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The Effect of The Great Migration in Chicago

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BACKGROUND:

After the civil war, thousands of African Americans moved to the North for a better future. This study investigates the causes, effects, and long term results of the Great Migration. The Great Migration was a phenomenon that rewired race relations in the northern cities of the United States, specifically Chicago. This demographic shift resulted in increased racial tension, and ultimately violence.

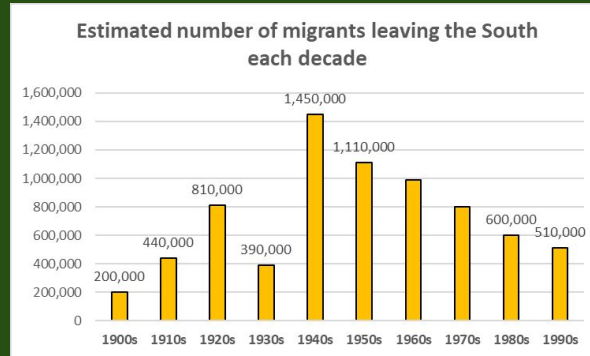
METHODS:

1. Collected newspaper article specifically from African American Outlets (The Chicago Defender)
2. Analyzed scholarly journals on the causes and effects of the Great Migration as a whole
3. Various databases used to find these primary and secondary sources.

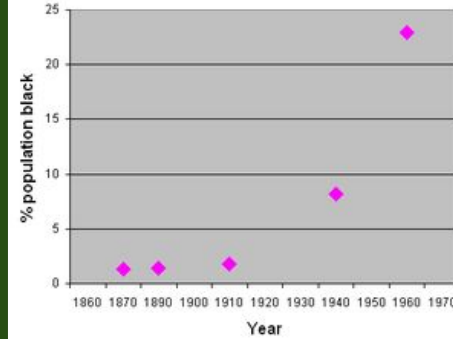
The Great Migration caused a huge demographic shift in Chicago, resulting in high tension and riots.



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RESULTS:



Black population of Chicago over the years

The increase in racial tension was, in part, caused by newspaper outlets. American newspapers would print untrue stories regarding African Americans, giving the white immigrant population a false view of the new black population. This caused many misconceptions within the white community, leading to hostility and violence.

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