

# Boomers and Seniors



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# A Growing Generation

18% of population now in BC

- Projected to grow to 24% by 2031



# Many Still Working

## In Canada

- 75% increase in working beyond 65 since 2007

## In BC

- 26% of 65-69 years
- 7% of 70 years+



# Seniors Have and Have Nots in BC

Indicators	Over 65	Over 85
Median income	\$26,800	\$24,600
Senior homeowners household income	24% <\$30,000	
Senior renters household income	35% <\$20,000	

- Bequest boom coming largely to those who have

# BC Seniors Independence

Indicators	Over 65	Over 85
% Living Independently	93%	74%
% that Live Alone	26%	46%
% of Seniors Without a Diagnosis of Dementia	94%	80%
% with Active Driver's Licences	76%	34%



# Challenges to Aging in the Basin

- ◆ **Transportation**
- ◆ **Availability of labour/services**
- ◆ **Availability of appropriate housing**
- ◆ **Proximity to family**





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# Demographics Table Talk Questions

- 1. What can communities do to help younger generations thrive?**
- 2. What can communities do to help older generations thrive?**