

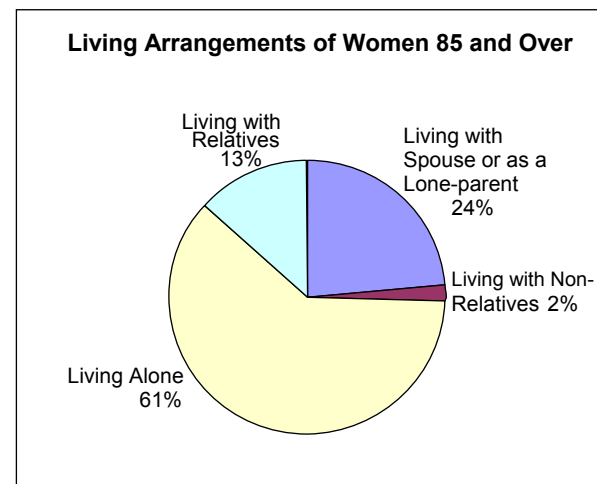
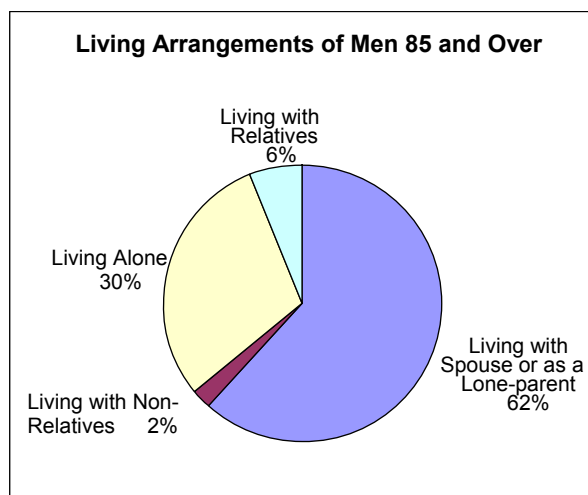
## 2001 Census Fast Facts: *Living Arrangements of Seniors in BC*

Seniors aged 65 and over accounted for 13.6 per cent of BC's population in 2001, up from 12.9 per cent in 1991 and 10.9 per cent in 1981. Between 1991 and 2001, the seniors population grew by 26.3 per cent, compared to a growth rate of 19.1 per cent for the total population.

While less than one-third (28.5 per cent) of BC's seniors aged 65 and over lived alone in 2001, for those aged 85 and over, half (49.9 per cent) were living alone. Elderly women were more likely to live alone than elderly men, with 37.6 per cent of women aged 65 and over doing so compared to just 17.6 per cent of men. For women aged 85 and over, 61.1 per cent were living alone, compared to 29.9 per cent of men.

Thus, it is not surprising that senior males are far more likely to be living in a Census family<sup>1</sup> than their female counterparts. More than three-quarters (77.9 per cent) of men aged 65 and over were living with a spouse or as a lone-parent, compared to just over half (53.0 per cent) of women aged 65 and over. Among those aged 85 and over, 61.8 per cent of men were living with a spouse or as a lone-parent, compared to just 23.7 per cent of women in the same age group. However, more females than males (7.7 per cent versus 2.6 per cent, of those aged 65 and over) lived with a relative (other than a spouse or a child).

Five and a half per cent (29,570) of seniors aged 65 and over were living in a collective dwelling in 2001. Collective dwellings include health care and related institutions, correctional and penal institutions, and non-institutional dwellings such as shelters and religious establishments and colonies. That figure was almost double (10.5 per cent), for the population aged 75 and over.



<sup>1</sup> Refers to a couple (legally married or common-law, including same-sex) with or without child/children at home, or a lone-parent with child/children at home. Children at home can be any age, as long as there is no spouse or common-law partner living in the household.



