

Diversity and Aging Among Immigrant Seniors: Changing Faces and Greying Temples

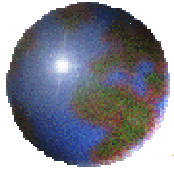


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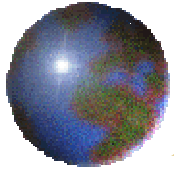
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Chronological Age

over 65: the young-old (65 to 75/80),
the old-old (75/80 to 90) and
the very-old or frail old (over 85/90).



Complexity in Research of Immigrant Elderly

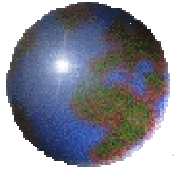
Recent Immigrant Elderly

Immigrants who aged in Canada

Class of Immigrant (Family Class)

Minority Status – Visible and Invisible

Mother Language

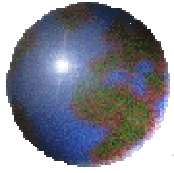


Frameworks in Gerontological Research

Multiple Jeopardy

Levelling: Converging of Indicators

Life Course Perspective



Current Canadian Situation

14% of population over 65 yrs.

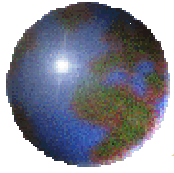
Over 1.1 million are 80+ yrs.

Provincial variations

Elderly population increasing

More women than men

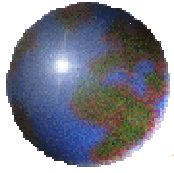
– Census 2006



Immigrant Seniors

20% of all Foreign-born are seniors
Higher than the national average (14%)
31% of European Immigrants are 65+
13% of Immigrants from Eastern Asia
are over 65
Immigrants are an aging population

– Census 2006



Canadian Seniors Population

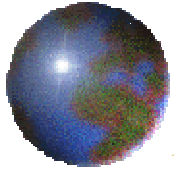
30% of all seniors are Foreign-born (up from 17% in 1981)

19% of all seniors are from Europe

7% of all seniors are from Asia

Over 9% of seniors are visible minorities (up from 6% in 1996)

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Senior Immigrants by Continent

64% from Europe

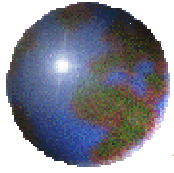
23% from Asia (10% Chinese, 7% India)

4% from U.S.A.

4% from Caribbean

3% from Africa

2% from Central and South America



Issues and Developing Needs

Changing cultural values:

Filial Responsibilities and Independent Living

Empowerment and Decision Making

Potential Community Resource

Information Sharing

Culturally sensitive policy and services

Emerging Research Needs