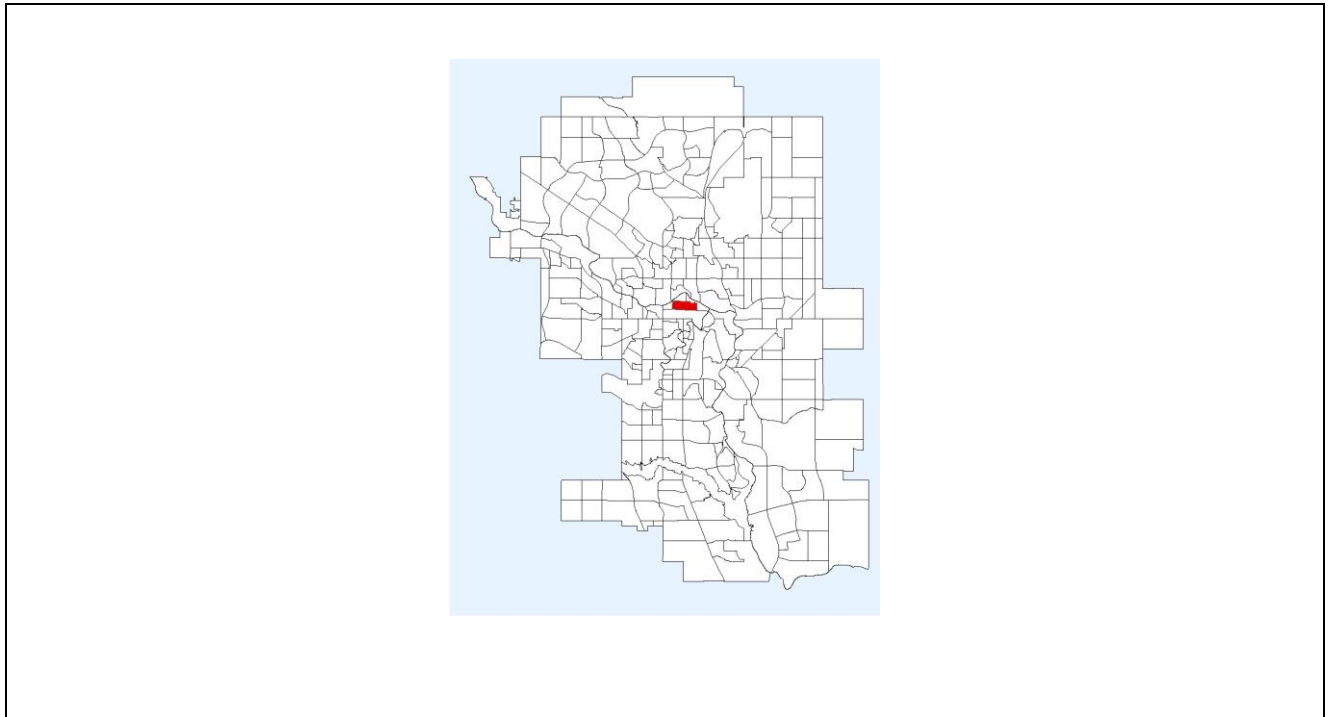


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Population

Total Senior Population, 2001 - 2009					
	2001	2004	2006	2009	% Change 2001-2006
DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	709	818	829	797	12.4%
CALGARY	78,768	86,599	93,859	98,572	25.1%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2001, 2004, 2006, 2009

Total Senior Population as a Percentage of Total Population, 2009			
	Total Population	Senior Population	% Senior Population
DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	7,719	797	10.3%
CALGARY	1,065,455	98,572	9.3%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Population (continued)

Senior Population Mobility, 2006			
	Total Senior Population	Seniors who moved, 2005-2006	
		Number	Percent
DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	735	105	14.3%
CALGARY	90,160	6,500	7.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Gender Distribution, 2009					
	Total Senior Population	Male		Female	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	797	330	41.4%	467	58.6%
CALGARY	98,572	43,654	44.3%	54,918	55.7%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Age Distribution, 2009				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	7,719	100.0%	1,065,455	100.0%
0 - 19	565	7.3%	255,044	23.9%
20 - 44	5,002	64.8%	443,887	41.7%
45 - 54	852	11.0%	167,418	15.7%
55 - 64	503	6.5%	100,534	9.4%
Total Senior Population	797	10.3%	98,572	9.3%
65 - 74	366	4.7%	54,756	5.1%
75+	431	5.6%	43,816	4.1%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Income

Median Income of Senior Population, 2005		
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	CALGARY
Total Senior Population	735	90,165
Median Income	\$16,346	\$22,625

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Population in Low-Income Households (before tax), 2005						
	Senior Population			Total Population		
	Total	Low Income	Percent	Total	Low Income	Percent
DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	735	430	58.5%	5,870	2,430	41.4%
CALGARY	88,685	12,948	14.6%	977,075	138,745	14.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Income (continued)

Seniors receiving Guaranteed Income Supplement (part. & max.), June 2006 & 2009						
	2006			2009		
	Total Senior Population	GIS Recipients	Percent	Total Senior Population	GIS Recipients	Percent
DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	829	424	51.1%	797	431	54.1%
CALGARY	93,859	26,301	28.0%	98,572	25,664	26.0%

