



Seniors Housing Snapshot

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200,000 senior renters in B.C.

- **31,900** Seniors Subsidized Housing Units
- **24,000** Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) Clients
- **4,300** Assisted Living Units (publicly funded)
- **27,000** Long-term Care Beds (publicly funded)

Total: 87,200



\$34,000 median seniors income

- **25%** of seniors live on less than **\$23,000**



Supports for Senior Renters

Seniors Subsidized Housing (SSH)



In the last 5 years:

- **14%** ↓ in SSH units per 1,000 of the target population
- **50%** ↑ in applicants
- **Nearly 3-year** avg. wait time
 - **17% (1600)** seniors waiting 5+ years
- **Rent = 30%** of total income (rent-geared-to-income)
 - **67%** of SSH renters have incomes below \$25,000

Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)



- **\$803** SAFER subsidy cap
- **70%+** of SAFER recipients pay a rent above the subsidy cap
- Avg. SAFER recipient spends **50%+** of income on rent
 - **\$23,700** avg. annual income of SAFER recipients

Over 10 years:

- **50%** ↑ in market rents
- **34%** ↑ in allowable rent increases
- **25%** ↑ in pension incomes



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