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*Urban Redevelopment and Migration into the City*

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After E.G. Ravenstein's landmark paper, "The Laws of Migration", was published in 1885, many social scientists have attempted to explain and predict migration patterns both globally and locally. Of the reasons that one would migrate, Ravenstein suggested that none was more important than to better oneself economically. The present research used face to face and mail questionnaires to collect data at an urban redevelopment site. The research was focused on understanding migration trends and the demographic characteristics of residents in the Baker Lofts, an urban redevelopment project that was created from the abandoned Baker Furniture Factory in Holland, Michigan. Although the researcher expected the residents of the Baker Lofts to be young professionals from a narrow demographic stratum, the evidence indicates greater demographic variability in the resident population.