

MIGRATION REASONS

People move to different countries for a variety of reasons. These reasons are called push and pull factors. Push factors are reasons that make people want to leave their home country, while pull factors are reasons that make a new country appealing.

Push Factors	Pull Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not enough jobs• Lack of food• Difficult conditions• Poor land quality• Lack of clean water• Poor education• Poor electricity and technology• Poor sewage treatment• Limited or no health care• War/conflict• High crime rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More work options• Access to retail (shopping)• Better housing• Better education• More health care access• Safer• Clean Water• Better sanitation• More technology• Adventure and entertainment• Family links

The Government of Canada has four different categories for migrants who apply to live in Canada:

- ★ **Family Class** – people who want to move to Canada to be reunited with family who have previously settled in Canada.
- ★ **Economic Immigrants** – people who are skilled workers and business people who want to work in Canada.
- ★ **Refugees** – people who are escaping their home country due to violence, war, or persecution. i.e. present-day Syrians, Vietnamese in the 1970s
- ★ **Humanitarian** – people who are leaving their country due to fear of hardship or suffering. i.e. Irish Canadians in the 1800s, Home Children of the early 1900s