

Vulnerable Seniors

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW WESTMINSTER

POPULATION

HOUSING & INCOME

HEALTH & WELLNESS

LANGUAGE

MIGRATION

Seniors Population



Between 2001 - 2011, the seniors population increased from 7,755 to **8,835** seniors.

14%
increase
in the
number
of seniors

Aging Seniors



Between 2001 - 2011, the number of people over the age of 100 increased from 10 to **30** seniors.

200%
increase in
number of
seniors over
100 years of
age

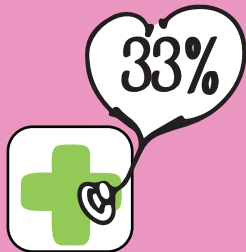
Lone Seniors



Between 2001-2011, the number of seniors living alone increased from 3,005 to **3,265** seniors.

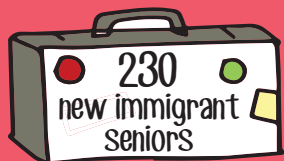
9%
increase
in seniors
who lived
alone

Health Concerns



In 2011, the Fraser North Health Service Delivery Area found that **33%** of seniors had perceived their health as fair to poor.

Senior Newcomers



Between 2000 - 2010, **230** new immigrant seniors settled in New Westminster.

Unaffordable Housing



1/3 senior households spend 30% or more of their income on housing. Between 2006 - 2011, this number rose from 1,550 to **1,920** seniors.

24%
increase in
seniors at
risk of losing
their homes

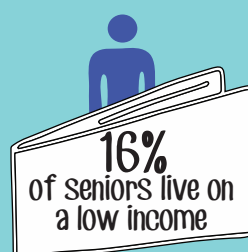
Housing Waitlists



Between 2009 - 2012, the number of seniors and persons with disabilities (PWD) on BC Housing's social housing waitlist increased from 203 to **240** people.

18%
increase in
seniors &
PWD on
social
housing
wait lists

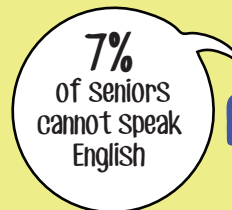
Low Income



In 2011, **1,350** seniors lived on a low income. Seniors living alone had after-tax incomes of approximately \$19,500 or less. Seniors living in couples had after-tax incomes of approximately \$27,250 or less.

16%
of seniors live on
a low income

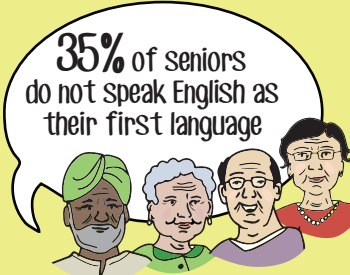
Non-English Speaking



Between 2001- 2011, the number of seniors who could not speak English increased from 325 to **575** seniors.

77%
increase in
seniors who
could not
speak
English

First Languages other than English



In 2011, **Punjabi (365)** and **German (275)** were the most commonly spoken languages among seniors.



For data source information, see data source sheet.