

Seniors Healthcare: A Community Perspective

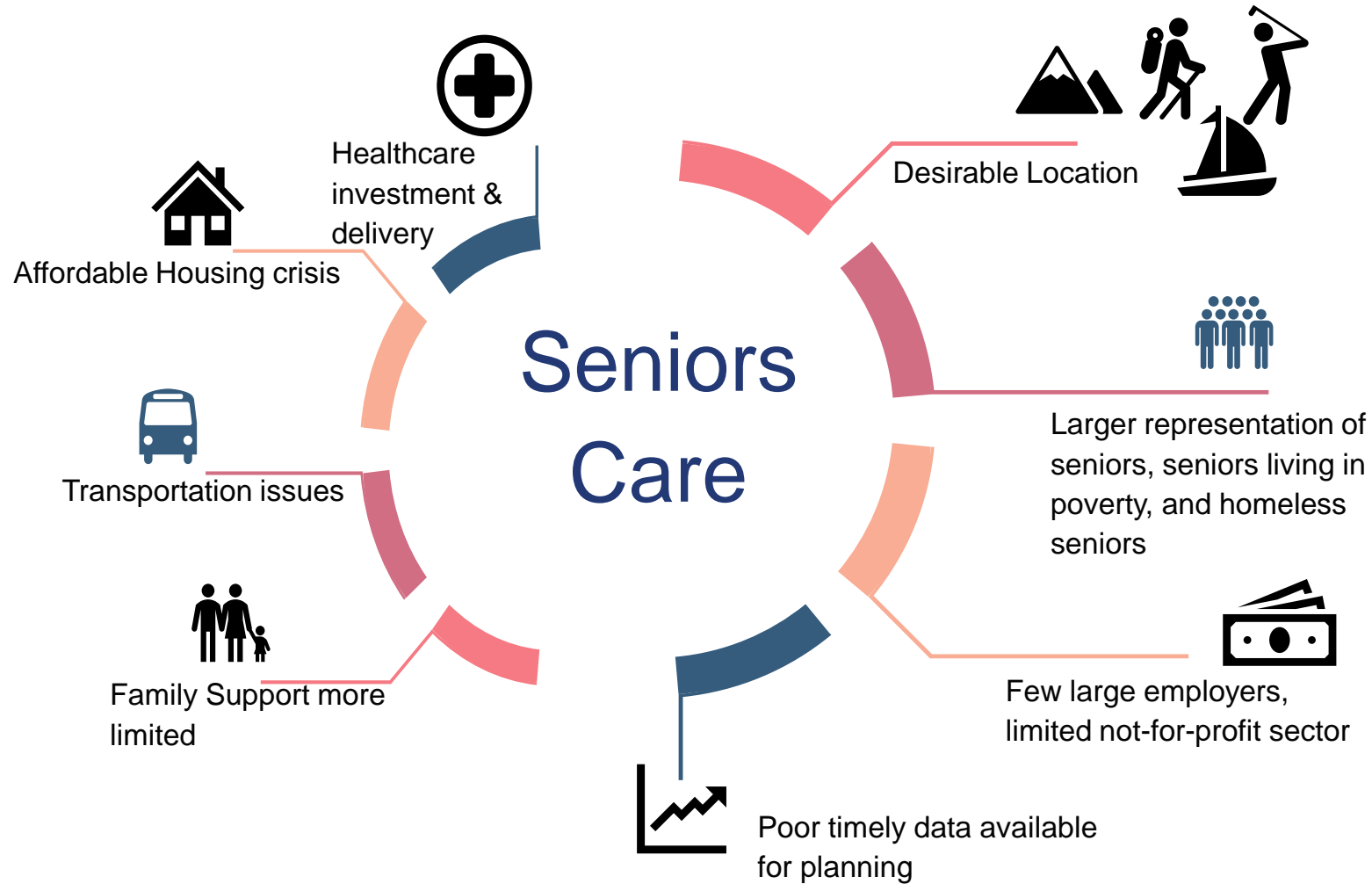
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