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## A Portrait of Ottawa Older Adults: Demographic and Socio-Economic Characteristics

This report provides an overview of the demographic characteristics of the Ottawa older adult population. This data was collected as part of the research phase of the City of Ottawa Older Adult Plan project. The main goal was to draw an up-to-date portrait of the older population in order to identify key facts and demographic trends that may have implications for service planning and delivery.

The following demographic characteristics are examined in this report: population counts (past, current and projected), gender and marital status, geographic distribution, living arrangements, house tenure, employment and financial security, diversity, health status and mobility, and engagement in community life. Although this report is mainly about the situation of the current generation of seniors ( 65 and over), data for some characteristics are presented for younger age groups (baby boomers) and/or by municipal wards. Wherever possible, the Ottawa data are also compared to that of other large Ontario cities, the City of Gatineau, the province of Ontario, and/or Canada. Separate data for specific sub-groups of the senior population (francophone and immigrant seniors as well as seniors living alone, on low income, with disabilities, or in rural areas) were included in the appendix section.

Data sources include Statistics Canada (Census, Small Area and Administrative Data, and Canadian Community Health Survey), the Successful Aging Ottawa Survey (2005), as well as population projections prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd for the City of Ottawa (2010). As much as possible, information is presented for the city of Ottawa but in some cases where data were not readily available, information is provided for the Ontario part of the Ottawa-Gatineau Census Metropolitan Area (including the city of Clarence-Rockland and the township of Russell) or for the Champlain Health Region (including the counties of Renfrew, Prescott-Russell and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry - SD\&G).

For the purpose of this report, the term 'senior' refers to an individual 65 years old or over, while the term 'older adult' refers to a life stage as opposed to an age-based definition. Information presented in the 'Quick facts' boxes is specific to the city of Ottawa unless otherwise indicated.

## Population Counts: Today, Yesterday and Tomorrow

## Quick facts

- In 2006, 100,875 seniors were living in Ottawa, representing $12 \%$ of all residents.
- Seniors represent the fastest growing age segment.
- The senior population will more than double between 2011 and 2031, to a projected 253,950 individuals. In 2031, more than one in five residents will be over 65.
- Between 2011 and 2031, the 74 to 84 age segment will experience the largest overall growth rate.


## Current Senior Population

At the time of the 2006 Census, the city of Ottawa had a total population of 812,130 individuals. The age pyramid presented in Figure 1 shows the middle-age segment as the most populous, followed by young adults, children, and finally seniors. The median age of the Ottawa population was 38.4 years old in 2006, slightly lower than the Ontario median of 39.0 years old. In 2006, there were 100,875 residents 65 years old and over living in Ottawa. This number represented $12.4 \%$ of the total population, a figure slightly lower than the national average of $13.7 \%$ and the provincial average of 13.6\%.

Figure 1. Age Distribution, Ottawa Population, 2006


A comparison of the ten largest cities in Ontario and Gatineau shows that four cities have higher proportions of seniors than Ottawa: London (13.7\%), Toronto (14.1\%), Windsor (14.3\%), and Hamilton (14.9\%) - see Figure 2. Seniors in Gatineau represent $10.3 \%$ of the city's total population.

Figure 2. Population 65 and Over, Ontario Cities and Gatineau, 2006


Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

## Yesterday's Senior Population (1986 to 2006)

Between 1986 and 2006, the number of seniors in Ottawa increased from 59,861 to 100,875 individuals, a growth of $69 \%$ over these 20 years. Seniors as a percentage of the total population went from $8.7 \%$ to $12.4 \%$ in 2006 , indicating that the older population grew faster than younger age groups during that period.

Interestingly, segments of the senior population grew at different rates (Table 1). For example, the oldest age group (85 years and over) experienced the fastest growth between 1986 and 2006 (154\%), while the 65 to 74 age group experienced a more modest growth (39\%). Baby boomers ${ }^{1}$ entering middle-age account for the $83 \%$ growth rate experienced by the 45 to 64 cohort.

[^0]Table 1. Ottawa Population Growth, 1986 to 2006

| Age | 1986 | 1991 | Change 1986-91 | 1996 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Change } \\ & \text { 1991-96 } \end{aligned}$ | 2001 | Change 1996-01 | 2006 | Change 2001-06 | Total change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0-19 | 162,468 | 178,613 | 9.9\% | 190,722 | 6.8\% | 202,826 | 6.3\% | 197,345 | -2.7\% | 21.5\% |
| 20-44 | 286,532 | 316,605 | 10.5\% | 310,556 | -1.9\% | 325,595 | 4.8\% | 297,055 | -8.8\% | 3.7\% |
| 45-64 | 118,833 | 133,773 | 12.6\% | 158,884 | 18.8\% | 188,025 | 18.3\% | 216,855 | 15.3\% | 82.5\% |
| 65-74 | 37,441 | 43,788 | 17.0\% | 46,857 | 7.0\% | 48,667 | 3.9\% | 51,955 | 6.8\% | 38.8\% |
| 75-84 | 17,185 | 22,095 | 28.6\% | 26,767 | 21.1\% | 31,746 | 18.6\% | 35,640 | 12.3\% | 107.4\% |
| 85+ | 5,235 | 6,289 | 20.1\% | 7,632 | 21.4\% | 9,701 | 27.1\% | 13,280 | 36.9\% | 153.7\% |
| 65+ | 59,861 | 72,172 | 20.6\% | 81256 | 12.6\% | 90114 | 10.9\% | 100,875 | 11.9\% | 68.5\% |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

## Tomorrow's Senior Population (2011 to 2031)

The aging of the Ottawa population will accelerate significantly over the next two decades, particularly as individuals from the baby boom generation begin turning 65 in 2011. Recent projections predict that the number of seniors will more than double, going from 100,875 to 253,950 individuals between 2011 and 2031. ${ }^{2}$ By 2031, seniors will make up $22 \%$ of the total Ottawa population. This means that more than one in five residents will be over 65 years old by 2031.

As can be seen in Table 2, the rate of growth of the senior population is expected to surpass all other age groups in Ottawa between 2011 and 2031. As such, the overall growth rate for the over 65 group is projected to be around $115 \%$, compared to $20 \%$ for the 55 to 64 age group and a modest $5 \%$ for the 45 to 54 age group.

Growth within the senior population itself will vary considerably by age segments. For the 65 to 74 year old group, the fastest growth will occur in the next 10 years (2011 and 2021), a time when large numbers of baby boomers will turn 65. By 2031, the number of individuals 65 to 74 years old is projected to be 132,910 (a growth of $110 \%$ ), at which time, they will make up $52 \%$ of the population over 65.

[^1]Table 2. Population Projections, Ottawa, 2011 to 2031

|  | 2011 | 2016 | Change 2011-16 | 2021 | Change 2016-21 | 2026 | Change 2021-26 | 2031 | Change 2026-31 | Total Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 45-54 | 143,520 | 140,210 | -2.3\% | 133,650 | -4.7\% | 137,010 | 2.5\% | 150,660 | 9.9\% | 5.0\% |
| 55-64 | 110,080 | 125,660 | 14.1\% | 139,760 | 11.2\% | 137,280 | -1.7\% | 131,610 | -4.1\% | 19.6\% |
| 65-74 | 63,210 | 84,190 | 33.2\% | 102,710 | 22.0\% | 118,530 | 15.4\% | 132,910 | 12.1\% | 110.3\% |
| 75-84 | 37,510 | 41,990 | 11.9\% | 52,180 | 24.3\% | 70,400 | 34.9\% | 86,820 | 23.3\% | 131.5\% |
| 85+ | 17,430 | 19,890 | 14.1\% | 22,630 | 13.8\%\% | 26,500 | 17.1\% | 34,220 | 29.1\% | 96.3\% |
| 65+ | 118,150 | 146,070 | 23.6\% | 177,520 | 21.5\% | 215,430 | 21.4\% | 253,950 | 17.9\% | 114.9\% |

Source: Hemson Consulting Ltd, 2010

The greatest growth for the 75 to 84 segment is predicted to occur between 2021 and 2026, during which time the number of individuals will grow by $35 \%$. By 2031, this segment of the population is predicted to have grown by $132 \%$ to 86,820 individuals and will represent $34 \%$ of the total population over 65. Finally, the number of seniors aged 85 or over is projected to increase to 34,220 individuals by 2031 , a growth of $96 \%$. This group will then account for $13 \%$ of the total population over 65 .

Figure 3 shows the impact that the large baby boom cohort will have on the growth of various age groups, between 2011 and 2031. The large numbers of baby boomers turning 65 over the next 10 years will initially push the growth rate of the 65 to 74 age group. The wave of baby boomers will then have a significant impact on the growth rate of the 75 to 84 age group, especially between 2021 and 2026. Finally, the 85 and over age group will begin to experience a significant growth rate beginning around 2026.

Figure 3. Projected Growth, Population 55 and Over, Ottawa, 2011 to 2031


Source: Hemson Consulting, 2010

Population projections show that certain groups of the senior population (francophone and immigrant seniors as well as seniors living alone, on low income, those with disabilities, or in rural areas) will also grow at different rates (Table 3). For example, the Aboriginal senior population is projected to grow at an astonishing 415\% between 2011 and 2031. The Aboriginal population is currently characterized by large numbers of individuals between the ages of 40 and 49 who will become seniors by 2031. Rural seniors represent the other group that is predicted to grow faster than the general senior population, with a183\% projected growth rate. The other four groups listed in Table 3 are expected to grow at a rate similar to that of the general senior population (115\%).

Table 3. Population Projections, Sub-Groups of Senior Population, Ottawa, 2011 to 2031

|  | 2031 | Growth <br> 2011-31 | Growth <br> $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population 65+ | 254,000 | 135,900 | $115 \%$ |
| Immigrant | 77,400 | 40,000 | $106 \%$ |
| Francophone | 47,600 | 26,000 | $109 \%$ |
| Aboriginal | 3,300 | 2,700 | $415 \%$ |
| On low income | 15,700 | 8,300 | $113 \%$ |
| With disabilities | 44,500 | 24,000 | $116 \%$ |
| Living in rural area | 30,900 | 20,000 | $183 \%$ |

Source: Hemson Consulting, 2010

## Population Characteristics

## Quick Facts

- $58 \%$ of seniors are women.
- $58 \%$ of seniors are married or in a common-law relationship, more so for men (77\%) than women ( $43 \%$ ), and $40 \%$ of women are widowed compared to $11 \%$ of men.
- English is the most common mother tongue in seniors (58\%), followed by other languages (23\%), and French (18\%).
- 7\% of seniors do not speak English, with 3\% speaking only French and another 4\% unable to speak either official language.


## Gender

While the number of men and women is generally even before the age of 65 , women outnumber men in the older years because of their greater longevity. The 2006 Census revealed that $58 \%$ of seniors in Ottawa are women, which is comparable to the average for Canada (57\%) and Ontario (56\%). As Figure 4 shows, women become more and more represented with advancing age. Women make up $71 \%$ of all persons aged 85 and older, $60 \%$ of those aged 75 to 84 , and $53 \%$ of the 65 to 74 age group.

Figure 4. Gender Distribution, Population 45 and Over, Ottawa, 2006


Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

## Marital status

According to the 2006 Census, $58 \%$ of seniors were married or in a common-law relationship. ${ }^{3}$ Significantly more men (77\%) reported being in a married relationship than women (43\%). This is comparable to the Canadian average of $75 \%$ for men and $42 \%$ for women. Significantly more women reported being widowed ( $40 \%$ ) than men (11\%). Figure 5 summarizes the marital status of seniors in Ottawa.

[^2]Figure 5. Marital Status, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2006


Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

## Mother Tongue

According to 2006 Census data, 58\% of seniors had English as their mother tongue. Another 18\% had French as a mother tongue, while another $23 \%$ had neither language (Table 4). Numbers for individuals reporting more than one mother tongue are negligible. Other languages most often reported as a mother tongue include Italian, German, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin and other Chinese), and Arabic.

Table 4. Mother Tongue, Population 45 and Over by Age Group, Ottawa, 2006

|  | $45-54$ | $55-64$ | $65-74$ | $75+$ | $65+$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single Responses |  |  |  |  |  |
| English | 78,890 | 56,630 | 28,150 | 25,610 | 53,760 |
|  | $59.8 \%$ | $60.8 \%$ | $55.0 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $57.7 \%$ |
| French | 25,075 | 18,045 | 9,360 | 7,375 | 16,735 |
|  | $19.0 \%$ | $19.4 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $18.0 \%$ |
| Other Language | 26,035 | 17,255 | 13,005 | 8,480 | 21,485 |
|  | $19.7 \%$ | $18.5 \%$ | $25.4 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 3 . 1 \%}$ |
| Multiple Responses |  |  |  |  |  |
| English and French | 775 | 505 | 300 | 315 | 615 |
|  | $0.6 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ |
| Other Combinations | 1,060 | 630 | 335 | 220 | 555 |
|  | $0.8 \%$ | $0.7 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0.6 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 131,840 | 93,075 | 51,145 | 42,010 | 93,155 |

[^3]
## Language Ability ${ }^{4}$

The vast majority of Ottawa seniors (93\%) can speak English well enough to carry a conversation (Table 5). However, approximately 2,300 older individuals speak French only (2.5\%), while another 4,100 cannot speak either official language (4.3\%). This means that $6.8 \%$ of the total senior population (approximately 6,400 seniors) do not speak English well enough to carry on a conversation. The inability to speak English seems to be more pronounced for adults over the age of 75.

Table 5. Language Ability, Population 45 and Over by Age Group, Ottawa, 2006

|  | $65-74$ | $75+$ | $65+$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English Only | 32,665 | 28,150 | 60,815 |
|  | $63.8 \%$ | $67.0 \%$ | $65.3 \%$ |
| French Only | 985 | 1,330 | 2,315 |
|  | $1.9 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $2.5 \%$ |
| English and French | 15,305 | 10,590 | 25,895 |
|  | $29.9 \%$ | $25.2 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ |
| Neither English nor French | 2,195 | 1,940 | 4,135 |
|  | $4.3 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 51,145 | 42,010 | 93,155 |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Figure 6 compares the inability of seniors to speak English or French for large Ontario Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) and Gatineau. Ottawa's rate of seniors unable to speak either official language (4.3\%) is similar than that of Hamilton, Kitchener, and Windsor and is significantly lower than the Toronto rate of $15 \%$. It is also comparable to the Canadian rate (4.7\%) but lower than the Ontario rate of 6.9\%.

[^4]Figure 6. Inability to Speak English or French, Population 65 and Over, Ontario CMAs and Gatineau, 2006


Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census (Ontario portion of the Ottawa/Gatineau CMA)

## Geographic Distribution

## Quick Facts

- Three-quarters of seniors live in urban areas (inside the National Capital Greenbelt), 18\% live in suburban areas (outside the Greenbelt), and another $8 \%$ live in rural areas.
- Municipal wards with the largest numbers (and densities) of seniors include Bay, College, and Alta Vista.
- Municipal wards with lowest numbers (and densities) of seniors include Barrhaven, Cumberland, and Gloucester-South Nepean.

There are notable variations in the distribution of the senior population across the city of Ottawa. The majority ( $74 \%$ ) of seniors reside inside the National Capital Greenbelt, ${ }^{5} 18 \%$ live in suburban centres outside the Greenbelt, and another $8 \%$ live in rural areas.

## Appendix A presents detailed data for the over 45 adult population living in rural areas.

Figure 7 shows the differences in geographic distribution of the Ottawa population over 45 years old. The tendency to reside inside the Greenbelt increases progressively with advancing age, while the tendency to live in the suburban areas outside the Greenbelt and the rural areas decreases with advancing age. For example, only $17 \%$ of those aged 85 and over live outside the Greenbelt, compared to $43 \%$ of middle-aged individuals ( 45 to 54 years old).

Figure 7. Geographic Distribution, Population 45 and Over, Ottawa, 2006


Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Table 6 (Figure 8 and Map 1) show that the largest numbers of seniors are found in the College (9,690 individuals or $19 \%$ of the total ward population), Bay ( 9,270 individual or $21 \%$ of the total ward population), and Alta Vista ( 7,720 individuals or $18 \%$ of the total ward population) municipal wards. Municipal wards with the lowest numbers of seniors include Gloucester-South Nepean, Cumberland, West Carleton-March, and Barrhaven. On the other hand, Table 6 (and Map 5) shows that the highest concentrations of middle-aged individuals ( 45 to 64 year old) are found outside the Greenbelt in the Orléans, Innes, West Carleton-March, and Rideau-Goulbourn municipal wards.

[^5]Figure 8. Population 65 and Over by Ward, Ottawa, 2006


Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Table 6. Population 65 and Over by Ward, Ottawa, 2006

| Ward \# | Ward Name | Total | 45-54 |  | 55-64 |  | 65-74 |  | 75-84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Orléans | 46,000 | 8,625 | 18.8\% | 6,175 | 13.4\% | 2,300 | 5.0\% | 1,035 | 2.3\% | 320 | 0.7\% | 3,655 | 7.9\% |
| 2 | Innes | 37,820 | 7,140 | 18.9\% | 4,605 | 12.2\% | 2,050 | 5.4\% | 885 | 2.3\% | 260 | 0.7\% | 3,195 | 8.4\% |
| 3 | Barrhaven | 36,815 | 6,095 | 16.6\% | 3,290 | 8.9\% | 1,295 | 3.5\% | 565 | 1.5\% | 200 | 0.5\% | 2,060 | 5.6\% |
| 4 | Kanata North | 26,510 | 3,680 | 13.9\% | 2,420 | 9.1\% | 1,670 | 6.3\% | 870 | 3.3\% | 295 | 1.1\% | 2,835 | 10.7\% |
| 5 | West Carleton-March | 21,455 | 4,065 | 18.9\% | 2,845 | 13.3\% | 1,285 | 6.0\% | 560 | 2.6\% | 110 | 0.5\% | 1,955 | 9.1\% |
| 6 | Stittsville-Kanata West | 19,410 | 3,155 | 16.3\% | 1,645 | 8.5\% | 1,115 | 5.7\% | 880 | 4.5\% | 330 | 1.7\% | 2,325 | 12.0\% |
| 7 | Bay | 43,995 | 5,930 | 13.5\% | 4,915 | 11.2\% | 3,815 | 8.7\% | 3,780 | 8.6\% | 1,675 | 3.8\% | 9,270 | 21.1\% |
| 8 | College | 50,350 | 7,585 | 15.1\% | 5,290 | 10.5\% | 4,155 | 8.3\% | 3,680 | 7.3\% | 1,855 | 3.7\% | 9,690 | 19.2\% |
| 9 | Knoxdale-Merivale | 38,070 | 5,640 | 14.8\% | 4,845 | 12.7\% | 3,310 | 8.7\% | 2,100 | 5.5\% | 480 | 1.3\% | 5,890 | 15.5\% |
| 10 | Gloucester-Southgate | 44,380 | 6,915 | 15.6\% | 3,870 | 8.7\% | 2,135 | 4.8\% | 1,255 | 2.8\% | 310 | 0.7\% | 3,700 | 8.3\% |
| 11 | Beacon Hill Cyrville | 32,235 | 5,060 | 15.7\% | 4,285 | 13.3\% | 2,700 | 8.4\% | 1,480 | 4.6\% | 425 | 1.3\% | 4,605 | 14.3\% |
| 12 | Rideau-Vanier | 39,360 | 5,590 | 14.2\% | 4,570 | 11.6\% | 2,850 | 7.2\% | 2,205 | 5.6\% | 1,030 | 2.6\% | 6,085 | 15.5\% |
| 13 | Rideau-Rockcliffe | 37,280 | 5,755 | 15.4\% | 4,745 | 12.7\% | 3,115 | 8.4\% | 2,245 | 6.0\% | 865 | 2.3\% | 6,225 | 16.7\% |
| 14 | Somerset | 33,515 | 4,595 | 13.7\% | 3,400 | 10.1\% | 2,185 | 6.5\% | 1,495 | 4.5\% | 430 | 1.3\% | 4,110 | 12.3\% |
| 15 | Kitchissippi | 36,105 | 5,965 | 16.5\% | 4,315 | 12.0\% | 2,350 | 6.5\% | 1,880 | 5.2\% | 795 | 2.2\% | 5,025 | 13.9\% |
| 16 | River | 44,885 | 6,480 | 14.4\% | 4,990 | 11.1\% | 3,055 | 6.8\% | 2,235 | 5.0\% | 900 | 2.0\% | 6,190 | 13.8\% |
| 17 | Capital | 33,755 | 4,660 | 13.8\% | 4,060 | 12.0\% | 2,055 | 6.1\% | 1,830 | 5.4\% | 860 | 2.5\% | 4,745 | 14.1\% |
| 18 | Alta Vista | 43,185 | 6,215 | 14.4\% | 4,535 | 10.5\% | 3,370 | 7.8\% | 3,270 | 7.6\% | 1,080 | 2.5\% | 7,720 | 17.9\% |
| 19 | Cumberland | 33,405 | 5,825 | 17.4\% | 3,480 | 10.4\% | 1,340 | 4.0\% | 505 | 1.5\% | 95 | 0.3\% | 1,940 | 5.8\% |
| 20 | Osgoode | 22,695 | 3,945 | 17.4\% | 2,580 | 11.4\% | 1,340 | 5.9\% | 655 | 2.9\% | 265 | 1.2\% | 2,260 | 10.0\% |
| 21 | Rideau-Goulbourn | 23,535 | 4,085 | 17.4\% | 3,370 | 14.3\% | 1,645 | 7.0\% | 795 | 3.4\% | 245 | 1.0\% | 2,685 | 11.4\% |
| 22 | Gloucester-South Nepean | 26,895 | 3,105 | 11.5\% | 1,770 | 6.6\% | 955 | 3.6\% | 480 | 1.8\% | 185 | 0.7\% | 1,620 | 6.0\% |
| 23 | Kanata-South | 40,480 | 6,705 | 16.6\% | 4,070 | 10.1\% | 1,870 | 4.6\% | 955 | 2.4\% | 280 | 0.7\% | 3,105 | 7.7\% |
|  | OTTAWA TOTAL | 812,135 | 126,815 | 15.6\% | 90,070 | 11.1\% | 51,960 | 6.4\% | 35,640 | 4.4\% | 13,290 | 1.6\% | 100,890 | 12.4\% |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Map 1. Seniors by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


Map 2. Seniors 65 to 74 by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


Map 3. Seniors 75 to 84 by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


Map 4. Seniors 85 Over by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


Map 5. Adults 45 to 64 by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


## Residential Status

## Quick Facts

- Women are less likely than men to live with family and twice as likely to live alone.
- $65 \%$ of seniors live with family members (spouse or other family members).
- $25 \%$ of seniors live alone; older women are more than twice as likely as men to live alone.
- Approximately 9,400 seniors ( $9 \%$ ) live in an institutional setting, with approximately half of these seniors being 85 years old and over. Older women are twice as likely as men to live in an institutional setting.
- $72 \%$ of individuals over the age of 65 own their homes. Home ownership is higher for younger seniors (65-74 years old).
- $81 \%$ of Ottawa seniors had not moved in the five year period preceding the last Census.


