

# Vulnerable Seniors

## SPOTLIGHT ON RICHMOND

### POPULATION

### HOUSING & INCOME

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

### LANGUAGE

### MIGRATION

#### Seniors Population



Between 2001 - 2011, the seniors population increased from 19,325 to **26,005** seniors.

**35%**  
increase in the number of seniors

#### Unaffordable Housing



**1/4** senior households spend 30% or more of their income on housing. Between 2006 - 2011, this number increased from 3,085 to **3,375** seniors.

**9%**  
increase in seniors at risk of losing their homes

#### Aging Seniors



Between 2001 - 2011, the number of people over the age of 100 increased from 15 to **25** seniors.

**67%**  
increase in number of seniors over 100 years of age

#### Housing Waitlists



Between 2009 - 2012, the number of seniors and persons with disabilities (PWD) on BC Housing's social housing waitlist increased from 184 to **300** people.

**63%**  
increase in seniors & PWD on social housing wait lists

#### Lone Seniors



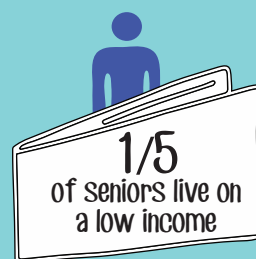
**1/5**  
seniors live alone



Between 2001-2011, the number of seniors living alone increased from 3,960 to **4,700** seniors.

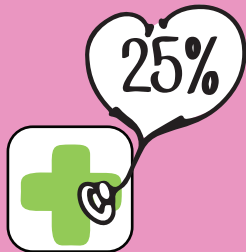
**19%**  
increase in seniors who lived alone

#### Low Income



In 2011, **4,855** 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.

#### Health Concerns



In 2011, the Richmond Health Service Delivery Area found that **25%** of seniors had perceived their health as fair to poor.

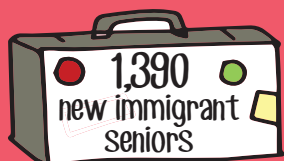
#### Non-English Speaking



Between 2001- 2011, the number of seniors who could not speak English increased from 3,925 to **6,205** seniors.

**58%**  
increase in seniors who could not speak English

#### Senior Newcomers



Between 2000 - 2010, **1,390** new immigrant seniors settled in Richmond.

#### First Languages Other Than English



In 2011, **Cantonese (4,125)** and **Chinese (3,645)** were the most commonly spoken languages among seniors other than English.

For data source information, see data source sheet.