

**Exploring the value of changing household registration location in  
Chinese migration: A case study of migrant workers intentions in  
Dongguan, China.**

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摘要

The author uses semi-structured interview and survey data collected in the fall of 2007 to explore intentions of migrant workers in Dongguan, a post-1978 manufacturing boom city. The interview and survey data reveal that education of children was the primary reason for migrant workers intent to change household registration location to Dongguan. Binary logistic regression analysis indicates that living with children in Dongguan was a positive determinant on motivating migrant workers intent to change hukou location to Dongguan, especially respondents with higher household income and house ownership in Dongguan. On the contrary, living with children in Dongguan was a negative determinant on motivating migrants to purchase houses in Dongguan, especially to younger migrants. The results suggest that the influence of the family factor on migrant workers intentions in the city could be both negative and positive, depending on migrants economic and housing conditions in the city.