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### **Abstract**

Despite its pre-eminent role as an agent of spatial change, little attention has been given to the way population mobility-varies between countries. Rigorous cross-national comparisons offer potentially valuable analytical insights, but require-close attention to differences in data, measurement procedures and the computation of movement indicators. This paper-compares internal migration in Australia and New Zealand using a framework devised in recent Anglo-Australian-research. It identifies subtle but important differences in data collection and coding, and shows that New Zealanders-display consistently higher migration intensities, possibly due to compositional effects. Despite this, and close parallels in-the causes and patterns of redistribution within the two countries, internal migration is exerting a relatively large aggregate-impact on the distribution of human settlement in Australia. Opportunities for further research are discussed.