"The aspects of regular immigration to Brazil and the effects of COVID-19"

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❖ The Migration Act was amended in 2017 to focus on the guarantee and rights of migrants;

❖ The data presented are the result of a Cooperation Agreement between the University of Brasilia/OBMigra, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics and the Ministries of Justice, Labor and Foreign Affairs, in addition to the Federal Police;

❖ To create health barriers in order to prevent the import of the COVID-19 virus, Brazil closed its borders in April 2020;

❖ Despite this, many immigrants continued to enter the country through the northern border, especially Venezuelans;

❖ The borders were fully reopened in July 2021.
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- Note that the movement falls sharply in April 2020 and has been recovering slowly, but in smaller numbers than those before the pandemic;

- The movements across Brazilian borders still suffer the effects of COVID-19;
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Temporary or permanent residence records

- Records fall in April 2020, but recover quickly. First, due to immigrants who were already in Brazil; Subsequently, due to the reopening of borders in July 2021;
- Residency records recovered more quickly;

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Asylum requests

- Note that the movement falls sharply in April 2020 and has been recovering slowly, but in smaller numbers than those before the pandemic;
- Asylum requests were relocated at a lower speed;

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❖ Empirical data confirm that migratory records were strongly affected by the pandemic;

❖ As a result of the closure of the borders, many immigrants became undocumented and were regularizing their situations over time;

❖ And finally, it seems that the migration flows of Venezuelans, from the second half of 2022, begin to decrease;

❖ But that's another story!
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Thanks!

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