## Living Arrangements

The living arrangements of seniors vary greatly between men and women as well as by age (Table 7). The majority of seniors ( $65 \%$ ) live with family members, such as a spouse, children or other relatives. The percentage of seniors living with family decreases with advancing age. Women are also less likely than men to be living with family members and more likely to live alone.

Approximately $9 \%$ of seniors ( 9,400 individuals) live in an institutional setting, the vast majority of these in long-term care facilities. ${ }^{6}$ Very old adults ( 85 and over) are more likely to live in an institutional setting than their younger counterparts. For example, only $2 \%$ of adults between 65 and 74 years old live in an institution compared with $33 \%$ of individuals who are over 85 years old. Women are also twice as likely as men to live in an institutional setting (12\% compared to 6\%).

There is a substantial wait list for access to long-term care beds in the Champlain Region (Ottawa, North Lanark, North Grenville and Renfrew County). The Champlain Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) recently reported that 3,724 individuals were on the wait list for long-term care beds (as of April 2009). This wait list is considerably longer than those observed in other parts of the province. ${ }^{7}$

[^6]Table 7. Living Arrangements, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2006

|  | Total <br> Population | Institutional Residents | Spouse or Lone Parent | With Relatives | With NonRelatives | Alone |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 65-74 | 51,955 | 1,205 | 37,180 | 2,175 | 875 | 10,510 |
|  |  | 2.3\% | 71.6\% | 4.2\% | 1.7\% | 20.2\% |
| Men | 24,215 | 455 | 19,875 | 545 | 460 | 2,875 |
|  |  | 1.9\% | 82.1\% | 2.3\% | 1.9\% | 11.9\% |
| Women | 27,740 | 755 | 17,310 | 1,635 | 415 | 7,635 |
|  |  | 2.7\% | 62.4\% | 5.9\% | 1.5\% | 27.5\% |
| 75-84 | 35,640 | 3,855 | 19,390 | 1,805 | 440 | 10,140 |
|  |  | 10.8\% | 54.4\% | 5.1\% | 1.3\% | 28.5\% |
| Men | 14,355 | 950 | 10,485 | 430 | 245 | 2,255 |
|  |  | 6.6\% | 73.0\% | 3.0\% | 1.7\% | 15.7\% |
| Women | 21,290 | 2,910 | 8,905 | 1,380 | 200 | 7,890 |
|  |  | 13.7\% | 41.8\% | 6.5\% | 0.9\% | 37.1\% |
| 85+ | 13,280 | 4,340 | 3,515 | 930 | 130 | 4,370 |
|  |  | 32.7\% | 26.5\% | 7.0\% | 1.0\% | 32.9\% |
| Men | 3,905 | 1,110 | 1,850 | 140 | 35 | 770 |
|  |  | 28.4\% | 47.4\% | 3.6\% | 0.9\% | 19.7\% |
| Women | 9,370 | 3,220 | 1,670 | 785 | 100 | 3,595 |
|  |  | 34.4\% | 17.8\% | 8.4\% | 1.1\% | 38.4\% |
| 65+ | 100,875 | 9,400 | 60,095 | 4,910 | 1,445 | 25,020 |
|  |  | 9.3\% | 59.6\% | 4.9\% | 1.4\% | 24.8\% |
| Men | 42,475 | 2,515 | 32,205 | 1,115 | 740 | 5,895 |
|  |  | 5.9\% | 75.8\% | 2.6\% | 1.7\% | 13.9\% |
| Women | 58,400 | 6,890 | 27,885 | 3,795 | 705 | 19,125 |
|  |  | 11.8\% | 47.7\% | 6.5\% | 1.2\% | 32.7\% |

Source: Council on Aging (2009), Fact Book on Aging: Seniors in Ottawa, p. 17.
Finally, a significant number of seniors live alone. In 2006, 25\% of seniors ( 25,020 individuals) were living alone. Women are more than twice as likely as men to be living alone ( $33 \%$ compared with $14 \%$ ). The likelihood of living alone also increases with age, with $33 \%$ of individuals over 85 living alone compared to $20 \%$ of 65 to 74 year old adults. The segment most likely to live alone are women who are 85 years old and over at $38 \%$.

Appendix B presents detailed data for the over 45 adult population living alone.

Table 8 shows both the number and percentage of seniors living alone by municipal ward. Map 6 presents the same information on a map. The Somerset ward shows the highest percentage of older residents living alone (almost 50\%), followed by Rideau-Vanier ward at just over 40\%, and Bay ward at just under 40\%. Bay, Alta Vista, and Rideau-Vanier wards show the largest numbers of seniors living alone. In comparison, the Gloucester-South Nepean ward shows the smallest number and concentration of seniors living alone.

Table 8. Living Alone, Population 65 and Over, by Municipal Wards, Ottawa, 2006

|  |  | Total 65+ | Living Alone | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Orléans | 3,420 | 600 | 17.5\% |
| 2 | Innes | 2,955 | 470 | 15.9\% |
| 3 | Barrhaven | 1,875 | 250 | 13.3\% |
| 4 | Kanata North | 2,500 | 380 | 15.2\% |
| 5 | West Carleton-March | 1,965 | 355 | 18.1\% |
| 6 | Stittsville-Kanata West | 2,085 | 410 | 19.7\% |
| 7 | Bay | 8,390 | 3,225 | 38.4\% |
| 8 | College | 8,050 | 2,160 | 26.8\% |
| 9 | Knoxdale-Merivale | 5,805 | 1,325 | 22.8\% |
| 10 | Gloucester-Southgate | 3,640 | 825 | 22.7\% |
| 11 | Beacon Hill Cyrville | 4,250 | 885 | 20.8\% |
| 12 | Rideau-Vanier | 5,375 | 2,180 | 40.6\% |
| 13 | Rideau-Rockcliffe | 5,975 | 2,110 | 35.3\% |
| 14 | Somerset | 3,815 | 1,920 | 50.3\% |
| 15 | Kitchissippi | 4,870 | 1,865 | 38.3\% |
| 16 | River | 5,700 | 1,510 | 26.5\% |
| 17 | Capital | 4,285 | 1,525 | 35.6\% |
| 18 | Alta Vista | 7,285 | 2,185 | 30.0\% |
| 19 | Cumberland | 1,900 | 260 | 13.7\% |
| 20 | Osgoode | 2,100 | 315 | 15.0\% |
| 21 | Rideau-Goulbourn | 2,575 | 455 | 17.7\% |
| 22 | Gloucester-South Nepean | 1,525 | 195 | 12.8\% |
| 23 | Kanata-South | 2,815 | 440 | 15.6\% |
|  | OTTAWA TOTAL | 93,155 | 25,845 |  |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Map 6. Seniors Living Alone by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


Figure 9 compares the percentage of seniors living alone for large Ontario Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) and the city of Gatineau. Toronto shows the lowest rate (23\%) and Windsor the highest rate ( $30 \%$ ). The rate for Ottawa ( $25 \%$ ) is slightly lower than the Ontario and Canadian rates (26\% and $28 \%$ respectively).

Figure 9. Living Alone, Population 65 and Over, Largest Ontario CMAs and Gatineau, 2006


Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

## House Tenure

There are over 320,000 households in Ottawa of which 19\% are households with primary maintainers who are 65 years of age or older. ${ }^{8}$ Approximately $72 \%$ of seniors (who are primary home maintainers) own their home while $28 \%$ are renters (Table 9). Seniors who are between the ages of 65 and 74 are more likely to own a house than those who are 75 years old and over ( $75 \%$ compared to $67 \%$ ). The home ownership rate in the total population in Ottawa as a whole is $66 \%$.

In general, a small proportion of seniors still have mortgages on their homes. For Canada as a whole, $40 \%$ of individuals who own their homes were mortgage free in 2006. This proportion was $80 \%$ for senior households who own their homes. ${ }^{9}$

[^7]Table 9. House Tenure by Age of Primary Household Maintainer, Ottawa, 2006

|  | Owner | $\%$ | Renter | $\%$ | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 35 | 24,410 | $38.5 \%$ | 39,015 | $61.5 \%$ | 63,425 |
| $\mathbf{3 5 - 4 4}$ | 49,145 | $69.1 \%$ | 22,025 | $30.9 \%$ | 71,170 |
| $45-54$ | 54,315 | $73.8 \%$ | 19,250 | $26.2 \%$ | 73,565 |
| $55-64$ | 41,245 | $77.4 \%$ | 12,050 | $22.6 \%$ | 53,295 |
| $65-74$ | 23,470 | $75.4 \%$ | 7,640 | $24.6 \%$ | 31,110 |
| $75+$ | 19,265 | $67.5 \%$ | 9,265 | $32.5 \%$ | 28,530 |
| $65+$ | 42,735 | $71.7 \%$ | 16,905 | $28.3 \%$ | 59,640 |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Figure 10 compares the percentage of seniors who own their homes for large Ontario Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) and the city of Gatineau. The range goes from $65 \%$ home ownership (Gatineau) to $80 \%$ (Barrie), with the city of Ottawa on the lower end (72\%). The Ottawa figure is slightly lower than for Ontario as a whole (76\%) but equals the Canadian figure (72\%).

Figure 10. Home Ownership, Population 65 and Over, Largest CMAs and Gatineau, 2006


[^8]
## Likelihood of Moving

Seniors in Ottawa tend to be more sedentary than members of other age groups. The 2006 Census showed that $57 \%$ of the Ottawa's total population had not moved in the previous five years, compared to $81 \%$ of seniors. The figure is relatively the same across all older age groups. As can be seen from Table 10, the majority of movers are considered non-migrants meaning that they had moved within the city.

Table 10. Five-Year Mobility Status, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2006

|  | $65-69$ | $70-74$ | $75+$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 28,885 | 24,035 | 42,915 |
| Non-Movers* | 23,080 | 19,290 | 35,060 |
|  | $80.0 \%$ | $80.3 \%$ | $81.7 \%$ |
| Movers** | 5,805 | 4,750 | 7,855 |
|  | $20.0 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $18.3 \%$ |
| Non-Migrants | 3,925 | 3,335 | 5,755 |
|  | $67.6 \%$ of Movers | $70.3 \%$ of Movers | $73.3 \%$ of Movers |
| Migrants | 1,885 | 1,410 | 2,100 |
|  | $32.4 \%$ of Movers | $29.7 \%$ of Movers | $26.7 \%$ of Movers |

[^9]
## Employment \& Financial Security

## Quick Facts

- Approximately $11 \%$ of all seniors are employed. For the 65 to 74 age group, the rate of employment is $17 \%$ while it is $4 \%$ in seniors who are over 75 . Men are more likely to be employed than women.
- The median total income of Ottawa seniors was $\$ 31,000$ in $2006,32 \%$ higher than for Ontario and 48\% higher than for Canada.
- $38 \%$ of older women made less than $\$ 20,000$ a year, compared to $22 \%$ of men of the same age in 2006.
- More men than women are represented in the highest income brackets.
- Seniors draw the largest share of their income from private retirement pensions (42\%), a figure which is significantly higher than that for Ontario and Canada (13\% and 29\% respectively).
- The prevalence of low income (after tax) within the senior population is $6.8 \%$, which is comparable to the Ontario figure of $6 \%$. The senior low income rate is the lowest of all age groups in Ottawa.
- The prevalence of low income is greater for seniors who are not part of an economic family (typically living alone), $18 \%$ for men and $19 \%$ for women.


## Employment

At the time of the 2006 census, a total of 10,210 seniors in Ottawa were employed, representing 11\% of the total population over 65 years of age. There are, however, considerable differences depending on age and gender (see Table 11). As expected, the employment rate is higher for individuals who are between the ages of 65 to 74 years old than for adults over 75 years old. Older men are also twice more likely to be working than women, with $16 \%$ of men over 65 working compared to $7 \%$ of women.

According to the 2006 Census, approximately half of Ottawa seniors who worked did so on a full-time basis, with older men more likely to work full-time than women ( $58 \%$ compared to $40 \%$ ). ${ }^{10}$

Table 11. Labour Force Status, Population 55 and Over by Gender, Ottawa, 2006

| Labour Force Status | 55-64 |  | 65-74 |  | 75+ |  | 65+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men | Women | Men | Women | Men | Women | Men | Women |
| In the labour force | 29,215 | 24,600 | 5,685 | 3,280 | 1,040 | 705 | 6,725 | 3,985 |
| Participation rate \% | 67\% | 54\% | 24\% | 12\% | 6\% | 3\% | 17\% | 8\% |
| Employed | 28,125 | 23,850 | 5,470 | 3,115 | 980 | 645 | 6,450 | 3,760 |
| Employment rate \% | 65\% | 52\% | 23\% | 11\% | 6\% | 3\% | 16\% | 7\% |
| Unemployed | 1,090 | 745 | 210 | 160 | 60 | 60 | 270 | 220 |
| Unemployment rate \% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0.3\% | 0.2\% | 0.7\% | 0.4\% |
| Not in the labour force | 14,335 | 21,250 | 18,240 | 23,945 | 15,410 | 24,855 | 33,650 | 48,800 |
| TOTAL | 43,555 | 45,845 | 23,925 | 27,225 | 16,445 | 25,565 | 40,370 | 52,790 |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

[^10]
## Employment at the City of Ottawa

The average retirement age of City of Ottawa employees was 60 years old in 2010. The average age of retirement has been relatively stable for the last four years (between 59.5 and 60 years old). Table 12 shows that $1.2 \%$ of City employees are over the age of 65 years old (as of December 31, 2009). Employees from Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services account for $34 \%$ of employees who are 65 years old and over, Ottawa Public Library for 15\%, Community and Social Services employees for 13\%, and Transit Services for 11\%.

Table 12. Age breakdown of City of Ottawa Employees, 2009

| Age Group | Number of | \% of total work |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | employees | force |
| Under 55 | 14,250 | 85.2\% |
| 55-59 | 1,552 | 9.3\% |
| 60-64 | 714 | 4.3\% |
| 65-69 | 157 | 0.9\% |
| 70+ | 48 | 0.3\% |
| Total | 16,721 | 100\% |
| Excludes Police, OAG and Council |  |  |

Source: Human Resources Department, City of Ottawa

## Median Income ${ }^{11}$

In general, Ottawa seniors have higher incomes than those in Ontario and Canada as a whole. The median income (before tax) of Ottawa seniors was $\$ 31,000$ in 2006, compared to $\$ 23,400$ for Ontario and $\$ 21,000$ for Canada (see Table 13). As such, the median income of Ottawa seniors was $32 \%$ and $48 \%$ higher respectively that those of their Ontario and Canadian counterparts (for the 2006 taxation year).

Table 13. Median Total Income (Before Tax) by Age Group, for Ottawa, Ontario, and Canada, Taxation Year 2006

|  | $55-64$ | $65-74$ | $75+$ | $65+$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ottawa | $\$ 40,100$ | $\$ 29,300$ | $\$ 32,600$ | $\$ 31,000$ |
| Ontario | $\$ 33,600$ | $\$ 24,000$ | $\$ 22,800$ | $\$ 23,400$ |
| Canada | $\$ 30,700$ | $\$ 21,800$ | $\$ 20,400$ | $\$ 21,000$ |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division, 2007, Annual Estimates for Census Families and Individuals, 13 C0015

[^11]Figure 11 shows the percentage of seniors found in each income bracket for Ottawa, Ontario and Canada. A general observation is that a higher percentage of Ottawa seniors are found in the higher income brackets (compared to Ontario and Canada as a whole) and, at the opposite, a lower percentage of Ottawa seniors are found in the lowest income brackets.

Figure 11. Total Income, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, Ontario and Canada, 2006


Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division, 2007, Annual Estimates for Census Families and Individuals, $13 C 0016$

Table 14 presents a detailed picture of income levels for Ottawa individuals 45 years old and over. A general observation is that women lag considerably behind men with regards to income levels. As such, more women than men are found in the lower income brackets and the opposite occurs in the higher income brackets, for all age groups over 45 years old (see Figure 12). Approximately 38\% of older women ( 65 years and over) received less than $\$ 20,000$ in 2006 , compared to $22 \%$ of older men (65 years and over). Of all seniors receiving less than $\$ 20,000$ in $2006,73 \%$ were women. At the opposite end of the spectrum, $65 \%$ of seniors who made over $\$ 100,000$ in 2006 were men.

Another observation is that seniors fare better than the 45 to 64 age group in the lowest income brackets (although the opposite does not occur in the highest income brackets). Approximately 14\% of adults between 45 and 64 earned under $\$ 10,000$ in income compared to about $5 \%$ of seniors.

Figure 12. Total Income, Population 65 and Over by Gender, Ottawa, 2006


Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division, 2006, Annual Estimates for Census Families and Individuals, 13C0015

Table 14. Total Income, Population 45 and Over by Gender, Ottawa, 2006

|  | 45-54 |  |  |  | 55-64 |  | 65-74 |  |  |  | 75+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females | Total |
| <\$5K | 1,110 | 1,910 | 3,020 | 790 | 1,410 | 2,200 | 210 | 300 | 510 | 70 | 100 | 170 |
|  | 5.3\% | 8.3\% | 6.8\% | 4.9\% | 8.0\% | 6.5\% | 2.1\% | 2.4\% | 2.3\% | 0.8\% | 0.6\% | 0.7\% |
| \$5K to \$10K | 1,450 | 1,590 | 3,040 | 1,060 | 1,740 | 2,800 | 210 | 900 | 1,110 | 100 | 600 | 700 |
|  | 6.9\% | 6.9\% | 6.9\% | 6.6\% | 9.9\% | 8.3\% | 2.1\% | 7.3\% | 5.0\% | 1.1\% | 3.7\% | 2.8\% |
| \$10K to \$15K | 1,820 | 1,950 | 3,770 | 1,270 | 1,750 | 3,020 | 740 | 1,770 | 2,510 | 540 | 1,490 | 2,030 |
|  | 8.6\% | 8.5\% | 8.5\% | 7.9\% | 10.0\% | 9.0\% | 7.4\% | 14.3\% | 11.2\% | 5.9\% | 9.2\% | 8.0\% |
| \$15K to \$20K | 1,140 | 1,430 | 2,570 | 780 | 1,060 | 1,840 | 1,310 | 2,410 | 3,720 | 970 | 3,410 | 4,380 |
|  | 5.4\% | 6.2\% | 5.8\% | 4.8\% | 6.0\% | 5.5\% | 13.1\% | 19.5\% | 16.6\% | 10.5\% | 21.1\% | 17.3\% |
| \$20K to \$25K | 1,010 | 1,390 | 2,400 | 720 | 1,000 | 1,720 | 720 | 1,210 | 1,930 | 670 | 1,790 | 2,460 |
|  | 4.8\% | 6.0\% | 5.4\% | 4.5\% | 5.7\% | 5.1\% | 7.2\% | 9.8\% | 8.6\% | 7.3\% | 11.1\% | 9.7\% |
| \$25K to \$35K | 1,930 | 2,350 | 4,280 | 1,460 | 1,940 | 3,400 | 1,340 | 1,800 | 3,140 | 1,180 | 2,690 | 3,870 |
|  | 9.1\% | 10.2\% | 9.7\% | 9.1\% | 11.1\% | 10.1\% | 13.4\% | 14.6\% | 14.0\% | 12.8\% | 16.7\% | 15.3\% |
| \$35K to \$50K | 2,760 | 3,460 | 6,220 | 2,230 | 2,890 | 5,120 | 1,670 | 1,820 | 3,490 | 1,720 | 2,740 | 4,460 |
|  | 13.1\% | 15.1\% | 14.1\% | 13.9\% | 16.5\% | 15.2\% | 16.7\% | 14.7\% | 15.6\% | 18.7\% | 17.0\% | 17.6\% |
| \$50K to \$75K | 3,520 | 4,270 | 7,790 | 2,760 | 2,840 | 5,600 | 2,060 | 1,350 | 3,410 | 2,050 | 2,030 | 4,080 |
|  | 16.7\% | 18.6\% | 17.7\% | 17.1\% | 16.2\% | 16.6\% | 20.6\% | 10.9\% | 15.2\% | 22.3\% | 12.6\% | 16.1\% |
| \$75K to \$100K | 2,890 | 2,670 | 5,560 | 1,870 | 1,540 | 3,410 | 810 | 420 | 1,230 | 950 | 660 | 1,610 |
|  | 13.7\% | 11.6\% | 12.6\% | 11.6\% | 8.8\% | 10.1\% | 8.1\% | 3.4\% | 5.5\% | 10.3\% | 4.1\% | 6.3\% |
| \$100K to \$150K | 2,260 | 1,430 | 3,690 | 1,930 | 950 | 2,880 | 530 | 250 | 780 | 650 | 420 | 1,070 |
|  | 10.7\% | 6.2\% | 8.4\% | 12.0\% | 5.4\% | 8.6\% | 5.3\% | 2.0\% | 3.5\% | 7.1\% | 2.6\% | 4.2\% |
| \$150K to \$200K | 600 | 290 | 890 | 580 | 230 | 810 | 180 | 70 | 250 | 170 | 130 | 300 |
|  | 2.8\% | 1.3\% | 2.0\% | 3.6\% | 1.3\% | 2.4\% | 1.8\% | 0.6\% | 1.1\% | 1.8\% | 0.8\% | 1.2\% |
| \$200K to \$250K | 220 | 120 | 340 | 240 | 90 | 330 | 80 | 20 | 100 | 60 | 30 | 90 |
|  | 1.0\% | 0.5\% | 0.8\% | 1.5\% | 0.5\% | 1.0\% | 0.8\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% | 0.7\% | 0.2\% | 0.4\% |
| >\$250K | 430 | 120 | 550 | 420 | 90 | 510 | 140 | 40 | 180 | 80 | 60 | 140 |
|  | 2.0\% | 0.5\% | 1.2\% | 2.6\% | 0.5\% | 1.5\% | 1.4\% | 0.3\% | 0.8\% | 0.9\% | 0.4\% | 0.6\% |
| Total | 21,140 | 22,980 | 44,120 | 16,100 | 17,540 | 33,640 | 10,000 | 12,370 | 22,370 | 9,210 | 16,150 | 25,360 |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division, 2006, Annual Estimates for Census Families and Individuals, $13 C 001$

## Sources of Income

Ottawa seniors receive income from a variety of sources, including employment income, investments, government transfers (employment insurance, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Canada/Quebec Pension Plans), private pensions, RRSPs, and others. In 2006, the largest share of Ottawa senior income came from private retirement pensions (42\%). Another 16\% came from government transfers excluding CPP/QPP, 14\% from CPP/QPP, 12\% from investments, $9 \%$ from employment income, 5\% from other income, and 2\% from RRSPs (see Figure 13).

