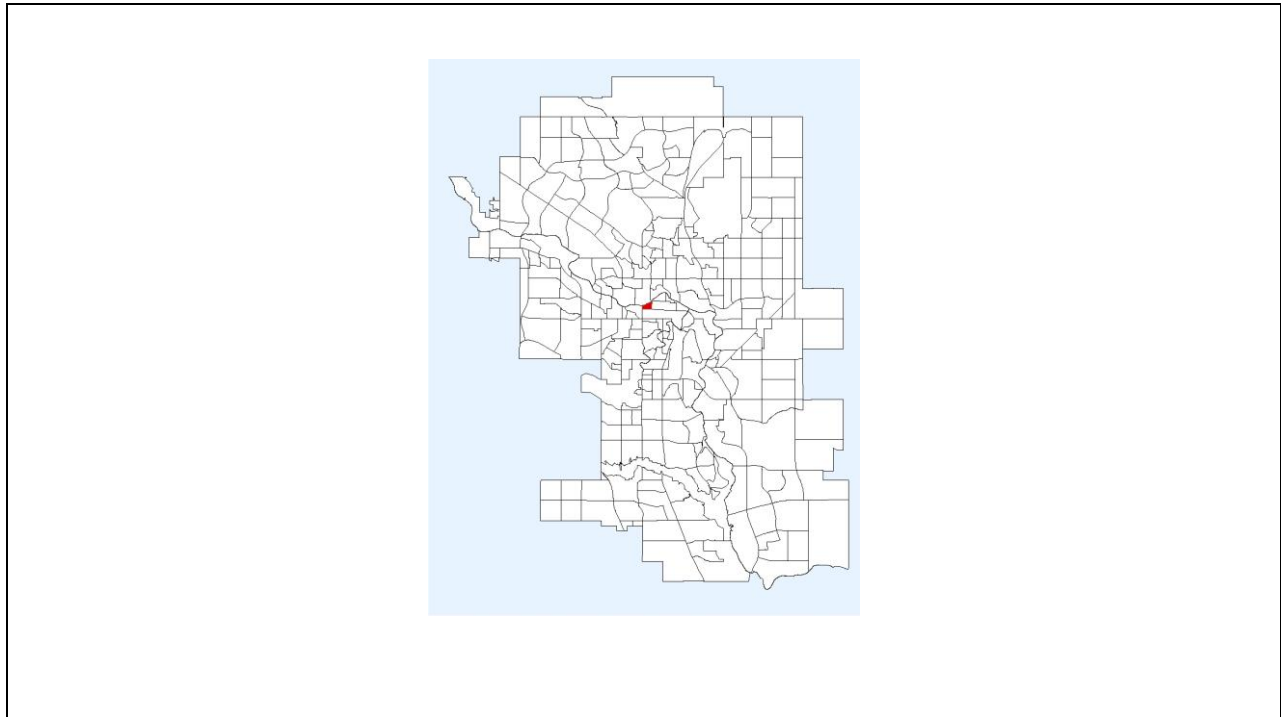


Calgary Community Statistics on Seniors: Downtown West End



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Population

Total Senior Population, 2001 - 2009					
	2001	2004	2006	2009	% Change 2001-2006
DOWNTOWN WEST END	58	120	163	175	201.7%
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 WEST END	2,288	175	7.6%
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 WEST END	200	15	7.5%
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 WEST END	175	94	53.7%	81	46.3%
CALGARY	98,572	43,654	44.3%	54,918	55.7%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Age Distribution, 2009				
	DOWNTOWN WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	2,288	100.0%	1,065,455	100.0%
0 - 19	139	6.1%	255,044	23.9%
20 - 44	1,300	56.8%	443,887	41.7%
45 - 54	388	17.0%	167,418	15.7%
55 - 64	286	12.5%	100,534	9.4%
Total Senior Population	175	7.6%	98,572	9.3%
65 - 74	102	4.5%	54,756	5.1%
75+	73	3.2%	43,816	4.1%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Income

Median Income of Senior Population, 2005		
	DOWNTOWN WEST END	CALGARY
Total Senior Population	205	90,165
Median Income	\$21,854	\$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 WEST END	205	56	27.5%	2,955	653	22.1%
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 WEST END	163	24	14.7%	175	30	17.1%
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 WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	200	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
Labour Force Participation	55	27.5%	13,445	14.9%
Employed	50	25.0%	12,935	14.3%
Unemployed	0	0.0%	505	3.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family

Seniors by Marital Status, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	200	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
Never Married	30	15.0%	3,655	4.1%
Married	105	52.5%	52,935	58.7%
Separated	0	0.0%	1,810	2.0%
Divorced	30	15.0%	8,150	9.0%
Widowed	40	20.0%	23,610	26.2%
Common Law	0	0.0%	1,500	1.7%
Not Common Law	195	97.5%	88,660	98.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family (continued)

Seniors in Private Households by Living Arrangement, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	200	100.0%	88,685	100.0%
Family Persons*	115	57.5%	58,475	65.9%
Non-Family Persons**	90	45.0%	30,215	34.1%
Total Non-Family Persons	90	100.0%	30,215	100.0%
Living with Relatives	0	0.0%	5,255	17.4%
Living with Non-Relatives	0	0.0%	1,810	6.0%
Living Alone	90	100.0%	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 WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Seniors Living Alone	90	45.0%	23,145	26.1%
Seniors Who Speak Neither English nor French	40	20.0%	7,700	8.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Education

Senior Population by Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	200	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
No Certificate, Diploma or Degree	55	27.5%	28,860	32.0%
High School Certificate or equivalent	30	15.0%	21,045	23.3%
Apprenticeship or Trades Certificate/Diploma	15	7.5%	10,155	11.3%
College, CEGEP or other non-university Certificates/Degrees	40	20.0%	12,805	14.2%
University Certificate/Degree below Bachelor Level	20	10.0%	4,465	5.0%
University Certificate/Degree (Bachelor and above)	40	20.0%	12,825	14.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Diversity

Seniors by Population Diversity, 2006				
	DOWNTOWN WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Immigrant Population	105	52.5%	35,995	39.9%
Visible Minority Population	90	45.0%	15,995	17.7%
Aboriginal Population*	0	0.0%	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 WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Immigrant Population	100	100.0%	35,995	100.0%
Before 1961	15	15.0%	13,455	37.4%
1961 - 1970	10	10.0%	5,955	16.5%
1971 - 1980	45	45.0%	5,625	15.6%
1981 - 1990	10	10.0%	4,490	12.5%
1991 - 1995	20	20.0%	2,990	8.3%
1996 - 2000	0	0.0%	1,750	4.9%
2001 - 2005	10	10.0%	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 WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	200	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
English	135	67.5%	72,040	79.9%
Chinese*	10	5.0%	3,360	3.7%
Cantonese	20	10.0%	2,535	2.8%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	0	0.0%	1,730	1.9%
Italian	0	0.0%	895	1.0%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	0	0.0%	890	1.0%
Vietnamese	0	0.0%	845	0.9%
Gujarati	0	0.0%	755	0.8%
German	0	0.0%	585	0.6%
Spanish	0	0.0%	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 WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Family Households with Elderly Spouse or Reference Person	75	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Owner	65	86.7%	33,675	89.5%
Renter	10	13.3%	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 West End	10	0	0.0%
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 WEST END		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	80	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Major Repairs Required	0	0.0%	1,635	4.3%
Regular Maintenance or only Minor Repair Required	70	87.5%	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 WEST END	200	95	47.5%
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)

Contact

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