

Population

Total non-institutional population of seniors⁽¹⁾	284,340
Total population, all ages	2,941,150

Sex and Age Groups

	Total population	% of Total Population	Seniors[§] Population	% of Seniors Population
Male	1,472,640	50.1	129,680	45.6
Female	1,468,515	49.9	154,660	54.4
65-74	--	--	170,430	59.9
75+	--	--	113,910	40.1

Legal Marital Status

Single (never legally married)	13,085	4.6
Legally Married (and not separated)	170,555	60.0
Separated (but not divorced)	4,945	1.7
Divorced	19,310	6.8
Widowed	76,440	26.9
Common-Law ⁽²⁾	4,340	1.5

Religion

Christian	239,665	84.3
Catholic	70,065	24.6
Protestant	157,035	55.2
Other Christian	12,560	4.4
Non-Christian	10,795	3.8
No religious affiliation	33,880	11.9

Home Language

Single responses	254,175	89.4
English	231,495	81.4
French	1,235	0.4
Non-official languages	21,445	7.5
Chinese ⁽³⁾	8,370	2.9
German	1,345	0.5
Punjabi	1,435	0.5
Vietnamese	860	0.3
Spanish	545	0.2
Multiple responses	30,165	10.6

Knowledge of Official Languages

English only	259,070	91.1
French only	290	0.1
Both English and French	12,930	4.5
Neither English nor French	12,050	4.2

Ethnic Origin

Single origins	204,205	71.8
Canadian	25,500	9.0
British Isles origins	53,955	19.0
German	30,425	10.7
Chinese	10,115	3.6
Ukrainian	21,215	7.5
Aboriginal origins	2,995	1.1
Other single responses	60,005	21.1
Multiple origins	80,130	28.2

† Boundaries are based on 2004 Provincial Electoral Divisions. Data is based on 2001 census. Profiles compiled in 2005.

§ A senior is defined as a person aged 65 years and older.

(1) All profile variables are based on the non-institutional population of seniors (weighted 20% sample data).

(2) Common-law category is not mutually exclusive from legal marital status, and may include persons who are single, separated, divorced, widowed, and/or same-sex partners.

(3) Includes the single response of Chinese, n.o.s.

Aboriginal Identity Population

	Seniors Population	% of Seniors Population
Total Aboriginal population	5,135	1.8
Single Aboriginal response	5,010	1.8
North American Indian	2,535	0.9
Métis single response	2,460	0.9
Inuit single response	15	0.0
Multiple Aboriginal responses	25	0.0
Aboriginal responses not included elsewhere	95	0.0
Non-Aboriginal population	279,205	98.2

Citizenship

Canadian citizenship ⁽⁴⁾	275,175	96.8
Citizenship other than Canadian	9,170	3.2

Place of Birth

Non-immigrant population ⁽⁵⁾	203,790	71.7
Born in Alberta	123,135	43.3
Immigrant population ⁽⁶⁾	79,915	28.1
United Kingdom	14,160	5.0
China, People's Republic of	7,600	2.7
United States	5,425	1.9
Philippines	1,920	0.7
India	2,945	1.0
Viet Nam	1,550	0.5
Germany	6,445	2.3
Poland	6,490	2.3
Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region	960	0.3
Netherlands	5,430	1.9
All other places of birth	26,990	9.5
Non-permanent residents ⁽⁷⁾	640	0.2

Immigrant Population by Period of Immigration

Total immigrant population	79,915	
By period of immigration:		
Before 1961	44,095	55.2
1961 - 1970	10,545	13.2
1971 - 1980	9,765	12.2
1981 - 1990	8,800	11.0
1991 - 1995	4,610	5.8
1996 - 2001 ⁽⁸⁾	2,095	2.6

Highest Level of Schooling

Total population 65 years and over	284,335	
By highest level of schooling:		
Less than grade 9 ⁽⁹⁾	69,250	24.4
Grades 9 - 13	110,730	38.9
Without high school graduation certificate	88,585	31.2
With high school graduation certificate	22,145	7.8
Trades certificate or diploma ⁽¹⁰⁾	32,150	11.3
College	39,190	13.8
University	33,020	11.6
Without degree	11,350	4.0
With bachelor's degree or higher ⁽¹¹⁾	21,670	7.6

(4) Includes Canadian citizenship by birth and naturalization.

