

Migration Case Studies

London – Elite migrants

London is a Hub city, with a large knowledge economy.

- In 2014, 82% of house buyers in central London were foreign. Many were from Qatar and Russia.
- High demand for housing is causing property price inflation, making central London too expensive for most Londoners.
- However, elite migration is bringing investments to London. For example, investments in the Shard, Canary Wharf and Harrods.

Qatar and the UAE – Low-wage migration

- Both countries have labour shortages due to their small populations.
 - 90% of the UAE workforce is migrant, mostly Indian and Pakistani.
 - Many of these workers risk deportation after the end of their contract.
- Both these countries underwent rapid building of infrastructure.
 - International tourism helps to drive this.
 - There is speculation on safety as there is a high level of work place accidents among migrants.

New Delhi, India – Internal migration

- The population has grown 40% between 2010 and 2014. This due to:
 - Natural increase.
 - Rural – Urban migration.
- FDI is allowing new jobs to be created, which is attracting Rural-Urban migrants. Companies present include Coca-Cola and Microsoft.
- However, rural migrants often end up in slums and/or on the city edge.
- Large-scale migration puts lots of pressure on city infrastructure.

Video to watch:

Living in the City - Andrew Marr's Megacities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRSgVrucUw>

