

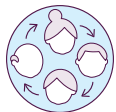
Perspectives on Ageing in Ontario (ON)

Insights from the 2025 Ageing in Canada Survey

NOTE: All results reflect the experiences of those aged 50+.



Social Wellbeing



Social Network Strength

Among older adults in ON:

41% are at risk of social isolation (vs. 43% nationally).

- **57%** experience loneliness (on par with national average).
- **35%** have weak social networks (vs. 36% nationally).

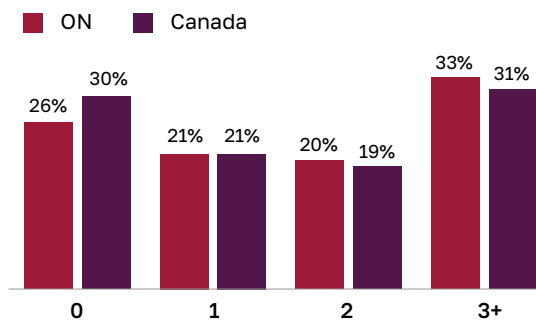


Experienced Ageism



74% of older adults in ON report experiencing at least one form of everyday ageism (vs. 70% nationally).

Older adults who experience 0, 1, 2, or 3+ forms of everyday ageism

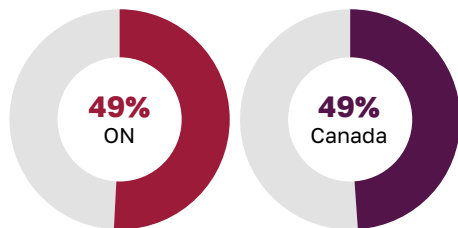


Social Engagement



35% participate in social activities at least once a week (vs. 33% nationally).

Participation in social activities as often as they want



What's holding older adults back? Barriers to social engagement in ON



35%
Lack of funds



33%
Too busy/other responsibilities



31%
No companion



31%
Health condition



30%
Lack of energy

How older adults in ON experience ageism in their day-to-day lives

Percentage who have experienced this form of ageism often or sometimes in the past 12 months

- 53%** I hear, see and/or read jokes about old age, ageing or older people.
- 32%** I hear, see and/or read things suggesting that older adults and ageing are unattractive or undesirable.
- 26%** People assume I have difficulty with cell phones and computers.
- 25%** People insist on helping me with things I can do on my own.
- 23%** People assume I have difficulty hearing and/or seeing things.
- 23%** People assume I do not do anything important or valuable.
- 21%** People assume I have difficulty remembering and/or understanding things.

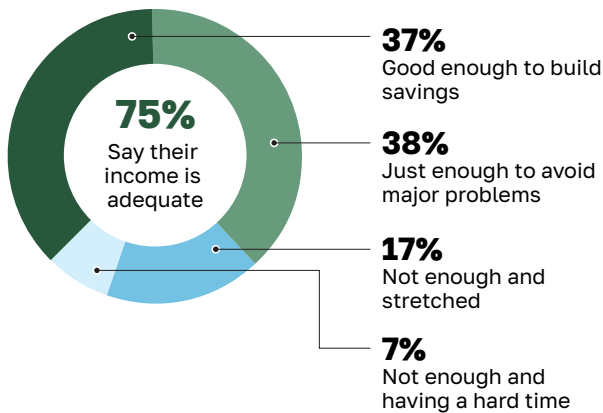
Financial Security

Income Adequacy



23% of older adults in ON report an inadequate income (vs. 22% nationally)

Income adequacy among older adults in ON

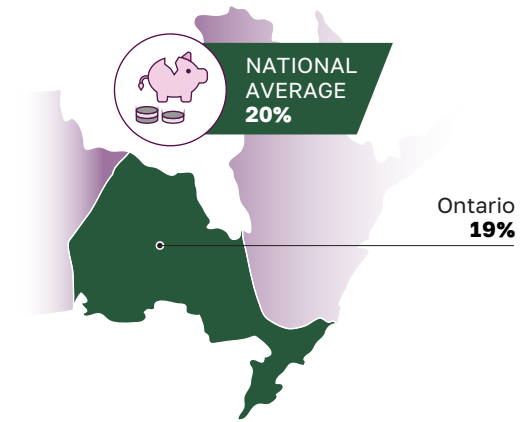


Material Deprivation



19% of older adults in ON are experiencing material deprivation (vs. 20% nationally)

