

REVISITING ASPECTS OF KERALA YOUTH MIGRATION

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ABSTRACT

This study is an attempt to analyse the patterns of migration among youth (15-29 years) for households with at least one member residing in Kerala, using the Kerala Migration Surveys for 2013, 2016, and 2018. The study analyses the covariates of streams of migration categorized as within state, within India and outside India compared to those who do not move out from their place of residence. The results show that there is no gender difference in international migration but even in a state like Kerala females are less likely to migrate within the state or to another state. However, higher odds of youth migrants among female-headed households is a reflection of more male migrants in all age groups. Employment and income emerge as crucial covariates of migration decisions; migration from northern districts is higher among all streams of migration. Overall, the findings for youth migration appear similar to that of migrations for all age groups.

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