

**Why People Leave Their Rural Hometown
: Evidence from 8 Provinces in China**

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Abstract:

Most previous researches of migration are restricted to wage gap between the origin and destination in human capital model. In this study, author use a RUMiC(2008) data set that have individual measures of migrants and stayers combine with 『China statistical yearbook of 2007』 to explore the decision making process on China rural to urban migration. The main finding is that this research provides empirical evidence that migration is a joint decision making combine with choice of migration and choice of destination. The results also show that living circumstance in hometown push people migrant, which percentage for move decrease almost 25% if the consumption of rural area increase 20%(10,000 RMB).

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