



FACT SHEET 9

GOVERNMENT VIEWS AND POLICIES

- In 2005, half the Governments in the world expressed a strong desire to modify the spatial distribution of its population. This concern was especially pronounced in less developed regions where policies to lower immigration into urban agglomerations were more common than in more developed regions.

TABLE 9. GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION, 2005

	<i>Number of countries</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Major change desired</i>	<i>Minor change desired</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	
World.....	97	64	33	194
More developed regions.....	17	18	13	48
Less developed regions.....	80	46	20	146
	<i>Percentage distribution</i>			
World.....	50	33	17	100
More developed regions.....	35	38	27	100
Less developed regions.....	55	32	14	100

NOTE: *World Population Policies 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.06.XIII.5).

- In many developing countries, policies aimed at redistributing the population try to reduce or even reverse rural-urban migration trends. Governments in less developed countries are more likely to implement policies to reduce migration to urban agglomerations than countries in more developed regions.

TABLE 10. GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON INTERNAL MIGRATION INTO URBAN AGGLOMERATIONS, 2005

	<i>Number of countries</i>				<i>Total</i>
	<i>Raise</i>	<i>Maintain</i>	<i>Lower</i>	<i>No intervention</i>	
World.....	6	2	115	41	164
More developed regions.....	2	1	25	13	41
Less developed regions.....	4	1	90	28	123
	<i>Percentage distribution</i>				
World.....	4	1	70	25	100
More developed regions.....	5	2	61	32	100
Less developed regions.....	3	1	73	23	100

NOTE: *World Population Policies 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.06.XIII.5).