

UEY-Community Brief

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Understanding the Early Years (UEY) is a research initiative that provides information to help strengthen the capacity of communities to make informed decisions about the best policies and most appropriate programs to offer families with young children. It gathers information about kindergarten children, their families, and their communities. Communities will use the information to build programs and services to help children reach their full potential in life.

The UEY Selkirk-Interlake area encompasses all communities within the Lord Selkirk School Division boundaries. It includes the City of Selkirk, Lockport, St. Andrew's, Clandeboye, Petersfield, East Selkirk, Libau, Grand Marais and Victoria Beach.

UNDERSTANDING THE EARLY YEARS

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*Grand Beach, Manitoba
Photo taken by Donald Nadeau, October 2008.*

Population

27 705 - UEY Selkirk-Interlake
1875 are children 6 and under which makes up **6.8%** of our population.

Percentage of People living in Low Income:

City of Selkirk - **8.6%**
Surrounding Areas - **4.7%**
UEY Selkirk-Interlake - **6.4%**
Manitoba - **12.2%**
Canada - **11.4%**

Percentage of Children under the age of six living in Low Income:

City of Selkirk - **26.1%**
Surrounding Areas - **4%**
UEY Selkirk-Interlake - **13.4%**
Manitoba - **20%**
Canada - **14.5%**

Early Development Instrument (EDI)

Number of Kindergarten Children 'Not Ready' to start school in 2006:

Manitoba - **28% (1 in 4)**
UEY Selkirk-Interlake - **16% (1 in 6)**

Number of Kindergarten Children 'Very Ready' to start school in 2006

Manitoba - **62% (3 in 5)**
UEY Selkirk-Interlake - **70% (3 in 4)**

Percentage of Lone Parent Families:

City of Selkirk - **28.2%**
Surrounding Areas - **8.3%**
UEY Selkirk-Interlake - **16.8%**
Manitoba - **17%**
Canada - **15.9%**

Percentage of Adults age 25 and over Without a High School Certificate:

City of Selkirk - **29.1%**
Surrounding Areas - **19.2%**
UEY Selkirk-Interlake - **22.5%**
Manitoba - **25.6%**
Canada - **20.6%**

Other

In rural areas outside the City of Selkirk, the majority of play structures are located at schools and not near housing developments.

There are 305 licensed child care spots in UEY Selkirk-Interlake.

There are 17 programs for children ages 0-5 and their families organized by the Southeast Interlake Early Childhood Development Coalition (SEI-ECDC).
www.familyconnections.ca

Source:

Statistics Canada, Census 2006
Early Development Instrument 2006
UEY Community Inventory