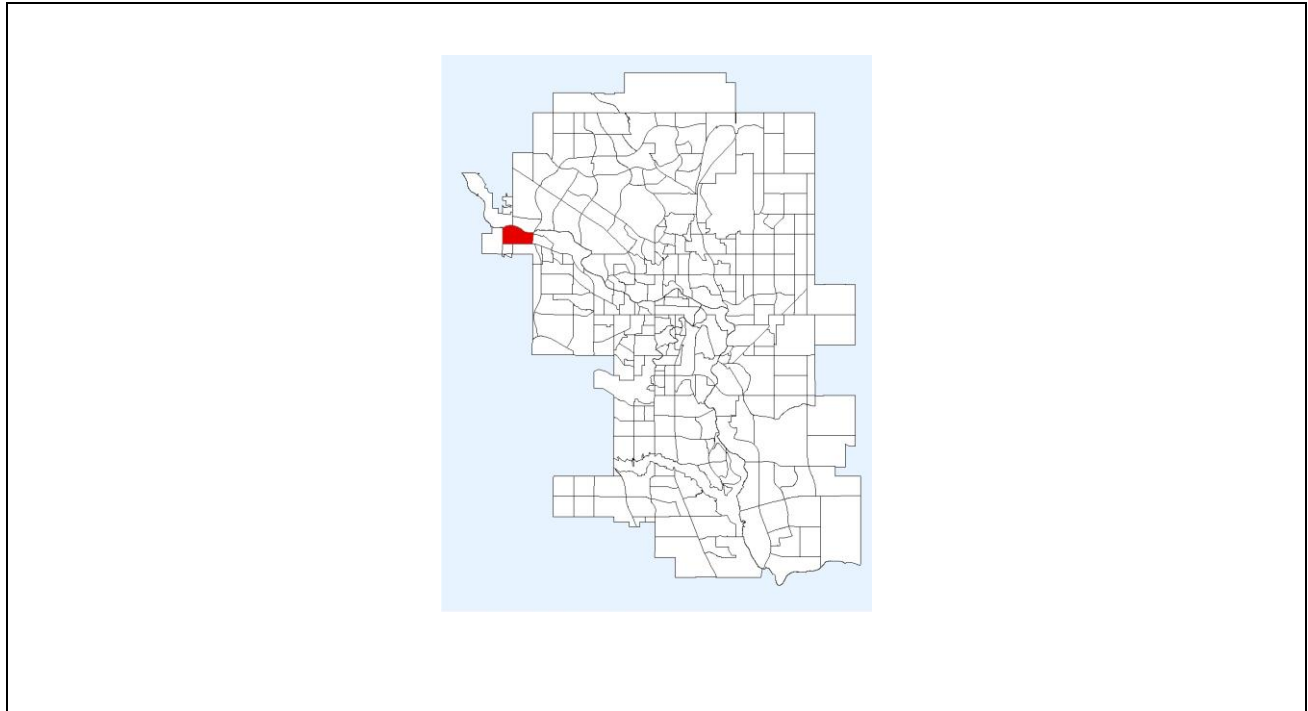


Calgary Community Statistics on Seniors: Valley Ridge



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Population

Total Senior Population, 2001 - 2009					
	2001	2004	2006	2009	% Change 2001-2006
VALLEY RIDGE	186	284	361	448	140.9%
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
VALLEY RIDGE	4,979	448	9.0%
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
VALLEY RIDGE	390	75	19.2%
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
VALLEY RIDGE	448	197	44.0%	251	56.0%
CALGARY	98,572	43,654	44.3%	54,918	55.7%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Age Distribution, 2009				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	4,979	100.0%	1,065,455	100.0%
0 - 19	1,321	26.5%	255,044	23.9%
20 - 44	1,679	33.7%	443,887	41.7%
45 - 54	942	18.9%	167,418	15.7%
55 - 64	589	11.8%	100,534	9.4%
Total Senior Population	448	9.0%	98,572	9.3%
65 - 74	226	4.5%	54,756	5.1%
75+	222	4.5%	43,816	4.1%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Income

Median Income of Senior Population, 2005		
	VALLEY RIDGE	CALGARY
Total Senior Population	390	90,165
Median Income	\$32,294	\$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
VALLEY RIDGE	240	0	0.0%	4,335	165	3.8%
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
VALLEY RIDGE	361	54	15.0%	448	51	11.4%
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				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	385	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
Labour Force Participation	50	13.0%	13,445	14.9%
Employed	50	13.0%	12,935	14.3%
Unemployed	0	0.0%	505	3.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family

Seniors by Marital Status, 2006				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	385	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
Never Married	10	2.6%	3,655	4.1%
Married	210	54.5%	52,935	58.7%
Separated	10	2.6%	1,810	2.0%
Divorced	20	5.2%	8,150	9.0%
Widowed	140	36.4%	23,610	26.2%
Common Law	10	2.6%	1,500	1.7%
Not Common Law	380	97.4%	88,660	98.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family (continued)

Seniors in Private Households by Living Arrangement, 2006				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	245	100.0%	88,685	100.0%
Family Persons*	195	79.6%	58,475	65.9%
Non-Family Persons**	45	18.4%	30,215	34.1%
Total Non-Family Persons	45	100.0%	30,215	100.0%
Living with Relatives	15	33.3%	5,255	17.4%
Living with Non-Relatives	0	0.0%	1,810	6.0%
Living Alone	30	66.7%	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				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Seniors Living Alone	30	12.2%	23,145	26.1%
Seniors Who Speak Neither English nor French	10	2.6%	7,700	8.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Education

Senior Population by Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree, 2006				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	390	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
No Certificate, Diploma or Degree	80	20.5%	28,860	32.0%
High School Certificate or equivalent	105	26.9%	21,045	23.3%
Apprenticeship or Trades Certificate/Diploma	40	10.3%	10,155	11.3%
College, CEGEP or other non-university Certificates/Degrees	90	23.1%	12,805	14.2%
University Certificate/Degree below Bachelor Level	30	7.7%	4,465	5.0%
University Certificate/Degree (Bachelor and above)	50	12.8%	12,825	14.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Diversity

Seniors by Population Diversity, 2006				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Immigrant Population	145	37.2%	35,995	39.9%
Visible Minority Population	35	9.0%	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				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Immigrant Population	145	100.0%	35,995	100.0%
Before 1961	80	55.2%	13,455	37.4%
1961 - 1970	25	17.2%	5,955	16.5%
1971 - 1980	15	10.3%	5,625	15.6%
1981 - 1990	10	6.9%	4,490	12.5%
1991 - 1995	10	6.9%	2,990	8.3%
1996 - 2000	0	0.0%	1,750	4.9%
2001 - 2005	0	0.0%	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)				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	385	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
English	365	94.8%	72,040	79.9%
Chinese*	10	2.6%	3,360	3.7%
Cantonese	10	2.6%	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				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Family Households with Elderly Spouse or Reference Person	135	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Owner	135	100.0%	33,675	89.5%
Renter	10	7.4%	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	
Valley Ridge	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				
	VALLEY RIDGE		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	135	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Major Repairs Required	0	0.0%	1,635	4.3%
Regular Maintenance or only Minor Repair Required	135	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
VALLEY RIDGE	390	220	56.4%
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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