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SKILLS MIGRATION TRENDS OF LINKEDIN MEMBER PROFILES (2015-2019)

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INTRODUCTION

- This project analyzed the patterns of skills migration of LinkedIn member data over five years.
- The years included from 2015 to 2019.
- We aimed to uncover the underlying trends of professional mobility on a global scale.
- The movements of skilled labor, categorized by various attributes, including country code, country name, World Bank income classification, World Bank region, and specific skill groups.

INITIAL BUSINESS QUESTIONS

- What are the key attributes?
- What are the trends?
- What are the top N industries experiencing the highest change?
- Which region was most impacted by migration trends?
- What are the highest growth rates for the top 10 careers?
- How do the labor and skill loss data align to the industry growth trends?

DATA SET RETRIEVAL & DATA MUNGING

- Read in the excel dataset and saved it in a data frame called skillMigrationDF.
- We Checked for any missing information or NAs in the dataset using colSums(is.na()).

We kept all data from the original dataset. No data was replaced or removed.

Separated out the individual regions.

East Asia & Pacific - skillEAP.df

Europe & Central Asia - skillECA.df

Latin America & Caribbean - skillLAC.df

Middle East & North Africa - skillMENA.df

North America - skillNA.df

South Asia - skillSA.df

Sub-Saharan Africa - skillSSA.df

- Created a new column called net_per_10k_cumulative. This is the sum of net_per_10k_2015, net_per_10k_2016, net_per_10k_2017, net_per_10k_2018, and net_per_10k_2019.
- Create a new column called income_class. Where 0 means that the observation is classified under lower income or lower middle income. If 1, the observation is classified as high or upper middle income.
- Create another column net_per_10k_2019_binary. A 0 means a negative net_per_10k_2019, and a 1 is a positive net_per_10k_2019.

DATA SET RETRIEVAL & DATA MUNGING

| Skill Migration | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| country_code | | | | | | |
| & | Country name given by World Bank taxonomy, and 2 letter country code | | | | | |
| country_name | | | | | | |
| wb_region | | | | | | |
| & | (World Bank Region & World Bank Income Group) Country categories classified by the latest World Bank region and income group | | | | | |
| wb_income | | | | | | |
| skill_group_name | Skill groups categorize the 50,000 detailed individual skills into approximately 250 skills groups (skill groups may be excluded based data quality considerations). For example, web development (skill group), may be composed of java, | | | | | |

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str(skillMigrationDF)
 'data.frame': 17617 obs. of 12 variables:
 $ country_code
                      : chr "af" "af" "af" "af" ...
 $ country_name
                      : chr "Afghanistan" "Afghanistan" "Afghanistan" ...
                       : chr "Low income" "Low income" "Low income" "Low income" ...
 $ wb_income
                       : chr "South Asia" "South Asia" "South Asia" "South Asia" ...
 $ wb_region
 $ skill_group_id
                       : num 2549 2608 3806 50321 1606 ...
 $ skill_group_category: chr "Tech Skills" "Business Skills" "Specialized Industry Skills" "Tech Skills" ...
 $ skill_group_name
                       : chr "Information Management" "Operational Efficiency" "National Security" "Software Testing"
 $ net_per_10K_2015
                       : num -792 -1610 -1731 -958 -1511 ...
 $ net_per_10K_2016
                       : num -706 -934 -770 -829 -841 ...
 $ net_per_10K_2017
                       : num -550 -776 -757 -965 -842 ...
 $ net_per_10K_2018
                       : num -681 -532 -600 -406 -582 ...
 $ net_per_10K_2019
                       : num -1209 -790 -768 -740 -719 ...
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Average skill migration per year in each region (in order as followed: 2015,2016,2017,2018,2019)

| averageEAP [‡] | averageECA ‡ | averageLAC [‡] | averageMENA [‡] | averageNA [‡] | averageSA [‡] | averageSSA ‡ |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 43.28502 | -15.4445564 | -74.59658 | 6.533663 | 17.26113 | -216.2011 | 32.35592 |
| 25.14751 | -0.8243587 | -121.26805 | -75.543073 | 33.38045 | -206.3829 | -44.81603 |
| -15.71553 | 9.9298714 | -146.41812 | -118.054603 | 43.98405 | -181.8076 | -82.27412 |
| 25.14251 | 33.8352893 | -182.72687 | -77.502287 | 56.51573 | -151.9598 | -75.29864 |
| 14.52680 | 44.9459627 | -172.22399 | -85.639665 | 65.59516 | -189.5543 | -71.27973 |

