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ABSTRACT

Youth aspirations and out-migration have been and continue to be important areas of research in the field of community and economic development. Researchers have recognized that the context (e.g., community, economic) in which youth grow up influences their aspirations (Crockett, Shanahan, & Jackson-Newsom, 2000); however, little is known about the formation of aspirations and migration intentions of youth who live in a tourism destination. Utilizing a mixed methods approach, this proposed study seeks to identify the career aspirations and migration intentions of youth living in a tourism destination and to investigate the factors influencing their aspirations and migration intentions. Of particular interest is the influence, if any, the tourism industry and factors related to tourism have in the formation of youth's career aspirations and migration intentions. Results of this proposed study will further our understanding of tourism's impact on communities and its role in community and economic development.