Vulnerable Seniors
SPOTLIGHT ON VANCOUVER

POPULATION | **HOUSING & INCOME** | **HEALTH & WELLNESS** | **LANGUAGE** | **MIGRATION**

Seniors Population

16% increase in the number of seniors

Between 2001 - 2011, the seniors population increased from 70,335 to **81,930** seniors.

Aging Seniors

74% increase in number of seniors over 100 years of age

Between 2001-2011, the number of people over the age of 100 increased from 95 to **165** seniors.

Lone Seniors

8% increase in seniors who lived alone

1/3 seniors live alone

Between 2001-2011, the number of seniors living alone increased from 20,030 to **21,575** seniors.

Health Concerns

26%

In 2011, the Vancouver Health Service Delivery Area found that **26%** of seniors had perceived their health as fair to poor.

For data source information, see data source sheet.

Senior Newcomers

3,345 new immigrant seniors

Between 2000 - 2010, **3,345** new immigrant seniors settled in Vancouver.

Unaffordable Housing

1/3 senior households spend 30% or more of their income on housing. Between 2006 - 2011, this number rose from 12,635 to **14,025** seniors.

11% increase in seniors at risk of losing their homes

Housing Waitlists

2,172

Between 2009 - 2012, the number of seniors and persons with disabilities (PWD) on BC Housing's social housing waitlist increased from 1,575 to **2,172** people.

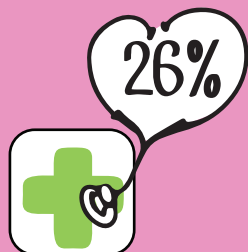**38%** increase in seniors & PWD on social housing wait lists

Low Income

1/5 of seniors live on a low income

In 2011, **15,190** 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.
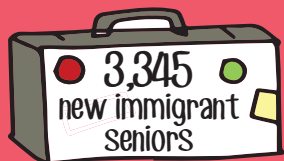
Non-English Speaking

23% of seniors cannot speak English

Between 2001- 2011, the number of seniors who could not speak English increased from 15,755 to **17,740** seniors.

13% increase in seniors who could not speak English

First Languages Other Than English

60% of seniors do not speak English as their first language

In 2011, Cantonese **(12,305)** and Chinese **(9,410)** were the most commonly spoken languages among seniors other than English.