Country with the highest migration each year from every region

| country_code | country_name | wb_income \$ | wb_region ‡ | skill_group_id [‡] | skill_group_category ‡ | skill_group_name ‡ | net_per_10K_2015 [‡] | net_per_10K_2016 | net_per_10K_2017 [‡] | net_per_10K_2018 [‡] | net_per_10K_2019 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| ml | Mali | Low income | Sub-Saharan Africa | 1655 | Specialized Industry Skills | Army | 2824.97 | -1479.05 | 1906.14 | 76.53 | -732.60 |
| lu | Luxembourg | High income | Europe & Central Asia | 921 | Soft Skills | Teamwork | 1657.96 | 1796.89 | 1572.35 | 1433.05 | 1345.65 |
| ml | Mali | Low income | Sub-Saharan Africa | 1655 | Specialized Industry Skills | Army | 2824.97 | -1479.05 | 1906.14 | 76.53 | -732.60 |
| lu | Luxembourg | High income | Europe & Central Asia | 20581 | Specialized Industry Skills | Analytical Reasoning | 1125.18 | 1646.73 | 1069.69 | 1515.79 | 1311.73 |
| ge | Georgia | Lower middle income | Europe & Central Asia | 2591 | Business Skills | Customer Experience | 236.22 | -38.81 | -205.13 | 781.72 | 1901.99 |

Europe and Central Asia had the highest skill migration in three of the five years.

Specifically, Mali was a country that had the maximum skill migration in two of the five years.

Specialized Industry skills was the group category listed most frequently.

Country with the lowest migration each year from every region

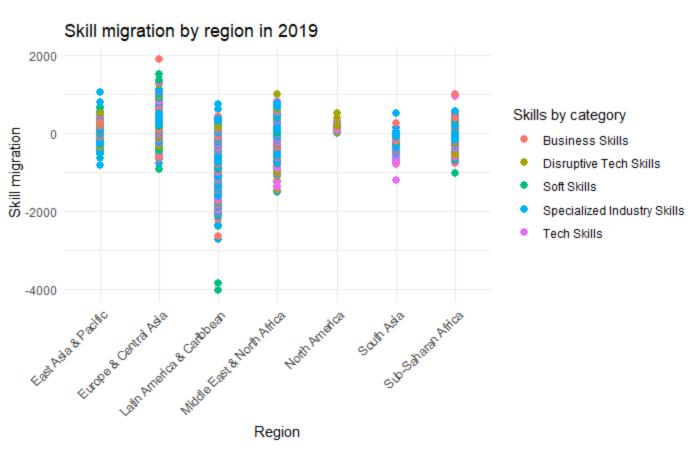
| country_code [‡] | country_name ‡ | wb_income | wb_region [‡] | skill_group_id [‡] | skill_group_category [‡] | skill_group_name | net_per_10K_2015 | net_per_10K_2016 [‡] | net_per_10K_2017 | net_per_10K_2018 | net_per_10K_2019 * |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| cu | Cuba | Upper middle income | Latin America & Caribbean | 50304 | Tech Skills | Mobile Application Development | -3037.38 | -1968.18 | -1155.10 | -1332.28 | -1708.36 |
| ve | Venezuela, RB | Upper middle income | Latin America & Caribbean | 31090 | Soft Skills | Flexible Approach | -1209.32 | -2435.26 | -2542.23 | -3629.02 | -4022.04 |
| dz | Algeria | Upper middle income | Middle East & North Africa | 44 | Specialized Industry Skills | Recruiting | -55.45 | -100.74 | -6604.67 | -151.61 | -260.71 |
| ve | Venezuela, RB | Upper middle income | Latin America & Caribbean | 31090 | Soft Skills | Flexible Approach | -1209.32 | -2435.26 | -2542.23 | -3629.02 | -4022.04 |
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Latin America and Caribbean had the lowest value of skill migration in four of the five years.

Venezuela was repeated in three of the five years as the country experiencing more skill loss.

