

**A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION ON THE CRIME
RATE IN NAIROBI: A CASE STUDY OF KAYOLE ESTATE**

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of the study was to investigate the impact of rural urban migration on the crime rate in Nairobi- case study of Kayole estate. The study aimed at understanding how conflict influences people to migrate from rural to urban areas. The study also aimed at establishing how unemployment has impacted rural-urban migration. The study looked into the extent to which low wages have impacted the migration of people from rural to urban areas and also to establish how rural-urban migration is related to rural poverty. The study also looked into the impacts of rural-urban migration to the crime rate in Nairobi. Some of the crimes that happens mostly in Nairobi include robbery, prostitution, drugs and substance abuse, child trafficking, kidnappings, house breaking, fraud and other petty crimes. The study therefore aimed at providing recommendations of probable ways that could help solve the problem of unemployment in rural areas, conflicts that takes place in rural areas, low wages and also reduce the rate of rural poverty by finding measures possible to improve the quality of life of people in rural areas. The government should adapt a culture of spreading more industries and giving more incentives to investors to construct more industries in the rural centers of the country. The practice will help many gain opportunities in the industries hence getting some income sources. A population of one hundred respondents was targeted by the study. The research made use of a survey research design which made use of a questionnaire in data collection. The data collected had been analyzed using qualitative method and data interpretation done according to the research objectives. The findings will help in curbing rural urban migration and its impact on the crime rate in Nairobi County. According to the findings of the study the researcher recommended that the government should put extra efforts in rural areas development as this will make people in rural areas to utilize the improvements in their areas rather than having all the stress to move to urban areas.