

Title: Should I stay, or should I go? An analysis of Portugal's intracountry migration.

Abstract:

Population flows have led to an uneven distribution of Portugal's population. As a result, certain municipalities and regions have become more developed and attractive than others. This study investigates the key factors influencing the attractiveness of a municipality, by testing if local government and economic factors influence the attractiveness of a municipality. The empirical analysis uses a panel data set of Portuguese municipalities, estimating fixed effects and random effects models. Municipal net migration serves as the primary dependent variable, while local government and economic factors are the main independent variables. Additionally, the annual variation in total population and age groups are considered as alternative dependent variables. The analysis found that while certain economic factors influence migration patterns, local government factors did not exhibit a statistically significant impact.