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Social perceptions of city dwellers as a factor of migration intentions and behavior

The article presents an analysis of the social representations of the population of urban districts of Khabarovsk and Komsomolsk-on-Amur as the main territories of spatial settlement in the Khabarovsk Territory. An analysis of the objective indicators of migration from the two cities of the Khabarovsk Territory, in which most of its population lives, demonstrates the continuation of the migration trend of its inhabitants. Methods of questioning and focus – group interviews revealed social perceptions of urban residents about various aspects of their livelihoods, readiness and motives for migration behavior. It is shown that the dissatisfaction of a significant part of citizens with basic (vital) needs and living environment in their places of residence forms in the structure of representations a wide range of ideas, opinions, judgments, assessments determining the aspiration and readiness to leave their cities.

Ключевые слова: social perceptions, sociological research, focus groups, the Khabarovsk Territory, migration, residents of the cities of Khabarovsk and Komsomolsk-on-Amur.

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