

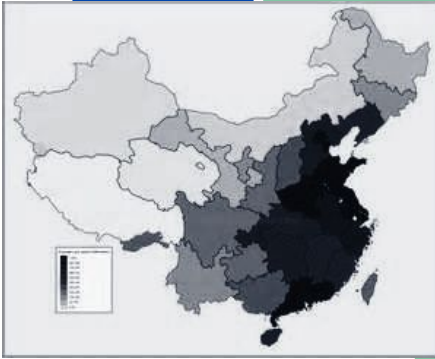
Internal Migration in China

Introduction:

China is divided into 31 provinces, with each province governed by a provincial government.

The movement of people internally within China has changed over time. The rise in the economic development of China over the past 30 years has had a major impact on the movement of people throughout the country. This economic development has drawn rural Chinese in the agricultural sector to the cities in search of higher paid work.

According to China's National Bureau of Statistics, the movement of rural Chinese to the major urban areas increased from around 30 million people in 1989 to more than 168 million in 2013.



Let's watch a short video:

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo0twY_4PIM&t=5s

Q: So where are all the urban population going to live?

Q: What strategies are China using to make sure everyone has somewhere to live?

Q: Why did China build new cities?

Q: Why are they now just "ghost cities?"

A number of key factors help explain why this large movement of people has occurred:

- A lack of employment in rural areas
- Income gain
- Better working conditions and employment
- Access to services



Q: How is the urbanisation pattern in China similar and different to Australia?

What is the hukou?

A hukou is a record of household registration. Every household in China requires registration by law. The hukou system is highly regulated. If a family wishes to move, they must first apply to move. Residents wishing to move within their local area are generally permitted to do so.

For example, an urban resident wishing to move to another part of their town or city is allowed to, as is a rural resident wishing to move within their region. However, moves involving a hukou change that are more formal or permanent, such as moving outside a city or township boundaries, are strictly regulated.

Approval needs to be gained from authorities, and approval is only given if the move serves government interests and policies. Generally, it is very difficult for a person to gain approval to move from a rural area to an urban area, or from a smaller city to a larger city.

What would be the advantages and disadvantages of introducing the Hukou in Australia?