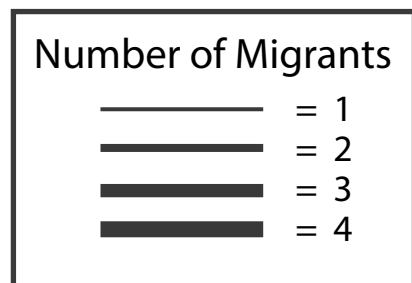


Leaving Their Coffee Crops: Guatemala

Family members of Guatemalan women producers who left the country since the coffee leaf rust crisis of the 2010's

Coffee is Guatemala's third largest export and a cash crop for small agricultural producers. A fungus called coffee leaf rust has been worsened by climactic shifts, decimating crops and causing farmers to grapple with new challenges. Loss of income and employment causes breadwinners (usually men and youth) to migrate, often leaving women behind. In this study, 64 women from 6 cooperatives reported how many family members migrated internationally since the onset of coffee leaf rust. The women, interviewed in 2016, have stayed behind to renovate farms and take care of their families.



2008-2009 2010-2011 2012-2013 2014-2015 2016

Years of Migration

