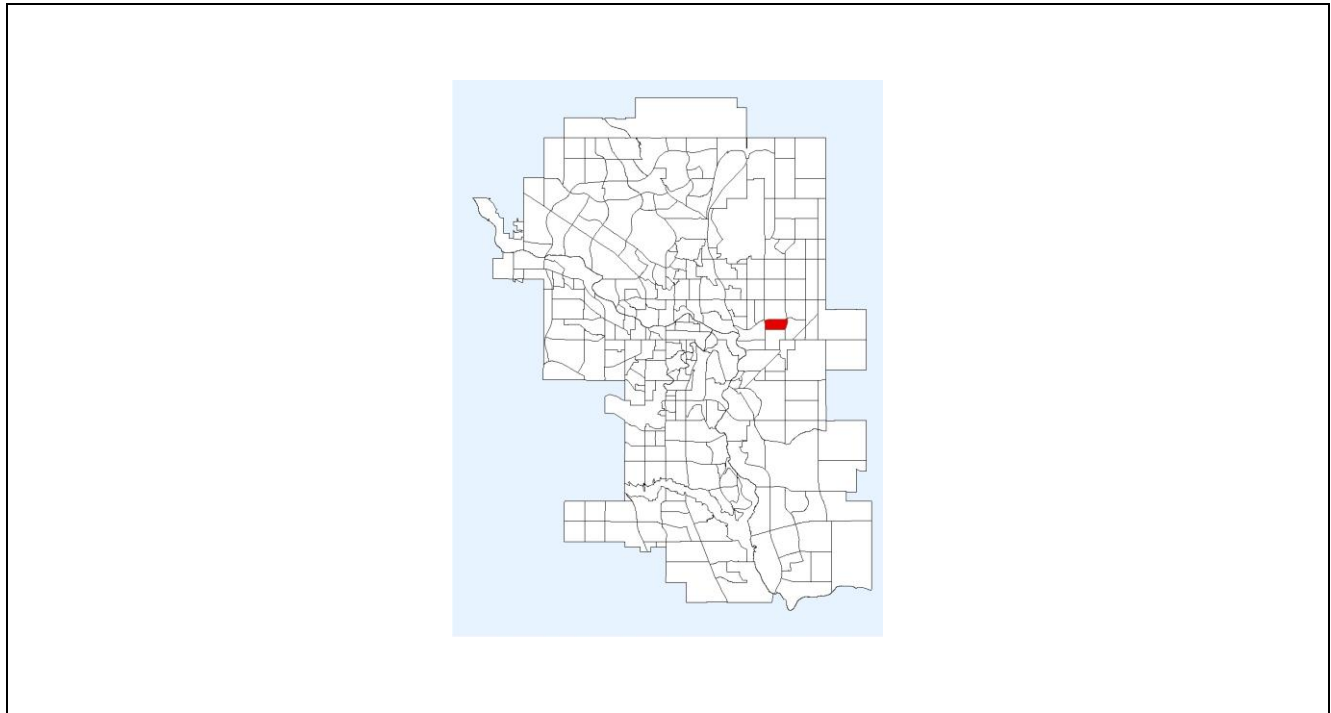


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Population

Total Senior Population, 2001 - 2009					
	2001	2004	2006	2009	% Change 2001-2006
FOREST HEIGHTS	754	746	801	788	4.5%
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
FOREST HEIGHTS	6,168	788	12.8%
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
FOREST HEIGHTS	590	20	3.4%
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
FOREST HEIGHTS	788	338	42.9%	450	57.1%
CALGARY	98,572	43,654	44.3%	54,918	55.7%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Age Distribution, 2009				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	6,168	100.0%	1,065,455	100.0%
0 - 19	1,477	23.9%	255,044	23.9%
20 - 44	2,389	38.7%	443,887	41.7%
45 - 54	984	16.0%	167,418	15.7%
55 - 64	530	8.6%	100,534	9.4%
Total Senior Population	788	12.8%	98,572	9.3%
65 - 74	403	6.5%	54,756	5.1%
75+	385	6.2%	43,816	4.1%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Income

