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| **What are the impacts on the USA?** |
| * Illegal migration costs the USA millions of dollars for border patrols and prisons * Mexicans are seen as a drain on the USA economy * They cause problems in cities due cultural and racial issues – “ghettoization” * Mexican migrants benefit the US economy by working for low wage. Pay can be as little as $3 an hour. (The official Californian minimum wage is $6.75 an hour) * Mexican culture has enriched the US border states with food, language and music * The incidents of TB has been increasing greatly due to the increased migration |
| **What are the impacts on Mexico?** |
| * The Mexican countryside has a shortage of economically active people * Many men emigrate leaving a majority of women who have trouble finding marriage partners * Young people tend to migrate leaving the old and the very young * Immigrants send home $20 billion a year back to Mexico; many migrants send home at least $100 each month.) * Certain villages such as Santa Ines have lost 2/3 of its inhabitants * Multiplier effect of remittances from the US to Mexico. For every dollar sent home to Mexico, $3 more is generated in the form of construction material, food or contract work. |
| **New Developments: Declining Migration**   * The weakened U.S. job and housing construction markets * Heightened border enforcement, the growing dangers associated with illegal border crossings * A rise in deportations * Long-term decline in Mexico’s birth rates/broader economic conditions in Mexico have improved * Increase in literacy rates of Mexico, life expectancy, physicians per capita, and more |

**IB question:**

**Explain the causes and effects of one major flow of labour between two countries. (10)**