

# Vulnerable Seniors

# **SPOTLIGHT ON WEST VANCOUVER**



HOUSING & INCOME | HEALTH & WELLNESS

LANGUAGE

**MIGRATION** 

**Seniors Population** 

19% increase in the number of seniors



Between 2001 - 2011, the seniors population increased from 9,110 to **10,875** seniors.

## **Unaffordable Housing**



**1/4** senior households spend 30% or more of their income on housing. Between 2006 - 2011, this number rose from 1,725 to **1,890** seniors.

10% increase in seniors at risk of losing their homes

# **Aging Seniors**

33% increase in number of seniors over 100 years of age



Between 2001 - 2011, the number of people over the age of 100 increased from 15 to 20 seniors.

# **Housing Waitlists**



Between 2009 - 2012, the number of seniors and persons with disabilities (PWD) on BC Housing's social housing waitlist increased from 31 to 57 people.

84% increase in seniors & PWD on social housing wait lists

#### **Lone Seniors**

**16%** increase in seniors who lived alone

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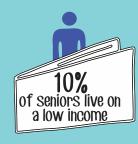
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Between 2001-2011, the number of seniors living alone increased from 2,515 to **2,920** seniors.

## **Low Income**



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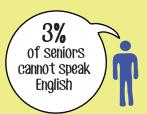
In 2011, **1,040** seniors lived on a low income. Seniors living alone had after-tax incomes of approximately \$19,500 or less. Seniors living in couples had after-tax incomes of approximately \$27,250 or less.

### **Health Concerns**



In 2011, the North Shore/Coast Garibaldi Health Service Delivery Area found that 20% 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 175 to 260 seniors.

**49%** increase in seniors who could not speak **English** 

# **Senior Newcomers**





Between 2000 - 2010, **150** new immigrant seniors settled in West Vancouver.



# **First Languages Other Than English**



In 2011, German **(585)** and **Farsi** (425) were the most commonly spoken languages among seniors other than English.



