



War Migration
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Topic:

War Migration.

Background:

Conflict, both internal and external, is a critical event in many country and its people's history. Wars ravage lands and change politics forever. These changes cause many people to flee their home, leaving everything behind. Every conflict is different, and as such, different groups and types of people leave while others stay. We would like to determine the factors that cause a person to flee as opposed to stay. Is it purely proximity to the conflict? Looking at how people still live in Raqqa, Syria despite its total and utter destruction. Is the cause socio-economic? Looking at various leftist uprisings, this would also not be as clear cut. With that, we would like to look at what mixture of causes determine war migration.

Descriptive Questions:

What percentage of the country moves as a typical factor of internal migration, i.e for work, lack of resources, etc.?

Where are military/militia forces within the country?

What type of equipment military/militia forces have?

What level of conflict is currently present?

What resources and infrastructure are important in that country?

How are populations geographically separated?

What are common modes of travel?

Causal Question:

What severity of conflict causes people to leave their homes at a greater rate than typical observed?

Predictive Question:

Where regionally within the country will likely see conflict?

