

# Older Adult Federal Census Data



This profile provides information about older adults living in Calgary and the Calgary census metropolitan area (CMA).\*

Per cent of total population aged 55+ in 2021:

**25.8%**



Per cent of population aged 65+ living alone in 2021:

**22%**



Per cent of recent immigrants in the Calgary CMA aged 65+ in 2021:

**5%**



Median income (after tax) of population aged 65+ in 2020:

**\$33,600**

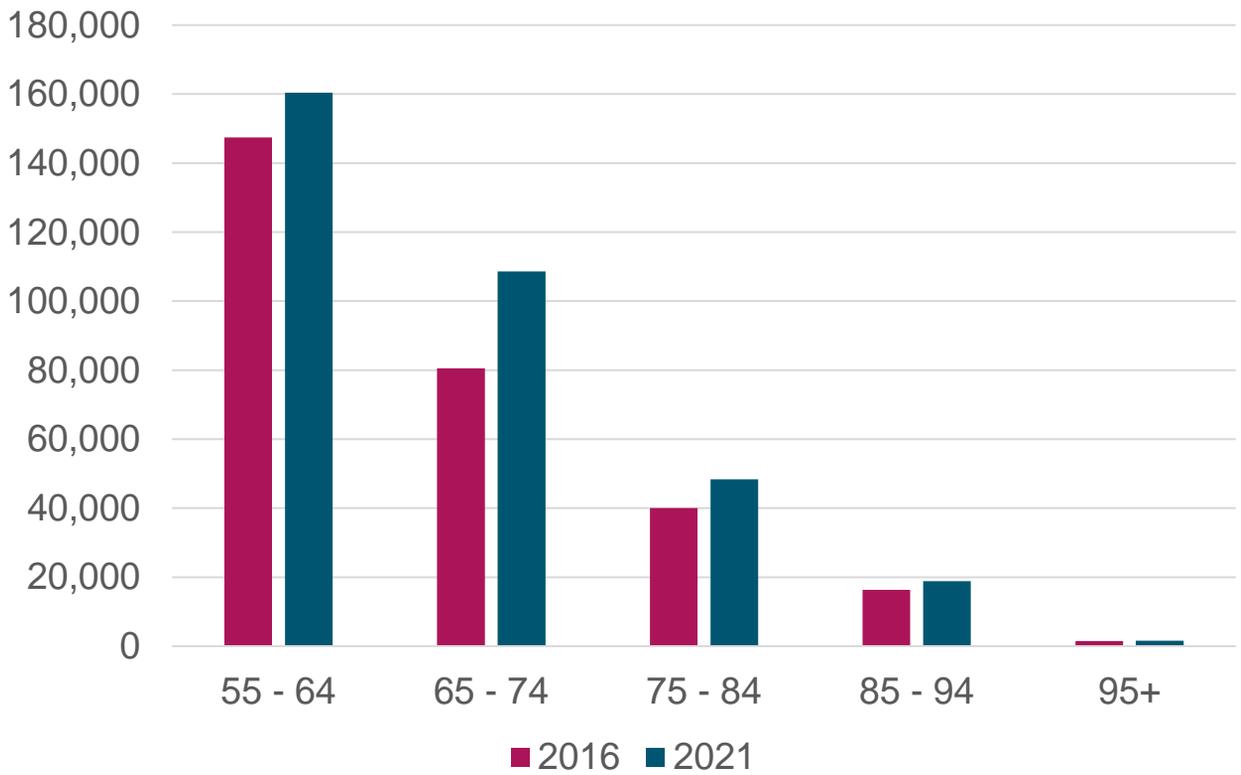


Per cent of population aged 65+ in low-income (LIM-AT) in 2020:

**10.4%**

\*The Calgary CMA is composed of Calgary, Airdrie, Rocky View County, Cochrane, Chestermere, Crossfield, Tsuu T'ina Nation, Irricana, and Beiseker.