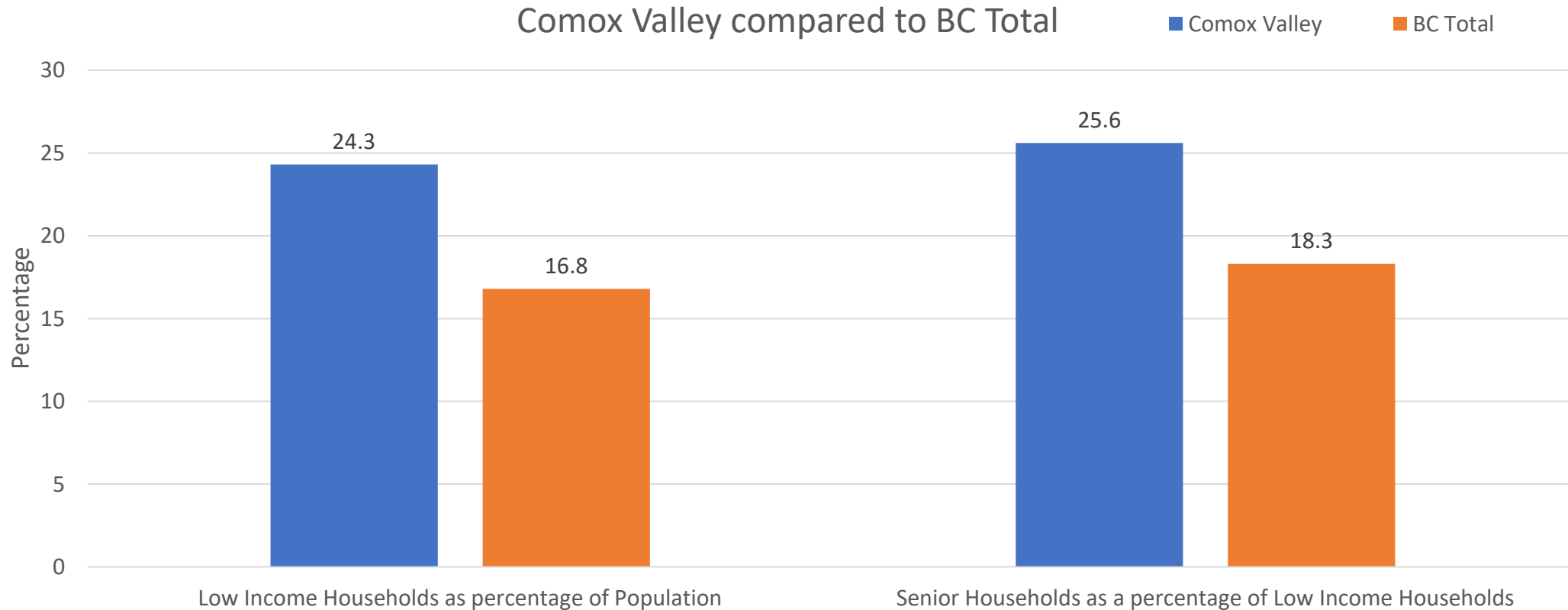
Demand for seniors care outstrips local capability

