

Characteristics of Metropolitan-origin Migrants Living in Nonmetropolitan Areas

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This study examined the characteristics of metropolitan-origin migrants who have moved to nonmetropolitan areas, using the data from the 8th National Survey on Migration, conducted in 2016. The analyses of the data from respondents who were 15 years of age or older indicated that metropolitan-origin residents were approximately 4-5% of those currently living in nonmetropolitan areas, and recent metropolitan-origin migrants were around 30-40% of the total number of recent nonmetropolitan-bound internal migrants. Data on basic attributes showed that metropolitan-origin residents' socioeconomic status was generally high. It was also found that metropolitan-origin migrants tended to out-migrate again more often than their counterparts, that is, nonmetropolitan-origin migrants currently living in metropolitan areas. Metropolitan-origin migrants' children, who were born in nonmetropolitan areas, moved out rather frequently as well. These results indicate that metropolitan-origin migrants exert a significant influence on the quantity and other features of migration flow from metropolitan areas; however, their impact on the volume of nonmetropolitan population is relatively mild.