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An Evaluation of the Continuing Ties between Internal Migration in Türkiye and Rural Areas

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Abstract

This study examines the links between internal migration movements in Türkiye and rural and urban areas. Migration movements in the history of the Republic of Türkiye have formed the foundation of the country's population structure and its cities. Especially since the 1950s, internal migration from rural to urban areas has shaped the socioeconomic and demographic structure of large cities. Multifaceted cultural and economic ties with rural areas have been maintained with internal migration. Today, however, mobility is spreading from city to city and towards the peripheries of large cities. While rural areas have not been completely abandoned, new rural areas have emerged, secondary and multiple location preferences have increased with the negative conditions of cities and the increasing level of welfare. The study examines these movements by utilizing the literature on return migration and current data to examine the changes in the ties established with rural areas. Inter-spatial movements show that existing systems such as the Address Based Population Registration System are insufficient to fully measure the mobile population for following current and dynamic population movements. It is possible that new technologies such as GSM signals, banking transactions, and internet location data will be able to measure this movement more accurately with legal regulations. It is a fact that residence data is insufficient particularly in times of crisis such as earthquakes, which leads to disruptions in the intervention processes. It should be stated that the increase in social welfare and the certain increase in the quality of life trigger the search for alternative places and that the dynamic measurement of mobility is essential for balanced population policies.

Keywords

Internal Migration, Rural Area, Urban Area, Return Migration, Population Mobility

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