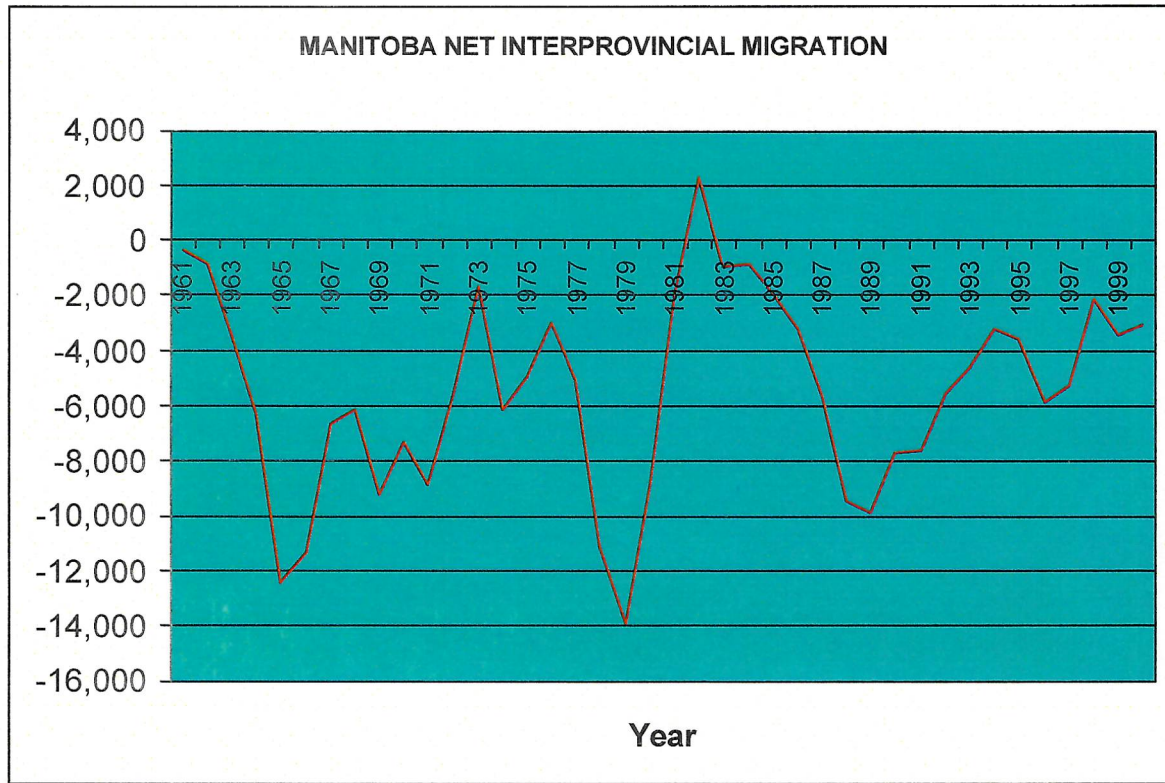




MANITOBA LOSES 217,000 PEOPLE TO OTHER PROVINCES SINCE 1961



Year	Net Inter provincial
1961/62	-343
1962/63	-850
1963/64	-3,527
1964/65	-6,281
1965/66	-12,470
1966/67	-11,312
1967/68	-6,675
1968/69	-6,146
1969/70	-9,207
1970/71	-7,350
1971/72	-8,880
1972/73	-5,489
1973/74	-1,656
1974/75	-6,119
1975/76	-4,982
1976/77	-3,001
1977/78	-5,054
1978/79	-11,094
1979/80	-13,884
1980/81	-8,847
1981/82	-1,976
1982/83	2,292
1983/84	-946
1984/85	-894
1985/86	-1,943
1986/87	-3,230
1987/88	-5,640
1988/89	-9,421
1989/90	-9,874
1990/91	-7,687
1991/92	-7,641
1992/93	-5,544
1993/94	-4,614
1994/95	-3,220
1995/96	-3,566
1996/97	-5,873
1997/98	-5,276
1998/99	-2,113
1999/2000	-3,456
2000/01	-3,094

A CONSISTENT POPULATION DRAIN

- Except for 1983, Manitoba experienced population loss each year during the period 1961 to 2001.
- Since 1961, Manitoba has lost 216,880 people to other provinces, an average of 5,420 per year.
- If Manitoba had just broken even on interprovincial migration, Winnipeg today would have a population of 901,000, equal to Calgary's population.
- If Manitoba had reversed the situation over the last 40 years, with pro-growth policies that attracted 5,420 people each year, Winnipeg would have a population of well over one million people (1,117 000) and would be one of Canada's influential cities.

CONCLUSIONS:

- A relatively small population increase or decrease per year profoundly affects the future of a city or province over a long period.
- Since the people drain has been gradual, no provincial government has addressed it as an urgent issue.
- Consistent population loss reflects systemic problems with job creation, the key motivator for emigrants.
- The reduced tax base and lost "critical mass" in the economy from depopulation is a root cause of Manitoba's "have not province" status.
- Substantive changes to government policies that influence economic growth, including corporate and personal income tax, regulations and labour law, must be undertaken to reverse the trend of population loss to other provinces.

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