

The Economics of Migration

Economics

What the evidence shows about labour movement.

Findings from the literature.

General findings

Small aggregate wage effects for natives

Larger effects on previous migrants

Fiscal effect depends on age and skills

Filling shortages in specific sectors

Remittances significant for origin countries

Contested areas

Effects on the lowest-paid natives

Pressure on housing and services locally

Brain drain versus brain circulation

Speed of local labour market adjustment

Educational reference. Findings vary by context, skill mix and time horizon; this is an actively contested empirical literature.