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Profile of a Returnee
- 83% Male/17% Female
- 85% Over 17/15% Under 17
- Have been a victim of crime and violence
- Stopped their formal education after elementary school
- Do not have a fixed or stable employment
- High percentage come from the Western Highlands
- 58% use a coyote to cross the U.S. border
- Have made multiple attempts to cross the U.S. border

Top Drivers of Irregular Migration in Guatemala

- **Lack of Economic Opportunities**
  - 59% of Guatemalans live below the poverty line.
  - 77% who migrate do so in search of economic opportunities.

- **Extortion**
  - 43% of reported extortions are in high migration areas.
  - 54% higher intention to migrate among victims of extortion.

- **Crime & Violence**
  - 45% of Guatemalans cite insecurity as the most serious problem in the country.
  - 48% higher rate of migration among victims of crime.

- **Corruption**
  - 61% of Guatemalans feel there is widespread corruption among public officials.
  - 83% higher intention to migrate among victims of corruption.