

Canada's Aging Population

1. Read pg. 94 of *Geography Now*

2. Provide a definition for the term **median age**:

Median Age:

→The age at which half of the population is older and half is younger

3. Include your own version of Figure 9.11 below:

Reasons for Canada's Aging Population

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| The condition → | <i>Longer life expectancies</i> | <i>Lower fertility rates</i> | <i>The baby boom</i> |
| is produced by... | <i>Improved nutrition, health care, and hygiene</i> | <i>Family planning (birth control) and lifestyle choices, careers for women</i> | <i>High post-WW2 birth rate (1947-1965)</i> |
| which results in... | <i>More older people in society</i> | <i>Fewer younger people in society</i> | <i>Median age has increased, meaning more older people</i> |
| and leads to... |  <p style="text-align: center;">A 'greying' Canada</p> | | |

4. In your own words, explain why Canada's population is getting older. (Use the chart above to help you!)

5. Read pg. 96. How will living in an older society have a negative impact on you?

→seniors no longer paying into pension plans (privately through employers OR through the Canadian Pension Plan), sooooo less money for pensions

→PLUS, they will all be drawing from their pensions at the same time!

→senior use health care and social services more than other age groups so the cost of these will rise

→more retired people means there more people (retirees/children) relying on a fewer number of workers to pay for care

6. What is one positive impact of a greying population for you? (In other words, in what way may it provide opportunity for you?)

→New markets: e.g. travel companies marketing seniors;

e.g. fashion industry has responded by making more clothing in mature styles and targeted sizes;

e.g. largest growth for business is probably in health care

→also means more jobs are available as many retirements occur

7. According to Figure 9.13 on pg. 95:

- a) What percentage of the population was between the ages of 5 and 19 in 1991? 20.42%
- b) What percentage of the population was between the ages of 45 and 64 in 1991? 19.66%
- c) At the time this book was printed, what was the estimated percentage of the population between the ages of 5 and 19 in 2011? 18.12%
- d) At the time this book was printed, what was the estimated percentage of the population between the ages of 45 and 64 in 2011? 28.09% ******NOTE: BIG jump in % of seniors!!**

8. In Figure 9.14 on pg. 95:

- a) What do they mean when they say 'Canada's PROJECTED Population'?

→a prediction of what will be in the future based on statistics they have at the time

- b) Which age group is projected to be the largest in 2016? 50-54
- c) Where does there seem to be the greatest difference between the male and female population?

75 yrs-old and over

9. Have Ms. Duff check out your answers and initial here: _____

Now you can move on to '9.4 An Aging Population'