

# Office of the Seniors Advocate

Federation of Community Social Services of BC



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# Who are seniors and what do they want?

*Easy question to ask, difficult to answer*



# Seniors not all the same



“Jane”



“Anne”

# Seniors not all the same

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“Jane”



“Anne”

# Picture of B.C. Seniors

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**916,000 Seniors** in B.C.  
*(19% of population)*



**Projected growth**  
**= 25% by 2031**



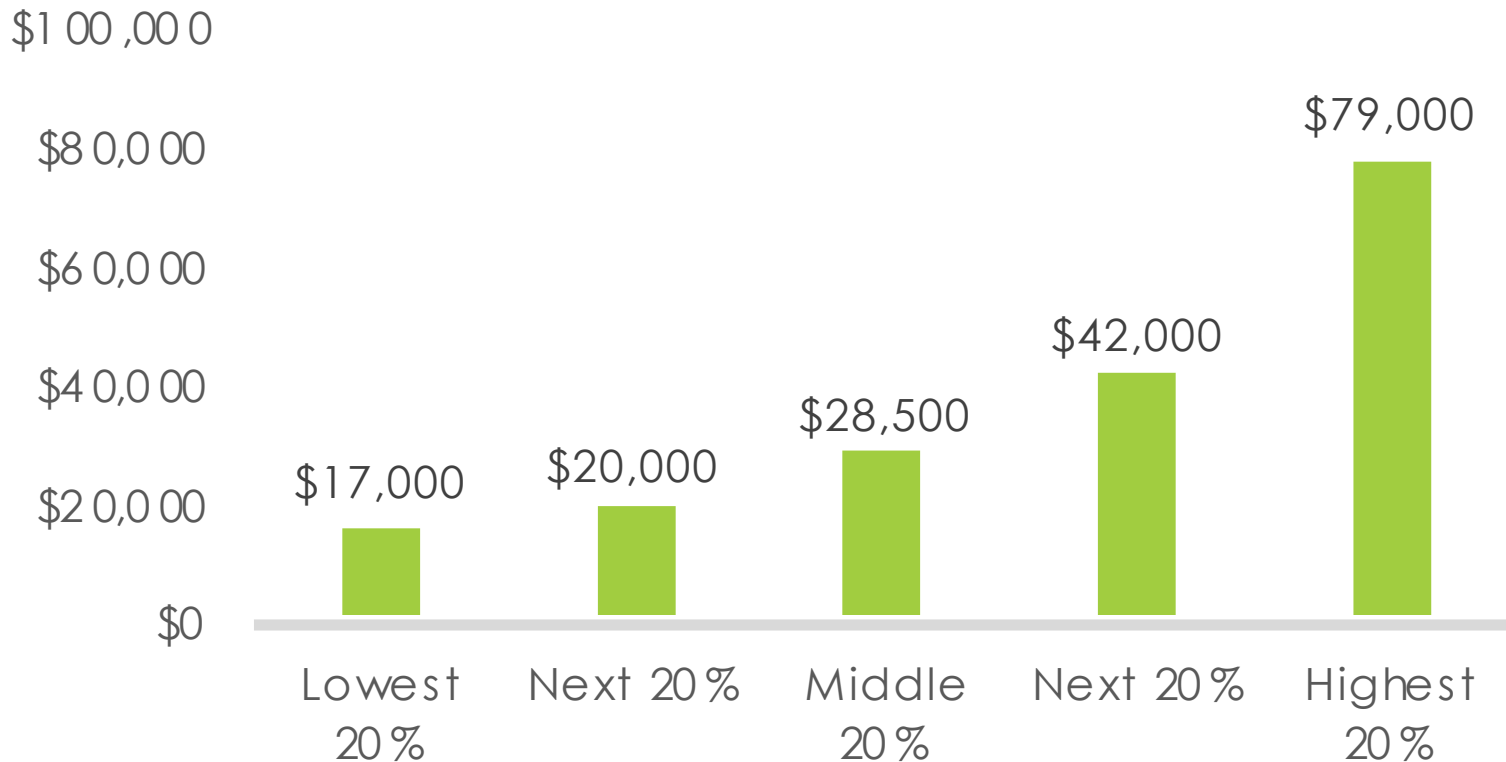
# Picture of B.C. Seniors

Indicators	Over 65	Over 85
Average singles income	Bottom 20% \$17K Top 20% \$80K	Bottom 20% \$17.5K Top 20% \$73K
Senior renters household income	35% <\$20,000	
% Living Independently (80% homeowners)	93%	74%
% Living in Retirement/Assisted Living	3%	10%
% Living in Residential Care	4%	15%
% seniors living without dementia diagnosis	94%	80%
% that use publicly subsidized home support	4%	13%
Use of emergency department	25%	6%
Average life expectancy	21.6	7.1
% of Seniors with Active Driver's Licences	over 90% @ 65	35%
% that Live Alone	23%	30/41%
% that are Employed	26% (65-69)	7% (70+)
% that Volunteer	40% (65-74) 231hrs	31% (70+) 196 hrs