Median Income of Senior Population, 2005		
	FOREST HEIGHTS	CALGARY
Total Senior Population	590	90,165
Median Income	\$18,662	\$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
FOREST HEIGHTS	590	60	10.2%	5,905	1,287	21.8%
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
FOREST HEIGHTS	801	314	39.2%	788	295	37.4%
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				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	590	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
Labour Force Participation	70	11.9%	13,445	14.9%
Employed	65	11.0%	12,935	14.3%
Unemployed	0	0.0%	505	3.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family

Seniors by Marital Status, 2006				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	595	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
Never Married	20	3.4%	3,655	4.1%
Married	385	64.7%	52,935	58.7%
Separated	15	2.5%	1,810	2.0%
Divorced	50	8.4%	8,150	9.0%
Widowed	120	20.2%	23,610	26.2%
Common Law	15	2.5%	1,500	1.7%
Not Common Law	575	97.5%	88,660	98.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family (continued)

Seniors in Private Households by Living Arrangement, 2006				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	590	100.0%	88,685	100.0%
Family Persons*	455	77.1%	58,475	65.9%
Non-Family Persons**	140	23.7%	30,215	34.1%
Total Non-Family Persons	140	100.0%	30,215	100.0%
Living with Relatives	65	46.4%	5,255	17.4%
Living with Non-Relatives	15	10.7%	1,810	6.0%
Living Alone	60	42.9%	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				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Seniors Living Alone	60	10.2%	23,145	26.1%
Seniors Who Speak Neither English nor French	90	15.1%	7,700	8.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Education

Senior Population by Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree, 2006				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	590	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
No Certificate, Diploma or Degree	325	55.1%	28,860	32.0%
High School Certificate or equivalent	80	13.6%	21,045	23.3%
Apprenticeship or Trades Certificate/Diploma	85	14.4%	10,155	11.3%
College, CEGEP or other non-university Certificates/Degrees	50	8.5%	12,805	14.2%
University Certificate/Degree below Bachelor Level	20	3.4%	4,465	5.0%
University Certificate/Degree (Bachelor and above)	35	5.9%	12,825	14.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Diversity

Seniors by Population Diversity, 2006				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Immigrant Population	345	58.5%	35,995	39.9%
Visible Minority Population	225	38.1%	15,995	17.7%
Aboriginal Population*	10	1.7%	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				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Immigrant Population	350	100.0%	35,995	100.0%
Before 1961	60	17.1%	13,455	37.4%
1961 - 1970	60	17.1%	5,955	16.5%
1971 - 1980	100	28.6%	5,625	15.6%
1981 - 1990	75	21.4%	4,490	12.5%
1991 - 1995	15	4.3%	2,990	8.3%
1996 - 2000	20	5.7%	1,750	4.9%
2001 - 2005	10	2.9%	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)				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	590	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
English	390	66.1%	72,040	79.9%
Chinese*	40	6.8%	3,360	3.7%
Cantonese	25	4.2%	2,535	2.8%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	0	0.0%	1,730	1.9%
Italian	0	0.0%	895	1.0%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	25	4.2%	890	1.0%
Vietnamese	30	5.1%	845	0.9%
Gujarati	15	2.5%	755	0.8%
German	0	0.0%	585	0.6%
Spanish	20	3.4%	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				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Family Households with Elderly Spouse or Reference Person	310	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Owner	265	85.5%	33,675	89.5%
Renter	45	14.5%	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	
Forest Heights	45	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				
	FOREST HEIGHTS		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	310	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Major Repairs Required	10	3.2%	1,635	4.3%
Regular Maintenance or only Minor Repair Required	300	96.8%	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
FOREST HEIGHTS	590	310	52.5%
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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