

Perspectives on Ageing in Ontario

The 2024 Ageing in Canada Survey

NOTE: All results reflect the experiences of those aged 65+ unless otherwise specified.



Social Well-Being

Social Network Strength

Among those aged 65+ living in Ontario:

- **40%** somewhat lonely, **13%** very lonely
- **37%** are at risk or experiencing social isolation



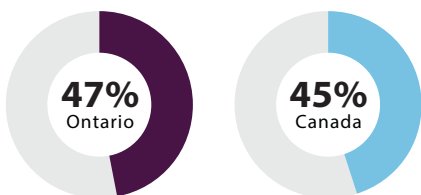
29% of Canadians 65+ in Ontario have weak social networks (socially isolated and lonely)

Social network strength in Ontario and Canada



Social Engagement

What proportion of older adults engage in social activities at least weekly?



Barriers to social engagement in Ontario: What's holding older adults back from participating in activities as often as they would like?



46%
Health conditions



32%
No companion



29%
Costs



26%
Lack of energy



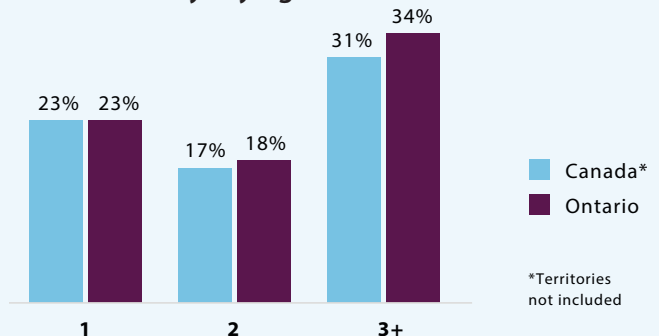
24%
Activity timing is inconvenient

Experienced Ageism



75% of those aged 65+ in Ontario report experiencing at least one form of everyday ageism

Older adults who experience 1, 2, or 3+ forms of everyday ageism



Ageism in Daily Life: A Ontario Snapshot

Percentage who report often or sometimes to each form of ageism

I hear, see and/or read jokes about old age, ageing or older people.	56%
People assume I have difficulty with cell phones and computers.	31%
People insist on helping me with things I can do on my own.	27%
I hear, see and/or read things suggesting that older adults and ageing are unattractive or undesirable.	27%
People assume I have difficulty remembering and/or understanding things.	26%
People assume I have difficulty hearing and/or seeing things.	24%
People assume I do not do anything important or valuable.	20%



Financial Security

Financial Well-being



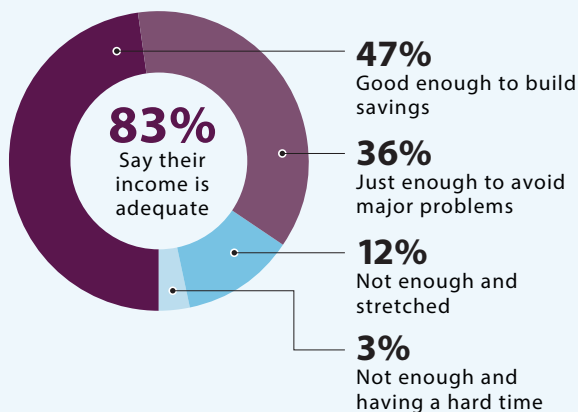
15% of older adults in Ontario are financially vulnerable, compared to 14% across Canada

Material Deprivation

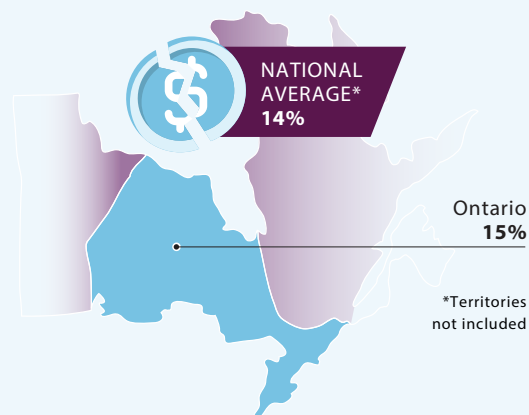


15% of those aged 65+ in Ontario have poverty-level living standards

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Financial Insecurity in Later Life