Figure 13. Income Sources, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2006


Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division, 2007, Annual Estimates for Census Families and Individuals, $13 \mathrm{C0016}$

Table 15 shows that Ottawa seniors differ considerably from their Ontario and Canadian counterparts with respect to private retirement pensions. As such, $42 \%$ of Ottawa seniors' total income came from private retirement pension in 2006, compared to $13 \%$ for Ontario and $13 \%$ for Canada as a whole. This can probably be attributed to the fact that a large portion of Ottawa seniors are retired public sector employees, and public sector employees are three times more likely to accumulate savings in employer-sponsored pension plans than private sector employees. ${ }^{12}$

[^12]Ottawa seniors also rely less on employment income and government transfers than their Ontario and Canadian counterparts. Pension plans allow public sector workers to retire earlier which may explain a smaller reliance on employment income. Higher reliance on RRSP income (especially compared to the Ontario average) can probably be explained by the fact that Ottawa workers have experienced higher incomes in general than those in most other communities, which allowed them the opportunity to accumulate more RRSP savings. ${ }^{13}$

Table 15. Sources of Income, Population 65 and Over for Ottawa, Ontario, and Canada, 2006

|  | Employment <br> income | Investment | Government <br> transfers <br> (excluding <br> CPP/QPP) | CPP/QPP | Private <br> pensions | RRSP <br> income | Other <br> income |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Ontario | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Ottawa | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division, 2007, Annual Estimates for Census Families and Individuals, 13C0016

## Low income

Statistics Canada uses the concept of Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICOs) to estimate low income, which is a well established and widely recognized approach to estimating low income. In 2006, the After Tax Low Income Cut-Off was set at $\$ 21,384$ for a family size of two and at $\$ 17,570$ for a family size of one (for a community of $500,000+$ residents). ${ }^{14}$

Table 16 shows that after tax low income levels in Ottawa were highest for young adults (22.5\%) and lowest for seniors ( $6.8 \%$ ) in 2006. Within the senior population, the low income rate is higher for older women ( $8.4 \%$ ) than for older men (4.7\%). In fact, men over the age of 65 show the lowest rate of low income in the entire Ottawa population. Women between the ages of 18 and 24 years old show the highest low income rate at $24 \%$. The low income rate for seniors has declined significantly of the last several decades, especially as a result of social security programs and the evolution of Canadian/Quebec Pension Plans and RRSP income. ${ }^{15}$

[^13]Table 16. Low Income (After Tax) by Age and Gender, Ottawa, 2005

|  | Total | Men | Women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<18$ years | $14.6 \%$ | $14.7 \%$ | $14.5 \%$ |
| 18 to 24 years | $22.5 \%$ | $20.8 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ |
| 25 to 44 years | $11.5 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $12.3 \%$ |
| 45 to 64 year | $8.6 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ | $8.5 \%$ |
| $>65$ years | $6.8 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ | $8.4 \%$ |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census
The rate of low income varies considerably depending on whether or not individuals are part of an economic family. ${ }^{16}$ Seniors who are in an economic family tend to show a very low rate of low income, due to the benefit of combining incomes. Another reason is that the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income supplement benefits for two seniors result in a combined income that is above the low income cut-off for a family size of two. ${ }^{17}$

However, the low income rate rises sharply for people who are not in an economic family for all age groups (Table 17). In 2005, the after tax low income levels in Ottawa were highest for young adults 15 to 24 years (70.2\%) and lowest for seniors (18.4\%). In the senior population, the rate was essentially the same for men and women.

Table 17. Low Income (After Tax), Persons Not in an Economic Family by Age and Gender, Ottawa, 2005

|  | Total | Men | Women |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| 15 to 24 years | $70.2 \%$ | $68.9 \%$ | $71.4 \%$ |
| 25 to 44 years | $24.1 \%$ | $24.8 \%$ | $23.4 \%$ |
| 45 to 64 year | $26.2 \%$ | $28.3 \%$ | $24.2 \%$ |
| $>65$ years | $18.4 \%$ | $17.5 \%$ | $18.8 \%$ |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

## Appendix C presents detailed data for the over 45 adult population living on low income.

[^14]The rate of low income in the Ottawa older population (6.8\%) is equal to that of Canada as a whole (7\%) and slightly higher than that of the Ontario (6\%). Figure 14 shows that Hamilton (8.1\%), Toronto (9.9\%) and Gatineau (10.6\%) experience higher rates of senior low income than Ottawa.

Figure 14. Low Income (After Tax), Population 65 and Over by Large Ontario CMAs and Gatineau, 2005


Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

The geographic distribution of seniors living on low income varies greatly across the city of Ottawa (Table 18 and Map 7). ${ }^{18}$ Municipal wards showing the highest rates of low income in their senior population are located in the central urban areas of the city and include Somerset (20\%), RideauVanier (15\%), Rideau-Rockcliffe (12\%), and Kitchissippi (11\%).

On the other hand, areas showing the lowest rates of seniors living on low income are located away from the core in the suburban and rural areas. In fact, three of these wards show senior low income rate that is less than $1 \%$ : Rideau-Goulbourn ( $0.4 \%$ ), Osgoode ( $0.5 \%$ ), and Cumberland ( $0.8 \%$ ).

[^15]Table 18. Low Income (After Tax), Population Over 65 By Municipal Ward, Ottawa, 2005

|  |  | Total 65+ | Low <br> income | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Orléans | 3,420 | 110 | 3.2\% |
| 2 | Innes | 2,955 | 95 | 3.2\% |
| 3 | Barrhaven | 1,875 | 35 | 1.9\% |
| 4 | Kanata North | 2,500 | 50 | 2.0\% |
| 5 | West Carleton-March | 1,965 | 20 | 1.0\% |
| 6 | Stittsville-Kanata West | 2,085 | 40 | 1.9\% |
| 7 | Bay | 8,390 | 720 | 8.6\% |
| 8 | College | 8,050 | 315 | 3.9\% |
| 9 | Knoxdale-Merivale | 5,805 | 250 | 4.3\% |
| 10 | Gloucester-Southgate | 3,640 | 305 | 8.4\% |
| 11 | Beacon Hill Cyrville | 4,250 | 160 | 3.8\% |
| 12 | Rideau-Vanier | 5,375 | 795 | 14.8\% |
| 13 | Rideau-Rockcliffe | 5,975 | 710 | 11.9\% |
| 14 | Somerset | 3,815 | 795 | 20.8\% |
| 15 | Kitchissippi | 4,870 | 535 | 11.0\% |
| 16 | River | 5,700 | 400 | 7.0\% |
| 17 | Capital | 4,285 | 345 | 8.0\% |
| 18 | Alta Vista | 7,285 | 505 | 6.9\% |
| 19 | Cumberland | 1,900 | 15 | 0.8\% |
| 20 | Osgoode | 2,100 | 10 | 0.5\% |
| 21 | Rideau-Goulbourn | 2,575 | 10 | 0.4\% |
| 22 | Gloucester-South Nepean | 1,525 | 40 | 2.6\% |
| 23 | Kanata-South | 2,815 | 60 | 2.1\% |
|  | OTTAWA TOTAL | 93,155 | 6,320 | 6.8\% |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Map 7. Seniors on Low Income by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


## Diversity

## Quick facts

- $20 \%$ of seniors are francophone. Francophone seniors tend to be concentrated in the East part of the city, both inside and outside the Greenbelt.
- $31 \%$ of seniors are immigrants. However, only about $14 \%$ of older immigrants arrived since 1991. Approximately 200 seniors immigrate to Ottawa every year.
- $10 \%$ of seniors belong to a visible minority, with the most common groups including Chinese (29\%) and South Asians (21\%).
- $0.5 \%$ of seniors are Aboriginal. The Aboriginal population is younger with only $3.6 \%$ of members being over 65 years old (compared to $12 \%$ in the general population).


## Francophone seniors

The new Inclusive Definition of Francophone (IDF) recently adopted by the Office of Francophone Affairs of the Ontario Government is used in this report. ${ }^{19}$ According to this definition, there were 18,615 francophone seniors living in Ottawa in 2006, representing exactly $20 \%$ of the total senior population. The rate is essentially the same across all age groups over 45 years old (see Table 19).

Older francophone residents tend to live on the East side of Ottawa, in the traditional francophone neighbourhoods (see Table 20 and Map 8). Wards with the highest numbers of francophone seniors are Rideau-Vanier and Rideau-Rockcliffe, but all wards situated on the East side of Ottawa show relatively high numbers of francophone seniors. ${ }^{20}$

## Appendix D presents detailed data for the over 45 francophone adult population.

[^16]Table 19. Francophone Residents, 45 and Over, Ottawa, 2006

|  | Total <br> population |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $45-54$ | $55-64$ | $65-74$ | $75-84$ | $85+$ | $65+$ |  |  |
| Francophone | 141,610 | 24,400 | 17,250 | 10,385 | 6,390 | 1,840 | 18,615 |  |
| Percentage | $17.6 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ | $19.3 \%$ | $20.3 \%$ | $19.7 \%$ | $19.1 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ |  |
| Francophone - Males | 65,315 | 10,940 | 8,005 | 4,455 | 2,485 | 495 | 7,435 |  |
| Francophone - Females | 76,290 | 13,465 | 9,245 | 5,935 | 3,910 | 1,345 | 11,190 |  |
| Total Population | 801,275 | 126,115 | 89,400 | 51,150 | 32,390 | 9,620 | 93,160 |  |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Table 20. Francophone Residents, Population 65 and Over, by Municipal Ward, Ottawa, 2006

| Total 65+ |  |  |  |  |  | Francophone |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Orléans | 3,420 | 1,360 | $39.8 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Innes | 2,955 | 1,010 | $34.2 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Barrhaven | 1,875 | 110 | $5.9 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | Kanata North | 2,500 | 200 | $8.0 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | West Carleton-March | 1,965 | 90 | $4.6 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | Stittsville-Kanata West | 2,085 | 235 | $11.3 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | Bay | 8,390 | 965 | $11.5 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | College | 8,050 | 555 | $6.9 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{9}$ | Knoxdale-Merivale | 5,805 | 470 | $8.1 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | Gloucester-Southgate | 3,640 | 520 | $14.3 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 1}$ | Beacon Hill Cyrville | 4,250 | 1,495 | $35.2 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Rideau-Vanier | 5,375 | 3,150 | $58.6 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ | Rideau-Rockcliffe | 5,975 | 2,800 | $46.9 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | Somerset | 3,815 | 685 | $18.0 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 5}$ | Kitchissippi | 4,870 | 700 | $14.4 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ | River | 5,700 | 555 | $9.7 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 7}$ | Capital | 4,285 | 815 | $19.0 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ | Alta Vista | 7,285 | 1,470 | $20.2 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 9}$ | Cumberland | 1,900 | 790 | $41.6 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ | Osgoode | 2,100 | 225 | $10.7 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2 1}$ | Rideau-Goulbourn | 2,575 | 85 | $3.3 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2 2}$ | Gloucester-South Nepean | 1,525 | 125 | $8.2 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2 3}$ | Kanata-South | 175 | $6.2 \%$ |  |  |  |
|  | OTTAWA TOTAL | 18,585 | $20.0 \%$ |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{y}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Map 8. Francophone Seniors by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


## Foreign-born seniors

In 2006, $31 \%$ of seniors ( 31,480 individuals) were immigrants (i.e. foreign-born). However, the vast majority of these older immigrants have been in Canada for decades. Table 21 shows that $44 \%$ of older immigrants arrived before 1961, meaning that they have been in Canada for more than 50 years and another 34.6 \% immigrated between 1961 and 1980. Approximately $14 \%$ of older immigrants (4,390 individuals) arrived between 1991 and 2006.

Prior to 1961, $90 \%$ of immigrants to Canada came from Europe. In recent years, the majority of immigrants come from Asia, Africa, Central and South American as well as the Caribbean. This immigration trend is changing the composition of the senior population in Ottawa, with an increase in older visible minorities.

Table 21. Period of Immigration, Population45 and Over, Ottawa, 2006

| Period of Immigration | $\mathbf{4 5 - 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 5 - 6 4}$ | $65-74$ | $75+$ | $65+$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| <1961 | 2,185 | 5,060 | 6,165 | 7,690 | 13,855 |
|  | $6.8 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ | $33.8 \%$ | $58.1 \%$ | $44.0 \%$ |
| 1961 to 1970 | 3,555 | 6,380 | 5,510 | 1,700 | 7,210 |
|  | $11.1 \%$ | $24.0 \%$ | $30.2 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ | $22.9 \%$ |
| 1971 to 1980 | 6,555 | 7,510 | 2,550 | 1,140 | 3,690 |
|  | $20.4 \%$ | $28.2 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ | $8.6 \%$ | $11.7 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 9 8 1}$ to $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | 9,045 | 3,650 | 1,235 | 1,085 | 2,320 |
|  | $28.2 \%$ | $13.7 \%$ | $6.8 \%$ | $8.2 \%$ | $7.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 1}$ to $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | 8,130 | 2,850 | 1,900 | 1,355 | 3,255 |
|  | $25.3 \%$ | $10.7 \%$ | $10.4 \%$ | $10.2 \%$ | $10.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ to $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | 2,655 | 1,155 | 875 | 260 | 1,135 |
|  | $8.3 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $4.8 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 32,120 | 26,610 | 18,250 | 13,230 | 31,480 |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistic Canada, 2006 Census

Table 22 shows the number of new immigrants to Ottawa by age groups between 1996 and 2009. Approximately 200 seniors immigrate to Ottawa every year. For the 2008-09 year, it is estimated that $4.1 \%$ of immigrants to Ottawa were over 65 year old.

Table 22. Immigration by Age Groups, Ottawa, 1996 to 2009

| Year | Total | 0-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75-84 | 85+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1996-1997 | 6,119 | 1,364 | 978 | 1,768 | 1,228 | 380 | 248 | 113 | 35 | 5 |
| 1997-1998 | 5,455 | 1,233 | 883 | 1,610 | 1,099 | 320 | 189 | 89 | 28 | 4 |
| 1998-1999 | 5,195 | 1,235 | 784 | 1,714 | 977 | 225 | 141 | 86 | 29 | 4 |
| 1999-2000 | 7,023 | 1,396 | 935 | 2,469 | 1,415 | 377 | 243 | 140 | 39 | 9 |
| 2000-2001 | 9,445 | 2,272 | 1,221 | 3,151 | 1,850 | 445 | 271 | 184 | 45 | 6 |
| 2001-2002 | 7,142 | 1,704 | 880 | 2,247 | 1,333 | 416 | 263 | 234 | 60 | 5 |
| 2002-2003 | 5,688 | 1,419 | 831 | 1,566 | 870 | 466 | 334 | 161 | 38 | 3 |
| 2003-2004 | 5,502 | 1,255 | 870 | 1,586 | 918 | 384 | 248 | 191 | 46 | 4 |
| 2004-2005 | 5,354 | 1,236 | 849 | 1,603 | 1,039 | 396 | 129 | 80 | 22 | 0 |
| 2005-2006 | 5,114 | 1,148 | 818 | 1,357 | 918 | 453 | 240 | 147 | 32 | 1 |
| 2006-2007 | 5,163 | 1,175 | 839 | 1,577 | 793 | 390 | 222 | 149 | 13 | 5 |
| 2007-2008* | 5,532 | 1,308 | 838 | 1,686 | 856 | 400 | 227 | 192 | 19 | 6 |
| 2008-2009** | 5,145 | 1,199 | 774 | 1,526 | 807 | 392 | 237 | 190 | 16 | 4 |

*Updated data, **Preliminary data
Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada

## Appendix E presents detailed data for the over 45 immigrant adult population.

Table 23 shows three municipal wards with concentrations of recent older immigrants (i.e. immigration less than 10 years ago) at approximately $10 \%$ or higher. These include GloucesterSouth Nepean (12\% of total senior population), Kanata North (10\%), and Barrhaven (10\%).

Table 23. Recent Immigrants, Population 65 and Over by Ward, Ottawa, 2006

|  |  | Total 65+ | Recent <br> Immigrants |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Orléans | 3,420 | 35 | $1.0 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Innes | 2,955 | 20 | $0.7 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Barrhaven | 1,875 | 185 | $9.9 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | Kanata North | 2,500 | 260 | $10.4 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | West Carleton-March | 1,965 | 20 | $1.0 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | Stittsville-Kanata West | 2,085 | 35 | $1.7 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | Bay | 8,390 | 215 | $2.6 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | College | 8,050 | 100 | $1.2 \%$ |  |
| $\mathbf{9}$ | Knoxdale-Merivale | 5,805 | 125 | $2.2 \%$ |  |


| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | Gloucester-Southgate | 3,640 | 185 | $5.1 \%$ |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{1 1}$ | Beacon Hill Cyrville | 4,250 | 70 | $1.7 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Rideau-Vanier | 5,375 | 75 | $1.4 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ | Rideau-Rockcliffe | 5,975 | 75 | $1.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | Somerset | 3,815 | 230 | $6.0 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 5}$ | Kitchissippi | 4,870 | 130 | $2.7 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ | River | 5,700 | 90 | $1.6 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 7}$ | Capital | 4,285 | 50 | $1.2 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ | Alta Vista | 7,285 | 140 | $1.9 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 9}$ | Cumberland | 1,900 | 50 | $2.6 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ | Osgoode | 2,100 | 30 | $1.4 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 1}$ | Rideau-Goulbourn | 2,575 | 0 | $0.0 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 2}$ | Gloucester-South Nepean | 1,525 | 185 | $12.1 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 3}$ | Kanata-South | 2,815 | 195 | $6.9 \%$ |
|  | OTTAWA TOTAL | 93,155 | 2500 | $2.7 \%$ |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Map 9. Recent Immigrant Seniors by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


## Seniors as members of visible minorities

Approximately $10 \%$ of seniors ( 10,700 individuals) identified as members of visible minorities on the 2006 Census, compared to $20 \%$ in the general population. ${ }^{21}$ The most common visible minorities in the older age groups are Chinese (29\%) and South Asians (21\%), followed by Blacks (17\%), Other Asians (15\%) and Arabs (12\%) (Table 24). The breakdown is different for the Ottawa population as a whole, where Blacks represent the most common visible minority at $24 \%$.

The growth of the visible minority population has largely been due to the increasing number of recent immigrants who were from non-European countries. The 2006 Census showed that fully threequarters of the immigrants who arrived between 2001 and 2006 belonged to a visible minority group. If current immigration trends continue, Canada's visible minority population will continue to grow much more quickly than the non-visible minority population. According to Statistics Canada, members of visible minority groups could account for roughly one-fifth of the total Canadian population by 2017. ${ }^{22}$

Table 24. Visible Minority Groups by Age, Ottawa, 2006

|  | 65+ | All Ages |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Chinese | 3,115 | 30,760 |
|  | $29.1 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ |
| South Asian | 2,215 | 26,510 |
|  | $20.7 \%$ | $16.4 \%$ |
| Black | 1,800 | 39,070 |
|  | $16.8 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ |
| Other Asian | 1,605 | 27,365 |
|  | $15.0 \%$ | $16.9 \%$ |
| Arab | 1,290 | 24,105 |
|  | $12.0 \%$ | $14.9 \%$ |
| Latin American | 360 | 8,075 |
|  | $3.4 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ |
| Other | 315 | 5,835 |
|  | $2.9 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 10,700 | 161,720 |
|  | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

[^17]
## Aboriginal seniors

There were 12,965 Aboriginal individuals living in Ottawa in 2006, making up 1.6\% of the total population. ${ }^{23}$ The majority of Aboriginal peoples identified themselves as First Nations people ( $53 \%$ of the city's Aboriginal population), another 37\% as Métis, another 5\% as Inuit, and another 5\% reported multiple or other Aboriginal responses on the 2006 Census. Between 2001 and 2006, the Aboriginal population in Ottawa grew by $42 \%$ from 9,160 to 12,965 people. The First Nations population grew by $30 \%$, the Métis by $71 \%$ and the Inuit by $48 \% .{ }^{24}$ According to the 2006, there were 470 Aboriginal seniors in Ottawa.

