

FCM Rural FactSheet #7 Youth retention

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- Young adults will move to a rural community for family and for community reasons (Malatest, 2002).
- 19 non-metro census divisions (CDs) gained 15% or more of their young adults from 2007 to 2012. The table below shows the 7 with the greatest percent gain.
- However, 7 non-metro CDs lost more than 15% of their young adults from 2007 to 2012.

Non-metro census divisions with greatest loss and with greatest gain of young adults who were 25-29 years of age in 2007						
Census Division identifier	Name of Non-metro Census Division (sorted by percent change in young adults from 2007 to 2012)	Change in population, 25-29 years of age in the beginning year compared to the population 30-39 years of age, five years later				
		Beginning year	Ending year	Population 25-29 years in beginning year	Population 30-34 years in ending year	Percent change over 5 years
7 non-metro census divisions lost 15% or more of their young adults, 25-29 years of age in 2007 in the following 5 years						
5957	Stikine, British Columbia	2007	2012	59	46	-22
1213	Guysborough, Nova Scotia	2007	2012	299	237	-21
4815	Alta. Div. 15 (incl. Canmore)	2007	2012	3,493	2,822	-19
1101	Kings, Prince Edward Island	2007	2012	899	752	-16
4804	Alta. Div. 4 (incl. Hanna)	2007	2012	617	518	-16
2407	La Matapédia, Quebec	2007	2012	870	741	-15
2492	Maria-Chapdelaine, Quebec	2007	2012	1,472	1,254	-15
19 non-metro census divisions gained 15% or more of their young adults, 25-29 years of age in 2007 in the following 5 years. Here we show the 7 census divisions with the greatest percent gain.						
5929	Sunshine Coast, British Columbia	2007	2012	992	1,231	24
2468	Les Jardins-de-Napierville, Quebec	2007	2012	1,700	2,116	24
1303	Sunbury, New Brunswick	2007	2012	2,231	2,859	28
2463	Montcalm, Quebec	2007	2012	2,809	3,699	32
2477	Les Pays-d'en-Haut, Quebec	2007	2012	1,612	2,135	32
4816	Alta. Div. 16 (incl. Fort McMurray)	2007	2012	6,485	9,043	39
5927	Powell River, British Columbia	2007	2012	684	958	40

Source: Statistics Canada. Annual Demographic Statistics, CANSIM Table 051-0052.

- **Metro** refers to residents of Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs). CMAs have 50,000 or more in the built-up core (100,000 or more prior to 2006) and includes all neighbouring towns and municipalities where 50 percent or more of the workforce commutes to the built-up core.
- A **census division** (CD) is a group of census subdivisions (which are incorporated towns, incorporated municipalities or equivalent) that are counties, MRCs, regional districts or, for some provinces, a CD is a grouping of census subdivisions for statistical purposes (as in Newfoundland and Labrador and in the three Prairie Provinces).
- A **non-metro census division** has no towns or municipalities that are delineated as part of a CMA.

Reference

Malatest and Associates. (2002) **Technical report: Research into Rural Youth Migration** (Ottawa: Rural Secretariat).

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