Capability to deliver seniors care is limited by a number of factors

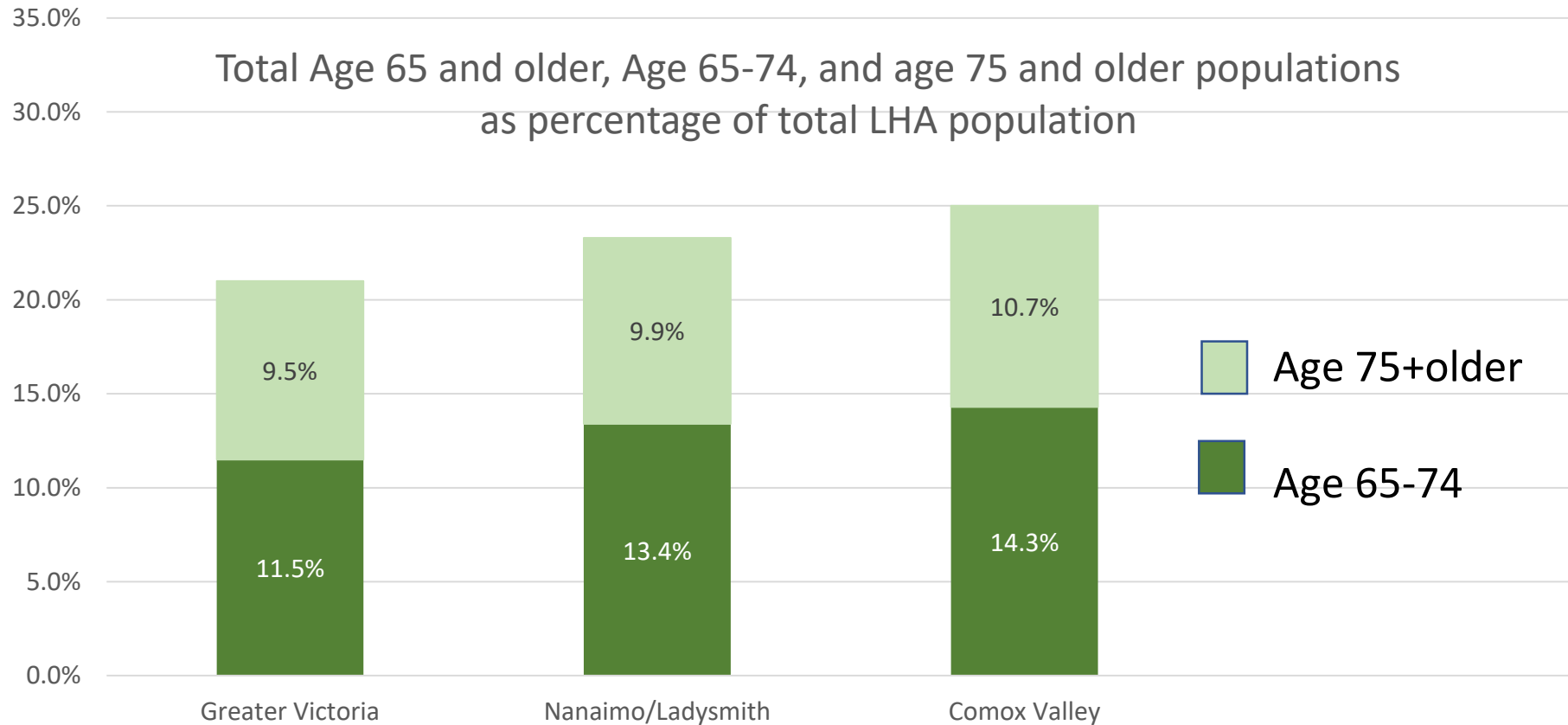


Demand for seniors care is rising more rapidly than data suggests

Comox Valley has proportionately more low income and low income senior households