The Aboriginal population is generally younger than the non-Aboriginal population, which reflects a nation-wide pattern. Aboriginal seniors make up only $3.6 \%$ of the total Aboriginal population, compared to $12 \%$ in the general population.

## Health Status and Mobility

## Quick Facts

- Approximately half of seniors perceive their health to be very good or excellent and 73\% perceive their mental health as being very good or excellent.
- $45 \%$ report being moderately active or active during their leisure time, with men being much more active than women (57\% compared to $35 \%$ ).
- About $19 \%$ of seniors report activity limitations.
- $17 \%$ report using a mobility aid such as a cane, walker or wheelchair
- One in five seniors requires help with heavy chores, $11 \%$ with everyday housework, and 9\% with shopping.

[^18]
## Physical and Mental Health

Approximately half of older residents of the Champlain health region ${ }^{25}$ perceive their health as very good or excellent, a perception which is slightly higher than for Ontario older residents as whole (Table 25). About three quarters of seniors in the Champlain health region perceive their mental health as very good or excellent. Women living in the Champlain health region are more likely to perceive their mental health as being very good or excellent than men (79\% compared to 65\%).

## Exercise

Approximately $45 \%$ of seniors living in the Champlain health region report being active or moderately active during leisure time, compared to $41 \%$ for Ontario and $43 \%$ for Canada (Table 25). Older men living in the Champlain health region are more likely to be physically active than their female counterparts (57\% compared to $35 \%$ ), as well as their Ontario male counterparts (who are active at 48\%).

Table 25. Wellness Indicators, Population 45 Years and Over, Champlain Health Region, 2009

|  | 45 to 64 |  |  | 65+ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men | Women | Total | Men | Women | Total |
| Perceived Health - Very Good or Excellent |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 59.5\% | 67.3\% | 63.5\% | 47.4\% | 46.3\% | 46.8\% |
| Ontario | 56.1\% | 58.5\% | 57.3\% | 42.7\% | 41.5\% | 42\% |
| Perceived Health - Fair or Poor |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 12\% | 14.9\% | 13.5\% | 25.5\% | 21.2\% | 23.1\% |
| Ontario | 14.2\% | 14.3\% | 14.2\% | 23.9\% | 26.4\% | 25.3\% |
| Perceived Mental Health - Very good or Excellent |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 76.9\% | 71.4\% | 74\% | 65.9\% | 78.8\% | 73\% |
| Ontario | 72.4\% | 71\% | 71.7\% | 68.8\% | 72.5\% | 70.8\% |
| Perceived Mental Health- Fair or poor |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 5.3\% | 7.4\% | 6.4\% | F | F | 5.2\% |
| Ontario | 7.0\% | 7.4\% | 7.2\% | 6\% | 6.4\% | 6.2\% |
| Perceived Life Stress - Quite a Lot |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 19.5\% E | 33.8\% | 27\% | 19.5\% E | 16\% E | 12.8\% |
| Ontario | 26.4\% | 30.8\% | 28.6\% | 11.4\% | 13.7\% | 12.7\% |
| Pain or Discomfort that Prevents Activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 12.2\% E | 16.3\% | 14.3\% | 18.9\% E | 23.1\% | 21.2\% |
| Ontario | 16\% | 19.9\% | 18\% | 17.8\% | 26.2\% | 22.4\% |

[^19]| Physical Activity (leisure) - Moderately Active or Active ${ }^{26}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Champlain | 55.3\% | 55.1\% | 55.2\% | 56.3\% | 35.3\% | 44.8\% |
| Ontario | 48.8\% | 46.6\% | 47.7\% | 47.9\% | 34.8\% | 40.8\% |
| Sense of Belonging to Community, Somewhat Strong or Very Strong |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 65.9\% | 68.8\% | 67.4\% | 68.8\% | 71.4\% | 70.1\% |
| Ontario | 68.4\% | 69.1\% | 68.8\% | 73.7\% | 72.4\% | 73\% |
| Injuries in the Past 12 Months Causing Limitation of Normal Activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Champlain | 12.1\% E | 16.7\% E | 14.5\% E | F | 10.1\% E | 8.8\% |
| Ontario | 13.1\% | 11\% | 12\% | 8.1\% | 9.7\% | 9\% |

E: Use with Caution
F: Too Unreliable
Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey, 2009.

## Activity Limitations

According to the 2006 Census, approximately 19\% of the Ottawa senior population report activity limitations ${ }^{27}$ and $17 \%$ report using a mobility aid such as a cane, walker or wheelchair. ${ }^{28}$ Some geographic variations in activity limitations are noted (Table 26 and Map 10) with rates ranging between 14\% (Gloucester-South Nepean ward) and 23\% (Rideau-Vanier ward).

Appendix F presents detailed data for the over 45 adult population with activity limitations.

Table 26. Activity Limitations, Population 65 and Over by Municipal Ward, Ottawa, 2006

|  |  | Total 65+ | With Limitations | $\%$ |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Orléans | 3,420 | 730 | $21.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Innes | 2,955 | 510 | $17.3 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Barrhaven | 1,875 | 310 | $16.5 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | Kanata North | 2,500 | 455 | $18.2 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | West Carleton-March | 1,965 | 355 | $18.1 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | Stittsville-Kanata West | 2,085 | 380 | $18.2 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | Bay | 8,390 | 1,635 | $19.5 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | College | 8,050 | 1,570 | $19.5 \%$ |

[^20]| 9 | Knoxdale-Merivale | 5,805 | 870 | $15.0 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | Gloucester-Southgate | 3,640 | 825 | $22.7 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 1}$ | Beacon Hill Cyrville | 4,250 | 680 | $16.0 \%$ |
| 12 | Rideau-Vanier | 5,375 | 1,245 | $23.2 \%$ |
| 13 | Rideau-Rockcliffe | 5,975 | 1,320 | $22.1 \%$ |
| 14 | Somerset | 3,815 | 795 | $20.8 \%$ |
| 15 | Kitchissippi | 4,870 | 940 | $19.3 \%$ |
| 16 | River | 5,700 | 1,065 | $18.7 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 7}$ | Capital | 4,285 | 885 | $20.7 \%$ |
| 18 | Alta Vista | 7,285 | 1,295 | $17.8 \%$ |
| 19 | Cumberland | 2,100 | 445 | 200 |
| 20 | Osgoode | 2,575 | 475 | $18.8 \%$ |
| 21 | Rideau-Goulbourn | 1,525 | 210 | $13.8 \%$ |
| 22 | Gloucester-South Nepean | 2,815 | 455 | $16.2 \%$ |
| 23 | Kanata-South | 93,155 | 17,750 | $19.0 \%$ |
|  | OTTAWA TOTAL |  |  |  |

Excludes institutional residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Map 10. Seniors with Activity Limitations by City Ward, Ottawa, 2006


## Assistance with Daily Activities

Table 27 provides information on the type of daily activities that Ottawa seniors require assistance with. One in five seniors reports requiring help with heavy chores, $11 \%$ with everyday housework, and $9 \%$ with shopping. The report also mentions that about one quarter $(23 \%)$ of seniors require assistance with one or more of these activities. A further six percent report needing help with three or more activities. The survey also found that seniors who need help with one or more activities are more likely to be women, older ( 85 and over), widowed, and living alone.

Table 27. Assistance Required with Daily Activities, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2004

| Percentage of seniors requiring help with: |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Preparing meals | $4 \%$ |
| Shopping | $9 \%$ |
| Everyday housework | $11 \%$ |
| Heavy chores | $20 \%$ |
| Personal care - washing | $2 \%$ |
| Personal care - dressing | $1 \%$ |
| Personal care - eating | - |
| Moving about | $1 \%$ |

Source: Successful Aging Ottawa Survey Report, 2005

## Special features in the home to assist aging

The majority of seniors (62\%) report that their home incorporates some special features to make it easier for them to live there as they grow older (Table 28). Seniors who are most likely to report one or more special features are older (85 and over), use a mobility aid, live in a home designed for older adults, live alone, and report English as their main language.

Table 28. Special Features in the Home to Assist Aging, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2004

Percentage of seniors reporting their home has:

| Grab bars in the bathroom | $38 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Walk-in shower/hand shower | $24 \%$ |
| Added security system/locks | $24 \%$ |
| Hand railings along stairs | $20 \%$ |
| Added main floor bathroom | $8 \%$ |
| Improved entrance way | $5 \%$ |
| Bedroom moved to main floor | $5 \%$ |
| Modified kitchen cupboards | $1 \%$ |
| Improved lighting | $1 \%$ |
| Improved windows | $1 \%$ |
| Other modifications | $<1 \%$ |
| More than one mentioned | $27 \%$ |

Source: Successful Aging Ottawa Survey Report, 2005

## Engagement in Community Life

## Quick Facts

- $78 \%$ of seniors drive their own car, $10 \%$ have a family member drive them, and $9 \%$ use public transportation.
- $48 \%$ of seniors provide unpaid voluntary help for a non-profit or charitable organization and $60 \%$ provide unpaid help to other family members, neighbours and friends.
- $28 \%$ of seniors made a charitable donation in 2007 , more than any other age group in Ottawa.
- Approximately half of the 65 to 74 age group report using a cell phone, email, and/or the internet for information (men more than women).


## Transportation and Ability to Get Around Town

Table 29 shows that the main mode of transportation for Ottawa seniors is driving the family car (78\%), followed by being driven by another family member (10\%), and taking public
transportation (9\%). Seven percent of seniors indicate taking the regular bus while 2\% report taking Para Transpo.

Table 29. Mode of Transportation Used Most Often, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2004

| Mode of Transportation | Percentage |
| :--- | :--- |
| Drive own family car | $78 \%$ |
| Have another family member drive them | $10 \%$ |
| Use public transportation | $9 \%$ |
|  | Bus -7\% Para Transpo - 2\% |
| Use Taxi service | $1 \%$ |
| Walk | $1 \%$ |
| Bicycle or volunteer driver | $<1 \%$ |

Source: Successful Aging Ottawa Survey, 2005

Age and gender makes a difference in terms of the main mode of transportation. Female respondents are less likely to drive their own car and more likely to be driven by another family member. Driving one's car is more frequent before the age of 85 years old (even though almost half $47 \%$ of 85 year olds are still driving). Usage of the bus, Para Transpo and taxis also increases with age. Nine percent of seniors indicate that they are not able to get out as often as they wish. Reasons given for not getting out include health issues, inconvenient public transportation, no longer driving, not liking asking for a ride, inability to pay, and no one to go with. ${ }^{29}$

## Volunteering

Many older Ottawa residents stay active in their community by volunteering. The Successful Aging Survey found that about half (48\%) of respondents had provided unpaid voluntary help for a non-profit or charitable organization in the six months prior to the survey. This included help with activities such as canvassing, fundraising, teaching, office work, driving people around, delivering meals, friendly visiting, sitting on boards and related activities. There does not appear to be a difference in volunteering by gender but volunteering tends to decline with advancing age. Other factors found to facilitate involvement in volunteer work include: good perceived health, higher household income and a university education.

[^21]In addition to providing voluntary help for organizations, about sixty percent of seniors provide unpaid help to other family members, neighbours and friends. Table 30 describes the different types of help given.

Table 30. Help Given to Others, Population 65 and Over by Gender, Ottawa, 2004

| Percent age of seniors who helped others with: | Women | Men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Housework* | 22\% | 42\% |
| Making meals* | 45\% | 35\% |
| Home repairs/yard work* | 14\% | 57\% |
| Babysitting | 23\% | 22\% |
| Driving people places* | 59\% | 67\% |
| Personal care* | 11\% | 6\% |

*Differences statistically significant
Source: Successful Aging Ottawa Survey, 2005

There are differences in the types of help given by women and men. Men are more likely to help with activities such as housework, home repairs or yard work, and driving people places. Women are more likely to help with things like making meals and personal care. Help with babysitting appears to be provided equally by both genders. Help given to others tends to decline with advancing age.

## Staying connected

The majority of seniors in Ottawa report reading a daily newspaper, about half use the public library and another forty percent use a cell phone (Table 31). Use of email and the internet is reported less often although more than half of men indicate using these modes of communication and connection. Younger seniors are more likely to stay connected using email, the internet, the public library and cell phone use. Seniors who are more affluent and educated are more likely to use modern technology such as email, the internet and cell phones.

Table 31. Connection to the Outside World, Population 65 and Over, Ottawa, 2004

| Percent of respondents who: | $65-74$ | $75-84$ | $85+$ | Females 65+ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | Males 65+

*Differences are statistically significant
Source: Successful Aging Ottawa Survey, 2005

## Charitable donations

Approximately 28\% of Ottawa seniors made a charitable donation in 2006, a figure that is higher than all other age groups and their older counterparts in Ontario and Canada (Table 32).

Table 32. Charitable Donations, Ottawa, Ontario and Canada, 2006

|  | Ottawa | Ontario | Canada |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Donors | 70,330 | $2,291,180$ | $5,698,880$ |
| Men | $49 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Women | $51 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Donors by Age Group |  |  |  |
| $0-24$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $25-34$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $35-44$ | $17 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| $45-54$ | $20 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| $55-64$ | $19 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| $65+$ | $28 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ |

Source: Statistics Canada, Small Area and Administrative Data Division, 2007, Financial Data and Charitable Donations

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Appendix A. Profile of Older Adults Living in Rural Areas

| Age Groups | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 80,260 |  | 14,530 |  | 10,480 |  | 5,010 |  | 2,185 |  | 640 |  | 7,835 |  |
| Male | 40,420 | 50.4\% | 7,440 | 51.2\% | 5,365 | 51.2\% | 2,670 | 53.3\% | 995 | 45.5\% | 235 | 36.7\% | 3,900 | 49.8\% |
| Female | 39,835 | 49.6\% | 7,090 | 48.8\% | 5,115 | 48.8\% | 2,340 | 46.7\% | 1,190 | 54.5\% | 400 | 62.5\% | 3,930 | 50.2\% |
| MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Now married or common-law | 44,540 | 55.5\% | 12,560 | 86.4\% | 8,985 | 85.7\% | 3,930 | 78.4\% | 1,300 | 59.5\% | 180 | 28.1\% | 5,410 | 69.0\% |
| Separated or Divorced | 3,360 | 4.2\% | 1,080 | 7.4\% | 915 | 8.7\% | 355 | 7.1\% | 140 | 6.4\% | 20 | 3.1\% | 515 | 6.6\% |
| Never married (single) | 30,225 | 37.7\% | 750 | 5.2\% | 270 | 2.6\% | 115 | 2.3\% | 70 | 3.2\% | 65 | 10.2\% | 250 | 3.2\% |
| Widowed | 2,130 | 2.7\% | 130 | 0.9\% | 300 | 2.9\% | 610 | 12.2\% | 675 | 30.9\% | 370 | 57.8\% | 1,655 | 21.1\% |
| LIVING ARRANGEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spouses, common-law partners | 46,200 | 57.7\% | 13,215 | 91.0\% | 9,140 | 87.5\% | 4,030 | 80.7\% | 1,425 | 65.8\% | 235 | 40.5\% | 5,690 | 73.5\% |
| Sons/daughters | 27,715 | 34.6\% | 230 | 1.6\% | 60 | 0.6\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.1\% |
| With Relatives | 1,100 | 1.4\% | 105 | 0.7\% | 185 | 1.8\% | 195 | 3.9\% | 225 | 10.4\% | 120 | 20.7\% | 540 | 7.0\% |
| With non-relatives | 1,300 | 1.6\% | 250 | 1.7\% | 190 | 1.8\% | 115 | 2.3\% | 40 | 1.8\% | 20 | 3.4\% | 175 | 2.3\% |
| Total - Living alone | 3,810 | 4.8\% | 720 | 5.0\% | 870 | 8.3\% | 645 | 12.9\% | 475 | 21.9\% | 205 | 35.3\% | 1,325 | 17.1\% |
| Male - Living alone | 1860 | 48.8\% | 410 | 56.9\% | 435 | 50.0\% | 255 | 39.5\% | 145 | 30.5\% | 40 | 19.5\% | 440 | 33.2\% |
| Female - Living alone | 1945 | 51.0\% | 310 | 43.1\% | 430 | 49.4\% | 385 | 59.7\% | 330 | 69.5\% | 165 | 80.5\% | 880 | 66.4\% |
| EMPLOYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the labour force | 46905 | 72.9\% | 12800 | 88.1\% | 6585 | 62.8\% | 1160 | 23.2\% | 200 | 9.2\% | 75 | 11.7\% | 1435 | 18.3\% |
| Employed | 44955 | 95.8\% | 12455 | 97.3\% | 6385 | 97.0\% | 1135 | 97.8\% | 200 | 100.0\% | 75 | 100.0\% | 1410 | 98.3\% |
| Unemployed | 1950 | 4.2\% | 345 | 2.7\% | 205 | 3.1\% | 25 | 2.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 1.7\% |
| Not in the labour force | 17400 | 27.1\% | 1730 | 11.9\% | 3890 | 37.1\% | 3850 | 76.8\% | 1990 | 91.1\% | 560 | 87.5\% | 6400 | 81.7\% |
| FINANCIAL SECURITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median Total income | \$37,042 |  | \$51,395 |  | \$41,305 |  | \$31,873 |  | \$26,922 |  | \$23,576 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Men | \$45,121 |  | \$61,064 |  | \$51,201 |  | \$41,584 |  | \$35,757 |  | \$38,084 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Women | \$30,046 |  | \$43,569 |  | \$31,133 |  | \$22,706 |  | \$20,284 |  | \$17,755 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income | \$48,259 |  | \$63,912 |  | \$52,561 |  | \$42,667 |  | \$33,835 |  | \$29,994 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Men | \$58,271 |  | \$75,946 |  | \$65,243 |  | \$52,593 |  | \$41,557 |  | \$39,982 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income- Women | \$37,975 |  | \$50,918 |  | \$38,788 |  | \$31,252 |  | \$27,337 |  | \$23,985 |  |  |  |
| COMPOSITION OF INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment income\% | 80.5 |  | 92.4 |  | 67.1 |  | 23.9 |  | 3.1 |  | 3 |  |  |  |


| Age Groups | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total government transfer payments \% | 5.6 |  | 1.5 |  | 4.2 |  | 27.5 |  | 36.5 |  | 42.2 |  |  |  |
| Retirement pensions \% | 8 |  | 1 |  | 18.5 |  | 38.3 |  | 46.1 |  | 43.4 |  |  |  |
| Investment income \% | 4.1 |  | 3.7 |  | 6.9 |  | 8.5 |  | 12.8 |  | 9.3 |  |  |  |
| Other money income \% | 1.9 |  | 1.4 |  | 3.3 |  | 2 |  | 1.5 |  | 2.4 |  |  |  |
| INCOME BRACKETS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| under \$5,000 | 6,530 | 10.7\% | 865 | 6.1\% | 885 | 8.6\% | 70 | 1.4\% | 10 | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 80 | 1.0\% |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 4,590 | 7.5\% | 555 | 3.9\% | 605 | 5.9\% | 250 | 5.0\% | 120 | 5.5\% | 10 | 1.6\% | 380 | 4.9\% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 4,310 | 7.1\% | 530 | 3.7\% | 685 | 6.7\% | 570 | 11.5\% | 330 | 15.2\% | 125 | 19.5\% | 1,025 | 13.2\% |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999 | 3,720 | 6.1\% | 595 | 4.2\% | 575 | 5.6\% | 600 | 12.1\% | 345 | 15.9\% | 155 | 24.2\% | 1,100 | 14.1\% |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 3,360 | 5.5\% | 615 | 4.3\% | 545 | 5.3\% | 500 | 10.1\% | 225 | 10.3\% | 55 | 8.6\% | 780 | 10.0\% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 6,450 | 10.6\% | 1,370 | 9.6\% | 1,145 | 11.2\% | 695 | 14.0\% | 335 | 15.4\% | 100 | 15.6\% | 1,130 | 14.5\% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 9,800 | 16.0\% | 2,325 | 16.3\% | 1,695 | 16.6\% | 1,000 | 20.1\% | 400 | 18.4\% | 95 | 14.8\% | 1,495 | 19.2\% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 11,150 | 18.2\% | 3,105 | 21.8\% | 1,980 | 19.3\% | 875 | 17.6\% | 290 | 13.3\% | 90 | 14.1\% | 1,255 | 16.1\% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 5,875 | 9.6\% | 2,260 | 15.9\% | 1,055 | 10.3\% | 250 | 5.0\% | 55 | 2.5\% | 10 | 1.6\% | 315 | 4.0\% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 3,410 | 5.6\% | 1,230 | 8.6\% | 745 | 7.3\% | 85 | 1.7\% | 50 | 2.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 135 | 1.7\% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 945 | 1.5\% | 385 | 2.7\% | 145 | 1.4\% | 35 | 0.7\% | 15 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 50 | 0.6\% |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999 | 340 | 0.6\% | 145 | 1.0\% | 60 | 0.6\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.1\% |
| \$250,000 and over | 640 | 1.0\% | 255 | 1.8\% | 120 | 1.2\% | 35 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 35 | 0.4\% |
| LOW INCOME (AFTER TAX) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2,505 | 3.1\% | 415 | 2.9\% | 425 | 4.1\% | 45 | 0.9\% | 10 | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 55 | 0.7\% |
| Male | 1,320 | 52.7\% | 210 | 50.6\% | 265 | 61.6\% | 20 | 50.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 20 | 50.0\% |
| Female | 1,190 | 47.5\% | 200 | 48.2\% | 165 | 38.4\% | 20 | 50.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 20 | 50.0\% |
| IMMIGRATION STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-immigrants | 71,800 | 89.5\% | 12,780 | 87.9\% | 8,585 | 81.9\% | 3,830 | 76.4\% | 1,630 | 74.8\% | 530 | 83.5\% | 5,990 | 76.5\% |
| Immigrants | 8,220 | 10.2\% | 1,720 | 11.8\% | 1,885 | 18.0\% | 1,180 | 23.6\% | 550 | 25.2\% | 105 | 16.5\% | 1,835 | 23.5\% |
| Before 1991 | 6,410 | 78.0\% | 1,470 | 85.5\% | 1,785 | 94.7\% | 1,135 | 96.2\% | 505 | 91.8\% | 100 | 95.2\% | 1,740 | 94.8\% |
| 1991 to 2000 | 1,300 | 15.8\% | 180 | 10.5\% | 70 | 3.7\% | 40 | 3.4\% | 45 | 8.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 85 | 4.6\% |
| 2001 to 2006 | 510 | 6.2\% | 70 | 4.1\% | 30 | 1.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 1.8\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.5\% |
| Non-permanent residents | 235 | 0.3\% | 35 | 0.2\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| VISIBLE MINORITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total visible minority population | 3,075 | 3.8\% | 385 | 2.6\% | 240 | 2.3\% | 120 | 2.4\% | 70 | 3.2\% | 15 | 2.3\% | 205 | 2.6\% |


