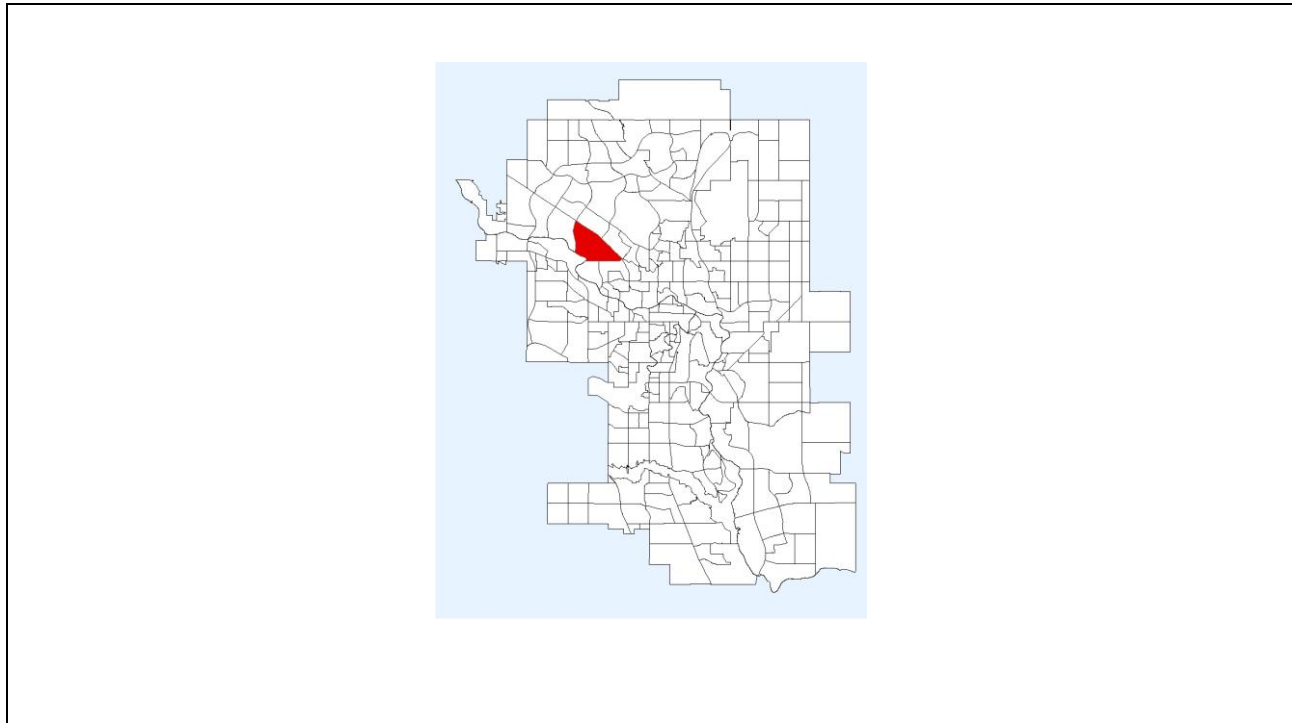


Calgary Community Statistics on Seniors: Varsity



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Population

Total Senior Population, 2001 - 2009					
	2001	2004	2006	2009	% Change 2001-2006
VARSHITY	2,006	2,160	2,291	2,348	17.0%
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
VARSHITY	12,158	2,348	19.3%
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
VARSIITY	2,325	75	3.2%
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
VARSIITY	2,348	992	42.2%	1,356	57.8%
CALGARY	98,572	43,654	44.3%	54,918	55.7%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Age Distribution, 2009				
	VARSIITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	12,158	100.0%	1,065,455	100.0%
0 - 19	2,217	18.2%	255,044	23.9%
20 - 44	4,478	36.8%	443,887	41.7%
45 - 54	1,739	14.3%	167,418	15.7%
55 - 64	1,376	11.3%	100,534	9.4%
Total Senior Population	2,348	19.3%	98,572	9.3%
65 - 74	1,203	9.9%	54,756	5.1%
75+	1,145	9.4%	43,816	4.1%