Retirement Readiness

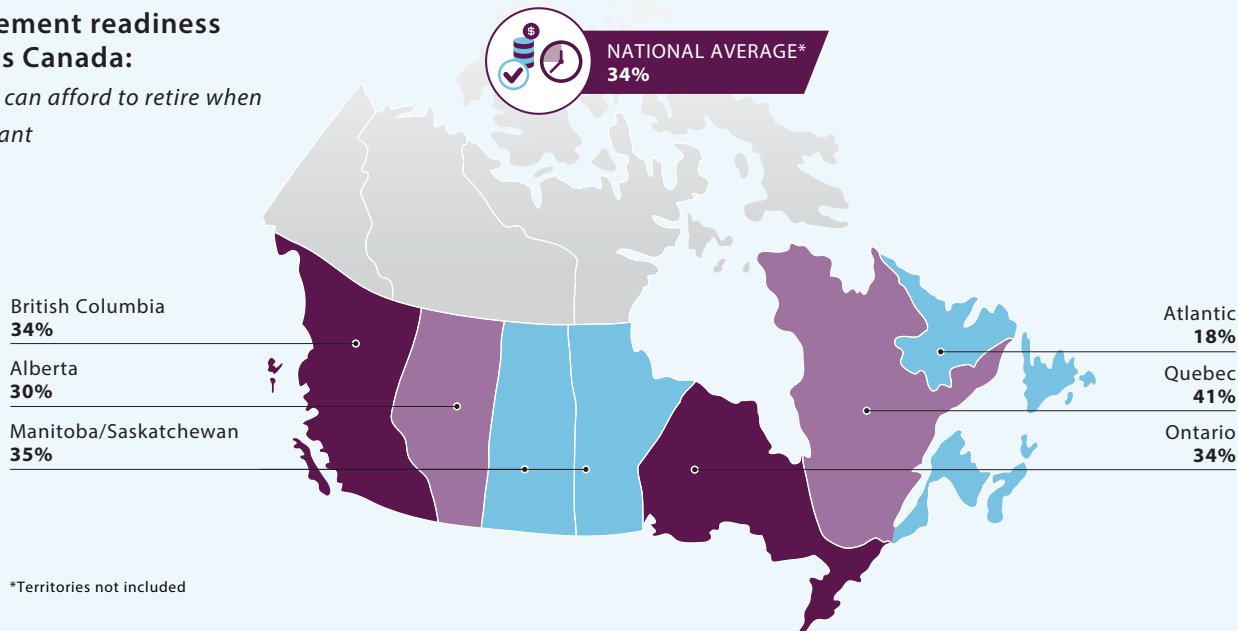
- While 1 in 4 Canadians aged 50+ have saved \$5,000 or less for retirement, in Ontario, the share is **20%**

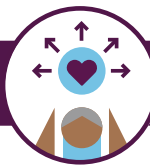


34% of those aged 50+ in Ontario say they can afford to retire when they want

Retirement readiness across Canada:

% who can afford to retire when they want





Health & Independence

Access to Health Care



Only 66% of those aged 65+ living in Ontario can access the health care they need all or most of the time.

Top 5 barriers to health care access in Ontario

Experienced by older adults who struggled to get the care they needed

- 1 52% Could not get appointments
- 2 31% Appointments, treatments or services were cancelled, delayed or rescheduled
- 3 27% Difficulty getting a referral
- 4 20% Difficult to travel to service location
- 5 18% Service not available in my area

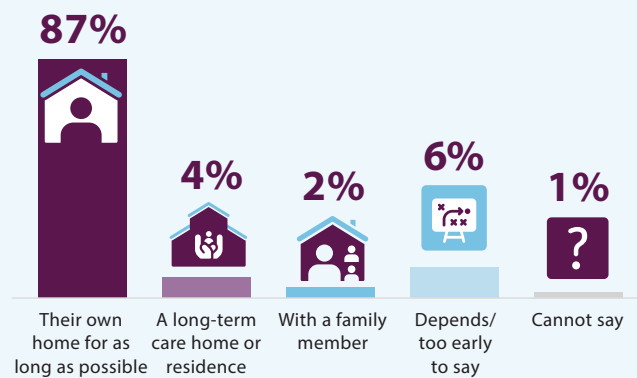
Enabling Ageing in Place



Desire to Age at Home

- 87% want to remain in their own home as they age
- Only 4% want to move to long-term care