| Age Groups | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chinese | 545 | 17.7\% | 95 | 24.7\% | 25 | 10.4\% | 25 | 20.8\% | 15 | 21.4\% | 10 | 66.7\% | 50 | 24.4\% |
| South Asian | 490 | 15.9\% | 75 | 19.5\% | 45 | 18.8\% | 20 | 16.7\% | 15 | 21.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 35 | 17.1\% |
| Black | 480 | 15.6\% | 50 | 13.0\% | 45 | 18.8\% | 20 | 16.7\% | 20 | 28.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 40 | 19.5\% |
| Filipino | 155 | 5.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 4.2\% | 15 | 12.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 15 | 7.3\% |
| Latin American | 170 | 5.5\% | 35 | 9.1\% | 20 | 8.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Southeast Asian | 245 | 8.0\% | 20 | 5.2\% | 15 | 6.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Arab/West Asian | 710 | 23.1\% | 85 | 22.1\% | 45 | 18.8\% | 30 | 25.0\% | 20 | 28.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 50 | 24.4\% |
| Korean | 40 | 1.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 15 | 6.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Japanese | 20 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Visible minority, n.i.e. | 65 | 2.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Multiple visible minority | 155 | 5.0\% | 15 | 3.9\% | 15 | 6.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Not a visible minority | 77,180 | 96.2\% | 14,145 | 97.4\% | 10,240 | 97.7\% | 4,895 | 97.6\% | 2,120 | 96.8\% | 625 | 97.7\% | 7,640 | 97.4\% |
| MOTHER TONGUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single responses | 79,370 | 98.9\% | 14,360 | 98.8\% | 10,385 | 99.2\% | 4,985 | 99.5\% | 2,180 | 100.0\% | 625 | 98.4\% | 7,790 | 99.6\% |
| English | 63,900 | 80.5\% | 11,290 | 78.6\% | 8,070 | 77.7\% | 3,665 | 73.5\% | 1,710 | 78.4\% | 510 | 81.6\% | 5,885 | 75.5\% |
| French | 9,835 | 12.4\% | 1,880 | 13.1\% | 1,410 | 13.6\% | 640 | 12.8\% | 155 | 7.1\% | 40 | 6.4\% | 835 | 10.7\% |
| Non-official language | 5,635 | 7.1\% | 1,190 | 8.3\% | 915 | 8.8\% | 685 | 13.7\% | 320 | 14.7\% | 75 | 12.0\% | 1,080 | 13.9\% |
| Multiple responses | 890 | 1.1\% | 170 | 1.2\% | 85 | 0.8\% | 25 | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 1.6\% | 35 | 0.4\% |
| English and French | 575 | 64.6\% | 105 | 61.8\% | 60 | 70.6\% | 15 | 60.0\% | 10 | 0.0\% | 10 | 100.0\% | 35 | 100.0\% |
| Other combinations | 310 | 34.8\% | 65 | 38.2\% | 30 | 35.3\% | 15 | 60.0\% | 10 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 71.4\% |
| KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English only | 55,015 | 68.5\% | 10,255 | 70.6\% | 7,420 | 70.8\% | 3,905 | 78.0\% | 1,870 | 85.6\% | 530 | 83.5\% | 6,305 | 80.6\% |
| French only | 945 | 1.2\% | 50 | 0.3\% | 60 | 0.6\% | 25 | 0.5\% | 15 | 0.7\% | 10 | 1.6\% | 50 | 0.6\% |
| English and French | 24,195 | 30.1\% | 4,215 | 29.0\% | 2,985 | 28.5\% | 1,075 | 21.5\% | 275 | 12.6\% | 95 | 15.0\% | 1,445 | 18.5\% |
| Neither English nor French | 110 | 0.1\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 1.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 0.3\% |
| WITH DIFFICULTIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Difficulties | 70,595 | 88.6\% | 12,860 | 89.1\% | 8,475 | 81.4\% | 3,290 | 66.5\% | 925 | 43.7\% | 115 | 20.4\% | 4,330 | 56.7\% |
| Difficulties sometimes | 5,670 | 7.1\% | 1,080 | 7.5\% | 1,265 | 12.2\% | 1,040 | 21.0\% | 630 | 29.8\% | 155 | 27.4\% | 1,825 | 23.9\% |
| Difficulties often | 3,400 | 4.3\% | 500 | 3.5\% | 670 | 6.4\% | 620 | 12.5\% | 560 | 26.5\% | 295 | 52.2\% | 1,475 | 19.3\% |

Excludes residential residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census
Rural areas as defined by the City of Ottawa (Rural Northeast, Rural Northwest, Rural Southeast, and rural Southwest)

Appendix B. Profile of Older Adults Living Alone

| Age Groups | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 89,050 |  | 15,410 |  | 14,455 |  | 10,665 |  | 10,435 |  | 4,755 |  | 25,855 |  |
| Male | 37,055 | 41.6\% | 7,765 | 50.4\% | 5,580 | 38.6\% | 2,935 | 27.5\% | 2,300 | 22.0\% | 835 | 17.6\% | 6,070 | 23.5\% |
| Female | 51,995 | 58.4\% | 7,645 | 49.6\% | 8,870 | 61.4\% | 7,730 | 72.5\% | 8,140 | 78.0\% | 3,925 | 82.5\% | 19,795 | 76.6\% |
| MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Now married or living in commonlaw | 1,645 | 1.8\% | 305 | 2.0\% | 315 | 2.2\% | 175 | 1.6\% | 230 | 2.2\% | 90 | 1.9\% | 495 | 1.9\% |
| Separated or Divorced | 23,970 | 26.9\% | 6,315 | 41.0\% | 7,625 | 52.7\% | 4,075 | 38.2\% | 1,510 | 14.5\% | 190 | 4.0\% | 5,775 | 22.3\% |
| Never married (single) | 44,315 | 49.8\% | 8,170 | 53.0\% | 4,320 | 29.9\% | 1,780 | 16.7\% | 1,105 | 10.6\% | 460 | 9.7\% | 3,345 | 12.9\% |
| Widowed | 19,115 | 21.5\% | 615 | 4.0\% | 2,190 | 15.2\% | 4,630 | 43.4\% | 7,600 | 72.8\% | 4,015 | 84.4\% | 16,245 | 62.8\% |
| EMPLOYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the labour force | 52,890 | 59.4\% | 12,640 | 82.1\% | 8,410 | 58.2\% | 1,550 | 14.5\% | 295 | 2.8\% | 75 | 1.6\% | 1,920 | 7.4\% |
| Employed | 50,375 | 95.2\% | 12,095 | 95.7\% | 8,075 | 96.0\% | 1,460 | 94.2\% | 275 | 93.2\% | 60 | 80.0\% | 1,795 | 93.5\% |
| Unemployed | 2,510 | 4.7\% | 550 | 4.4\% | 335 | 4.0\% | 85 | 5.5\% | 20 | 6.8\% | 20 | 26.7\% | 125 | 6.5\% |
| Not in the labour force | 36,160 | 40.6\% | 2,760 | 17.9\% | 6,040 | 41.8\% | 9,120 | 85.5\% | 10,140 | 97.2\% | 4,675 | 98.4\% | 23,935 | 92.6\% |
| FINANCIAL SECURITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median Total income | \$38,281 |  | \$47,685 |  | \$39,343 |  | \$33,233 |  | \$32,758 |  | \$31,627 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Men | \$41,067 |  | \$46,164 |  | \$40,435 |  | \$34,416 |  | \$38,073 |  | \$47,151 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Women | \$36,495 |  | \$49,547 |  | \$38,759 |  | \$32,482 |  | \$31,422 |  | \$29,607 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income | \$45,211 |  | \$53,083 |  | \$46,876 |  | \$40,787 |  | \$42,207 |  | \$38,513 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Men | \$49,170 |  | \$54,675 |  | \$50,844 |  | \$46,262 |  | \$49,921 |  | \$52,773 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Women | \$42,372 |  | \$51,466 |  | \$44,368 |  | \$38,725 |  | \$40,009 |  | \$35,460 |  |  |  |
| COMPOSITION OF INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Composition of Total income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment income \% | 66.3 |  | 90.9 |  | 66.3 |  | 13.2 |  | 1.9 |  | 1.4 |  |  |  |
| Total government transfer payments \% | 11.3 |  | 3.9 |  | 7.7 |  | 31.8 |  | 32.4 |  | 33.9 |  |  |  |
| Retirement pensions \% | 15.1 |  | 1.3 |  | 17.0 |  | 42.8 |  | 49.7 |  | 44.4 |  |  |  |
| Investment income \% | 5.1 |  | 2.2 |  | 5.3 |  | 9.3 |  | 13.7 |  | 17.3 |  |  |  |
| Other money income \% | 2.3 |  | 1.6 |  | 3.8 |  | 2.9 |  | 2.4 |  | 2.9 |  |  |  |
| INCOME BRACKETS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Age Groups | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
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| under \$5,000 | 4,190 | 4.8\% | 910 | 5.9\% | 785 | 5.4\% | 80 | 0.8\% | 15 | 0.1\% | 25 | 0.6\% | 120 | 0.5\% |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 4,505 | 5.1\% | 1,125 | 7.3\% | 1,020 | 7.1\% | 240 | 2.3\% | 15 | 0.1\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 265 | 1.1\% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 7,675 | 8.7\% | 1,220 | 7.9\% | 1,330 | 9.2\% | 1,145 | 10.9\% | 930 | 9.2\% | 455 | 10.4\% | 2,530 | 10.1\% |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999 | 7,070 | 8.0\% | 480 | 3.1\% | 730 | 5.1\% | 1,530 | 14.6\% | 1,680 | 16.6\% | 805 | 18.4\% | 4,015 | 16.0\% |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 5,595 | 6.4\% | 685 | 4.4\% | 770 | 5.3\% | 880 | 8.4\% | 1,030 | 10.2\% | 410 | 9.4\% | 2,320 | 9.3\% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 11,225 | 12.8\% | 1,290 | 8.4\% | 1,695 | 11.8\% | 1,740 | 16.5\% | 1,765 | 17.4\% | 750 | 17.1\% | 4,255 | 17.0\% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 15,735 | 17.9\% | 2,305 | 15.0\% | 2,820 | 19.6\% | 2,115 | 20.1\% | 1,910 | 18.8\% | 860 | 19.6\% | 4,885 | 19.5\% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 18,540 | 21.1\% | 3,575 | 23.2\% | 2,675 | 18.6\% | 1,845 | 17.5\% | 1,745 | 17.2\% | 720 | 16.4\% | 4,310 | 17.2\% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 8,420 | 9.6\% | 2,220 | 14.4\% | 1,510 | 10.5\% | 555 | 5.3\% | 600 | 5.9\% | 215 | 4.9\% | 1,370 | 5.5\% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 3,740 | 4.3\% | 1,250 | 8.1\% | 790 | 5.5\% | 230 | 2.2\% | 325 | 3.2\% | 100 | 2.3\% | 655 | 2.6\% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 745 | 0.8\% | 210 | 1.4\% | 160 | 1.1\% | 100 | 1.0\% | 60 | 0.6\% | 20 | 0.5\% | 180 | 0.7\% |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999 | 215 | 0.2\% | 65 | 0.4\% | 40 | 0.3\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 20 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 30 | 0.1\% |
| \$250,000 and over | 320 | 0.4\% | 65 | 0.4\% | 80 | 0.6\% | 45 | 0.4\% | 50 | 0.5\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 105 | 0.4\% |
| LOW INCOME (AFTER TAX) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 20,250 | 22.7\% | 3,610 | 23.4\% | 3,640 | 25.2\% | 2,175 | 20.4\% | 1,680 | 16.1\% | 755 | 15.9\% | 4,610 | 17.8\% |
| Male | 8,770 | 43.3\% | 1,995 | 55.3\% | 1,490 | 40.9\% | 540 | 24.8\% | 335 | 19.9\% | 90 | 11.9\% | 965 | 15.9\% |
| Female | 11,480 | 56.7\% | 1,620 | 44.9\% | 2,145 | 58.9\% | 1,640 | 75.4\% | 1,345 | 80.1\% | 670 | 88.7\% | 3,655 | 18.5\% |
| IMMIGRANT STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-immigrants | 70,125 | 78.8\% | 12,975 | 84.2\% | 11,185 | 77.4\% | 7,665 | 71.9\% | 7,600 | 72.8\% | 3,750 | 78.9\% | 19,015 | 73.5\% |
| Immigrants | 18,145 | 20.4\% | 2,360 | 15.3\% | 3,240 | 22.4\% | 2,990 | 28.0\% | 2,825 | 27.1\% | 1,005 | 21.1\% | 6,820 | 26.4\% |
| Before 1991 | 13,560 | 74.7\% | 1,780 | 75.4\% | 2,985 | 92.1\% | 2,730 | 91.3\% | 2,685 | 95.0\% | 915 | 91.0\% | 6,330 | 92.8\% |
| 1991 to 2000 | 3,180 | 17.5\% | 475 | 20.1\% | 225 | 6.9\% | 215 | 7.2\% | 120 | 4.2\% | 80 | 8.0\% | 415 | 6.1\% |
| 2001 to 2006 | 1,410 | 7.8\% | 105 | 4.4\% | 30 | 0.9\% | 40 | 1.3\% | 15 | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 55 | 0.8\% |
| Non-permanent residents | 775 | 0.9\% | 70 | 0.5\% | 25 | 0.2\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 15 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 0.1\% |
| VISIBLE MINORITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total visible minority population | 10,145 | 11.4\% | 1,410 | 9.2\% | 1,105 | 7.6\% | 1,035 | 9.7\% | 475 | 4.5\% | 150 | 3.2\% | 1,660 | 6.4\% |
| Chinese | 1,960 | 19.3\% | 205 | 14.5\% | 140 | 12.7\% | 185 | 17.9\% | 125 | 26.3\% | 60 | 40.0\% | 370 | 22.3\% |
| South Asian | 1,515 | 14.9\% | 155 | 11.0\% | 185 | 16.7\% | 140 | 13.5\% | 55 | 11.6\% | 15 | 10.0\% | 210 | 12.7\% |
| Black | 3,385 | 33.4\% | 555 | 39.4\% | 410 | 37.1\% | 375 | 36.2\% | 130 | 27.4\% | 40 | 26.7\% | 545 | 32.8\% |
| Filipino | 260 | 2.6\% | 45 | 3.2\% | 50 | 4.5\% | 50 | 4.8\% | 15 | 3.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 65 | 3.9\% |


| Age Groups | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | $65+$ |  |
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| Latin American | 455 | 4.5\% | 100 | 7.1\% | 55 | 5.0\% | 40 | 3.9\% | 30 | 6.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 70 | 4.2\% |
| Southeast Asian | 360 | 3.5\% | 75 | 5.3\% | 40 | 3.6\% | 30 | 2.9\% | 20 | 4.2\% | 10 | 6.7\% | 60 | 3.6\% |
| Arab/West Asian | 1,395 | 13.8\% | 185 | 13.1\% | 125 | 11.3\% | 145 | 14.0\% | 75 | 15.8\% | 30 | 20.0\% | 250 | 15.1\% |
| Korean | 160 | 1.6\% | 10 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 15 | 1.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 15 | 0.9\% |
| Japanese | 235 | 2.3\% | 30 | 2.1\% | 30 | 2.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Visible minority, n.i.e. | 140 | 1.4\% | 25 | 1.8\% | 15 | 1.4\% | 20 | 1.9\% | 15 | 3.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 35 | 2.1\% |
| Multiple visible minority | 280 | 2.8\% | 35 | 2.5\% | 40 | 3.6\% | 45 | 4.3\% | 10 | 2.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 55 | 3.3\% |
| Not a visible minority | 78,905 | 88.6\% | 13,995 | 90.8\% | 13,350 | 92.4\% | 9,630 | 90.3\% | 9,965 | 95.5\% | 4,605 | 96.8\% | 24,200 | 93.6\% |
| MOTHER TONGUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single responses | 87,500 | 98.3\% | 15,125 | 98.2\% | 14,235 | 98.5\% | 10,515 | 98.6\% | 10,320 | 98.8\% | 4,670 | 98.3\% | 25,505 | 98.6\% |
| English | 58,335 | 66.7\% | 10,300 | 68.1\% | 9,350 | 65.7\% | 6,390 | 60.8\% | 6,705 | 65.0\% | 3,430 | 73.4\% | 16,525 | 64.8\% |
| French | 16,945 | 19.4\% | 3,085 | 20.4\% | 3,240 | 22.8\% | 2,280 | 21.7\% | 2,130 | 20.6\% | 700 | 15.0\% | 5,110 | 20.0\% |
| Non-official language | 12,225 | 14.0\% | 1,740 | 11.5\% | 1,650 | 11.6\% | 1,845 | 17.5\% | 1,480 | 14.3\% | 545 | 11.7\% | 3,870 | 15.2\% |
| Multiple responses | 1,545 | 1.7\% | 280 | 1.8\% | 220 | 1.5\% | 150 | 1.4\% | 125 | 1.2\% | 80 | 1.7\% | 355 | 1.4\% |
| English and French | 810 | 52.4\% | 155 | 55.4\% | 120 | 54.5\% | 90 | 60.0\% | 75 | 60.0\% | 35 | 43.8\% | 200 | 56.3\% |
| Other combinations | 730 | 47.2\% | 125 | 44.6\% | 100 | 45.5\% | 60 | 40.0\% | 45 | 36.0\% | 45 | 56.3\% | 150 | 42.3\% |
| KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English only | 51,525 | 57.9\% | 8,655 | 56.2\% | 8,160 | 56.5\% | 6,585 | 61.7\% | 7,050 | 67.5\% | 3,545 | 74.6\% | 17,180 | 66.4\% |
| French only | 1,490 | 1.7\% | 175 | 1.1\% | 210 | 1.5\% | 285 | 2.7\% | 385 | 3.7\% | 140 | 2.9\% | 810 | 3.1\% |
| English and French | 35,355 | 39.7\% | 6,545 | 42.5\% | 6,025 | 41.7\% | 3,535 | 33.1\% | 2,815 | 27.0\% | 985 | 20.7\% | 7,335 | 28.4\% |
| Neither English nor French | 680 | 0.8\% | 30 | 0.2\% | 60 | 0.4\% | 260 | 2.4\% | 195 | 1.9\% | 85 | 1.8\% | 540 | 2.1\% |
| WITH DIFFICULTIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Difficulties | 64,825 | 73.5\% | 12,050 | 78.9\% | 10,115 | 70.5\% | 6,560 | 62.5\% | 4,855 | 47.1\% | 1,285 | 27.6\% | 12,700 | 49.9\% |
| Difficulties sometimes | 13,470 | 15.3\% | 1,855 | 12.1\% | 2,500 | 17.4\% | 2,350 | 22.4\% | 3,140 | 30.5\% | 1,500 | 32.2\% | 6,990 | 27.5\% |
| Difficulties often | 9,940 | 11.3\% | 1,375 | 9.0\% | 1,730 | 12.1\% | 1,590 | 15.1\% | 2,305 | 22.4\% | 1,870 | 40.2\% | 5,765 | 22.6\% |

