

Rural and Northern Youth Migration in Manitoba



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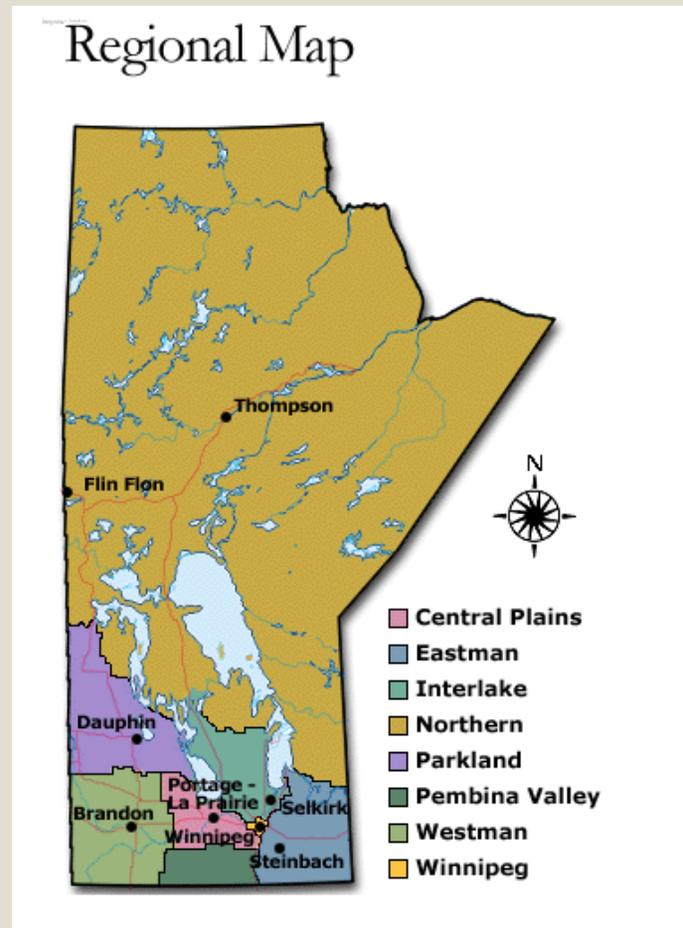
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Research Location



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 7910
 - 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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