
    - Ex. Oceans, Mountains, Lakes, etc...
Types of Migration: Forced Migration

- Human Trafficking
  - Slavery and modern practices where people are captured or sold as property

- Refugees
  - People who are forced to leave their homes because of economic, social, political, or natural reasons
Types of Migration: Illegal Migrants

- **Illegal Migrants**: People who migrate to an area without going through the proper process of visa and passport applications
  - Often undocumented – Living there without the government knowing
Types of Migration: Cyclical Migration

- People who move back and forth between places in a cycle
  - Seasonal Migrants: Workers who move to an area for a season or period but maintain their full time home somewhere else
  - Nomadic Migration: People without one set home, but move between a series of different grazing pastures for their animals.
Types of Migration: Periodic Movement

- People who only move for a period of time, and then return to their original place
  - **Time Contract Workers**: People who move for work reasons for a set period of time. Once their contract is over they return home.
  - **Military Service**: People who are attached to a military force who are stationed in a place, normally for a set period of time.
  - **Transhumance**: Farmers who move up and down mountains depending on seasons