Excludes residential residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Appendix C. Profile of Older Adults Living on Low Income

| Age Groups | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
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| Total | 98,285 |  | 11,280 | 8.9\% | 7,650 | 8.6\% | 3,330 | 6.5\% | 2,150 | 6.6\% | 865 | 9.0\% | 6,345 | 6.8\% |
| Male | 46,075 | 46.9\% | 5,750 | 51.0\% | 3,620 | 47.3\% | 1,210 | 36.3\% | 565 | 26.3\% | 135 | 15.6\% | 1,910 | 30.1\% |
| Female | 52,205 | 53.1\% | 5,530 | 49.0\% | 4,035 | 52.7\% | 2,120 | 63.7\% | 1,585 | 73.7\% | 730 | 84.4\% | 4,435 | 69.9\% |
| MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Now married or living in commonlaw | 21,970 | 22.4\% | 4,565 | 40.5\% | 2,585 | 33.8\% | 760 | 22.8\% | 290 | 13.5\% | 60 | 6.9\% | 1,110 | 17.5\% |
| Separated or Divorced | 11,890 | 12.1\% | 3,285 | 29.1\% | 2,750 | 35.9\% | 1,210 | 36.3\% | 455 | 21.2\% | 50 | 5.8\% | 1,715 | 27.0\% |
| Never married (single) | 60,300 | 61.4\% | 3,010 | 26.7\% | 1,510 | 19.7\% | 485 | 14.6\% | 245 | 11.4\% | 75 | 8.7\% | 805 | 12.7\% |
| Widowed | 4,125 | 4.2\% | 425 | 3.8\% | 810 | 10.6\% | 875 | 26.3\% | 1,160 | 54.0\% | 675 | 78.0\% | 2,710 | 42.7\% |
| LIVING ARRANGEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spouses, common-law partners | 28,920 | 29.4\% | 6,175 | 54.7\% | 3,025 | 39.5\% | 770 | 23.1\% | 345 | 16.0\% | 80 | 9.2\% | 1,195 | 18.8\% |
| Sons/daughters | 31,295 | 31.8\% | 100 | 0.9\% | 45 | 0.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| With Relatives | 1,930 | 2.0\% | 155 | 1.4\% | 90 | 1.2\% | 110 | 3.3\% | 25 | 1.2\% | 15 | 1.7\% | 150 | 2.4\% |
| With non-relatives | 15,890 | 16.2\% | 1,245 | 11.0\% | 855 | 11.2\% | 270 | 8.1\% | 100 | 4.7\% | 10 | 1.2\% | 380 | 6.0\% |
| Total Living alone | 20,250 | 20.6\% | 3,610 | 32.0\% | 3,640 | 47.6\% | 2,175 | 65.3\% | 1,680 | 78.1\% | 755 | 87.3\% | 4,610 | 72.7\% |
| Male - Living alone | 8,770 | 43.3\% | 1,995 | 55.3\% | 1,495 | 41.1\% | 540 | 24.8\% | 335 | 19.9\% | 85 | 11.3\% | 960 | 20.8\% |
| Female - Living alone | 11,475 | 56.7\% | 1,615 | 44.7\% | 2,150 | 59.1\% | 1,640 | 75.4\% | 1,340 | 79.8\% | 665 | 88.1\% | 3,645 | 79.1\% |
| EMPLOYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the labour force | 41,370 | 54.5\% | 6,475 | 57.4\% | 2,760 | 36.1\% | 305 | 9.2\% | 65 | 3.0\% | 10 | 1.2\% | 380 | 6.0\% |
| Employed | 34,810 | 84.1\% | 5,470 | 84.5\% | 2,455 | 88.9\% | 280 | 91.8\% | 60 | 92.3\% | 10 | 100.0\% | 350 | 92.1\% |
| Unemployed | 6,555 | 18.8\% | 1,010 | 18.5\% | 310 | 12.6\% | 20 | 7.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 20 | 5.7\% |
| Not in the labour force | 34,550 | 45.5\% | 4,805 | 42.6\% | 4,895 | 64.0\% | 3,025 | 90.8\% | 2,085 | 97.0\% | 850 | 98.3\% | 5,960 | 93.9\% |
| FINANCIAL SECURITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median Total income | \$9,643 |  | \$9,245 |  | \$9,468 |  | \$14,287 |  | \$14,395 |  | \$14,632 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Men | \$8,617 |  | \$8,989 |  | \$9,228 |  | \$13,898 |  | \$14,287 |  | \$14,926 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Women | \$10,489 |  | \$9,484 |  | \$9,652 |  | \$14,327 |  | \$14,522 |  | \$14,595 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income | \$9,911 |  | \$9,594 |  | \$10,515 |  | \$13,224 |  | \$16,175 |  | \$14,722 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Men | \$9,049 |  | \$9,059 |  | \$11,221 |  | \$12,715 |  | \$18,055 |  | \$14,396 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Women | \$10,632 |  | \$10,186 |  | \$9,840 |  | \$13,517 |  | \$15,497 |  | \$14,783 |  |  |  |
| COMPOSITION OF INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Employment income \% | 40.9 |  | 37.6 |  | 28 |  | 2.6 |  | 0.4 |  | 0 |  |  |  |
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| Total government transfer payments \% | 51.3 |  | 55.2 |  | 51.7 |  | 89.4 |  | 80.5 |  | 91.6 |  |  |  |
| Retirement pensions \% | 1.6 |  | 0.8 |  | 5.7 |  | 3.3 |  | 9.2 |  | 4.8 |  |  |  |
| Investment income \% | 2.7 |  | 3 |  | 10.3 |  | 3.6 |  | 7.8 |  | 2.7 |  |  |  |
| Other money income \% | 3.6 |  | 3.5 |  | 4.3 |  | 1.2 |  | 2.2 |  | 0.9 |  |  |  |
| INCOME BRACKETS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| under \$5,000 - Total Income | 19,405 | 28.2\% | 3,155 | 29.3\% | 2,060 | 28.4\% | 280 | 8.5\% | 105 | 5.0\% | 30 | 3.5\% | 415 | 6.6\% |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 16,170 | 23.5\% | 2,735 | 25.4\% | 1,820 | 25.1\% | 355 | 10.8\% | 70 | 3.3\% | 10 | 1.2\% | 435 | 6.9\% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 18,810 | 27.3\% | 2,715 | 25.2\% | 2,240 | 30.8\% | 1,590 | 48.3\% | 1,075 | 50.8\% | 465 | 54.4\% | 3,130 | 50.0\% |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999 | 10,215 | 14.8\% | 1,250 | 11.6\% | 865 | 11.9\% | 1,005 | 30.5\% | 810 | 38.3\% | 335 | 39.2\% | 2,150 | 34.3\% |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 2,535 | 3.7\% | 555 | 5.1\% | 135 | 1.9\% | 45 | 1.4\% | 30 | 1.4\% | 15 | 1.8\% | 90 | 1.4\% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 1,355 | 2.0\% | 285 | 2.6\% | 60 | 0.8\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 195 | 0.3\% | 35 | 0.3\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 70 | 0.1\% | 35 | 0.3\% | 15 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 50 | 0.1\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 35 | 0.5\% | 10 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.2\% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 25 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.3\% | 15 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 0.4\% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 15 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 15 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999 | 10 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| \$250,000 and over | 25 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.2\% |
| IMMIGRATION STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-immigrants | 62,320 | 63.4\% | 6,575 | 58.3\% | 4,645 | 60.7\% | 1,760 | 52.9\% | 1,265 | 58.8\% | 530 | 61.6\% | 3,555 | 56.1\% |
| Immigrants | 32,165 | 32.7\% | 4,535 | 40.2\% | 2,965 | 38.8\% | 1,545 | 46.5\% | 870 | 40.5\% | 330 | 38.4\% | 2,745 | 43.3\% |
| Before 1991 | 10,200 | 31.7\% | 2,215 | 48.8\% | 2,180 | 73.5\% | 970 | 62.8\% | 595 | 68.4\% | 255 | 77.3\% | 1,820 | 66.3\% |
| 1991 to 2000 | 11,065 | 34.4\% | 1,375 | 30.3\% | 545 | 18.4\% | 345 | 22.3\% | 225 | 25.9\% | 60 | 18.2\% | 630 | 23.0\% |
| 2001 to 2006 | 10,895 | 33.9\% | 945 | 20.8\% | 245 | 8.3\% | 230 | 14.9\% | 45 | 5.2\% | 15 | 4.5\% | 290 | 10.6\% |
| Non-permanent residents | 3,800 | 3.9\% | 170 | 1.5\% | 40 | 0.5\% | 20 | 0.6\% | 15 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0.6\% |
| VISIBLE MINORITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total visible minority population | 40,170 | 40.9\% | 3,610 | 32.0\% | 1,510 | 19.7\% | 935 | 28.1\% | 410 | 19.1\% | 150 | 17.4\% | 1,495 | 23.6\% |
| Chinese | 4,680 | 11.7\% | 400 | 11.1\% | 290 | 19.2\% | 245 | 26.2\% | 150 | 36.6\% | 55 | 36.7\% | 450 | 30.1\% |
| South Asian | 4,560 | 11.4\% | 450 | 12.5\% | 235 | 15.6\% | 85 | 9.1\% | 35 | 8.5\% | 10 | 6.7\% | 130 | 8.7\% |
| Black | 13,120 | 32.7\% | 920 | 25.5\% | 385 | 25.5\% | 265 | 28.3\% | 70 | 17.1\% | 40 | 26.7\% | 375 | 25.1\% |


| Filipino | 995 | 2.5\% | 95 | 2.6\% | 30 | 2.0\% | 35 | 3.7\% | 15 | 3.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 50 | 3.3\% |
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| Latin American | 1,800 | 4.5\% | 280 | 7.8\% | 75 | 5.0\% | 65 | 7.0\% | 20 | 4.9\% | 10 | 6.7\% | 95 | 6.4\% |
| Southeast Asian | 2,075 | 5.2\% | 270 | 7.5\% | 40 | 2.6\% | 60 | 6.4\% | 25 | 6.1\% | 10 | 6.7\% | 95 | 6.4\% |
| Arab/West Asian | 10,885 | 27.1\% | 1,040 | 28.8\% | 370 | 24.5\% | 160 | 17.1\% | 85 | 20.7\% | 25 | 16.7\% | 270 | 18.1\% |
| Korean | 675 | 1.7\% | 70 | 1.9\% | 20 | 1.3\% | 10 | 1.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.7\% |
| Japanese | 150 | 0.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Visible minority, n.i.e. | 440 | 1.1\% | 65 | 1.8\% | 40 | 2.6\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Multiple visible minority | 785 | 2.0\% | 30 | 0.8\% | 25 | 1.7\% | 10 | 1.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.7\% |
| Not a visible minority | 58,115 | 59.1\% | 7,670 | 68.0\% | 6,145 | 80.3\% | 2,395 | 71.9\% | 1,735 | 80.9\% | 710 | 82.6\% | 4,840 | 76.4\% |
| MOTHER TONGUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single responses | 95,150 | 96.8\% | 10,855 | 96.3\% | 7,490 | 98.0\% | 3,275 | 98.3\% | 2,105 | 97.9\% | 845 | 98.3\% | 6,225 | 98.1\% |
| English | 46,735 | 49.1\% | 5,180 | 47.7\% | 3,845 | 51.3\% | 1,270 | 38.8\% | 800 | 38.0\% | 415 | 49.1\% | 2,485 | 39.9\% |
| French | 12,515 | 13.2\% | 1,585 | 14.6\% | 1,515 | 20.2\% | 740 | 22.6\% | 610 | 29.0\% | 195 | 23.1\% | 1,545 | 24.8\% |
| Non-official language | 35,890 | 37.7\% | 4,090 | 37.7\% | 2,125 | 28.4\% | 1,265 | 38.6\% | 690 | 32.8\% | 240 | 28.4\% | 2,195 | 35.3\% |
| Multiple responses | 3,140 | 3.2\% | 420 | 3.7\% | 155 | 2.0\% | 55 | 1.7\% | 45 | 2.1\% | 15 | 1.7\% | 115 | 1.8\% |
| English and French | 990 | 31.5\% | 170 | 40.5\% | 70 | 45.2\% | 35 | 63.6\% | 15 | 33.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 50 | 43.5\% |
| Other combinations | 2,145 | 68.3\% | 250 | 59.5\% | 90 | 58.1\% | 25 | 45.5\% | 25 | 55.6\% | 10 | 66.7\% | 60 | 52.2\% |
| KNOWLEDGE OF OfFICIEL LANGUAGES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English only | 62,890 | 64.0\% | 7,275 | 64.5\% | 4,755 | 62.1\% | 1,825 | 54.9\% | 1,085 | 50.3\% | 460 | 53.8\% | 3,370 | 53.2\% |
| French only | 2,645 | 2.7\% | 195 | 1.7\% | 190 | 2.5\% | 125 | 3.8\% | 185 | 8.6\% | 85 | 9.9\% | 395 | 6.2\% |
| English and French | 29,940 | 30.5\% | 3,455 | 30.6\% | 2,450 | 32.0\% | 970 | 29.2\% | 675 | 31.3\% | 215 | 25.1\% | 1,860 | 29.4\% |
| Neither English nor French | 2,810 | 2.9\% | 350 | 3.1\% | 260 | 3.4\% | 405 | 12.2\% | 210 | 9.7\% | 95 | 11.1\% | 710 | 11.2\% |
| WITH DIFFICULTIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Difficulties | 80,925 | 83.3\% | 7,835 | 70.0\% | 4,290 | 56.3\% | 1,680 | 51.5\% | 885 | 41.9\% | 230 | 27.1\% | 2,796 | 44.9\% |
| Difficulties sometimes | 8,515 | 8.8\% | 1,700 | 15.2\% | 1,640 | 21.5\% | 815 | 25.0\% | 600 | 28.4\% | 220 | 25.9\% | 1,636 | 26.3\% |
| Difficulties often | 7,710 | 7.9\% | 1,655 | 14.8\% | 1,695 | 22.2\% | 770 | 23.6\% | 625 | 29.6\% | 400 | 47.1\% | 1,796 | 28.8\% |

Excludes residential residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

Appendix D. Profile of Francophone Older Adults

|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
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| Total | 141,610 |  | 24,400 |  | 17,250 |  | 10,385 |  | 6,390 |  | 1,840 |  | 18,615 |  |
| Men | 65,315 | 46.1\% | 10,940 | 44.8\% | 8,005 | 46.4\% | 4,455 | 42.9\% | 2,485 | 38.9\% | 495 | 26.9\% | 7,435 | 39.9\% |
| Women | 76,290 | 53.9\% | 13,465 | 55.2\% | 9,245 | 53.6\% | 5,935 | 57.1\% | 3,910 | 61.2\% | 1,345 | 73.1\% | 11,190 | 60.1\% |
| MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Now married or living in commonlaw | 66,770 | 47.2\% | 17,185 | 70.4\% | 11,725 | 68.0\% | 6,550 | 63.1\% | 3,075 | 48.1\% | 435 | 23.6\% | 10,060 | 54.0\% |
| Separated or Divorced | 11,545 | 8.2\% | 3,635 | 14.9\% | 2,950 | 17.1\% | 1,360 | 13.1\% | 465 | 7.3\% | 60 | 3.3\% | 1,885 | 10.1\% |
| Never married (single) | 56,735 | 40.1\% | 3,105 | 12.7\% | 1,655 | 9.6\% | 725 | 7.0\% | 615 | 9.6\% | 290 | 15.8\% | 1,630 | 8.8\% |
| Widowed | 6,560 | 4.6\% | 480 | 2.0\% | 915 | 5.3\% | 1,750 | 16.9\% | 2,235 | 35.0\% | 1,060 | 57.6\% | 5,045 | 27.1\% |
| LIVING ARRANGEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spouses, common-law partners or lone parents | 73,530 | 51.9\% | 19,340 | 79.3\% | 12,455 | 72.2\% | 6,980 | 67.2\% | 3,480 | 54.5\% | 620 | 33.7\% | 11,080 | 59.5\% |
| Sons/daughters | 39,565 | 27.9\% | 495 | 2.0\% | 280 | 1.6\% | 35 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 35 | 0.2\% |
| With Relatives | 2,640 | 1.9\% | 390 | 1.6\% | 345 | 2.0\% | 390 | 3.8\% | 310 | 4.9\% | 200 | 10.9\% | 900 | 4.8\% |
| With non-relatives | 5,975 | 4.2\% | 690 | 2.8\% | 530 | 3.1\% | 320 | 3.1\% | 125 | 2.0\% | 70 | 3.8\% | 515 | 2.8\% |
| Living alone - Total | 18,940 | 13.4\% | 3,390 | 13.9\% | 3,515 | 20.4\% | 2,510 | 24.2\% | 2,295 | 35.9\% | 780 | 42.4\% | 5,585 | 30.0\% |
| Living alone - Men | 7,465 | 39.4\% | 1,475 | 43.5\% | 1,465 | 41.7\% | 630 | 25.1\% | 450 | 19.6\% | 140 | 17.9\% | 1,220 | 21.8\% |
| Living alone - Women | 11,475 | 60.6\% | 1,915 | 56.5\% | 2,055 | 58.5\% | 1,880 | 74.9\% | 1,840 | 80.2\% | 645 | 82.7\% | 4,365 | 78.2\% |
| EMPLOYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the labour force | 81,470 | 68.1\% | 21,040 | 86.2\% | 9,590 | 55.6\% | 1,390 | 13.4\% | 270 | 4.2\% | 95 | 5.2\% | 1,755 | 9.4\% |
| Employed | 76,830 | 94.3\% | 20,345 | 96.7\% | 9,250 | 96.5\% | 1,330 | 95.7\% | 250 | 92.6\% | 65 | 68.4\% | 1,645 | 93.7\% |
| Unemployed | 4,645 | 6.0\% | 695 | 3.4\% | 340 | 3.7\% | 60 | 4.5\% | 20 | 8.0\% | 30 | 46.2\% | 110 | 6.7\% |
| Not in the labour force | 38,080 | 31.9\% | 3,365 | 13.8\% | 7,665 | 44.4\% | 9,000 | 86.7\% | 6,125 | 95.9\% | 1,745 | 94.8\% | 16,870 | 90.6\% |
| FINANCIAL SECURITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median Total income | \$35,131 |  | \$50,401 |  | \$39,969 |  | \$28,673 |  | \$26,833 |  | \$21,143 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Men | \$40,524 |  | \$55,903 |  | \$48,716 |  | \$36,449 |  | \$37,392 |  | \$29,696 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Women | \$30,693 |  | \$47,767 |  | \$33,393 |  | \$22,037 |  | \$21,584 |  | \$19,309 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income | \$43,111 |  | \$57,279 |  | \$49,800 |  | \$35,813 |  | \$35,764 |  | \$29,843 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Men | \$50,370 |  | \$65,858 |  | \$61,901 |  | \$44,000 |  | \$44,214 |  | \$36,677 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Women | \$37,014 |  | \$50,041 |  | \$39,002 |  | \$29,571 |  | \$30,305 |  | \$27,212 |  |  |  |
| COMPOSITION OF INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment income \% | 77.4 |  | 91.9 |  | 67.1 |  | 13.9 |  | 2.9 |  | 2.4 |  |  |  |
| Total government transfer payments \% | 8.2 |  | 2.7 |  | 5.7 |  | 33.5 |  | 36.1 |  | 43.7 |  |  |  |
| Retirement pensions \% | 9.5 |  | 1.5 |  | 19.2 |  | 43.6 |  | 47.7 |  | 38.3 |  |  |  |