# Challenges for some

## ◆ Sufficient income

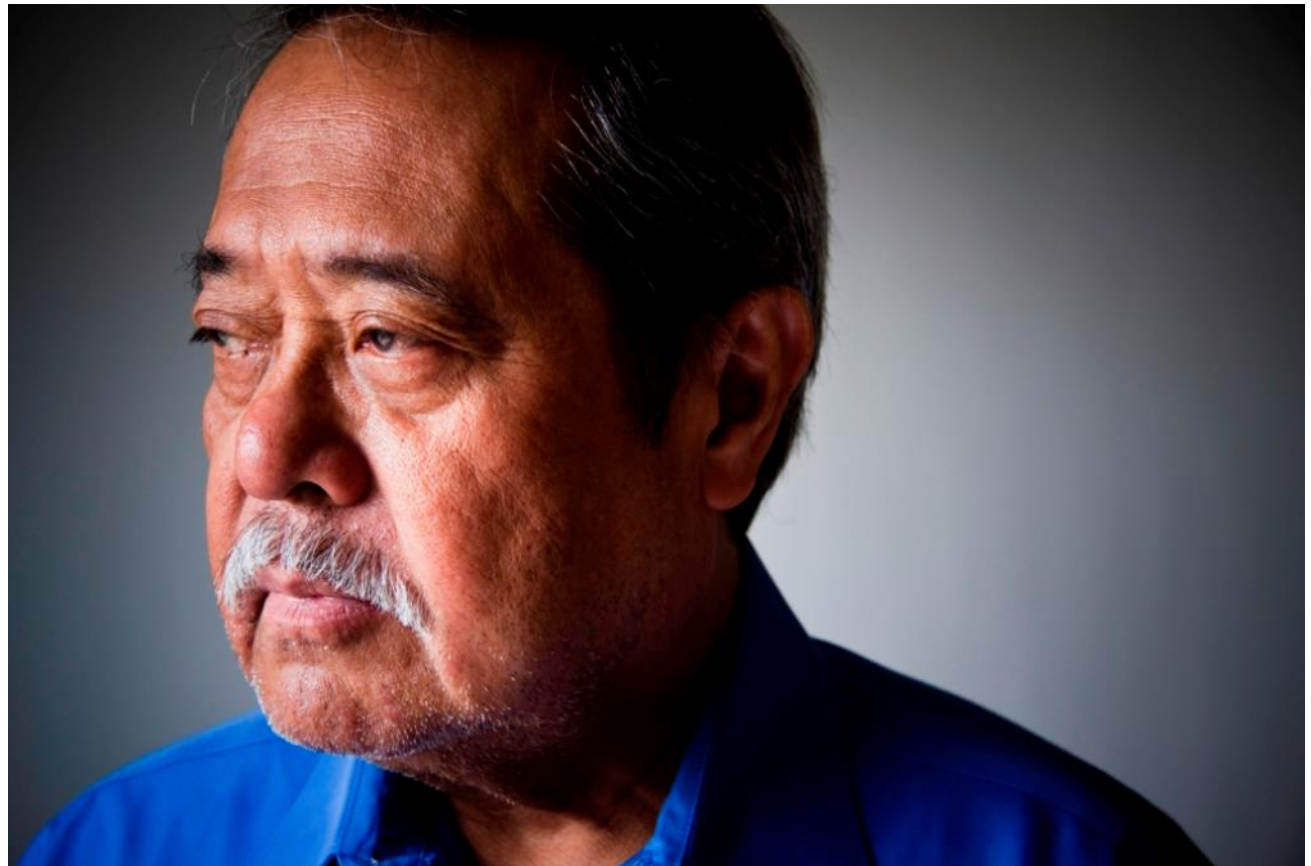
Average income of single seniors



# Challenges for some

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## ◆ Isolation and loneliness





# Challenges for some

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- ◆ Available & accessible community services
  - Home support
  - Adult day programs
  - Respite care
  - Home nursing
  - Occupational and physical therapy visits
  - Residential care

# Challenges for some

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- ◆ Caregiver burnout/distress



# Challenges for some

## ◆ Life in residential care



# Community services...

## The village that takes care of its elders





# Q & A Session

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