

## Why do people migrate?

Every year hundreds of people migrate to start their lives in a new country. There are different reasons why people chose to migrate. These includes: war or conflict natural or environmental disaster or even economic reasons and persecution.



### Economic reasons

Firstly people migrate due to economic reasons. This is includes migrating for a better life for their children, a good education or better housing. Furthermore they may choose to migrate for money reasons such as a better job.

### War and conflict

Another reason why people migrate is because of war and conflict. They might want to migrate for their own safety for example the civil war in Somalia. This war has forced thousands of people to migrate elsewhere.

### Natural and environmental disasters

A natural or environmental disaster is when you have to leave your country because of a serious disaster such as the Haiti earthquake. A natural disaster is caused by nature like the Australian floods. Alternatively environmental disasters are cause by humans like the Chernobyl nuclear explosion.

### Persecution

Finally, persecution is when someone is treated badly because their race, religion or political beliefs. For example the Second World War and Hitler persecuted the Jewish people. During that time it caused many people to migrate for their own safety.

In conclusion people choose to migrate for a number of different reasons but they all hope that they will be able to have a better life in their new country.

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