|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | $65+$ |  |
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| Investment income \% | 3.3 |  | 2.9 |  | 4.8 |  | 7.5 |  | 11.8 |  | 13.4 |  |  |  |
| Other money income \% | 1.6 |  | 1.1 |  | 3.1 |  | 1.6 |  | 1.5 |  | 2.2 |  |  |  |
| INCOME BRACKETS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| under \$5,000 - Total Income | 9,910 | 8.6\% | 1,470 | 6.1\% | 1,210 | 7.2\% | 135 | 1.3\% | 20 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 155 | 0.8\% |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 8,595 | 7.5\% | 1,090 | 4.5\% | 935 | 5.5\% | 705 | 6.8\% | 210 | 3.3\% | 40 | 2.2\% | 955 | 5.2\% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 10,245 | 8.9\% | 1,215 | 5.1\% | 1,410 | 8.3\% | 1,420 | 13.7\% | 1,020 | 16.0\% | 360 | 20.2\% | 2,800 | 15.1\% |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999 | 8,365 | 7.3\% | 875 | 3.6\% | 850 | 5.0\% | 1,405 | 13.6\% | 1,090 | 17.1\% | 445 | 24.9\% | 2,940 | 15.9\% |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 6,660 | 5.8\% | 960 | 4.0\% | 895 | 5.3\% | 850 | 8.2\% | 620 | 9.7\% | 170 | 9.5\% | 1,640 | 8.9\% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 12,635 | 11.0\% | 1,965 | 8.2\% | 1,915 | 11.3\% | 1,745 | 16.9\% | 1,000 | 15.7\% | 310 | 17.4\% | 3,055 | 16.5\% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 19,085 | 16.6\% | 4,085 | 17.0\% | 3,245 | 19.2\% | 1,880 | 18.2\% | 1,035 | 16.2\% | 240 | 13.4\% | 3,155 | 17.0\% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 21,865 | 19.1\% | 5,815 | 24.2\% | 3,255 | 19.2\% | 1,540 | 14.9\% | 905 | 14.2\% | 170 | 9.5\% | 2,615 | 14.1\% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 10,375 | 9.0\% | 3,850 | 16.0\% | 1,665 | 9.8\% | 390 | 3.8\% | 340 | 5.3\% | 50 | 2.8\% | 780 | 4.2\% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 5,180 | 4.5\% | 1,985 | 8.3\% | 1,110 | 6.6\% | 210 | 2.0\% | 90 | 1.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 300 | 1.6\% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 950 | 0.8\% | 365 | 1.5\% | 200 | 1.2\% | 35 | 0.3\% | 20 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 55 | 0.3\% |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999 | 360 | 0.3\% | 165 | 0.7\% | 80 | 0.5\% | 20 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 20 | 0.1\% |
| \$250,000 and over | 495 | 0.4\% | 160 | 0.7\% | 150 | 0.9\% | 20 | 0.2\% | 25 | 0.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 45 | 0.2\% |
| LOW INCOME (AFTER TAX) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 17,455 | 12.3\% | 2,155 | 8.8\% | 1,710 | 9.9\% | 870 | 8.4\% | 690 | 10.8\% | 235 | 12.8\% | 1795 | 9.6\% |
| Men | 7,415 | 42.5\% | 985 | 45.7\% | 760 | 44.4\% | 295 | 33.9\% | 130 | 18.8\% | 35 | 14.9\% | 460 | 25.6\% |
| Women | 10,045 | 57.5\% | 1,170 | 54.3\% | 950 | 55.6\% | 570 | 65.5\% | 555 | 80.4\% | 200 | 85.1\% | 1325 | 73.8\% |
| PLACE OF BIRTH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Born in Ontario | 81,810 | 57.8\% | 12,595 | 51.6\% | 8,655 | 50.2\% | 5,475 | 52.7\% | 3,100 | 48.5\% | 925 | 50.3\% | 9,500 | 51.0\% |
| Born in Quebec | 32,790 | 23.2\% | 7,315 | 30.0\% | 5,600 | 32.5\% | 3,190 | 30.7\% | 2,205 | 34.5\% | 665 | 36.1\% | 6,060 | 32.6\% |
| Born in Other Provinces or Territories | 6,385 | 4.5\% | 1,065 | 4.4\% | 880 | 5.1\% | 540 | 5.2\% | 285 | 4.5\% | 70 | 3.8\% | 895 | 4.8\% |
| Born outside Canada | 20,625 | 14.6\% | 3,425 | 14.0\% | 2,115 | 12.3\% | 1,185 | 11.4\% | 805 | 12.6\% | 185 | 10.1\% | 2,175 | 11.7\% |
| IMMIGRANT STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-immigrants | 121,715 | 86.0\% | 21,085 | 86.4\% | 15,170 | 88.0\% | 9,200 | 88.6\% | 5,595 | 87.6\% | 1,660 | 90.2\% | 16,455 | 88.4\% |
| Immigrants | 18,895 | 13.3\% | 3,245 | 13.3\% | 2,020 | 11.7\% | 1,185 | 11.4\% | 790 | 12.4\% | 180 | 9.8\% | 2,155 | 11.6\% |
| Before 1991 | 8,345 | 44.2\% | 1,925 | 59.3\% | 1,735 | 85.9\% | 965 | 81.4\% | 680 | 86.1\% | 160 | 88.9\% | 1,805 | 83.8\% |
| 1991 to 2000 | 6,310 | 33.4\% | 920 | 28.4\% | 210 | 10.4\% | 185 | 15.6\% | 100 | 12.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 285 | 13.2\% |
| 2001 to 2006 | 4,245 | 22.5\% | 400 | 12.3\% | 75 | 3.7\% | 40 | 3.4\% | 10 | 1.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 50 | 2.3\% |
| Non-permanent residents | 1,000 | 0.7\% | 70 | 0.3\% | 55 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| VISIBLE MINORITY STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total visible minority population | 19,900 | 14.1\% | 1,980 | 8.1\% | 1,065 | 6.2\% | 530 | 5.1\% | 230 | 3.6\% | 95 | 5.2\% | 855 | 4.6\% |
| Chinese | 1,260 | 6.3\% | 70 | 3.5\% | 55 | 5.2\% | 50 | 9.4\% | 20 | 8.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 70 | 8.2\% |


|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
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| South Asian | 815 | 4.1\% | 40 | 2.0\% | 65 | 6.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Black | 12,110 | 60.9\% | 1,195 | 60.4\% | 530 | 49.8\% | 210 | 39.6\% | 90 | 39.1\% | 65 | 68.4\% | 365 | 42.7\% |
| Filipino | 95 | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Latin American | 645 | 3.2\% | 100 | 5.1\% | 75 | 7.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Southeast Asian | 935 | 4.7\% | 105 | 5.3\% | 110 | 10.3\% | 75 | 14.2\% | 35 | 15.2\% | 25 | 26.3\% | 135 | 15.8\% |
| Arab/West Asian | 3,440 | 17.3\% | 375 | 18.9\% | 195 | 18.3\% | 145 | 27.4\% | 55 | 23.9\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 200 | 23.4\% |
| Korean | 70 | 0.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Japanese | 100 | 0.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Visible minority, n.i.e. | 185 | 0.9\% | 30 | 1.5\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Multiple visible minority | 245 | 1.2\% | 40 | 2.0\% | 15 | 1.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Not a visible minority | 121,710 | 85.9\% | 22,425 | 91.9\% | 16,190 | 93.8\% | 9,855 | 94.9\% | 6,160 | 96.4\% | 1,745 | 94.8\% | 17,760 | 95.4\% |
| KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English only | 1,680 | 1.2\% | 300 | 1.2\% | 215 | 1.2\% | 120 | 1.2\% | 55 | 0.9\% | 25 | 1.4\% | 200 | 1.1\% |
| French only | 12,945 | 9.1\% | 1,290 | 5.3\% | 985 | 5.7\% | 980 | 9.5\% | 925 | 14.5\% | 395 | 21.6\% | 2,300 | 12.4\% |
| English and French | 126,915 | 89.6\% | 22,805 | 93.5\% | 16,045 | 93.0\% | 9,255 | 89.4\% | 5,410 | 84.7\% | 1,410 | 77.0\% | 16,075 | 86.5\% |
| Neither English nor French | 75 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% |
| WITH DIFFICULTIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No difficulties | 121,050 | 86.3\% | 20,895 | 86.3\% | 13,185 | 77.0\% | 6,715 | 65.2\% | 3,110 | 49.3\% | 505 | 28.8\% | 10,330 | 56.3\% |
| Difficulties sometimes | 10,980 | 7.8\% | 2,065 | 8.5\% | 2,210 | 12.9\% | 2,090 | 20.3\% | 1,695 | 26.9\% | 495 | 28.2\% | 4,280 | 23.3\% |
| Difficulties often | 8,315 | 5.9\% | 1,250 | 5.2\% | 1,720 | 10.0\% | 1,495 | 14.5\% | 1,500 | 23.8\% | 755 | 43.0\% | 3,750 | 20.4\% |

## Excludes residential residents

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census
Based the Office of Francophone Affairs' Inclusive Definition of Francophone (IDF) which is a derived variable calculated based on three questions in the census concerning mother tongue, the language spoken at home and knowledge of official languages.

Appendix E. Profile of Immigrant Older Adults

|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85 + |  | 65+ |  |
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| Total | 178,545 |  | 31,790 |  | 26,320 |  | 18,065 |  | 10,655 |  | 2,485 |  | 31,205 |  |
| Male | 85,115 | 47.7\% | 15,465 | 48.6\% | 12,980 | 49.3\% | 8,920 | 49.4\% | 4,715 | 44.3\% | 890 | 35.8\% | 14,525 | 46.5\% |
| Female | 93,430 | 52.3\% | 16,325 | 51.4\% | 13,345 | 50.7\% | 9,140 | 50.6\% | 5,940 | 55.7\% | 1,595 | 64.2\% | 16,675 | 53.4\% |
| MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Now married or living in commonlaw | 109,850 | 61.5\% | 24,880 | 78.3\% | 19,900 | 75.6\% | 13,160 | 72.8\% | 5,990 | 56.2\% | 860 | 34.6\% | 20,010 | 64.1\% |
| Separated or Divorced | 15,055 | 8.4\% | 3,965 | 12.5\% | 3,560 | 13.5\% | 1,815 | 10.0\% | 790 | 7.4\% | 100 | 4.0\% | 2,705 | 8.7\% |
| Never married (single) | 43,970 | 24.6\% | 2,330 | 7.3\% | 1,395 | 5.3\% | 665 | 3.7\% | 320 | 3.0\% | 110 | 4.4\% | 1,095 | 3.5\% |
| Widowed | 9,675 | 5.4\% | 620 | 2.0\% | 1,465 | 5.6\% | 2,420 | 13.4\% | 3,550 | 33.3\% | 1,410 | 56.7\% | 7,380 | 23.7\% |
| LIVING ARRANGEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spouses, common-law partners | 119,175 | 66.9\% | 27,780 | 87.5\% | 21,505 | 82.0\% | 13,740 | 76.2\% | 6,775 | 63.8\% | 1,090 | 44.2\% | 21,605 | 69.4\% |
| Sons/daughters | 30,500 | 17.1\% | 630 | 2.0\% | 315 | 1.2\% | 30 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 30 | 0.1\% |
| With Relatives | 5,540 | 3.1\% | 430 | 1.4\% | 735 | 2.8\% | 1,055 | 5.9\% | 910 | 8.6\% | 325 | 13.2\% | 2,290 | 7.4\% |
| With non-relatives | 4,795 | 2.7\% | 540 | 1.7\% | 445 | 1.7\% | 220 | 1.2\% | 120 | 1.1\% | 50 | 2.0\% | 390 | 1.3\% |
| Living alone | 18,145 | 10.2\% | 2,360 | 7.4\% | 3,240 | 12.3\% | 2,985 | 16.6\% | 2,820 | 26.5\% | 1,000 | 40.6\% | 6,805 | 21.9\% |
| Male - Living alone | 7,615 | 42.0\% | 1,270 | 53.8\% | 1,325 | 40.9\% | 900 | 30.2\% | 690 | 24.5\% | 155 | 15.5\% | 1,745 | 25.6\% |
| Female - Living alone | 10,530 | 58.0\% | 1,090 | 46.2\% | 1,915 | 59.1\% | 2,090 | 70.0\% | 2,130 | 75.5\% | 845 | 84.5\% | 5,065 | 74.4\% |
| EMPLOYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the labour force | 107,845 | 64.2\% | 26,855 | 84.5\% | 16,510 | 62.7\% | 3,405 | 18.9\% | 500 | 4.7\% | 115 | 4.6\% | 4,020 | 12.9\% |
| Employed | 100,030 | 92.8\% | 25,465 | 94.8\% | 15,845 | 96.0\% | 3,260 | 95.7\% | 480 | 96.0\% | 85 | 73.9\% | 3,825 | 95.1\% |
| Unemployed | 7,815 | 7.2\% | 1,390 | 5.2\% | 665 | 4.0\% | 145 | 4.3\% | 20 | 4.0\% | 30 | 26.1\% | 195 | 4.9\% |
| Not in the labour force | 60,080 | 35.8\% | 4,930 | 15.5\% | 9,815 | 37.3\% | 14,655 | 81.1\% | 10,150 | 95.3\% | 2,370 | 95.4\% | 27,175 | 87.1\% |
| FINANCIAL SECURITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median Total income | \$25,994 |  | \$33,706 |  | \$33,043 |  | \$24,379 |  | \$23,723 |  | \$22,388 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Men | \$33,819 |  | \$41,686 |  | \$44,099 |  | \$32,306 |  | \$32,282 |  | \$29,544 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Women | \$20,578 |  | \$27,814 |  | \$25,083 |  | \$18,146 |  | \$20,166 |  | \$19,463 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income | \$38,729 |  | \$46,953 |  | \$47,629 |  | \$37,304 |  | \$34,504 |  | \$31,339 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Men | \$48,571 |  | \$57,286 |  | \$61,476 |  | \$48,058 |  | \$40,635 |  | \$38,137 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Women | \$29,638 |  | \$36,836 |  | \$33,717 |  | \$26,669 |  | \$29,568 |  | \$27,240 |  |  |  |
| COMPOSITION OF INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85 + |  | 65+ |  |
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| Employment income \% | 73.9 |  | 91.3 |  | 74.1 |  | 24.3 |  | 4 |  | 4.2 |  |  |  |
| Total government transfer payments \% | 10.5 |  | 4 |  | 5.3 |  | 29.7 |  | 35.6 |  | 39.2 |  |  |  |
| Retirement pensions \% | 9.1 |  | 0.5 |  | 11.1 |  | 33.4 |  | 45.1 |  | 42.1 |  |  |  |
| Investment income \% | 4.5 |  | 2.6 |  | 6.4 |  | 10.1 |  | 13.2 |  | 12.7 |  |  |  |
| Other money income \% | 2 |  | 1.5 |  | 3.2 |  | 2.5 |  | 2.1 |  | 1.8 |  |  |  |
| INCOME BRACKETS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| under \$5,000-Total Income | 18,460 | 11.5\% | 2,670 | 8.6\% | 2,655 | 10.4\% | 910 | 5.1\% | 325 | 3.1\% | 65 | 2.8\% | 1,300 | 4.2\% |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 14,630 | 9.1\% | 2,220 | 7.2\% | 2,065 | 8.1\% | 1,070 | 6.0\% | 450 | 4.3\% | 55 | 2.4\% | 1,575 | 5.1\% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 18,760 | 11.7\% | 2,640 | 8.5\% | 2,380 | 9.3\% | 3,380 | 18.9\% | 2,145 | 20.4\% | 495 | 21.2\% | 6,020 | 19.6\% |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999 | 14,520 | 9.1\% | 2,260 | 7.3\% | 1,760 | 6.9\% | 2,215 | 12.4\% | 1,500 | 14.3\% | 460 | 19.7\% | 4,175 | 13.6\% |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 11,445 | 7.1\% | 2,195 | 7.1\% | 1,355 | 5.3\% | 1,540 | 8.6\% | 1,010 | 9.6\% | 210 | 9.0\% | 2,760 | 9.0\% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 19,415 | 12.1\% | 3,985 | 12.9\% | 3,110 | 12.2\% | 2,465 | 13.8\% | 1,405 | 13.4\% | 325 | 13.9\% | 4,195 | 13.6\% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 20,245 | 12.6\% | 4,145 | 13.4\% | 3,675 | 14.4\% | 2,385 | 13.3\% | 1,445 | 13.7\% | 365 | 15.6\% | 4,195 | 13.6\% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 21,125 | 13.2\% | 4,645 | 15.0\% | 3,605 | 14.1\% | 2,285 | 12.8\% | 1,475 | 14.0\% | 245 | 10.5\% | 4,005 | 13.0\% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 11,785 | 7.4\% | 3,305 | 10.7\% | 2,410 | 9.4\% | 830 | 4.6\% | 400 | 3.8\% | 60 | 2.6\% | 1,290 | 4.2\% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 6,955 | 4.3\% | 2,090 | 6.7\% | 1,730 | 6.8\% | 475 | 2.7\% | 265 | 2.5\% | 45 | 1.9\% | 785 | 2.6\% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 1,555 | 1.0\% | 450 | 1.5\% | 345 | 1.4\% | 160 | 0.9\% | 45 | 0.4\% | 15 | 0.6\% | 220 | 0.7\% |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999 | 490 | 0.3\% | 150 | 0.5\% | 115 | 0.5\% | 60 | 0.3\% | 35 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 95 | 0.3\% |
| \$250,000 and over | 830 | 0.5\% | 210 | 0.7\% | 325 | 1.3\% | 100 | 0.6\% | 20 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 120 | 0.4\% |
| LOW INCOME (AFTER TAX) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 32,165 | 18.0\% | 4,535 | 14.3\% | 2,970 | 11.3\% | 1,545 | 8.6\% | 865 | 8.1\% | 330 | 13.3\% | 2,740 | 8.8\% |
| Men | 14,755 | 45.9\% | 2,325 | 51.3\% | 1,420 | 47.8\% | 625 | 40.5\% | 305 | 35.3\% | 75 | 22.7\% | 1,005 | 36.7\% |
| Women | 17,405 | 54.1\% | 2,205 | 48.6\% | 1,545 | 52.0\% | 915 | 59.2\% | 560 | 64.7\% | 260 | 78.8\% | 1,735 | 63.3\% |
| IMMIGRATION STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Immigrants | 178,545 |  | 31,795 |  | 26,325 |  | 18,065 |  | 10,650 |  | 2,485 |  | 31,200 |  |
| Before 1961 | 20,825 | 11.7\% | 2,105 | 6.6\% | 5,005 | 19.0\% | 6,090 | 33.7\% | 6,075 | 57.0\% | 1,550 | 62.4\% | 13,715 | 44.0\% |
| 1961 to 1970 | 19,805 | 11.1\% | 3,500 | 11.0\% | 6,300 | 23.9\% | 5,430 | 30.1\% | 1,540 | 14.5\% | 135 | 5.4\% | 7,105 | 22.8\% |
| 1971 to 1980 | 24,210 | 13.6\% | 6,505 | 20.5\% | 7,440 | 28.3\% | 2,535 | 14.0\% | 890 | 8.4\% | 250 | 10.1\% | 3,675 | 11.8\% |
| 1981 to 1990 | 31,360 | 17.6\% | 8,970 | 28.2\% | 3,605 | 13.7\% | 1,235 | 6.8\% | 785 | 7.4\% | 285 | 11.5\% | 2,305 | 7.4\% |
| 1991 to 2000 | 52,690 | 29.5\% | 8,080 | 25.4\% | 2,815 | 10.7\% | 1,890 | 10.5\% | 1,120 | 10.5\% | 235 | 9.5\% | 3,245 | 10.4\% |


|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85 + |  | 65+ |  |
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| 2001 to 2006 | 29,645 | 16.6\% | 2,635 | 8.3\% | 1,160 | 4.4\% | 875 | 4.8\% | 240 | 2.3\% | 25 | 1.0\% | 1,140 | 3.7\% |
| VISIBLE MINORITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total visible minority population | 103,150 | 57.8\% | 18,320 | 57.6\% | 10,750 | 40.8\% | 6,840 | 37.9\% | 2,755 | 25.9\% | 565 | 22.8\% | 10,160 | 32.6\% |
| Chinese | 20,100 | 19.5\% | 3,630 | 19.8\% | 2,065 | 19.2\% | 1,955 | 28.6\% | 895 | 32.5\% | 140 | 24.8\% | 2,990 | 29.4\% |
| South Asian | 17,765 | 17.2\% | 2,945 | 16.1\% | 2,535 | 23.6\% | 1,605 | 23.5\% | 510 | 18.5\% | 75 | 13.3\% | 2,190 | 21.6\% |
| Black | 22,415 | 21.7\% | 3,740 | 20.4\% | 1,950 | 18.1\% | 1,150 | 16.8\% | 390 | 14.2\% | 135 | 23.9\% | 1,675 | 16.5\% |
| Filipino | 4,790 | 4.6\% | 930 | 5.1\% | 570 | 5.3\% | 260 | 3.8\% | 100 | 3.6\% | 20 | 3.5\% | 380 | 3.7\% |
| Latin American | 6,180 | 6.0\% | 1,230 | 6.7\% | 505 | 4.7\% | 225 | 3.3\% | 110 | 4.0\% | 15 | 2.7\% | 350 | 3.4\% |
| Southeast Asian | 6,650 | 6.4\% | 1,525 | 8.3\% | 670 | 6.2\% | 380 | 5.6\% | 210 | 7.6\% | 70 | 12.4\% | 660 | 6.5\% |
| Arab/West Asian | 20,460 | 19.8\% | 3,430 | 18.7\% | 1,940 | 18.0\% | 1,000 | 14.6\% | 415 | 15.1\% | 70 | 12.4\% | 1,485 | 14.6\% |
| Korean | 1,455 | 1.4\% | 215 | 1.2\% | 90 | 0.8\% | 20 | 0.3\% | 20 | 0.7\% | 10 | 1.8\% | 50 | 0.5\% |
| Japanese | 560 | 0.5\% | 95 | 0.5\% | 60 | 0.6\% | 70 | 1.0\% | 10 | 0.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 80 | 0.8\% |
| Visible minority, n.i.e. | 945 | 0.9\% | 240 | 1.3\% | 110 | 1.0\% | 60 | 0.9\% | 40 | 1.5\% | 20 | 3.5\% | 120 | 1.2\% |
| Multiple visible minority | 1,835 | 1.8\% | 335 | 1.8\% | 240 | 2.2\% | 110 | 1.6\% | 50 | 1.8\% | 15 | 2.7\% | 175 | 1.7\% |
| Not a visible minority | 75,395 | 42.2\% | 13,475 | 42.4\% | 15,575 | 59.2\% | 11,220 | 62.1\% | 7,900 | 74.1\% | 1,915 | 77.2\% | 21,035 | 67.4\% |
| KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English only | 126,775 | 71.0\% | 23,285 | 73.2\% | 18,470 | 70.2\% | 12,635 | 70.0\% | 7,325 | 68.8\% | 1,680 | 67.6\% | 21,640 | 69.4\% |
| French only | 3,030 | 1.7\% | 405 | 1.3\% | 320 | 1.2\% | 260 | 1.4\% | 215 | 2.0\% | 80 | 3.2\% | 555 | 1.8\% |
| English and French | 41,575 | 23.3\% | 7,290 | 22.9\% | 6,295 | 23.9\% | 3,050 | 16.9\% | 1,625 | 15.3\% | 310 | 12.5\% | 4,985 | 16.0\% |
| Neither English nor French | 7,165 | 4.0\% | 810 | 2.5\% | 1,235 | 4.7\% | 2,115 | 11.7\% | 1,485 | 13.9\% | 415 | 16.7\% | 4,015 | 12.9\% |
| WITH DIFFICULTIES | 178,545 |  | 31,790 |  | 26,320 |  | 18,060 |  | 10,650 |  | 2,485 |  | 31,195 |  |
| No difficulties | 151,275 | 85.8\% | 28,240 | 89.8\% | 21,035 | 80.8\% | 11,965 | 67.1\% | 4,595 | 43.8\% | 700 | 28.7\% | 17,260 | 56.1\% |
| Difficulties sometimes | 15,330 | 8.7\% | 2,180 | 6.9\% | 3,150 | 12.1\% | 3,820 | 21.4\% | 3,255 | 31.0\% | 690 | 28.3\% | 7,765 | 25.2\% |
| Difficulties often | 9,780 | 5.5\% | 1,020 | 3.2\% | 1,860 | 7.1\% | 2,050 | 11.5\% | 2,635 | 25.1\% | 1,045 | 42.9\% | 5,730 | 18.6\% |

Excludes residential residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census
According to Statistics Canada, Immigrants are persons who are, or have ever been, landed immigrants in Canada. A landed immigrant is a person who has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Some immigrants have resided in Canada for a number of years, while others are more recent arrivals. Most immigrants are born outside Canada, but a small number were born in Canada. Includes immigrants who landed in Canada prior to Census Day, May 16, 2006.