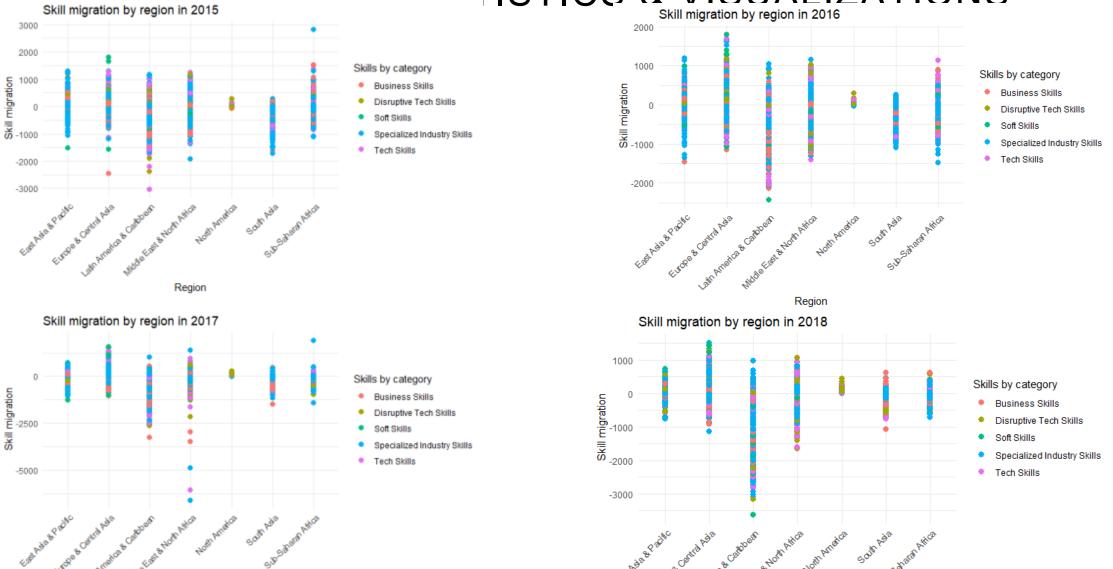
Soft skills such as a flexible approach were demonstrated to be the most impacted.

The income class with minimum values of skill migration was the upper middle income for the five years.



- Business Skills (ex. Human Resources, Investment Banking)
- Disruptive Tech Skills (ex. Data Science, Aerospace Engineering)
- Soft Skills (ex. Writing, Leadership)
- Specialized Industry Skills (ex. Law, Drilling Engineering)
- Techn Skills (ex. System Administration, Social Media)

Shows the skills gained and lost during 2019. Latin America & Caribbean lost the most, whereas Europe & Central Asia gained the most.



Region

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LINEAR PREDICTION MODELING

Linear regression was successful for predicting net skills migration for the final year of the study.

Predicting net migration per 10,000 people in 2019 (net_per_10K_2019) using the net migration rates from 2015 to 2018 as predictors:

```
Call:
lm(formula = net_per_10K_2019 ~ net_per_10K_2015 + net_per_10K_2016 +
    net per 10K 2017 + net per 10K 2018, data = skillMigrationDF1)
Residuals:
    Min
              10 Median
                                30
                                        Max
-1677.78 -42.89
                     2.49
                             39.72 1382.51
Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                -4.204348 0.813821 -5.166 2.42e-07 ***
net_per_10K_2015  0.088106  0.005128  17.183  < 2e-16 ***
net_per_10K_2016  0.069205  0.006868  10.077  < 2e-16 ***
net_per_10K_2017 0.050497 0.006018
                                     8.391 < 2e-16 ***
net per 10K 2018 0.659981 0.005813 113.539 < 2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 104.7 on 17612 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.8095,
                              Adjusted R-squared: 0.8094
F-statistic: 1.871e+04 on 4 and 17612 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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Insights:

- The ability to predict the gain/loss of skills for a coming year could serve as valuable input to policy makers, educators and employers attempting to respond to changes in skill migration into or out of a country.
- The linear regression equation could be useful in predicting skills trends, providing data-driven insight to ongoing skills changes experienced by industries.
- Predictions can be valuable input to shape approaches to attract, develop or retain critical skills required to enable industry

Prediction Equation:

Y = -4.20438

+0.088106*X_2015+0.069205*X_2016+0.050497*X_2017+0.659981*X_2018

SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE CLASSIFICATION MODELING

An SVM was successful in classifying skill migration data by country income level.

Predicting "higher income" vs "lower income" country classification based upon the annual migration data (2015-2019):

```
Confusion Matrix and Statistics
         Reference
Prediction
        0 1313
             0 3969
              Accuracy: 0.9996
                95% CI: (0.9986, 1)
   No Information Rate: 0.7515
   P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16
                 Kappa: 0.999
Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.4795
           Sensitivity: 1.0000
           Specificity: 0.9995
        Pos Pred Value: 0.9985
        Neg Pred Value: 1.0000
            Prevalence: 0.2485
        Detection Rate: 0.2485
  Detection Prevalence: 0.2489
     Balanced Accuracy: 0.9997
       'Positive' Class: 0
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Insights:

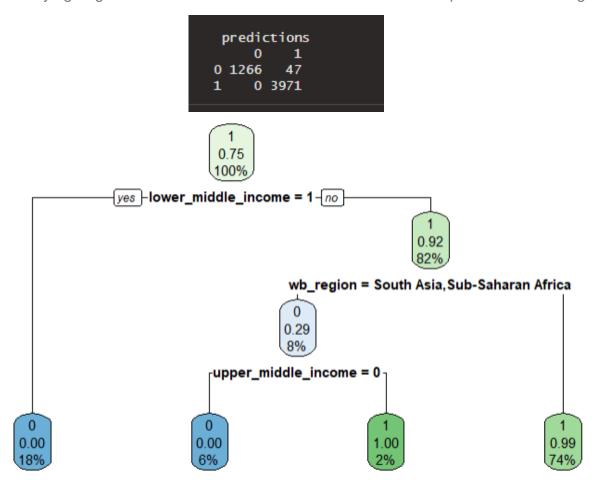
- The ability to classify the income level of the country generating migration data may provide insight to how income affects the gain or loss of critical skills.
- Gaining insight into skills migration trends between countries of at the same or different income levels may provide a valuable starting point to policy makers investigating market forces driving migration.
- Migration data for specific skills could then be analyzed to inform country strategy / policy in the face of migration trends for critical skills.

R-code:

RECURSIVE PARTITIONING CLASSIFICATION MODELING

Recursive partitioning was successful in classifying skill migration data by country income level.

Classifying "higher income" vs "lower income" countries based upon the annual migration data (2015-2019):



Insights:

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- Gaining insight into skills migration trends between countries of at the same or different income levels could provide a valuable starting point to policy makers investigating market forces driving migration.
- Migration data for specific skills could then be analyzed to inform country strategy / policy in the face of migration trends for critical skills.

R-code:

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#build the model
model.rpart.blendedHigherIncome <- rpart(blended_higher_income~.,data=trainingDataSet,method="class")
#visualize the results using rpart.plot()
rpart.plot(model.rpart.blendedHigherIncome)</pre>
```

SUMMARY

- Explored global skill migration from 2015-2019 using LinkedIn data, uncovering key insights into talent mobility.
- Found that economic status and region significantly influence skill migration, with Europe and Central Asia seeing the highest influx, and Latin America and the Caribbean the lowest.
- Revealed that areas with the least skill migration are mostly upper middle-income, with specifics on Europe, Central Asia, and Latin America.
- Employed predictive models like linear modeling and support vector machines to quantify and forecast skill migration trends effectively.
- Concluded that understanding skill migration is crucial for policymakers, businesses, and educational institutions to develop effective strategies and align with market needs.

APPENDIX

Supplemental Information

DATA SOURCE LOCATIONS

Skill Migration ("Skill Migration" sheet)

https://datacatalogfiles.worldbank.org/ddh-published/0038044/DR0046256/public_use-talent-migration.xlsx?versionId=2024-02-13T16:57:39.2869535Z

The team also investigated 3 additional data sets from this study. However, Skills Migration was chosen for the final project as the data set contained 17,600+ observations. Project Update 2 included analysis of the below portions of the study. That analysis allowed the team to drive to a decision for the focus of the project.

Industry Employment Growth

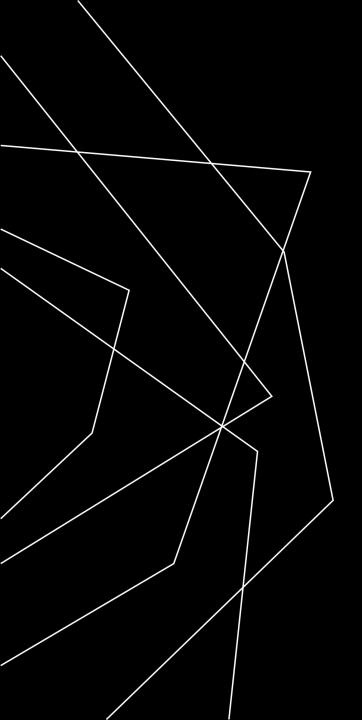
https://datacatalogfiles.worldbank.org/ddh-published/0038045/DR0046261/public_use-industry-employment-growth.xlsx?versionId=2023-01-19T09:28:51.4382607Z

Skills Needs

https://datacatalogfiles.worldbank.org/ddh-published/0038027/DR0046191/public_use-industry-skills-needs.xlsx?versionId=2023-01-19T03:44:21.4528001Z

Skills Penetration

https://datacatalogfiles.worldbank.org/ddh-published/0038027/DR0046192/public_use-skill-penetration.xlsx?versionId=2023-01-19T03:44:28.0600027Z



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