

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PROFILE ON FRANCOPHONE SENIORS IN ONTARIO

Demography and Family Situation

- Ontario Francophones 65 years of age and over number 76,925; they represent 5.6% of this age group in the general population; and
- Francophone women 65 years and over represent 58.1% of this age group in the Francophone population. The representation of women is even higher among Francophones 75 years and over (63.3%).

Socio-economic Profile

In terms of their social and economic standing, Francophone seniors do not fare as well as the province's elderly population as a whole. As is true for the elderly population in general, there are major differences between elderly Francophone men and women.

- Francophone seniors tend to be less well-educated;
- The activity rate for Francophone seniors is lower than that for seniors in the general population in every region of the province. As is true for the elderly population in general, the activity rate for elderly Francophone women is distinctly lower than that for elderly Francophone men (4.3% compared to 10.5%);
- The average total income of Francophone seniors is lower than that for the general population aged 65 years and over, and this is the case for both sexes; and
- Similarly, the percentage of Francophone seniors living below the low income cut-off is higher than in the province's elderly population as a whole (17.8% compared to 14.6%). The percentage of elderly Francophone women who live below the low income cut-off is twice as high as that for elderly Francophone men (22.8% compared to 10.8%).