Appendix F. Profile of Older Adults with Activity Limitations

|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
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| Total | 40,215 |  | 6,010 |  | 7,140 |  | 6,295 |  | 7,485 |  | 3,995 |  | 17,775 |  |
| Male | 17,400 | 43.3\% | 2,685 | 44.7\% | 3,150 | 44.1\% | 2,900 | 46.1\% | 2,975 | 39.7\% | 1,055 | 26.4\% | 6,930 | 39.0\% |
| Female | 22,815 | 56.7\% | 3,325 | 55.3\% | 3,990 | 55.9\% | 3,395 | 53.9\% | 4,515 | 60.3\% | 2,935 | 73.5\% | 10,845 | 61.0\% |
| MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Now married or living in commonlaw | 18,460 | 45.9\% | 3,110 | 51.7\% | 4,210 | 59.0\% | 3,840 | 61.0\% | 3,835 | 51.2\% | 1,005 | 25.2\% | 8,680 | 48.8\% |
| Separated or Divorced | 5,255 | 13.1\% | 1,445 | 24.0\% | 1,565 | 21.9\% | 905 | 14.4\% | 575 | 7.7\% | 95 | 2.4\% | 1,575 | 8.9\% |
| Never married (single) | 9,175 | 22.8\% | 1,275 | 21.2\% | 850 | 11.9\% | 330 | 5.2\% | 340 | 4.5\% | 270 | 6.8\% | 940 | 5.3\% |
| Widowed | 7,320 | 18.2\% | 180 | 3.0\% | 520 | 7.3\% | 1,220 | 19.4\% | 2,735 | 36.5\% | 2,620 | 65.6\% | 6,575 | 37.0\% |
| LIVING ARRANGEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spouses, common-law partners | 21,630 | 54.1\% | 3,885 | 64.9\% | 4,585 | 64.5\% | 4,160 | 66.3\% | 4,430 | 59.5\% | 1,460 | 37.2\% | 10,050 | 32.3\% |
| Sons/daughters | 4,610 | 11.5\% | 180 | 3.0\% | 75 | 1.1\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.0\% |
| With Relatives | 2,255 | 5.6\% | 180 | 3.0\% | 295 | 4.2\% | 430 | 6.9\% | 625 | 8.4\% | 535 | 13.6\% | 1,590 | 5.1\% |
| With non-relatives | 1,585 | 4.0\% | 365 | 6.1\% | 425 | 6.0\% | 90 | 1.4\% | 80 | 1.1\% | 55 | 1.4\% | 225 | 0.7\% |
| Total Living alone | 9,935 | 24.8\% | 1,375 | 23.0\% | 1,725 | 24.3\% | 1,585 | 25.3\% | 2,305 | 31.0\% | 1,875 | 47.8\% | 5,765 | 18.5\% |
| Male | 2,930 | 29.5\% | 605 | 44.0\% | 630 | 36.5\% | 385 | 24.3\% | 490 | 21.3\% | 245 | 13.1\% | 1,120 | 19.4\% |
| Female | 7,005 | 70.5\% | 770 | 56.0\% | 1,100 | 63.8\% | 1,200 | 75.7\% | 1,815 | 78.7\% | 1,630 | 86.9\% | 4,645 | 80.6\% |
| EMPLOYMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the labour force | 9,380 | 24.8\% | 2,895 | 48.1\% | 2,185 | 30.6\% | 570 | 9.1\% | 205 | 2.7\% | 65 | 1.6\% | 840 | 4.7\% |
| Employed | 8,550 | 91.2\% | 2,640 | 91.2\% | 2,065 | 94.5\% | 535 | 93.9\% | 190 | 92.7\% | 60 | 92.3\% | 785 | 93.5\% |
| Unemployed | 830 | 8.8\% | 250 | 8.6\% | 115 | 5.3\% | 40 | 7.0\% | 15 | 7.3\% | 10 | 15.4\% | 65 | 7.7\% |
| Not in the labour force | 28,475 | 75.2\% | 3,120 | 51.9\% | 4,960 | 69.4\% | 5,720 | 90.9\% | 7,285 | 97.3\% | 3,930 | 98.4\% | 16,935 | 95.3\% |
| FINANCIAL SECURITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Median Total income | 21,069 |  | 21,551 |  | 19,046 |  | 22,441 |  | 24,733 |  | 25,681 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Men | 27,177 |  | 21,120 |  | 24,745 |  | 32,243 |  | 35,329 |  | 35,044 |  |  |  |
| Median Total income - Women | 18,670 |  | 21,667 |  | 15,989 |  | 17,819 |  | 19,993 |  | 22,207 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income | 30,520 |  | 31,564 |  | 31,523 |  | 30,973 |  | 33,604 |  | 33,751 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Men | 36,496 |  | 34,732 |  | 39,706 |  | 39,286 |  | 40,977 |  | 44,097 |  |  |  |
| Average Total income - Women | 26,129 |  | 28,864 |  | 24,844 |  | 23,798 |  | 28,678 |  | 30,017 |  |  |  |
| COMPOSITION OF INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
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| Employment income \% | 33 |  | 72 |  | 51 |  | 8 |  | 1 |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| Total government transfer payments \% | 31 |  | 19 |  | 22 |  | 42 |  | 39 |  | 38 |  |  |  |
| Retirement pensions \% | 28 |  | 3 |  | 21 |  | 41 |  | 48 |  | 43 |  |  |  |
| Investment income \% | 6 |  | 2 |  | 3 |  | 7 |  | 10 |  | 15 |  |  |  |
| Other money income \% | 3 |  | 4 |  | 4 |  | 2 |  | 2 |  | 3 |  |  |  |
| INCOME BRACKETS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| under \$5,000 - Total Income | 2,830 | 7.8\% | 690 | 11.9\% | 695 | 10.2\% | 155 | 2.5\% | 100 | 1.4\% | 20 | 0.5\% | 275 | 1.6\% |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 3,555 | 9.8\% | 760 | 13.1\% | 945 | 13.8\% | 410 | 6.6\% | 265 | 3.6\% | 70 | 1.9\% | 745 | 4.3\% |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 6,380 | 17.6\% | 925 | 16.0\% | 1,335 | 19.5\% | 1,145 | 18.3\% | 1,335 | 18.2\% | 565 | 15.2\% | 3,045 | 17.6\% |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999 | 4,710 | 13.0\% | 405 | 7.0\% | 535 | 7.8\% | 1,130 | 18.1\% | 1,300 | 17.7\% | 805 | 21.7\% | 3,235 | 18.7\% |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 2,910 | 8.0\% | 420 | 7.3\% | 415 | 6.1\% | 505 | 8.1\% | 730 | 9.9\% | 365 | 9.8\% | 1,600 | 9.2\% |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 4,695 | 12.9\% | 655 | 11.3\% | 725 | 10.6\% | 915 | 14.6\% | 1,105 | 15.0\% | 685 | 18.4\% | 2,705 | 15.6\% |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 4,710 | 13.0\% | 665 | 11.5\% | 925 | 13.5\% | 930 | 14.9\% | 1,025 | 14.0\% | 585 | 15.7\% | 2,540 | 14.7\% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 4,245 | 11.7\% | 730 | 12.6\% | 680 | 10.0\% | 775 | 12.4\% | 1,035 | 14.1\% | 435 | 11.7\% | 2,245 | 13.0\% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 1,295 | 3.6\% | 290 | 5.0\% | 295 | 4.3\% | 155 | 2.5\% | 265 | 3.6\% | 100 | 2.7\% | 520 | 3.0\% |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 690 | 1.9\% | 210 | 3.6\% | 210 | 3.1\% | 80 | 1.3\% | 115 | 1.6\% | 40 | 1.1\% | 235 | 1.4\% |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 160 | 0.4\% | 30 | 0.5\% | 45 | 0.7\% | 35 | 0.6\% | 40 | 0.5\% | 15 | 0.4\% | 90 | 0.5\% |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999 | 35 | 0.1\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 15 | 0.2\% | 10 | 0.3\% | 35 | 0.2\% |
| \$250,000 and over | 80 | 0.2\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 25 | 0.4\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 15 | 0.2\% | 20 | 0.5\% | 45 | 0.3\% |
| LOW INCOME (AFTER TAX) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 7,705 | 19.2\% | 1,655 | 27.5\% | 1,695 | 23.7\% | 770 | 12.2\% | 630 | 8.4\% | 400 | 10.0\% | 1,800 | 10.1\% |
| Men | 3,185 | 41.3\% | 810 | 48.9\% | 700 | 41.3\% | 210 | 27.3\% | 155 | 24.6\% | 45 | 11.3\% | 410 | 22.8\% |
| Women | 4,520 | 58.7\% | 845 | 51.1\% | 1,000 | 59.0\% | 560 | 72.7\% | 475 | 75.4\% | 355 | 88.8\% | 1,390 | 77.2\% |
| IMMIGRATION STATUS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-immigrants | 30,340 | 75.5\% | 4,980 | 82.1\% | 5,275 | 73.3\% | 4,220 | 66.6\% | 4,830 | 64.2\% | 2,945 | 72.6\% | 11,995 | 67.4\% |
| Immigrants | 9,775 | 24.3\% | 1,020 | 16.8\% | 1,860 | 25.8\% | 2,055 | 32.4\% | 2,630 | 35.0\% | 1,045 | 25.8\% | 5,730 | 32.2\% |
| Before 1991 | 7,640 | 78.2\% | 685 | 67.2\% | 1,545 | 83.1\% | 1,670 | 81.3\% | 2,290 | 87.1\% | 960 | 91.9\% | 4,920 | 85.9\% |
| 1991 to 2000 | 1,565 | 20.5\% | 245 | 35.8\% | 195 | 12.6\% | 295 | 17.7\% | 315 | 13.8\% | 90 | 9.4\% | 700 | 14.2\% |
| 2001 to 2006 | 570 | 36.4\% | 95 | 38.8\% | 125 | 64.1\% | 90 | 30.5\% | 25 | 7.9\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 115 | 16.4\% |
| Non-permanent residents | 95 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 20 | 0.3\% | 20 | 0.3\% | 10 | 0.2\% | 50 | 0.3\% |


|  | Total |  | 45 to 54 |  | 55 to 64 |  | 65 to 74 |  | 75 to 84 |  | 85+ |  | 65+ |  |
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| VISIBLE MINORITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total visible minority population | 4,765 | 11.9\% | 640 | 10.6\% | 745 | 10.4\% | 865 | 13.8\% | 735 | 9.8\% | 220 | 5.5\% | 1,820 | 10.2\% |
| Chinese | 720 | 15.1\% | 60 | 9.4\% | 80 | 10.7\% | 95 | 11.0\% | 230 | 31.3\% | 70 | 31.8\% | 395 | 21.7\% |
| South Asian | 790 | 16.6\% | 55 | 8.6\% | 165 | 22.1\% | 210 | 24.3\% | 145 | 19.7\% | 20 | 9.1\% | 375 | 20.6\% |
| Black | 1,045 | 21.9\% | 175 | 27.3\% | 130 | 17.4\% | 195 | 22.5\% | 100 | 13.6\% | 35 | 15.9\% | 330 | 18.1\% |
| Filipino | 110 | 2.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 3.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 20 | 2.7\% | 10 | 4.5\% | 30 | 1.6\% |
| Latin American | 265 | 5.6\% | 45 | 7.0\% | 30 | 4.0\% | 40 | 4.6\% | 50 | 6.8\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 90 | 4.9\% |
| Southeast Asian | 320 | 6.7\% | 60 | 9.4\% | 25 | 3.4\% | 25 | 2.9\% | 45 | 6.1\% | 40 | 18.2\% | 110 | 6.0\% |
| Arab/West Asian | 1,190 | 25.0\% | 210 | 32.8\% | 255 | 34.2\% | 240 | 27.7\% | 125 | 17.0\% | 25 | 11.4\% | 390 | 21.4\% |
| Korean | 35 | 0.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 1.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 0.5\% |
| Japanese | 50 | 1.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 2.9\% | 10 | 1.4\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 35 | 1.9\% |
| Visible minority, n.i.e. | 90 | 1.9\% | 15 | 2.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 10 | 1.2\% | 10 | 1.4\% | 15 | 6.8\% | 35 | 1.9\% |
| Multiple visible minority | 145 | 3.0\% | 20 | 3.1\% | 20 | 2.7\% | 10 | 1.2\% | 15 | 2.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 25 | 1.4\% |
| Not a visible minority | 35,445 | 88.1\% | 5,370 | 89.4\% | 6,400 | 89.6\% | 5,425 | 86.2\% | 6,750 | 90.2\% | 3,775 | 94.5\% | 15,950 | 89.8\% |
| MOTHER TONGUE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mother Tongue Single responses | 39,515 | 98.3\% | 5,885 | 97.9\% | 7,045 | 98.6\% | 6,180 | 98.2\% | 7,395 | 98.8\% | 3,960 | 99.1\% | 17,535 | 98.6\% |
| English | 24,325 | 61.6\% | 3,845 | 65.3\% | 4,115 | 58.4\% | 3,245 | 52.5\% | 4,245 | 57.4\% | 2,575 | 65.0\% | 10,065 | 57.4\% |
| French | 7,375 | 18.7\% | 1,120 | 19.0\% | 1,585 | 22.5\% | 1,325 | 21.4\% | 1,325 | 17.9\% | 685 | 17.3\% | 3,335 | 19.0\% |
| Non-official language | 7,820 | 19.8\% | 920 | 15.6\% | 1,335 | 18.9\% | 1,610 | 26.1\% | 1,820 | 24.6\% | 700 | 17.7\% | 4,130 | 23.6\% |
| Mother Tongue Multiple responses | 700 | 1.7\% | 125 | 2.1\% | 100 | 1.4\% | 115 | 1.8\% | 90 | 1.2\% | 35 | 0.9\% | 240 | 1.4\% |
| English and French | 430 | 61.4\% | 75 | 60.0\% | 55 | 55.0\% | 60 | 52.2\% | 80 | 88.9\% | 20 | 57.1\% | 160 | 66.7\% |
| Other combinations | 270 | 38.6\% | 50 | 40.0\% | 40 | 40.0\% | 55 | 47.8\% | 15 | 16.7\% | 15 | 42.9\% | 85 | 35.4\% |
| KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English only | 25,935 | 64.5\% | 3,835 | 63.8\% | 4,435 | 62.1\% | 3,835 | 61.0\% | 4,910 | 65.6\% | 2,765 | 69.1\% | 11,510 | 64.8\% |
| French only | 1,110 | 2.8\% | 65 | 1.1\% | 115 | 1.6\% | 220 | 3.5\% | 250 | 3.3\% | 190 | 4.8\% | 660 | 3.7\% |
| English and French | 11,510 | 28.6\% | 1,995 | 33.2\% | 2,405 | 33.7\% | 1,855 | 29.5\% | 1,880 | 25.1\% | 810 | 20.3\% | 4,545 | 25.6\% |
| Neither English nor French | 1,660 | 4.1\% | 120 | 2.0\% | 190 | 2.7\% | 380 | 6.0\% | 445 | 5.9\% | 235 | 5.9\% | 1,060 | 6.0\% |

Excludes residential residents
Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ A baby boomer is a person who was born during the demographic Post-World War II baby boom, between 1946 and 1965.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Hemson Consulting Ltd, 2010. These projections build on the City of Ottawa's 2007 forecast (which provides the basis for the current official plan). The Hemson updated forecast incorporates the recently-observed sharp decline in mortality (based on preliminary data), meaning fewer deaths. As a result, the updated forecast has an older age structure than the City's 2007 forecast.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ A common-law union refers to two people of the opposite sex or of the same sex who live together, but who are not legally married.

[^3]:    Excludes institutional residents
    Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

[^4]:    ${ }^{4}$ Knowledge of official (English and French) and non-official languages.

[^5]:    ${ }^{5}$ The National Capital Greenbelt, with a total area of $207.7 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$, provides a separation between the urban area inside of it and the suburban area beyond it.

[^6]:    ${ }^{6}$ Institutional residents are persons who live in an institution such as a hospital, a long-term care home, or a jail.
    ${ }^{7}$ Balance of Care Research Group, 2009.

[^7]:    ${ }^{8}$ Primary household maintainer is the person(s) in the household who pay the rent, or the mortgage, taxes, etc for the dwelling. Where there is more than one household maintainer, the primary maintainer is taken as the first person in the household identified as such on the Census.
    ${ }^{9}$ The Council on Aging, 2009.

[^8]:    Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

[^9]:    * Non-Movers - Persons who, on Census day, were living at the same address as the one at which they resided five years earlier.
    ** Movers - Persons who, on Census day, were living at a different address from the one at which they resided 5 years earlier. Non-migrants moved to a different address within the same census sub-division. Migrants moved to a different CSD or lived outside Canada five years earlier.
    Excludes institutional residents
    Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

[^10]:    ${ }^{10}$ The Council on Aging, 2009.

[^11]:    ${ }^{11}$ The median income divides the population into two equal halves, i.e. half of the population receiving less than this amount and half receiving more.

[^12]:    ${ }^{12}$ Statistics Canada, 2003.

[^13]:    ${ }^{13}$ Council on Aging, 2009.
    ${ }^{14}$ This report uses the After Tax Low Income Cut-Off to estimate low income. For information purposes, the 2006 Before Tax Low Income Cut-Off was set at $\$ 26,396$ for a family of two and at $\$ 21,202$ for a family of one (for a community of 500,000+ residents).
    ${ }^{15}$ Council on Aging, 2009.

[^14]:    ${ }^{16}$ Older adults in an economic family are married, living with a common-law partner or with dependent children.
    ${ }^{17}$ Council on Aging, 2009.

[^15]:    ${ }^{18}$ Note that data presented in Table 18, Figure 14, and Map 7 are for the 2005 taxation year.

[^16]:    ${ }^{19}$ Francophone individuals were previously defined as those whose mother tongue is French. The mother tongue category identifies Francophone individuals solely on the basis of French as the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood at the time of the census. The new Inclusive Definition of Francophone (IDF) estimates the number of persons whose mother tongue is French, plus those people whose mother tongue is neither French nor English (allophones) but who speak French. The variable is calculated based on three questions in the census concerning mother tongue, the language spoken at home and knowledge of the official languages. This definition was adopted by the Office of Francophone Affairs, Ontario Government (June 2009) and is supported by the City of Ottawa French Language Services Branch.
    ${ }^{20}$ Anecdotal evidence tends to suggest that the geographic distribution of francophone older adults is changing with more and more francophone individuals found as far west as Kanata.

[^17]:    ${ }^{21}$ Visible minorities are persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in 'color.'
    ${ }^{22}$ Statistics Canada, 2006b.

[^18]:    ${ }^{23}$ There are several definitions of "Aboriginal", including Aboriginal on reserve, Registered Indian, person who identifies as Aboriginal, and person with Aboriginal ancestry. In this report, Aboriginal refers specifically to the Census definition which includes people who reported identifying with at least one Aboriginal group, that is North American Indian, Métis or Inuit, and/or those who reported being a Treaty Indian or a registered Indian as defined by the Indian Act of Canada, and/or those who reported they were members of an Indian band or First Nation. The same definition was employed by Hemson Consulting Ltd in their population projection work.
    ${ }^{24}$ Statistics Canada, 2006c.

[^19]:    ${ }^{25}$ The Champlain health region encompasses the City of Ottawa and the counties of Renfrew, Prescott-Russell and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SD\&G).

[^20]:    ${ }^{26}$ The Canadian Community Health Survey classifies respondents as active, moderately active or inactive based on an index of average daily physical activity over the past 3 months. Active - Equivalent of walking an hour/day or jogging 20 minutes/day; Moderately active - Equivalent of walking 30 to 60 minutes/day or taking an hour-long exercise class three times a week.
    ${ }^{27}$ Statistics Canada uses the term 'person with an activity limitation' which is defined as: "Any limitation on activity, restriction on participation or reduction in the quality or type of activities because of a physical, mental or health program." Included in this report are the number of older adults who answered "Yes, Often" on the 2006 Census questions "Does this person have any difficulty hearing, seeing, communicating, walking, climbing stairs, bending, learning or doing any similar activities?" or "Does a physical condition or mental condition or health problem reduce the amount or the kind of activity this person can do at (a) home? (b) at work or at school? (c) in other activities, for example, transportation or leisure?"
    ${ }^{28}$ Social Data Research Ltd (Successful Aging Ottawa), 2005.

[^21]:    ${ }^{29}$ Social Data Research Ltd (Successful Aging Ottawa), 2005.