## Older adult population by age band, 2021<sup>1</sup>



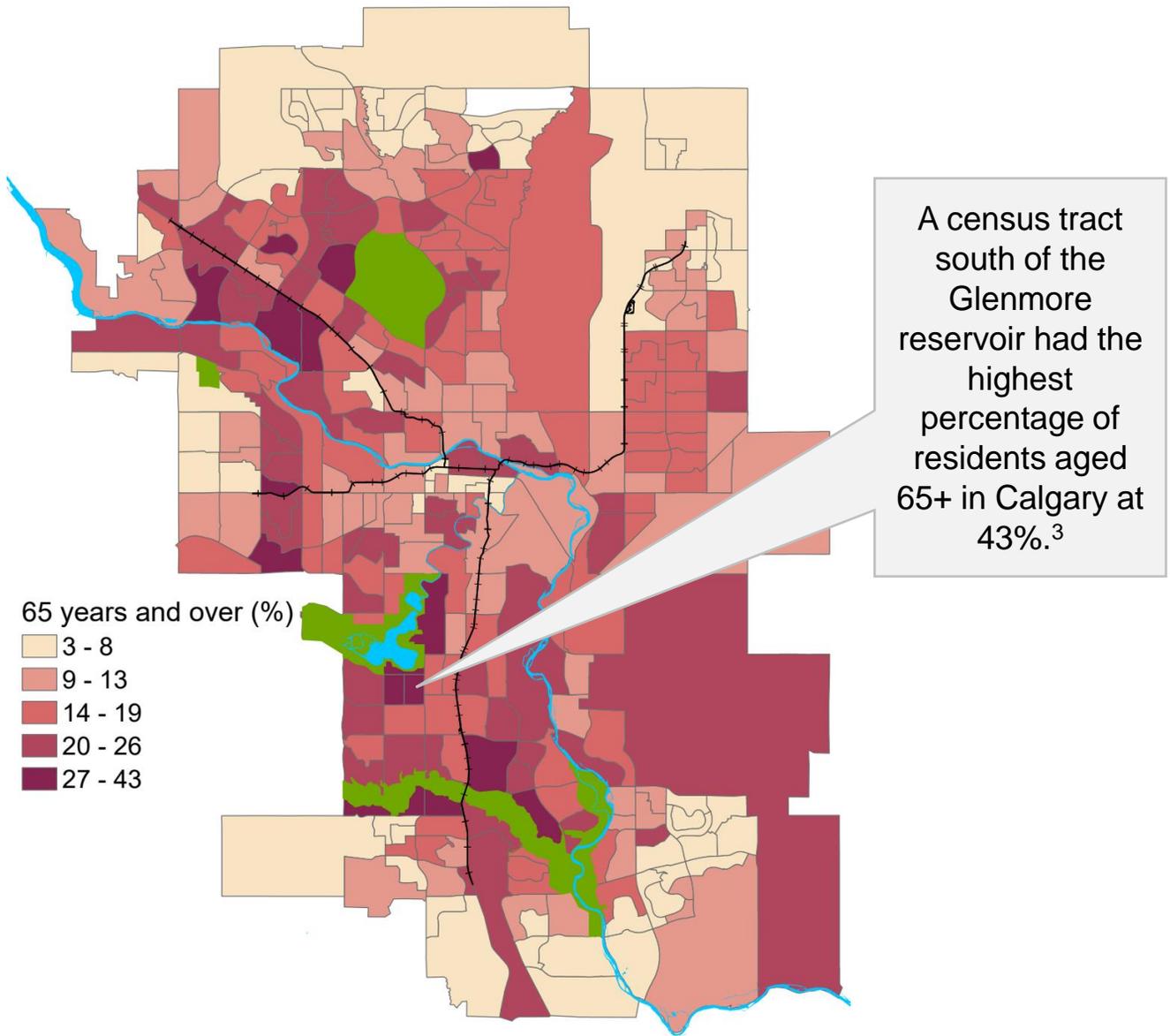
### Population

- In 2021, there were 177,405 Calgarians aged 65+, up 28% from 138,405 in 2016.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2021, 14% of the population in Calgary (177,405) was aged 65+.<sup>1,2</sup>
- Over the past 20 years, the population aged 65+ was the fastest growing age group in Calgary.<sup>1,2</sup>
- Since 2001, the population aged 65+ has more than doubled from 81,150.<sup>1,2</sup>
- The population aged 85+ has increased by 14.3%, from 17,860 in 2016 to 20,420 in 2021.<sup>1</sup>

### In contrast...

- The population aged 15 to 29 in 2021 has decreased by 3% from 2016 and is the slowest growing age group in Calgary.<sup>1,2</sup>

## Percentage of population aged 65+ by census tract, 2021<sup>3</sup>



### Housing

- 22% of residents aged 65+ in the Calgary CMA lived alone in 2021.<sup>4</sup>
- 11,375 residents aged 65+ in the Calgary CMA lived in collective dwellings in 2021. These included nursing homes, residences for senior citizens, hospitals, and group homes.<sup>5</sup> Of these, the majority (6,745) were aged 85+.<sup>5</sup>
- In 2021, there were 17,040 multigenerational households and 132,690 one person households.<sup>6</sup>
- Areas on the edges of Calgary, particularly those in the northeast, had the highest numbers of multigenerational households.<sup>6</sup>

## **Immigration**

- In Calgary, 132,615 immigrants aged 55+ resided in private dwellings. Of these, 7,345 were recent (2016-2021) immigrants.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2021, 5% of recent immigrants in the Calgary CMA were aged 65+.<sup>8</sup>

## **Language**

- In 2021, about 92% of Calgarians aged 65+ had knowledge of English.<sup>9</sup>
- Among the 33,345 people in Calgary with no knowledge of English, those aged 65+ made up 43%.<sup>9</sup> This is a 6% increase from 2016.<sup>10</sup>
- English was the language spoken most often at home by people aged 65+ in the Calgary CMA. After English, the language most often spoken at home was Yue (Cantonese), by 8,220 residents aged 65+<sup>11</sup>.

### **Top 10 languages spoken at home by age, 2021<sup>11</sup>:**

	<b>0-64 years</b>	<b>65+</b>
1	English	English
2	Punjabi (Panjabi)	Yue (Cantonese)
3	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	Punjabi (Panjabi)
4	Mandarin	Mandarin
5	Spanish	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)
6	Yue	Vietnamese
7	Urdu	Spanish
8	Arabic	Arabic
9	Vietnamese	Urdu
10	Korean	Korean

## ***Employment & Income***

- In the Calgary CMA, 30,995 of Calgarians aged 65+ were employed, compared to 141,470 employed Calgarians aged 55+.<sup>12</sup>
- The median income (after tax) of people aged 65+ in Calgary in 2020 was \$33,600.<sup>13</sup>
- For men 65+ it was \$40,000 and for women 65+ it was \$29,000.<sup>13</sup>
- 10.4% of people aged 65+ in Calgary were in low-income based on the Low-income measure, after tax (LIM-AT) in 2020.<sup>14</sup>

## ***Percentage of population aged 65+ by low income, 2021<sup>15</sup>***