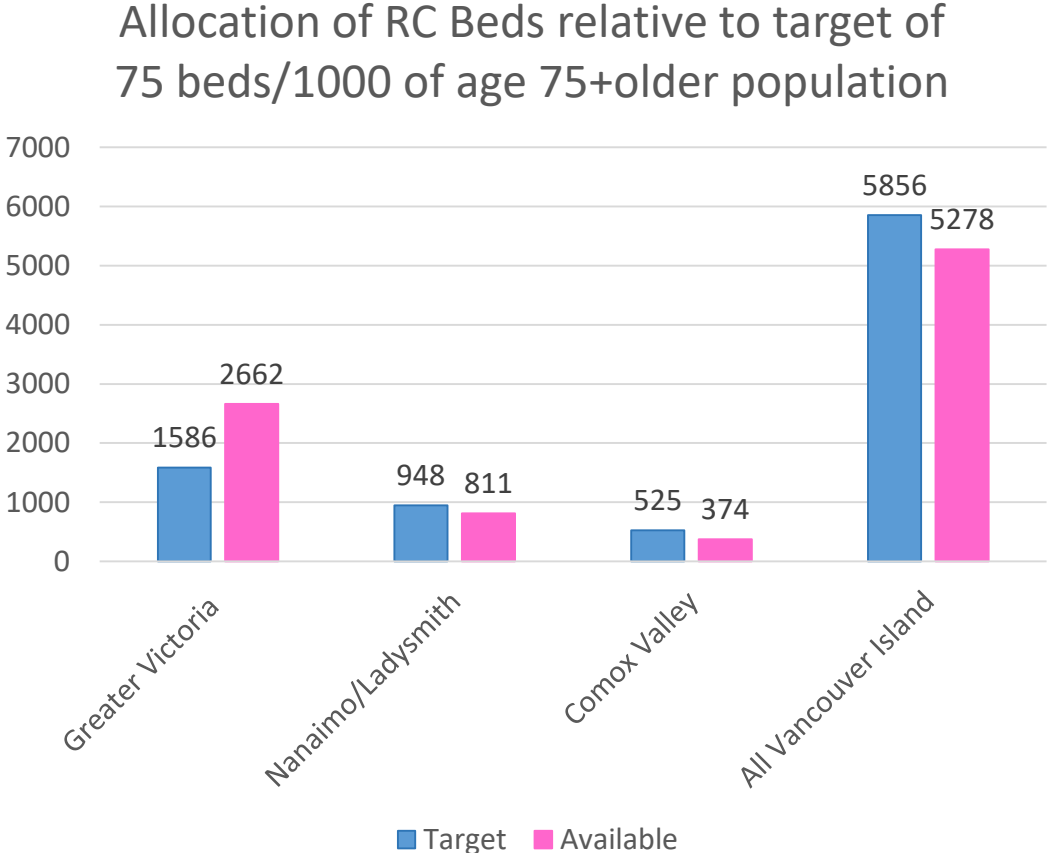
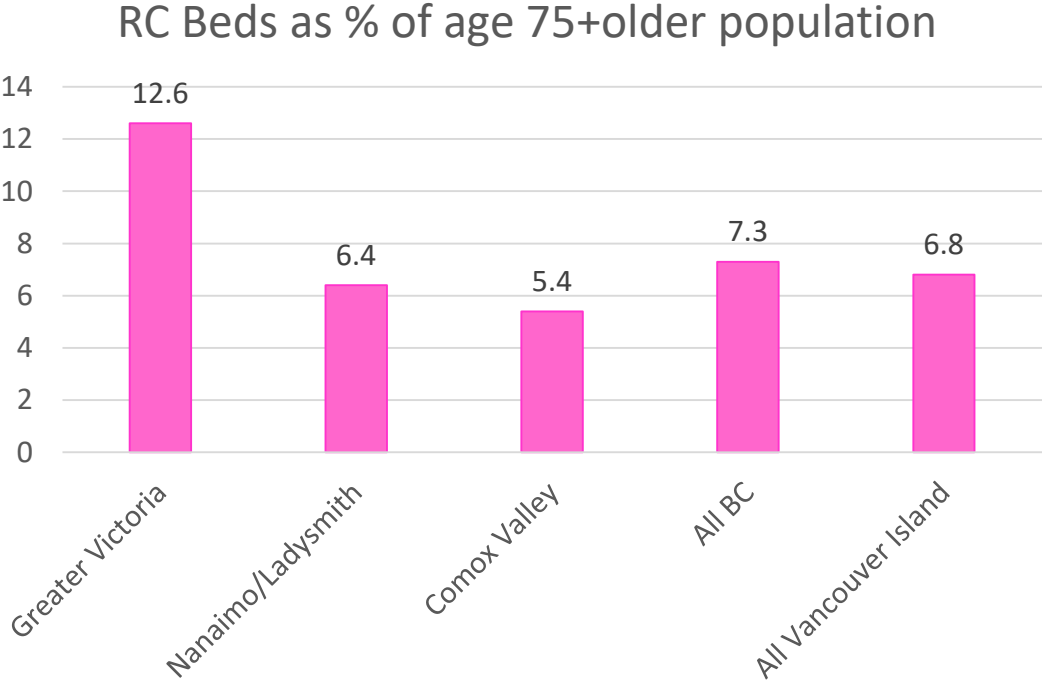


