Mapping the Ethnicity of Toronto’s Elders
Presentation to Toronto Council on Aging’s Age Friendly Toronto Forum
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How many seniors in Toronto?

People age 65+: 377,440
That’s 14% of Toronto’s population.

2011 Census of Population
Statistics Canada

The Toronto Seniors Strategy
Seniors are projected to continue to increase as a proportion of Toronto’s population.
How do we measure ethnicity?

National Household Survey, 2011

Question 17:

• What were the ethnic or cultural origins of this person’s ancestors? An ancestor is usually more distant than a grandparent.

Note: This data includes only people living in private households. People living in collective dwellings (e.g. long term care homes, seniors’ residences, rooming houses, etc…) are not included in these counts.
Ancestry of all Torontonians

- European: 40%
- Asian: 34%
- Caribbean: 5%
- Central & South American: 4%
- African: 5%
- Other North American: 11%
- North American Aboriginal origins: 1%

2011 Census of Population
Target Group Profile: Population Aged 65 and over
Statistics Canada
Ancestry of Toronto seniors

- European: 61%
- Asian: 24%
- Caribbean: 4%
- Central & South American: 2%
- African: 2%
- North American Aboriginal origins: 0%
- Other North American: 7%
**Percent aged 65+ by select ethnic groups**

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<tr>
<th>Ethnic Group</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Census 2011 Population</th>
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<td>Indigenous N.Am.</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>1,615</td>
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<td>African</td>
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<td>East Indian</td>
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<td>French</td>
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<td>Jamaican</td>
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<td>Irish</td>
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<td>Portuguese</td>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>Jewish</td>
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<td>Italian</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>39,320</td>
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<td>Greek</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>12,895</td>
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14% is the City of Toronto average.
Where seniors live in Toronto

City of Toronto Concentration of Seniors 65+ years

Legend
% Seniors Population
- 2.9% - 11.0%
- 11.1% - 16.0%
- 16.1% - 23.0%
- 23.1% - 30.0%
- 30.1% - 60.0%
- Expressways
- Ward boundary
- Non-residential area

Lake Ontario

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North American Aboriginal ancestries
English ancestry
Scottish ancestry

Ethnicity of Older Adults (Age 65+) by Toronto Neighbourhood, 2011

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German ancestry
French ancestry

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Spanish ancestry

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Hungarian ancestry

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Polish ancestry
Ukrainian ancestry
Lithuanian ancestry

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Italian ancestry

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Portuguese ancestry

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Greek ancestry

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Russian ancestry
Jewish ancestry

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African ancestries

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Caribbean ancestries

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Jamaican ancestry
Latin American ancestries
Guyanese ancestry

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Iranian ancestry

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Afghan ancestry
Japanese ancestry

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Vietnamese ancestry
Korean ancestry
Chinese ancestry
Taiwanese ancestry
Mandarin and Cantonese

Mother Tongue of Older Adults (Age 65+) by Toronto Neighbourhood, 2011

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East Indian ancestry
Sri Lankan and Tamil ancestry
Bangladeshi ancestry

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Indo-Aryan languages

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Neighbourhood Equity

Urban HEART Equity Scores by Toronto Neighbourhood

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Demographic Information

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WellbeingToronto

An interactive mapping tool for Toronto’s neighbourhoods.

A portal for Toronto’s demographic data, including Ward & Neighbourhood profiles.
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For more information on neighbourhood 
and demographic data for the City of Toronto, visit:

Toronto’s Demography Portal
www.toronto.ca/demographics

WellbeingToronto
Toronto’s Neighbourhood Data Mapping App
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