Source: City of Calgary, Civic Census 2009

Income

Median Income of Senior Population, 2005		
	VARSIITY	CALGARY
Total Senior Population	2,325	90,165
Median Income	\$31,184	\$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
VARSIITY	2,325	256	11.0%	11,920	2,026	17.0%
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
VARSAITY	2,291	397	17.3%	2,348	377	16.1%
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				
	VARSAITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	2,325	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
Labour Force Participation	360	15.5%	13,445	14.9%
Employed	355	15.3%	12,935	14.3%
Unemployed	0	0.0%	505	3.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family

Seniors by Marital Status, 2006				
	VARSAITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	2,330	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
Never Married	55	2.4%	3,655	4.1%
Married	1,550	66.5%	52,935	58.7%
Separated	40	1.7%	1,810	2.0%
Divorced	190	8.2%	8,150	9.0%
Widowed	500	21.5%	23,610	26.2%
Common Law	35	1.5%	1,500	1.7%
Not Common Law	2,290	98.5%	88,660	98.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Family (continued)

Seniors in Private Households by Living Arrangement, 2006				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	2,325	100.0%	88,685	100.0%
Family Persons*	1,650	71.0%	58,475	65.9%
Non-Family Persons**	675	29.0%	30,215	34.1%
Total Non-Family Persons	675	100.0%	30,215	100.0%
Living with Relatives	45	6.7%	5,255	17.4%
Living with Non-Relatives	25	3.7%	1,810	6.0%
Living Alone	605	89.6%	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				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Seniors Living Alone	605	26.0%	23,145	26.1%
Seniors Who Speak Neither English nor French	45	1.9%	7,700	8.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Education

Senior Population by Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree, 2006				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	2,325	100.0%	90,160	100.0%
No Certificate, Diploma or Degree	435	18.7%	28,860	32.0%
High School Certificate or equivalent	500	21.5%	21,045	23.3%
Apprenticeship or Trades Certificate/Diploma	185	8.0%	10,155	11.3%
College, CEGEP or other non-university Certificates/Degrees	390	16.8%	12,805	14.2%
University Certificate/Degree below Bachelor Level	210	9.0%	4,465	5.0%
University Certificate/Degree (Bachelor and above)	605	26.0%	12,825	14.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census of Canada

Diversity

Seniors by Population Diversity, 2006				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Immigrant Population	770	33.0%	35,995	39.9%
Visible Minority Population	225	9.7%	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				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Immigrant Population	770	100.0%	35,995	100.0%
Before 1961	385	50.0%	13,455	37.4%
1961 - 1970	160	20.8%	5,955	16.5%
1971 - 1980	110	14.3%	5,625	15.6%
1981 - 1990	55	7.1%	4,490	12.5%
1991 - 1995	0	0.0%	2,990	8.3%
1996 - 2000	15	1.9%	1,750	4.9%
2001 - 2005	40	5.2%	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)				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Senior Population	2,330	100.0%	90,165	100.0%
English	2,095	89.9%	72,040	79.9%
Chinese*	70	3.0%	3,360	3.7%
Cantonese	0	0.0%	2,535	2.8%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	0	0.0%	1,730	1.9%
Italian	20	0.9%	895	1.0%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	10	0.4%	890	1.0%
Vietnamese	10	0.4%	845	0.9%
Gujarati	0	0.0%	755	0.8%
German	20	0.9%	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				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Family Households with Elderly Spouse or Reference Person	945	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Owner	885	93.7%	33,675	89.5%
Renter	60	6.3%	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	
Varsity	60	10	16.7%	
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				
	VARSITY		CALGARY	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	945	100.0%	37,630	100.0%
Major Repairs Required	25	2.6%	1,635	4.3%
Regular Maintenance or only Minor Repair Required	925	97.9%	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
VARSITY	2,325	1,180	50.8%
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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