



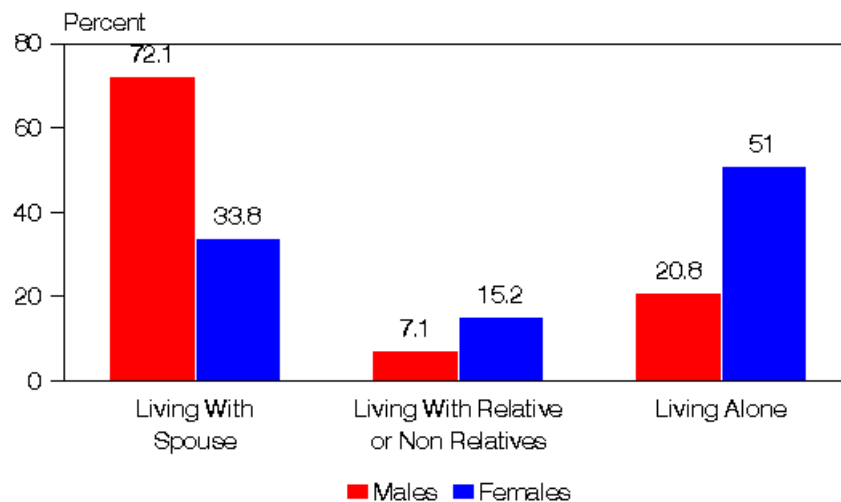
## Census 91 Fast Facts

### Issue 7: Living Arrangements of Seniors

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- One in every twelve British Columbians living in private households is a senior citizen, aged 65 or older.

#### One in Two Women Aged 75 and Over Lives Alone



Source: 1991 Census of Canada

- Sixty-three per cent of seniors live with their own families, that is, with a spouse or as a lone parent.
- The living arrangements of elderly British Columbians are a reflection of both greater life expectancy of women relative to men, and the fact that more men than women have a spouse younger than themselves.
- One in every two women aged 75 and over lives alone.
- Men are much less likely than women to be widowed. Although the percentage of married men and women in the 55-64 age group is very similar, among those aged 75 and over, the share of males who are living with a spouse is more than double that of females (72 and 34 per cent, respectively).
- Among those aged 75 and older who are not living with a spouse, women are slightly more likely than men to live alone (77 per cent, compared to 74 per cent) rather than with relatives and friends.
- A declining share of elderly British Columbians live with relatives. In 1991, 13 per cent of women aged 75 or more were living with relatives, down four percentage points from the level in 1981.

## Living Arrangements of Seniors in Private Households in British Columbia

	Population in Private Households		% Living with Spouse or as Lone Parent		% Living with Relatives		% Living with Non-Relatives		% Living Alone	
	1981	1991	1981	1991	1981	1991	1981	1991	1981	1991
<b>55-64 years</b>	251,595	289,905	81.1	80.5	3.5	3.2	2.1	2.7	13.2	13.6
Males	117,595	145,830	85.7	83.3	2.4	2.0	2.2	3.2	9.7	11.5
Females	134,005	144,070	77.1	77.7	4.5	4.4	2.1	2.2	16.3	15.8
<b>Total 65 years &amp; over</b>	272,050	391,825	61.2	62.7	8.1	6.5	2.3	2.3	28.4	28.5
Males	122,110	172,965	78.2	78.1	4.2	3.1	2.2	2.7	15.4	16.2
Females	149,940	218,865	47.4	50.5	11.2	9.3	2.3	2.0	39.1	38.1
<b>65-74 years</b>	180,095	243,530	68.6	70.6	5.9	4.7	2.1	2.3	23.4	22.4
Males	82,905	111,030	82.3	81.4	3.0	2.2	2.0	2.7	12.7	13.7
Females	97,190	132,500	57.0	61.5	8.3	6.8	2.3	2.0	32.5	29.7
<b>75 Years &amp; Over</b>	91,955	148,295	46.8	49.8	12.4	9.5	2.5	2.3	38.4	38.4
Males	39,205	61,935	69.7	72.1	6.7	4.6	2.7	2.6	21.0	20.8
Females	52,750	86,365	29.8	33.8	16.6	13.1	2.4	2.1	51.2	51.0

Source: 1991 Census of Canada