

Table V.2. Government policies on internal migration from rural areas to urban areas,¹ 1976–2013

Year	By level of development									
	Number of countries					Percentage				
	Raise	Maintain	Lower	No intervention	Total	Raise	Maintain	Lower	No intervention	Total
<i>World</i>										
1976	6	0	40	37	83	7	0	48	45	100
1986	3	5	47	37	92	3	5	51	40	100
1996	6	8	48	63	125	5	6	38	50	100
2005	6	2	115	41	164	4	1	70	25	100
2013	5	4	148	28	185	3	2	80	15	100
<i>More developed regions</i>										
1976	1	0	12	7	20	5	0	60	35	100
1986	1	1	9	8	19	5	5	47	42	100
1996	0	4	9	18	31	0	13	29	58	100
2005	2	1	25	13	41	5	2	61	32	100
2013	1	1	30	13	45	2	2	67	29	100
<i>Less developed regions</i>										
1976	5	0	28	30	63	8	0	44	48	100
1986	2	4	38	29	73	3	5	52	40	100
1996	6	4	39	45	94	6	4	41	48	100
2005	4	1	90	28	123	3	1	73	23	100
2013	4	3	118	15	140	3	2	84	11	100
<i>Least developed countries</i>										
1976	1	0	11	15	27	4	0	41	56	100
1986	0	1	9	17	27	0	4	33	63	100
1996	0	1	18	15	34	0	3	53	44	100
2005	1	0	32	8	41	2	0	78	20	100
2013	0	0	42	6	48	0	0	88	13	100

¹ Migration from rural to urban areas is not applicable in 4 countries (Holy See, Monaco, Nauru and Singapore) with 100 per cent urban population.

Table V.2. (Continued)

Year	By major area									
	Number of countries					Percentage				
	Raise	Maintain	Lower	No intervention	Total	Raise	Maintain	Lower	No intervention	Total
<i>Africa</i>										
1976	1	0	18	20	39	3	0	46	51	100
1986	0	0	19	15	34	0	0	56	44	100
1996	0	2	22	17	41	0	5	54	41	100
2005	0	0	38	7	45	0	0	84	16	100
2013	0	0	45	8	53	0	0	85	15	100
<i>Asia</i>										
1976	1	0	3	0	4	25	0	75	0	100
1986	1	2	8	6	17	6	12	47	35	100
1996	2	0	16	11	29	7	0	55	38	100
2005	3	0	30	7	40	8	0	75	18	100
2013	4	0	37	3	44	9	0	84	7	100
<i>Europe</i>										
1976	1	0	12	6	19	5	0	63	32	100
1986	1	1	8	6	16	6	6	50	38	100
1996	0	4	8	14	26	0	15	31	54	100
2005	2	1	23	10	36	6	3	64	28	100
2013	1	1	27	11	40	3	3	68	28	100
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>										
1976	3	0	7	9	19	16	0	37	47	100
1986	1	1	11	5	18	6	6	61	28	100
1996	4	1	2	16	23	17	4	9	70	100
2005	0	1	16	13	30	0	3	53	43	100
2013	0	3	26	3	32	0	9	81	9	100
<i>Northern America</i>										
1976	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	100	100
1986	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	100	100
1996	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	100	100
2005	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	100	100
2013	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	50	50	100
<i>Oceania</i>										
1976	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	100	100
1986	0	1	1	3	5	0	20	20	60	100
1996	0	1	0	3	4	0	25	0	75	100
2005	1	0	8	2	11	9	0	73	18	100
2013	0	0	12	2	14	0	0	86	14	100