As well as proportionately more seniors



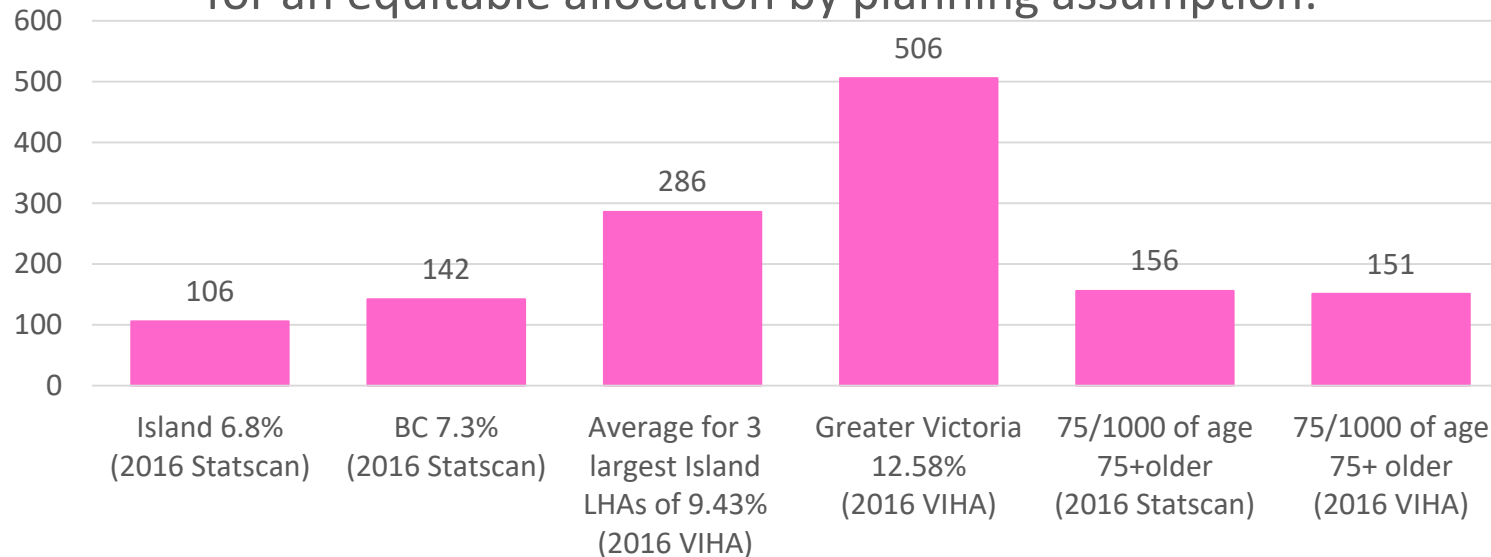
Island representation is estimated as significantly higher than the rest of the province

Comox Valley does not appear to get an equitable allocation of residential care (RC) beds



The equitable number of additional beds for Comox Valley could be anywhere from 151 to 506 depending on the planning assumption applied

Number of Required Additional* RC beds for Comox Valley for an equitable allocation by planning assumption:



*Additional means over and above our assumed 374 Available Comox Valley Publicly Subsidized Long Term RC Beds

Measures of comparative equity become more relevant when there is insufficient capability to meet the local need based on standardized assessments of need

What is required?

1. More residential care beds now
 - Consider St Joseph's capacity as an interim solution
 - Proceed with the current RFP for 120 new & additional beds (i.e., current (374 beds?) + 120)
2. A relevant long-term residential care bed plan for Comox Valley
 - That addresses equity of capacity across Vancouver Island (and throughout BC)
 - Specific to each LHA reflecting local, relevant conditions
3. Publish information at the LHA level and on a regular, timely and transparent basis to help communities mobilize community resources to assist seniors to address their healthcare needs
 - Capacity planning methodology and criteria including needs assessments
 - Wait list numbers and durations
 - LHA profiles
 - Seniors healthcare performance targets and results

Thank you for this opportunity!

Sources:

Slide 3: Comox Valley Regional District Regional Growth Strategy 2016 Report

Slides 4, 5 and 6: LHA total population and total number of seniors by age category based on information published on VIHA website under 2016 LHA Profiles

Slides 4,5 and 6: Number of available subsidized residential care bed by LHA based on information published on VIHA website under 2016 LHA Profiles

Slides 4, 5 and 6: BC and Island population statistics based on Statscan 2016 Census data and number of available beds based on information published on VIHA September 2017 Inventory

Slide 6: Number of beds shortfall of 151 calculated based on LHA profile information as above and then adjusted to 165 based on Statscan 2016 Census data for total number of seniors age 75 and older

All data and analysis current as at March 19, 2018