(5) Includes persons born outside of Alberta as well as persons born outside of Canada who have Canadian citizenship by birth and, therefore, will not have immigrated to Canada.

(6) Includes persons born in Canada who do not have Canadian citizenship by birth, but who have a valid year of immigration.

(7) Refers to persons who hold a student authorization, employment authorization or Minister's permit, or who are refugee claimants, and family members living here with them.

(8) Includes only the first five months of 2001.

(9) Includes those who have never attended school or attended kindergarten only.

(10) Persons in this category may not have obtained their secondary (high) school graduation certificate.

(11) Includes bachelor's degree, university certificate above bachelor level, master's degree and earned doctorate.

Labour Force Activity

	Seniors Population	Rate (%)
Total Population - 65 years and over	284,340	--
Participating in labour force	40,645	--
Employed	39,260	--
Unemployed	1,380	--
Not in labour force	243,695	--
Participation rate (%)	--	14.3
Employment rate (%)	--	13.8
Unemployment rate (%)	--	3.4
Males - 65 years and over	129,680	--
Participating in labour force	27,905	--
Employed	26,940	--
Unemployed	970	--
Not in labour force	101,775	--
Participation rate (%)	--	21.5
Employment rate (%)	--	20.8
Unemployment rate (%)	--	3.5
Females - 65 years and over	154,655	--
Participating in labour force	12,735	--
Employed	12,320	--
Unemployed	415	--
Not in labour force	141,920	--
Participation rate (%)	--	8.2
With no children at home (%) ⁽¹²⁾	--	7.8
With children at home (%)	--	10.4
Employment rate (%)	--	8.0
Unemployment rate (%)	--	3.3

Labour Force by Sex and Place of Work

Total employed labour force 65 years and over	39,265	
Males in employed labour force	26,935	68.6
Usual place of work:		
Outside home, within Canada	11,020	28.1
At home	12,840	32.7
Outside Canada	55	0.1
No usual place of work (no fixed workplace address)	3,025	7.7
Females in employed labour force	12,325	31.4
Usual place of work:		
Outside home, within Canada	5,275	13.4
At home	6,440	16.4
Outside Canada	20	0.1
No usual place of work (no fixed workplace address)	595	1.5

Labour Force by Sex and Class of Worker

Total experienced labour force 65 years and over ⁽¹³⁾	40,270	
Males - All classes of workers	27,715	68.8
Paid-workers	16,355	40.6
Employees	11,800	29.3
Self-employed (incorporated)	4,555	11.3
Self-employed (unincorporated)	11,110	27.6
Unpaid family workers	245	0.6
Females - All classes of workers	12,560	31.2
Paid-workers	7,960	19.8
Employees	6,735	16.7
Self-employed (incorporated)	1,230	3.1
Self-employed (unincorporated)	3,795	9.4
Unpaid family workers	810	2.0

(12) Participation rate is calculated for females 65 years and over in private households only.

(13) The inexperienced labour force refers to unemployed persons 65 years and over who have never worked or who had worked only prior to January 1, 2000. Job characteristics of the labour force (industry, occupation, and class of worker) are only collected for the experienced labour force (persons with recent paid work experience).

Labour Force by Mode of Transportation

	Seniors Population	% of Seniors Population
Employed, travelling labour force 65 years and over ⁽¹⁴⁾	19,915	
Mode of Transportation:		
Car, truck, van (as driver)	15,710	78.9
Car, truck, van (as passenger)	855	4.3
Public transit	1,235	6.2
Walked	1,585	8.0
Bicycle	115	0.6
Motorcycle	15	0.1
Taxicab	45	0.2
Other method	355	1.8

Labour Force by Industry

	Seniors Population	% of Seniors Population
Total experienced labour force 65 years and over ⁽¹⁵⁾	40,270	
Industries:		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	13,710	34.0
Mining and oil and gas extraction	970	2.4
Utilities	80	0.2
Construction	2,335	5.8
Manufacturing	1,530	3.8
Wholesale trade	1,155	2.9
Retail trade	2,850	7.1
Transportation and warehousing	1,585	3.9
Information and cultural industries	305	0.8
Finance and insurance	990	2.5
Real estate and rental and leasing	1,580	3.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	2,505	6.2
Management of companies and enterprises	195	0.5
Administrative/support, waste management and remediation services	1,845	4.6
Educational services	1,175	2.9
Healthcare and social assistance	2,215	5.5
Arts, entertainment and recreation	840	2.1
Accommodation and food services	1,295	3.2
Other services (except public administration)	2,120	5.3
Public administration	1,000	2.5

