Vulnerable Seniors
SPOTLIGHT ON WHITE ROCK

POPULATION | HOUSING & INCOME | HEALTH & WELLNESS | LANGUAGE | MIGRATION

Seniors Population

2% increase in the number of seniors

Between 2001 - 2011, the seniors population increased from 5,580 to **5,690** seniors.

Unaffordable Housing

1/4 senior households spend 30% or more of their income on housing. Between 2006 - 2011, this number decreased from 1,025 to **860** seniors.

16% decrease in seniors at risk of losing their homes

Aging Seniors

100% increase in number of seniors over 100 years of age

Between 2001-2011, the number of people over the age of 100 increased from 10 to **20** seniors.

Housing Waitlists

Between 2009 - 2012, the number of seniors and persons with disabilities (PWD) on BC Housing's social housing waitlist increased from 13 to **19** people.

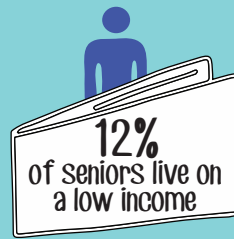**46%** increase in seniors & PWD on social housing wait lists

Lone Seniors

2/5 seniors live alone

9% increase in seniors who lived alone
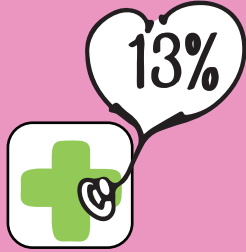
Between 2001-2011, the number of seniors living alone increased from 1,890 to **2,055** seniors.

Low Income

12% of seniors live on a low income

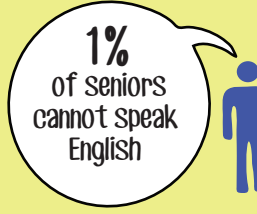In 2011, **610** seniors lived on a low income. Seniors living alone had after-tax incomes of approximately $19,500 or less. Seniors living in couples had after-tax incomes of approximately $27,250 or less.

Health Concerns

13%

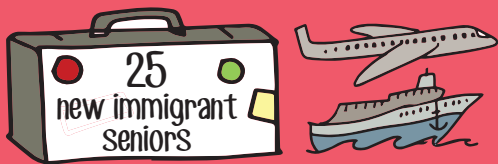In 2011, the Fraser South Health Service Delivery Area found that **13%** of seniors had perceived their health as fair to poor.

Non-English Speaking

1% of seniors cannot speak English

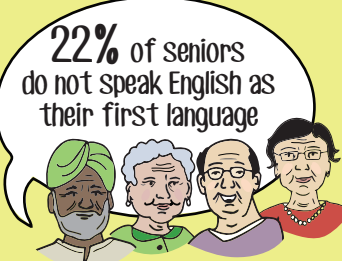Between 2001- 2011, the number of seniors who could not speak English increased from 35 to **50** seniors.

43% increase in seniors who could not speak English

For data source information, see data source sheet.

Senior Newcomers

25 new immigrant seniors

Between 2000 - 2010, **25** new immigrant seniors settled in White Rock.

First Languages Other Than English

22% of seniors do not speak English as their first language

In 2011, **German (320)** and **French (125)** were the most commonly spoken languages among seniors other than English.