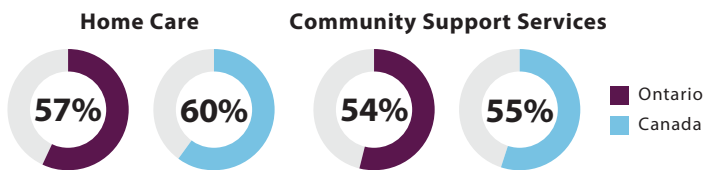
Where older adults in Ontario want to live as they age



Access to Home and Community-based Care



Those aged 65+ who could get the care they needed — all or most of the time:



Community support services older adults in Ontario report needing the most



Top barriers to care across Canada

Experienced by older adults who struggled to get the care they needed

Home Care Services

- 1 33% Difficulty qualifying or not eligible
- 2 25% Difficult to travel to service location
- 3 25% Cost/unable to afford

Community Support Services

- 1 37% Cost/unable to afford
- 2 34% Service not available in my area
- 3 31% Difficulty qualifying or not eligible



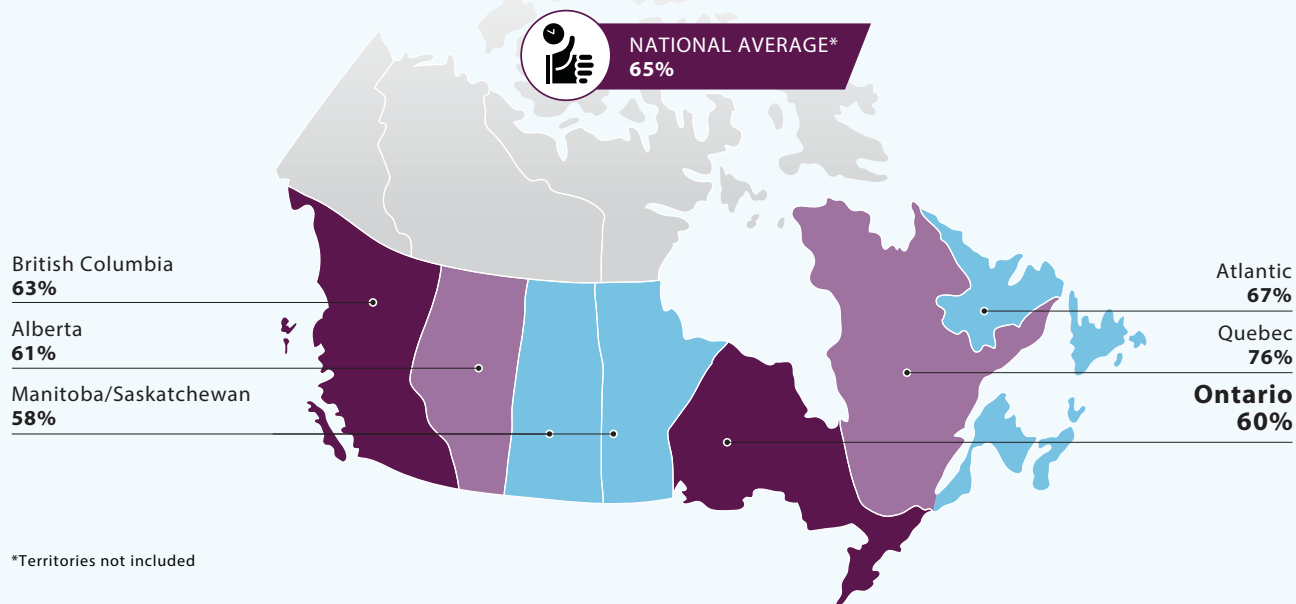
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Fewer older adults in Ontario have a positive view of ageing than most older Canadians

- **60%** of those aged 65+ in Ontario feel positive about getting older
- That's below the national average of **65%**
- Quebec ranks the highest at **76%**

Positive feelings about ageing among older adults

% who report very or somewhat positive feelings



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