Older adults with poverty-level standard of living



Retirement Readiness

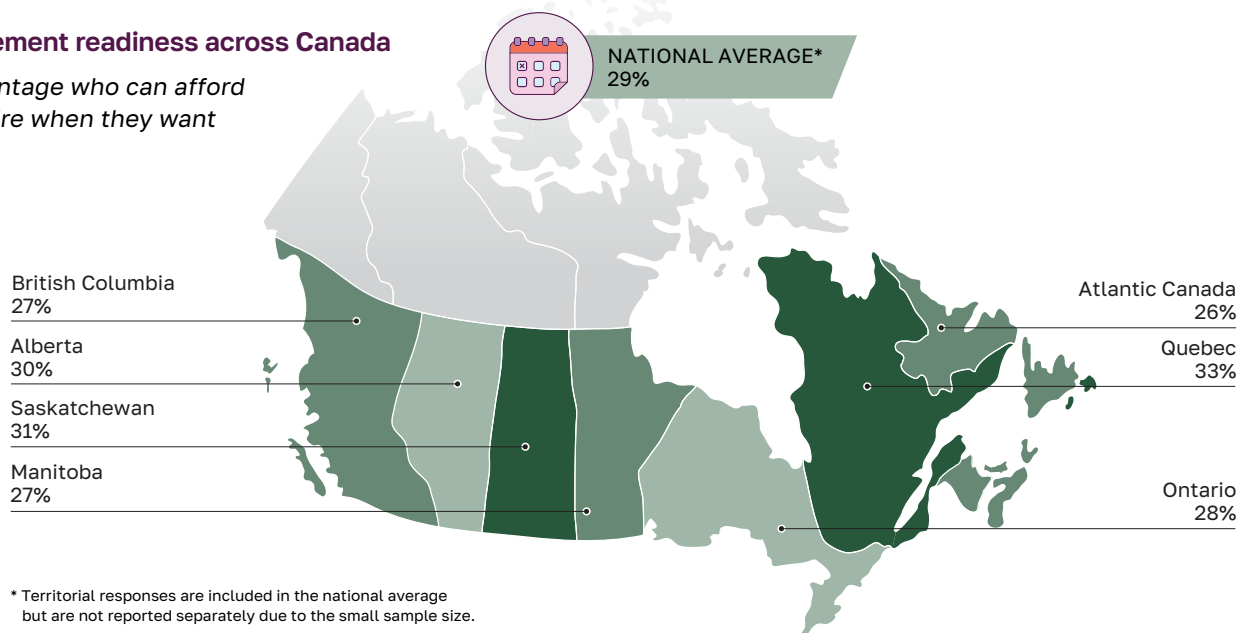


22% of older adults in ON have saved \$5,000 or less for retirement (on par with national average).

- **28%** of older adults in ON who are still working say they can afford to retire when they want (vs. 29% nationally).

Retirement readiness across Canada

Percentage who can afford to retire when they want



* Territorial responses are included in the national average but are not reported separately due to the small sample size.

Health & Independence

Access to Health Care

Among older adults in ON:

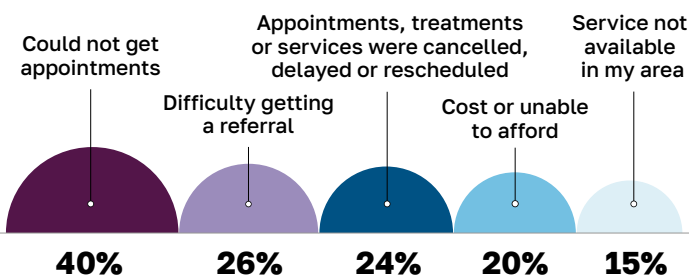


68% have a primary care provider who they see on an ongoing basis (on par with national average).

- **73%** can access the health care they need all or most of the time (vs. 70% nationally).

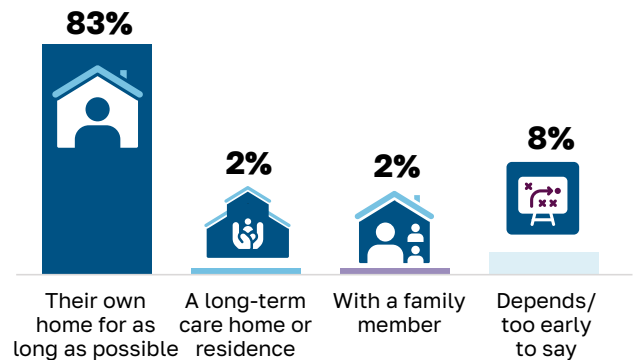
Top 5 barriers to health care access in ON

Experienced by those who struggled to get the care they needed



Ageing in the Right Place

Where older adults in ON want to live as they age



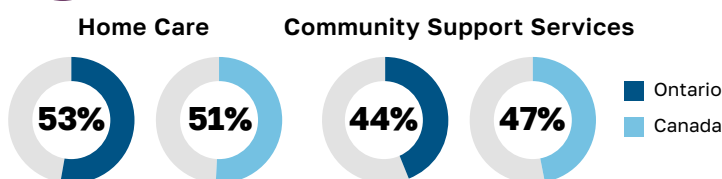
Among older adults in ON:

- Only **49%** feel their home is fully suitable for their needs as they age (on par with national average).
- **63%** have not taken any steps to prepare their current home for ageing in place (vs. 62% nationally).