Labour Force by Major Occupation Groups

	Seniors Population	% of Seniors Population
Males - All occupations	27,710	68.8
Management occupations	3,535	8.8
Business, finance and administration occupations	1,820	4.5
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	1,235	3.1
Health occupations	610	1.5
Occupations in social science, education, government and religion	1,090	2.7
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	425	1.1
Sales and service occupations	3,680	9.1
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	4,530	11.2
Occupations unique to primary industry	10,295	25.6
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	480	1.2
Females - All occupations	12,565	31.2
Management occupations	855	2.1
Business, finance and administration occupations	3,090	7.7
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	120	0.3
Health occupations	555	1.4
Occupations in social science, education, government and religion	635	1.6
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	470	1.2
Sales and service occupations	3,160	7.8
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	200	0.5
Occupations unique to primary industry	3,360	8.3
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	125	0.3

(14) Excludes those who work at home or outside of Canada.

(15) The inexperienced labour force refers to unemployed persons 65 years and over who have never worked or who had worked only prior to January 1, 2000. Job characteristics of the labour force (industry, occupation, and class of worker) are only collected for the experienced labour force (persons with recent paid work experience).

Hours Spent Doing Unpaid Housework ⁽¹⁶⁾

	284,340	% of Seniors Population
Total census seniors		
0 hours of unpaid housework	40,935	14.4
Less than 5 hours	41,905	14.7
5 to 14 hours	76,015	26.7
15 to 29 hours	60,630	21.3
30 to 59 hours	48,305	17.0
60 hours or more	16,555	5.8
Males	129,680	45.6
0 hours of unpaid housework	21,235	7.5
Less than 5 hours	23,230	8.2
5 to 14 hours	36,745	12.9
15 to 29 hours	25,685	9.0
30 to 59 hours	17,090	6.0
60 hours or more	5,700	2.0
Females	154,655	54.4
0 hours of unpaid housework	19,700	6.9
Less than 5 hours	18,670	6.6
5 to 14 hours	39,265	13.8
15 to 29 hours	34,945	12.3
30 to 59 hours	31,215	11.0
60 hours or more	10,855	3.8

Hours Spent Looking After Children, Unpaid ⁽¹⁶⁾

Total census seniors	284,340	
0 hours of unpaid child care	239,145	84.1
Less than 5 hours	20,475	7.2
5 to 14 hours	14,150	5.0
15 to 29 hours	5,615	2.0
30 to 59 hours	2,825	1.0
60 hours or more	2,125	0.7
Males	129,680	45.6
0 hours of unpaid child care	110,940	39.0
Less than 5 hours	9,325	3.3
5 to 14 hours	5,525	1.9
15 to 29 hours	2,100	0.7
30 to 59 hours	910	0.3
60 hours or more	880	0.3
Females	154,660	54.4
0 hours of unpaid child care	128,210	45.1
Less than 5 hours	11,150	3.9
5 to 14 hours	8,630	3.0
15 to 29 hours	3,515	1.2
30 to 59 hours	1,915	0.7
60 hours or more	1,240	0.4

Hours Spent Providing Unpaid Care or Assistance to Seniors ⁽¹⁶⁾

Total census seniors	284,340	
0 hours of unpaid care or assistance to seniors	232,490	81.8
Less than 5 hours	26,710	9.4
5 to 9 hours	13,000	4.6
10 hours or more	12,135	4.3
Males	129,680	45.6
0 hours of unpaid care or assistance to seniors	109,145	38.4
Less than 5 hours	11,235	4.0
5 to 9 hours	4,940	1.7
10 hours or more	4,365	1.5
Females	154,660	54.4
0 hours of unpaid care or assistance to seniors	123,345	43.4
Less than 5 hours	15,480	5.4
5 to 9 hours	8,060	2.8
10 hours or more	7,770	2.7

(16) Number of hours is calculated from the total amount of time spent during the week prior to the census day.

