

What is Migration?

Migration is the movement of people from one place to another. It has taken place all around the world throughout history

Immigration

describes the movement of people **into** a country

Emigration

describes the movement of people **out** of a country

There are many motivations people may have to leave the country where they were born; these are called push and pull factors

Push

High crime, lack of safety

← Security →

Low crime, safe society

Drought, flooding, natural disaster

← Environment →

Lower risk of natural hazards



War

← Stability →

Political stability



Poverty, low employment

← Economy →

More wealth, higher employment



Lack of services

← Services →

Better services



There has been continual migration into and out of the British Isles throughout history. Just some of these movements include:

By the time the Romans invaded, Britain was inhabited by a number of Celtic tribes

Romans arrived from all over their empire, bringing a wide range of influences

In 1066, the Normans invaded, making huge changes to England's system of governance

Romany people of the 16th century migrated from North West India, across Europe to Britain

The Irish of the 19th century, who after a period of famine exacerbated by the British government, left their homes in the thousands

After WW2, many Caribbean migrants were encouraged to settle in the UK to make up for labour shortages

As the British Empire fell, migrants from former colonies who felt attachment to Britain settled in the UK

Influences from across the globe have shaped modern Britain into the multi-cultural society we live in today.

