

A Comparison of Health-Risk Behaviors of Rural Migrants With Rural Residents and Urban Residents in China

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Objective: To determine whether rural-to-urban migrants in China are more likely than rural and urban residents to engage in risk behaviors. **Methods:** Comparative analysis of survey data between migrants and rural and urban residents using age standardized rate and multiple logistic regression. **Results:** The prevalence and frequency of tobacco smoking, alcohol intoxication, and commercial sex involvement among migrants

were generally lower than or equal to those among the 2 comparison groups. Gender, education, and income were associated with risk behaviors in most cases. **Conclusion:** Socioeconomic status appears to be more important than migration or residential locations in affecting risk behavior.

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