

Knowledge Transfer: Adolescent leisure opportunities in a gentrifying community

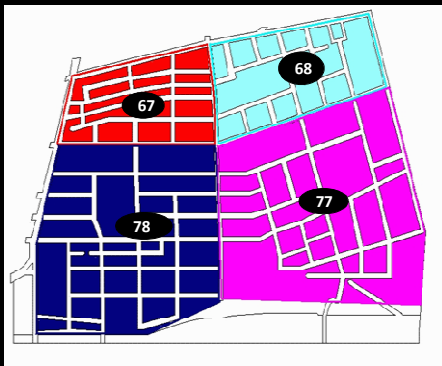
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What are the effects of gentrification upon the leisure lifestyles, desires and perceptions of local adolescents ?

Purpose

- ★ To examine socioeconomic change in Little Burgundy, in the South-West Borough of Montreal
- ★ To examine the perspectives of Little Burgundy youth about their community-based leisure opportunities and activity
- ★ To highlight policy implications & areas for future research

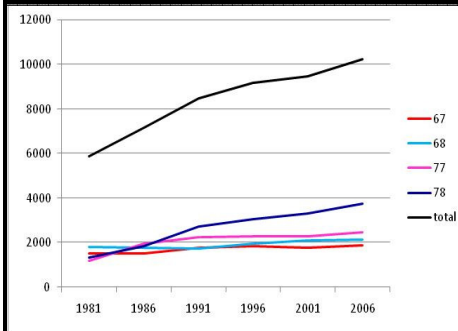
Little Burgundy Census Subdivision



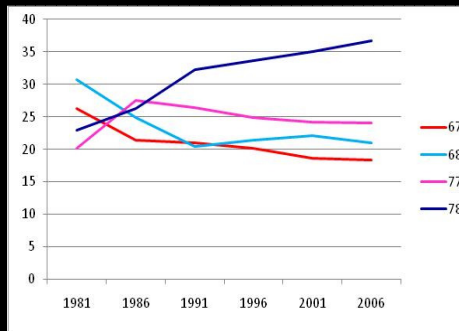
A demographic analysis of the community suggests implications for youths' local leisure opportunities, situated within the broader socioeconomic framework of the area

Population

Overall & Tract Population

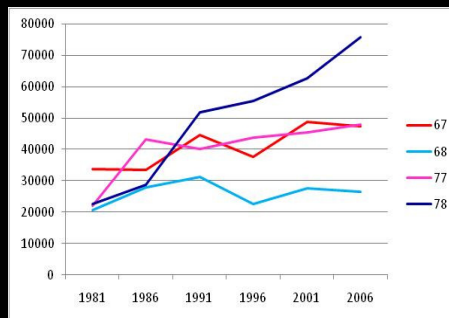


Proportion of Overall Population by Tract

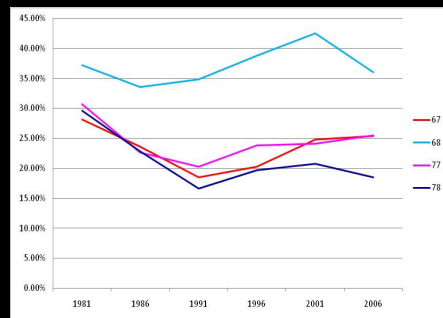


Income & Youth Population

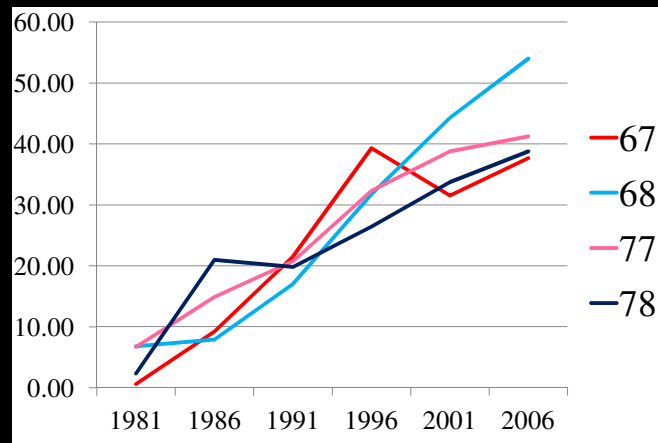
Average Household Income



Proportion of <20 Years Old



Mother Tongue – Neither English nor French (%)



Perceptions of Little Burgundy

- Positive about Little Burgundy and community leisure affordances:
- *“It’s a nice neighbourhood. Like, the people are nice, people are friendly, you have the basketball court right there. You can just come outside and walk around a chill. So, it’s a good area.”*
- *“It’s nice around, I can go outside [enough] for activities around the area and, there’s camps, there’s a camp over there, there’s a center for sports and all these things.”*

Campbell Park, Tract 68

- Vast majority of youth stated park as one of favourite and most important places
 - *It is very attractive for the youth and the community: A lot of kids go there because it is... the closest place to the centre of the community and that's where we get together—everybody coming and going because it is, like, in the middle.*
- Some reservations
 - *The thing is that a lot of teens go there that have a bad influence, so... It is mostly between four and five [o'clock] that they start to come... after those times... when I go the park I am scared because you never know what can happen.*

Community Organizations

- Many youth cited community organization as favourite place
 - *They helped me out this year to pay my fees for basketball. People are nice here, I like to spend my time with the advisors and people.*
 - *I come here [community youth center] to do homework, to, come and talk if I need any mentoring or inspiration or something, reading..., other workshops or discussions*

Infrastructural Improvements

- *Displacement*
 - *All the stuff that is coming in, all the condos and everyone is pushing people out of Burgundy... like, most of the people here, most are on welfare, so they can't really pay what they have to pay.*

Infrastructural Improvements

- **Destruction**
 - *They may destroy some places and build other things. Maybe they might do that. Or here [community youth-serving organization], for example, maybe they might break it down to build condos or something... I don't think they should do that because it is a place that you like to go.*

Policy Implications

- **Youth input in development**
 - infrastructure renewal and development, program offerings, and community access to resources
- **Consideration for all youth**
 - Both in-movers & current residents
- **Consideration of barriers and constraints on leisure**
 - Personal, interpersonal, & structural

Directions for Future Research

- Implications of governmental policy on leisure development & provision
- Systematic assessment of leisure needs across demographic groups
- Coordination of public and private-sector leisure service development & provision