Rural and Northern Youth Migration in Manitoba

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Research Location

Map obtained from Manitoba Community Profiles www.communityprofiles.mb.ca/maps/census/index.html
Population Dynamics

- **Parkland Region**
  - 1981 population of 52,020
  - 2006 population of 42,710
  - 18% Decrease

- **City of Dauphin**
  - 1981 population of 8,970
  - 2006 population of 7,910
  - 12% Decrease

- **RM of Dauphin**
  - 1981 population of 2,945
  - 2006 population of 2,330
  - 21% Decrease

- **Town of Grandview**
  - 1981 population of 810
  - 2006 population 835
  - 3% increase

- **RM of Grandview**
  - 1981 population of 1,375
  - 2006 population of 740
  - 46% decrease
Grandview
Manitoba
Grandview Background

- Grandview is between the Duck Mountain Provincial Park and the Riding Mountain National Park.
- Established in 1900, although the village was not formed until 1906.
- The Town of Grandview has a population of 835 people and the Rural Municipality of Grandview has an approximate population of 735 people.
- The majority of employment opportunities exists at the hospital, school or seniors homes.
- Strong agriculture sector.
Grandview Youth Findings

- **Youth Out Migration**
  - Changes in mobility patterns from year to year
  - Education & Employment
    - Within Manitoba vs. Out of Province “Out West”
- **Advantages**
  - Cost of Living
  - Safety
  - Technology
  - Recreational Opportunities
Grandview Youth Findings

- Disadvantages
  - Youth participation
  - Employment
  - Economic Development

- Trends in Agriculture
Grandview Community Findings

- **Youth Out Migration**
  - Education
  - Employment
  - Live experience

- **Present**
  - The majority of the participants noted that they plan to stay in the community

- **Trends**
  - “people start to move back when they are in there 30’s...when they start to have families” (interview 1).
Grandview Community Findings

- Advantages
  - Affordability
  - Family
  - Recreational Activities

- Disadvantages
  - Jobs
  - Housing

- Changes Over Time
Dauphin
Manitoba
Dauphin Background

- Dauphin was first settled by people from the British Isles, and later people arrived from Germany, Central Europe and, most notably, the Ukraine.
- The village of Dauphin was incorporated in 1898, became the town of Dauphin in 1901, and the city of Dauphin since 1998.
- The community holds the National Ukrainian festival, Jesus Manifest and the Dauphin Country Fest, all which attract tourists from across Canada.
- Situated between Riding Mountain National Park and the Duck Mountains
- Local economy is agriculturally driven.
Dauphin Youth Findings

- Youth Out Migration
  - Education
  - Employment
- Advantages
  - Landscape and lifestyle
  - Cost of living
  - Family life
  - Recreational and social opportunities
Dauphin Youth Findings

- Disadvantages
  - Employment
  - Housing shortage
  - Privacy

- Trends
  - Perceptions of living in a rural community change throughout the years.

- Changes Over Time
  - Agriculture transformations
Dauphin Community Findings

- Youth Out Migration
  - Education
  - Life Experience

- Present Day

- Role of Youth
  - Importance of integration
  - Influence of life experience
  - Cohesion and understanding
Dauphin Community Findings

- **Advantages**
  - Affordability
  - Quality of life & safety
  - Recreational activities

- **Disadvantages**
  - Service Sector
  - Employment

- **Changes Over Time**
  - Job mobility
  - Wages
Preliminary Parkland/ Francophone Comparisons

- **Youth Out Migration**
  - Influenced by education
    - Parkland participants connection to western provinces

- **Returning**
  - Francophone – Cultural connection to community
  - Parkland – Landscape & lifestyle - agriculture
Conclusions

- Youth Out Migration
  - Stay
  - Return
  - Leave
- Rural Ideal
- Role of Youth
- Participant Recommendations
  - Development of an advertisement campaign
  - Workshops for employers
Next Steps

- Ongoing Comparative Analysis
- Data Collection
  - Fall 2008 – The North
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