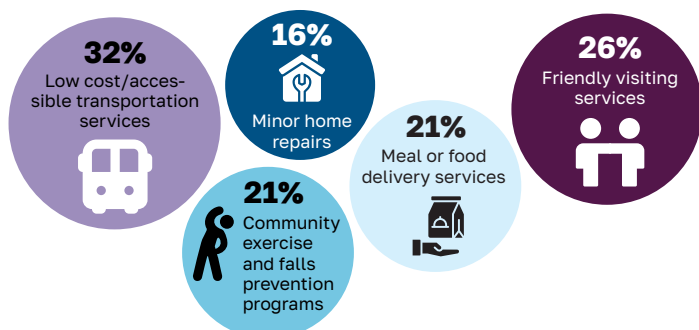
Access to Home and Community-based Care



Those who could access care when they needed it, among older adults in ON:

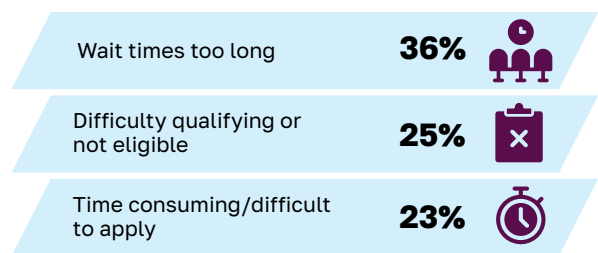


Community support services older adults in ON report needing the most

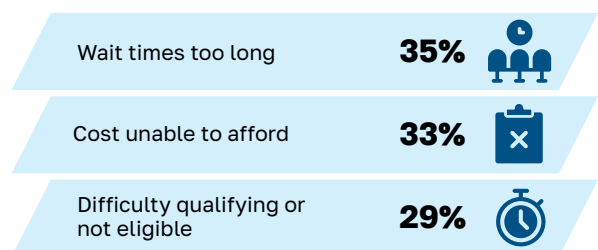


Top barriers to care in ON

Home Care Services



Community Support Services

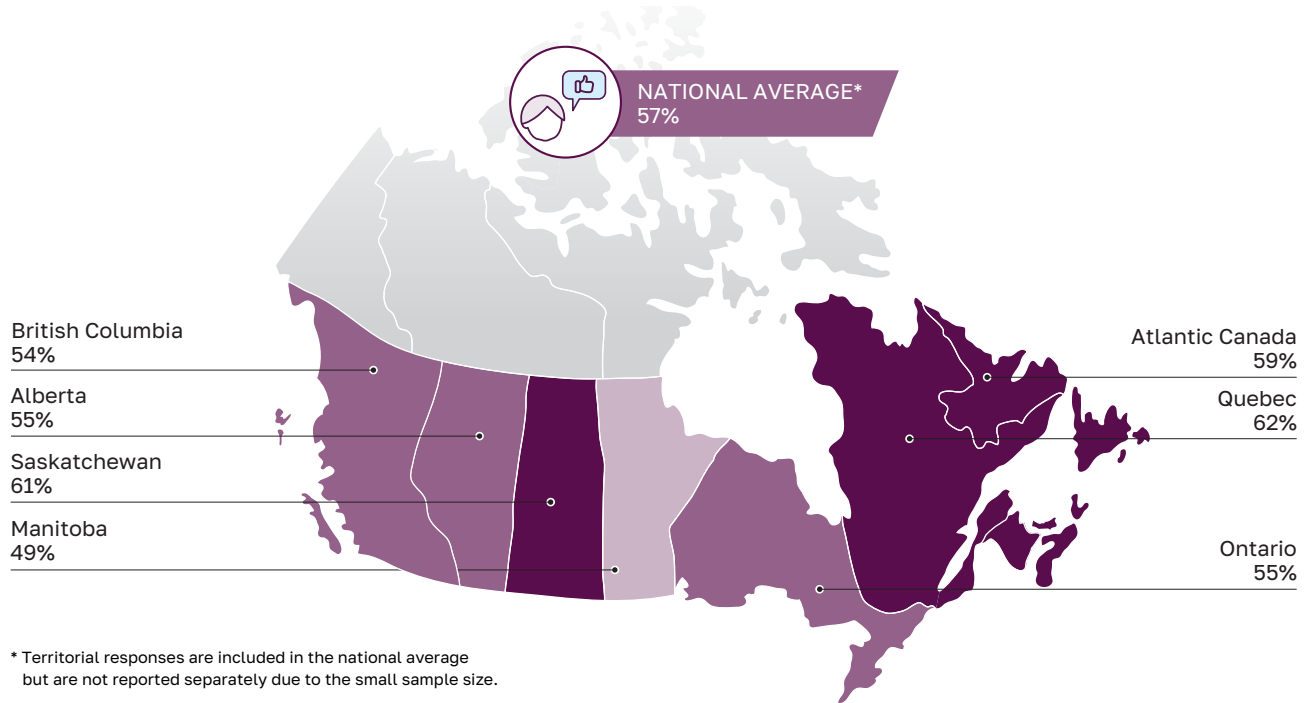


Perspectives on Ageing



55% of older adults in ON felt positively about ageing (vs. national average of 57%)

Positive feelings about ageing among older adults



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