## British Columbia Seniors Population, 1921 to 2001 Censuses

		Total - All Ages	65 and over		75 and over		85 and over	
		<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
2001	Both Sexes	3,907,735	533,085	13.6	246,380	6.3	60,035	1.5
	Male	1,919,100	236,670	12.3	97,135	5.1	19,815	1.0
	Female	1,988,640	296,410	14.9	149,240	7.5	40,220	2.0
1991	Both Sexes	3,282,065	422,010	12.9	171,925	5.2	37,175	1.1
	Male	1,625,975	182,345	11.2	68,350	4.2	12,445	0.8
	Female	1,656,085	239,655	14.5	103,575	6.3	24,730	1.5
1981	Both Sexes	2,744,470	298,175	10.9	111,675	4.1	27,075	1.0
	Male	1,365,155	131,830	9.7	45,500	3.3	9,255	0.7
	Female	1,379,310	166,340	12.1	66,175	4.8	17,820	1.3
1971	Both Sexes	2,184,620	205,010	9.4	85,850	3.9	19,895	0.9
	Male	1,100,375	95,560	8.7	37,785	3.4	8,675	0.8
	Female	1,084,245	109,445	10.1	48,060	4.4	11,215	1.0
1961	Both Sexes	1,629,082	165,616	10.2	66,050	4.1	9,718	0.6
	Male	829,094	84,388	10.2	34,145	4.1	4,646	0.6
	Female	799,988	81,228	10.2	31,905	4.0	5,072	0.6
1951	Both Sexes	1,165,210	126,137	10.8	35,182	3.0	4,599	0.4
	Male	596,961	69,959	11.7	18,825	3.2	2,217	0.4
	Female	568,249	56,178	9.9	16,357	2.9	2,382	0.4
1941	Both Sexes	817,861	68,072	8.3	19,060	2.3	2,455	0.3
	Male	435,031	38,884	8.9	10,395	2.4	1,209	0.3
	Female	382,830	29,188	7.6	8,665	2.3	1,246	0.3
1931	Both Sexes	694,263	38,103	5.5	9,552	1.4	1,139	0.2
	Male	385,219	22,139	5.7	5,264	1.4	523	0.1
	Female	309,044	15,964	5.2	4,288	1.4	616	0.2
1921	Both Sexes	524,582	18,395	3.5	4,458	0.8	584	0.1
	Male	293,409	10,664	3.6	2,390	0.8	317	0.1
	Female	231,173	7,731	3.3	2,068	0.9	267	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census, Table 97F0003XCB01002

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## Living Arrangements of Seniors, 2001

	Population	Living with Spouse * or as a Lone-Parent		Living with Relatives		Living with Non-Relatives		Living Alone	
	Number	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
65 years and over	503,625	323,920	64.3	27,165	5.4	9,145	1.8	143,395	28.5
Males	229,365	178,700	77.9	6,030	2.6	4,345	1.9	40,290	17.6
Females	274,255	145,220	53.0	21,130	7.7	4,795	1.7	103,110	37.6
75 years and over	220,695	117,305	53.2	15,640	7.1	3,765	1.7	83,990	38.1
Males	90,655	66,165	73.0	3,280	3.6	1,630	1.8	19,580	21.6
Females	130,040	51,135	39.3	12,360	9.5	2,130	1.6	64,420	49.5
85 years and over	44,745	16,735	37.4	4,800	10.7	880	2.0	22,330	49.9
Males	16,090	9,945	61.8	1,005	6.2	340	2.1	4,805	29.9
Females	28,655	6,795	23.7	3,795	13.2	550	1.9	17,520	61.1

\* Includes common-law spouse

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census, Table 95F0315XCB2001001

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## Census Family Status of Seniors in British Columbia, 2001

	65 years and over		75 years and over		85 years and over	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Both Sexes: Total - Census Family Status	503,625	100.0	220,695	100.0	44,745	100.0
Spouses	291,755	57.9	102,705	46.5	13,135	29.4
Common-law partners	10,215	2.0	2,990	1.4	355	0.8
Lone-parents	21,950	4.4	11,610	5.3	3,245	7.3
Children in census families	570	0.1	25	-	-	-
Non-family persons	179,130	35.6	103,365	46.8	28,010	62.6
Males: Total - Census Family Status	229,370	100.0	90,655	100.0	16,090	100.0
Spouses	167,940	73.2	62,095	68.5	9,050	56.2
Common-law partners	6,550	2.9	1,875	2.1	235	1.5
Lone-parents	4,210	1.8	2,195	2.4	655	4.1
Children in census families	295	0.1	10	-	-	-
Non-family persons	50,375	22.0	24,480	27.0	6,150	38.2
Females: Total - Census Family Status	274,255	100.0	130,040	100.0	28,655	100.0
Spouses	123,815	45.1	40,605	31.2	4,085	14.3
Common-law partners	3,665	1.3	1,115	0.9	115	0.4
Lone-parents	17,740	6.5	9,415	7.2	2,590	9.0
Children in census families	275	0.1	20	-	-	-
Non-family persons	128,760	46.9	78,880	60.7	21,860	76.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census, Table 95F0314XCB01006

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## British Columbia Seniors Living in Collective Dwellings, 2001

	<u>All Ages</u>	<u>65 years and over</u>	<u>75 years and over</u>
Total Population	3,907,740	533,090	246,375
Population Living in Collective Dwellings	48,690	29,570	25,765
<i>Per cent of Total Population</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>10.5</i>
<b>Institutional</b>			
Health care and related institutions	34,605	28,570	25,330
<i>Per cent of Total Population</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>10.3</i>
<i>Per cent of Population in Collec. Dwell.</i>	<i>71.1</i>	<i>96.6</i>	<i>98.3</i>
Correctional and penal institutions	2,815	45	10
<b>Non-Institutional</b>			
Shelters	1,085	230	170
Service collective dwellings	7,740	590	195
Religious establishments	425	105	50
Hutterite colonies	125	-	-
Other	1,900	30	5

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census, Special Table: PopxAgeCollDwel

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