Household Type

	Seniors Households	% of Seniors Households
Total census families and non-family persons ⁽¹⁷⁾	207,990	
Total census families ⁽¹⁸⁾	111,620	53.7
Total couple families by family structure	97,325	46.8
Married couples	94,730	45.5
Without children at home	81,850	39.4
With children at home	12,880	6.2
Common-law couples ⁽¹⁹⁾	2,595	1.2
Without children at home	2,360	1.1
With children at home	235	0.1
Total lone-parent families by sex of parent	14,295	6.9
Female parent	11,620	5.6
Male parent	2,680	1.3
Non-family persons	96,370	46.3
Living with relatives	12,685	6.1
Living with non-relatives only	5,275	2.5
Living alone	78,405	37.7

Dwelling Type

	Seniors Dwellings (unless otherwise noted)	% of Seniors Occupied Private Dwellings
Total occupied private dwellings	188,780	
By structural type of dwelling:		
Single-detached house	121,870	64.6
Semi-detached house	8,485	4.5
Row house	9,720	5.1
Apartment	43,035	22.8
Other single-attached house	210	0.1
Movable dwelling	5,460	2.9

Dwelling Tenure & Characteristics

Tenure:		
Owned	146,920	77.8
Rented	41,065	21.8
Band Housing	790	0.4
Average number of rooms per dwelling	6.0	--
Average number of bedrooms per dwelling	2.6	--
Average value of dwelling (\$) ⁽²⁰⁾	\$140,495	--

Dwellings by Need of Repair

Regular maintenance only	130,440	69.1
Minor repairs	43,825	23.2
Major repairs	14,515	7.7

Dwellings by Period of Construction

Before 1946	15,735	8.3
1946 - 1960	36,880	19.5
1961 - 1970	36,180	19.2
1971 - 1980	46,310	24.5
1981 - 1985	17,230	9.1
1986 - 1990	10,340	5.5
1991 - 1995	13,055	6.9
1996 - 2001 ⁽²¹⁾	13,055	6.9

(17) Private households only.

(18) Children are included if they are blood, step- or adopted sons and daughters (regardless of age or marital status) who are living in the same dwelling as their parent(s), as well as grandchildren in households where there are no parents present. Sons and daughters who are living with their spouse or common-law partner, or with one or more of their own children, are not considered to be members of the census family of their parent(s), even if they are living in the same dwelling.

(19) A couple living common-law may be of opposite or same sex.

(20) Applies to owner-occupied non-farm, non-reserve dwellings only.

(21) Includes the first five months of 2001 only.

Dwelling Costs by Tenure

Total non-farm, non-reserve occupied private dwellings	180,050	--
Tenant-occupied non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	40,920	--
Average gross rent (\$)	\$576	--
30% or more of household income spent on shelter costs ⁽²²⁾	20,045	--
Tenant one-family households in non-farm, non-reserve dwellings ⁽²³⁾	10,110	--
Average gross rent (\$)	\$680	--
30% or more of household income spent on shelter costs ⁽²²⁾	2,880	--
Owner-occupied non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	139,130	--
Average value of dwelling (\$)	140,495	--
Average owner major payment (\$)	\$459	--
30% or more of household income spent on shelter costs ⁽²²⁾	15,825	--
Owner one-family households in non-farm, non-reserve dwellings ⁽²³⁾	84,340	--
Average owner major payment (\$)	\$484	--
30% or more of household income spent on shelter costs ⁽²²⁾	6,330	--

Mobility Status

	Seniors Population	% of Seniors Population
Total population 65 years of age and over ⁽²⁴⁾	284,335	
By mobility status 1 year ago:		
Non-movers	267,510	94.1
Movers	16,825	5.9
Non-migrants	9,805	3.4
Migrants	7,020	2.5
Internal migrants	6,190	2.2
Intraprovincial migrants	3,975	1.4
Interprovincial migrants	2,215	0.8
External migrants	830	0.3
Total population 65 years of age and over ⁽²⁴⁾	284,335	
By mobility status 5 years ago:		
Non-movers	220,535	77.6
Movers	63,800	22.4
Non-migrants	36,960	13.0
Migrants	26,840	9.4
Internal migrants	24,535	8.6
Intraprovincial migrants	15,020	5.3
Interprovincial migrants	9,515	3.3
External migrants	2,310	0.8

Household Income (2000)

	Seniors Households	% of Seniors Private Households
Total private households	188,780	
Household Income:		
Under \$20,000	49,245	26.1
\$20,000 - \$39,999	69,965	37.1
\$40,000 - \$59,999	33,595	17.8
\$60,000 - \$79,999	17,215	9.1
\$80,000 - \$99,999	8,055	4.3
\$100,000 and over	10,710	5.7
Average household income (\$)	\$43,300	--
Median household income (\$)	\$30,673	--

(22) Excludes households who reported a loss in their total household income, or had no income in 2000.

