

Impact of Migration on the Regional Differences in the Rate of Cohabitation with Parents

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This study uses the results of the 8th National Survey on Migration to reveal the effect of migration on the regional differences in the rate of cohabitation with their parents. This achieved through an attempt to compare the rate of cohabitation with their parents between those who moved away from their hometown and those who stayed behind. In addition, for each prefecture, the difference between the rate of cohabitation with parents among those who are currently residing there and those who resided when they graduated from junior high school was also analyzed.

An analysis of married people aged between 30 and 49 revealed that at the national level, the rate of cohabitation with their parents was higher for those who remain in their hometown than those who migrated to other prefectures. When looking at the difference in the rate of cohabitation with their parents between those who are currently residing and those who resided when they graduated from junior high school by prefecture, the rate of the former tended to be higher in areas with a net flow of people out of the place, which confirms that the regional differences in the rate of cohabitation with their parents have aggravated due to migration.

On the other hand, the correlation between the two measurements was very strong. This reveals that it is possible to use the two measurements as a proxy for one another. Indeed, the regional difference in the rate of cohabitation with their parents at any one time can be seen as indicative of the regional differences in the rate of people who chose to stay with their parents. On further detailed analysis of the impact of migration, it was shown that the outflow of people had a greater effect on amplifying the regional disparities in the rate of cohabitation with their parents than the inflow of people.

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