Source: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, June 2006 & 2009

Seniors by Labour Force Participation, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	735	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
Labour Force Participation	95	12.9%	13,445	14.9%
Employed	90	12.2%	12,935	14.3%
Unemployed	10	10.5%	505	3.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family

Seniors by Marital Status, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	735	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
Never Married	130	17.7%	3,655	4.1%
Married	215	29.3%	52,935	58.7%
Separated	35	4.8%	1,810	2.0%
Divorced	145	19.7%	8,150	9.0%
Widowed	210	28.6%	23,610	26.2%
Common Law	0	0.0%	1,500	1.7%
Not Common Law	725	98.6%	88,660	98.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family (continued)

Seniors in Private Households by Living Arrangement, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	735	100.0%	88,685	100.0%
Family Persons*	230	31.3%	58,475	65.9%
Non-Family Persons**	505	68.7%	30,215	34.1%
Total Non-Family Persons	505	100.0%	30,215	100.0%
Living with Relatives	20	4.0%	5,255	17.4%
Living with Non-Relatives	15	3.0%	1,810	6.0%
Living Alone	470	93.1%	23,145	76.6%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

* Statistics Canada defines **Family Persons** as those living in households that contain at least one census family, that is, a married couple with or without children, or a couple living common-law with or without children, or a lone parent living with one or more children (lone-parent family).

** **Non-Family Persons** are defined as those living in households consisting either of one person living alone in a private dwelling or to a group of two or more people who share a private dwelling, but who do not constitute a census family.

Social Isolation

Social Isolation Indicators, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Seniors Living Alone	470	63.9%	23,145	26.1%
Seniors Who Speak Neither English nor French	145	19.7%	7,700	8.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Education

Senior Population by Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	735	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
No Certificate, Diploma or Degree	245	33.3%	28,860	32.0%
High School Certificate or equivalent	190	25.9%	21,045	23.3%
Apprenticeship or Trades Certificate/Diploma	60	8.2%	10,155	11.3%
College, CEGEP or other non-university Certificates/Degrees	75	10.2%	12,805	14.2%
University Certificate/Degree below Bachelor Level	40	5.4%	4,465	5.0%
University Certificate/Degree (Bachelor and above)	125	17.0%	12,825	14.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Diversity

Seniors by Population Diversity, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Immigrant Population	425	57.8%	35,995	39.9%
Visible Minority Population	315	42.9%	15,995	17.7%
Aboriginal Population*	20	2.7%	685	0.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

* Refers to the "Aboriginal Identity" population defined by Statistics Canada as those persons who reported identifying with at least one Aboriginal Group (e.g. North American Indian, Métis, or Inuit) and / or those who did not report an Aboriginal Identity, but reported themselves as a Registered or Treaty Indian and / or a member of a Band or First Nation.

Senior Immigrant Population by Year of Immigration, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Immigrant Population	425	100.0%	35,995	100.0%
Before 1961	100	23.5%	13,455	37.4%
1961 - 1970	30	7.1%	5,955	16.5%
1971 - 1980	50	11.8%	5,625	15.6%
1981 - 1990	80	18.8%	4,490	12.5%
1991 - 1995	100	23.5%	2,990	8.3%
1996 - 2000	55	12.9%	1,750	4.9%
2001 - 2005	10	2.4%	1,735	4.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Diversity (continued)

Senior Population by Language Spoken most often at Home, 2006 (Showing Top 10 Countries of Calgary Overall)				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	735	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
English	480	65.3%	72,040	79.9%
Chinese*	45	6.1%	3,360	3.7%
Cantonese	70	9.5%	2,535	2.8%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	0	0.0%	1,730	1.9%
Italian	0	0.0%	895	1.0%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	15	2.0%	890	1.0%
Vietnamese	25	3.4%	845	0.9%
Gujarati	35	4.8%	755	0.8%
German	0	0.0%	585	0.6%
Spanish	15	2.0%	500	0.6%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

* Chinese includes 'Chinese' as well as all Chinese languages other than Cantonese, Mandarin, Taiwanese, Chaochow (Teochow), Fukien, Hakka and Shanghainese.

Housing

Economic Family Household with Elderly (65+) Spouse or Reference Person by Tenure, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Family Households with Elderly Spouse or Reference Person	150	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Owner	0	0.0%	33,675	89.5%
Renter	155	103.3%	3,955	10.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Tenant Occupied Economic Family Households with Elderly (65+) Spouse or Reference Person Spending 30% or more of Household Income on Gross Rent, 2006			
	Total	Spending 30% or More on Shelter	
		Number	Percent
Downtown Commercial Core	155	75	48.4%
CALGARY	3,955	1,285	32.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Housing (continued)

Economic Family Households with Elderly (65+) Spouse or Reference Person by Condition of Dwelling, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	150	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Major Repairs Required	0	0.0%	1,635	4.3%
Regular Maintenance or only Minor Repair Required	150	100.0%	35,990	95.6%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Disability

Senior Population by Disability*, 2006			
	Total Senior Population	Seniors with Disability	
		Number	Percent
DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORE	735	435	59.2%
CALGARY	90,165	48,940	54.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada

* **Disability** defined by Statistics Canada refers to “difficulties with daily activities and the reduction in the amount or kind of activities due to physical or mental or other health problems ... that have lasted or are expected to last six month or more”. (Source: Statistics Canada 2006 Census Dictionary. <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/english/census06/reference/dictionary/pop024.cfm>, accessed November 19, 2009)

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