(23) Without additional persons.

(24) Excludes Canadians (military and government personnel) in households outside Canada.

Employment Income (2000) by Sex and Work Activity

	Seniors Population	
Total Employed - 65 years and over:		
Average full-time employment income (\$)	\$31,265	--
Average part-time employment income (\$)	\$21,362	--
Males Employed - 65 years and over:		
Worked full year, full time ⁽²⁵⁾	11,235	--
Average full-time employment income (\$)	\$33,889	--
Worked part year or part time ⁽²⁶⁾	16,585	--
Average part-time employment income (\$)	\$25,037	--
Females Employed - 65 Years and over:		
Worked full year, full time ⁽²⁵⁾	3,530	--
Average full-time employment income (\$)	\$22,915	--
Worked part year or part time ⁽²⁶⁾	8,800	--
Average part-time employment income (\$)	\$14,435	--

Total Income (2000) by Sex

Composition of Total Income			
Employment income (%)	15.1	--	
Government transfer payments (%)	47.3	--	
Other income (%)	37.6	--	
Total population 65 years and over with income		283,530	% of Seniors Population with Income
Males 65 years and over with income		129,355	45.6
Under \$20,000 ⁽²⁷⁾	54,855		19.3
\$20,000 - \$39,999	45,820		16.2
\$40,000 - \$59,999	16,985		6.0
\$60,000 and over	11,705		4.1
Average total income (\$) ⁽²⁸⁾	\$33,029		--
Median total income (\$) ⁽²⁸⁾	\$22,849		--
Females 65 years and over with income		154,175	54.4
Under \$20,000 ⁽²⁷⁾	106,320		37.5
\$20,000 - \$39,999	35,720		12.6
\$40,000 - \$59,999	8,085		2.9
\$60,000 and over	4,050		1.4
Average total income (\$) ⁽²⁸⁾	\$20,720		--
Median total income (\$) ⁽²⁸⁾	\$16,071		--

Incidence of Low Income (2000)

Total economic families		111,245	--
Low income economic families ⁽²⁹⁾		5,565	--
Incidence of low income (%) ⁽³⁰⁾		5.0	--
Total unattached individuals 65 years and over		83,395	--
Low income unattached individuals ⁽²⁹⁾		27,660	--
Incidence of low income (%) ⁽³⁰⁾		33.2	--
Total population in private households		281,495	--
Persons in low income family units ⁽²⁹⁾		36,100	--
Incidence of low income (%) ⁽³⁰⁾		12.8	--

(25) Worked 49 - 52 weeks in 2000, mostly full time.

(26) Worked 49 - 52 weeks in 2000, mostly part time, or worked less than 49 weeks.

(27) Includes loss.

(28) Average and median total incomes of individuals are calculated for those who are at least 65 years of age and who have an income (positive or negative).

(29) Low income has been defined as spending 20 percentage points more than average on food, shelter and clothing.

(30) Incidence rates are calculated from unrounded estimates.

Census Family Income (2000)

	Seniors Families/Population (unless otherwise noted)	% of Seniors Census Families
Total census families	111,625	
Family income:		
Under \$20,000	3,855	3.5
\$20,000 - \$39,999	49,750	44.6
\$40,000 - \$59,999	27,040	24.2
\$60,000 - \$79,999	14,935	13.4
\$80,000 - \$99,999	6,945	6.2
\$100,000 and over	9,105	8.2
Average family income (\$)	\$54,089	--
Median family income (\$)	\$41,338	--
Couple families:		
Average family income (\$)	\$54,943	--
Median family income (\$)	\$41,415	--
Married couple families:		
Average family income (\$)	\$54,956	--
Median family income (\$)	\$41,562	--
Common-law couple families:		
Average family income (\$)	\$54,483	--
Median family income (\$)	\$36,812	--
Male lone-parent families:		
Average family income (\$)	\$54,708	--
Median family income (\$)	\$44,959	--
Female lone-parent families:		
Average family income (\$)	\$46,791	--
Median family income (\$)	\$39,764	--

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